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From the President's Desk



Greetings everyone. What a year it has been. Hopefully, you and families are safe and healthy. For those of you who suffered a loss, not just from COVID, but from any factor, please accept my sincere condolences. These are times not ever seen before, and we cannot gather, celebrate, or mourn like we would want to. I am hoping that there are better, freer days ahead.

I would like to thank those who made donations to NYB to help us get through these tough times. Without our Banquet, which is our biggest fundraiser for the year, our fiscal state was hit hard. Through generous donations from our membership, that burden has been eased. Thank you all again.

Regarding fundraising, we will be having an additional raffle format that will soon launch. It is very exciting news and will offer everyone multiple opportunities to enter.

Besides our Banquet, NYB had to cancel our Youth Camps and our Camo to Camo Hunt. Due to the gathering and travel restrictions from COVID, many scheduled events had to be cancelled. The Awards that were to be presented at the Banquet will be handed out at next year's event, NYB Banquet 2021.

I do have some announcements to make. Our long time Recording Secretary, Merritt Compton decided to not run for re-election for that position. It was time for him to turn over the reins, or should I say pen, to another worthy member. I want to thank Merritt for all that he has done for us, serving NYB in many capacities, as BOD Member, as Banquet Chairman, and as Recording Secretary. He also is actively involved with Pope and Young, serving as their Conservation Chairman, and now, as a recently elected Board Member. He has graciously agreed to my Presidential appointment as 2 Vice President, to continue with his service to NYB. Thank you for continuing to give your years of wisdom to us; we are honored to have you as one of our own.

Filling Merritt's position as Recording Secretary was not an easy one, but one person decided to make that leap and further his commitment to NYB. Please welcome Aaron Barton aboard. I want to thank him for stepping up and helping us on our journey. We will continually strive to get more people actively involved not just with NYB, but with NYB leadership as well. Remember, this is not my organization, this is OUR organization. Contact any BOD or Executive Member and see how you can begin your journey within NYB.

Robert Bucci was the winner of our Annual Raffle. Congratulations, Robert!!

Cy Seeley was the recipient of NYB's Doug Kerr Scholarship Award. Congratulations, Cy!!

NYS Hunting Licenses went on sale August 10th. DMAP's were also available on that date as well.

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One plus for sheltering in or quarantine, whichever you prefer, is that this gave us more time to practice. If there is one thing that any of us never have enough of, it is time. So there was plenty of time this year. You know the saying, “when life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” My girls and I had fun shooting at the bear and turkey in the yard.

As we go to print, it seems that we have once again beaten back the “Full Inclusion” attack from the crossbow proponents. This year, they tried to make their case by involving the “vertical” crossbow. Picture a crossbow, turned 90 degrees. Looks like a compound, held normally, mounted on a rifle stock. Same device, just turned 90 degrees.

There is also a new crossbow. It comes from Lancehead, it is called the F1, and it is a limbless crossbow. Yes, you heard me right, LIMBLESS!!!! It has 2 drums that contain coiled springs which are engaged when the cables are drawn by internal pulleys. Like we have said in the past (I do mean the past!), for over two decades we have been beating this drum. The technical advances for the crossbow are limitless. Unlike hand drawn, hand held bows, there

are no restrictions to technology, only to the imaginations of the crossbow manufacturers. This new device reminds me of a speargun on steroids. It is compact, powerful, and stealthy. Crossbow, Airbow, and now Limbless. Where will it end?!

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Have a safe and productive season. Filling the freezer is more important than ever before, as this year’s shortages have shown.

May God Bless America, and ALL who defend us, both home and abroad.

God Bless USN Fleet Forces Command, Naval Base Norfolk.

All the best, Al.





President Trump Signs Largest Public Lands Funding Bill In History

August 5, 2020

By: Stephen Ziegler

HR 1957, known as the Great American Outdoors Act, was passed by both houses of Congress and has now been signed by President Trump. Making this bill the single largest investment in national parks and public lands in America's history.

Public land is owned by the American people, not the government, so it makes sense that the American people benefit from the money earned on their land. So, when gas, oil, and mining take place on the public's lands the government receives royalties.

The government receives approximately 1.9 billion dollars per year in royalties. This bill puts that money back into public lands projects for the benefit of the American people. The majority of this money goes to improving roads, bridges, parking lots, and buildings on public land.

In a speech given by President Trump, he talked about why he signed the bill. "Today we are making the most

significant investment in our parks since the administration of the legendary conservationist President Theodore Roosevelt. More than 22,500 miles of trails and roads and 24,000 buildings are in critical need of repair."

Trump also talked about his overall view of public lands saying, "America's natural landscapes belong to the American people, and while I am president, we will always protect the great outdoors for hunting, fishing, camping, and the admiration, enjoyment, and reverence of every American citizen."

Last year President Trump signed the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. This was the most critical piece of public land legislation since Theodore Roosevelt. While many such as myself were worried about the Trump administration's stance on public lands before the election, these two bills put President Trump as one of the most pro-public land presidents in history.

2020 New York NASP® State Tournament Winners Announced

The 12th annual New York National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) state tournament was hosted by DEC from March 13th through May 8th. The annual statewide tournament was originally scheduled for March 20th at the State Fairgrounds in Syracuse, however it was switched to a school-based tournament as a safer alternative in the wake of the pandemic. The 2020 live state tournament had the most archers registered to compete than any previous tournament, with 675 students from 39 schools across New York. With the quick turnaround of a school-based tournament, 135 students from six different schools were able to participate.

DEC has previously hosted school-based state tournaments when live tournaments were not possible. Mimicking the rules and regulations from a live tournament, the 135 students competed from their home schools in one of three divisions: High School, grades 9-12; Middle School, grades 6-8; and Elementary School, grades 4-5. Each competitor in the state tournament could achieve a maximum score of 300 points. Both overall top winners were from St. Joseph by the Sea High School in Richmond County: the overall top male archer for the second year in a row was Daniel Pearson with a score of 296 and the top female archer in the tournament was Rachel Rocanova with a score of 285. Daniel and Rachel each received a trophy and a NY Champion Genesis bow. Awards were also given out in each of the three divisions for first through 10th places.

The first-place team in the high school division was St. Joseph by the Sea High School in Richmond County. The first-place team in the middle school division was Norwich



City School District in Chenango County. For the full list of results, please visit the tournament website.

The New York State NASP® Tournament is offered only to students who participated in the NASP archery program during in-school classes taught by certified NASP® teachers. For more information on how schools can become involved in NASP®, and to view DEC's photo gallery, visit DEC's website. To learn more about the National Archery in the Schools Program, visit their website <https://www.naspschools.org/>.



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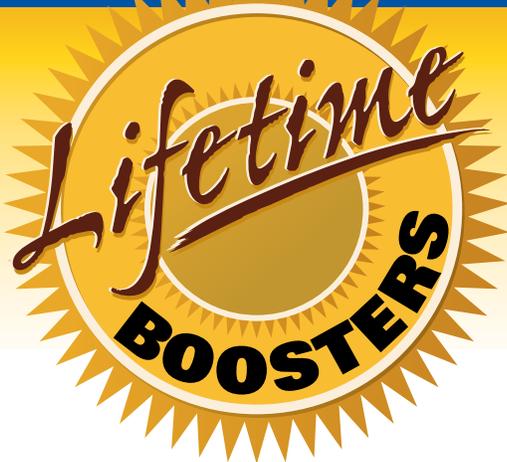
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REGION REPORTS

REGION 1 REPORT

Hello from Long Island,

I am sure most of us have emptied out our freezers already throughout this pandemic with any venison from last season—I know I have! This has been a tough couple of months for everyone, which makes us even more eager to get out into the woods come this October.

Here on Long Island things are returning to normal, slowly but surely. Something that has caught my attention as well as other Long Island hunters is the formation of a new (Facebook) group called Long Island Babes and Bucks. Started by Jacqueline Molina, Marissa Estatio and Julia Weisenberg, they have managed to put together a group focused on hunting and fishing, aiming to welcome more females into the sport. Speaking with Jaqueline, she mentions “In a male dominated sport, it can be intimidating for a female to engage in hunting and fishing, especially if they don’t have anyone in their family or a partner that does. We want to show women of all ages that you can hunt and fish on your own, and you can still maintain your femininity.” The ladies held their first charity event this

past weekend, raising money for NY Pit Bully Crew.

I encourage other women to check out their group and become involved. This is a fantastic sport, we welcome all (male or female) to take part and enjoy this addiction we call bowhunting.

As we inch closer to opening day, I hope the majority of us have been shooting and getting ready for the upcoming season. I look forward to seeing some trophy bucks from our members this season!

Stay safe and healthy,

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REGION 3 REPORT

Hello, hello? Anyone out there? I have great doubt that anyone is reading Full Draw online. If you are, please shoot me an email just so I can get a feel for how this temporary detour into the digital world worked out and also that those of us who regularly contribute material to Full Draw did not waste our time! Don't worry, I am in no way an advocate to go 100% digital. I fully believe having a quarterly hard copy mailed to each member is a cornerstone of our membership. I look forward to its return by next edition assuming finances will allow as originally projected when Covid caused us to cancel the Banquet (an annual large fundraiser).

I agree with several of my fellow reps in that there did seem to be an increase in fawn sightings locally all summer. Regarding last season, there is a ton (actually 49 pages) of information on the NYS DEC website (Deer Harvest Summary). If you can't figure out how to access it, call me and I'll talk you through the links to the page. Very interesting data, broken into regions, areas and even counties. Not only harvest numbers, but age structure (bucks and does), antler size trends, bow hunter sightings etc. If you have a little hunter data geek in you, check it out.

I want to once again thank all my NYB friends for your encouragement as I returned to archery after having the three anchors placed in my right shoulder last autumn. Although I have not yet shot my compound, I have returned to being able to shoot a 45 lb recurve (although not very good, but I never really was!!!). As I write this approximately nine months after surgery, with the gyms still ordered closed by his eminence, supreme leader and self-appointed conscious of our state, I continue with a one hour "rubber band" workout every other day, followed by ice. If any of you are dealing with rotator or bicep tears, feel free to contact me for what the recovery journey was like. Summary: the initial inconvenience was worse than the pain!

By summer I began seeing some "normal" activity return to 3D courses and archery clubs throughout the region and in New Jersey. Luckily these outlets allowed many of us to maintain our sanity. I often mention Cos Cob Archers (CCA) in the R3 report as although located in CT and not in NY, they are a longtime booster of ours and only minutes from Westchester and NYC. Check out the website or give me a call if you are interested in more information.

The DEC has been bragging about the success of their "online" hunter safety courses. I guess one can make a point it allowed those that otherwise would not have been able to hunt the opportunity. What I think is the real point is it allowed otherwise lost revenue to NYS in license sales to take place. Sorry, I'm just not a fan of brand new hunters not

having a live in-person interaction and experience. As an instructor, I would never teach via computer. Not being able to read body language, facial reactions and other nuances as well as the overall dynamic of a group, falls way too short for me.

On September 26th we could really use some members' help at National Hunting and Fishing Day at Congers Lake in Rockland. For just a few hours, help expose a few hundred kids (and their parents) to the wonder of Archery. We're still waiting for final word re: Covid, but at this time anticipating it will take place. Email me or Anthony Picariello to be on contact list.

Hopefully our next communication will be back in real print, not just online. Again, please let me know your thoughts on how these last two issues online only worked out for you. I really appreciate the feedback and wish to share with the Board of Directors.

Be safe out there,
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SULLIVAN COUNTY REPORT

With the decision to cancel our youth camps because of the pandemic, it is great to see that the DEC has offered online classes. Despite the work involved, I miss the camp and the chance to pass on all we have learned about bowhunting to the kids. I can't believe that the online class can compete against our hands-on classes, but it fills the void and will enable the kids to get out in the woods and hunt.

Don't forget about National Hunting and Fishing Day on September 26! Please contact Anthony, the Rockland Rep and offer to help out a little that day at Congers Lake in Rockland County.

We have had some storms in the Wolf Lake area that included high winds, and the oak branches that fell because of them had a decent crop of acorns starting to grow. That holds promise for a good mast crop in the Fall. The rains that fell in these storms has also produced some heavy foliage for the wildlife to feed on and bulk up for the winter. The only

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negative I can report on firsthand is the blueberry crop being a little light this year, small berries and less of them. You can pick a bunch but it takes a lot longer this year. This might be the reason there are a lot of bears around the houses looking for easy pickings in the garbage and the birdfeeders. Fawns are moving around more now along with the turkey poult and velvet bucks.

Tri-County Archers has resumed their 3D shoots now, so hopefully you had the chance to get out there and enjoy some archery and get tuned up for the seasons ahead. Good luck, shoot straight, and use those safety vests in your treestands!!

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ROCKLAND COUNTY REPORT

Hello members. I sure hope with these crazy times we are living in, you were/are able to get outdoors and let loose some steam. It seems that being in the outdoors alone is the safest place to be. No doorknobs to touch, no recycled air to breathe, just the wonder of nature to the march of your own drum. The outdoors has the magic to take me away and make me forget about all else. The woods are a great place for thought and reflection. Medicine for me.

Speaking of thoughts. My Mother just passed away in early July (not Covid) after 93 years. She lived a great long life. I would like to thank the NYB family for reaching out with thoughts and prayers. Mom is at peace. New York Bowhunters truly are a family.

Here in Rockland, I have seen some good bucks already. You know when you see that velvet, the hopes get up there. It has been a good year for mast so far (acorns, wild fruit and berries) around here in North Rockland. So I am hoping it transfers to our deer, then we eat the deer and it is a perfect cycle. I love my place in the ecosystem. Hope you do too.

A few weeks ago I received a thank you letter from DEC and a patch for the years I have been doing the Bowhunter sighting survey. It is a great way for the state to get hard stats on the area you hunt and how hard you hunt to achieve the ultimate goal of harvesting a big game animal. Plus it allows for the logging of sightings of other also, like Fisher and Marten. Sign up if you wish to participate. Here is the link: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7193.html>

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In closing, I hope you and your family are well and finding ways to stay healthy and happy in this ever-changing world. May God Bless our men and women of Law Enforcement, first responders and the military.

And...God Bless America.

Be well.

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DUTCHESS COUNTY REPORT

Greetings All,

First, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Jim and Anthony for their losses during this pandemic. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Archery activity is certainly limited during this lockdown. As of this writing, Scott Chenevert of TiYogi Bowmen informed me that their 3D shoots will proceed as scheduled. September 20th is our Pig Roast and October 11th is our Octobowfest; both begin at 8am. October 24th is their Zombie Shoot which begins at 6:30pm. I have not been advised of any other shoots in the area.

I've been keeping busy making arrows and trying to put a decent group together with my longbow....getting better. I also purchased a Genesis bow and have been starting my granddaughters flinging arrows at a bear and deer target. The excitement in their eyes makes the whole experience extremely gratifying. Hope to have some pictures soon. Pass it on!!

As always, I would also like to mention two prominent Archery Shops in the Dutchess County area. They are Flying Arrow Sports of Carmel and Northern Dutchess Archery of Red Hook. Both are now open if you have any archery needs. Also, a big thanks to all our boosters out there. Check Full Draw to see if any of these valued members can be of any help. Please give them a call for their open hours.

That's about it for now. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and good luck on October 1st!

Keep "em" sharp,

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY REPORT

Early Bear season and the glory days of October are right around the corner. As we have been shuttered in most of 2020 and learn to navigate the misinformation super highway, one thing remains true: DRAW, ANCHOR, FOCUS, RELEASE. Those of us lucky enough to let it fly in the backyard saw plenty of time to get some arrows down range. Those of us waiting on ranges to open, studied our bows, equipment, and researched every upgrade known to man. Either way, we now focus on early Fall adventures and this year's Hunt.

Good news! Our local ranges are now open. Blue Mountain, Extreme Archery, and Cos Cob are up and running. Go shake the rust off, get tuned up, and dialed in. Rockefeller State Park and Westmoreland Sanctuary are accepting new archers in 2020 for their Deer Management programs.

The Archery Trade Association held a webinar on "How Media can Grow Bowhunting." The panel included Nicole Qualtieri of GearJunkie.com, Cuz Strickland of Mossy Oak, Alex Robinson, Editor and Chief Outdoor Life, Mark Kenyon of Wired to Hunt and Meateater, and Aaron War Britton Owner of The Hunting Public. The message was unified and clear: online platforms and social media are the premier opportunities to influence and attract new Hunters. It is estimated that 5 percent of the population hunts, and 10 percent are dead set against hunting, leaving 85 percent in the middle. With the emergence of organic and sustainable ways of living becoming more obtainable to those focused on a healthy responsible way of life, Hunting, in particular Bow Hunting, is becoming more attractive to those adults who have never hunted as children, and to the millennials. It is our responsibility as Bow Hunters to influence, attract, and foster the values of Hunting, to cultivate new Bow Hunters and grow the hunting population to sustain the pleasures we all enjoy as our Bow Hunting way of life. We need to take ownership of the stories we tell on social media and how they are interpreted by the non-hunting public. We cannot stop a photo, video, or story we tell from going viral in a bad way but as Mark Kenyon says "we can control the story with context attached to that post." We can tell what that moment means to us, the amount of hard work put in, the struggle, what lead us here, the good, the bad, the remorse, and heart wrenching feelings we feel when it goes bad, and the joy and thankfulness we feel when it all goes right. I truly believe new platforms and the reach of social media will replenish our stock and produce a new generation of first-time adult hunters causing our numbers to flourish for the first time in decades.

Share your stories, successes, and failures. We are in this together, inspire someone to pick up a bow and shoot. The addiction starts with that first arrow.

Continue to be great and successful in all your adventures.

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PUTNAM COUNTY REPORT

Greetings from Putnam County,

Well things have been interesting lately. Covid has been crowding the woods with people that should not be in the woods. During turkey season I witnessed more lost hikers than turkeys. I had one older gentleman stumble through my setup on opening day at 7am. I've heard of similar stories by other hunters as well. The state park was actually closed briefly due to overcrowding. I can't wait until the woods become less crowded and we can enjoy the serenity.

The good news is that it looks like the lack of snow this past winter knocked down the coyotes a bit. I have not seen this many fawns as I have this year, in a long time.

Opening day is almost here. Always wear a harness when in a tree and always do a tick check. Let's all be safe and have this interesting year end on a high note and a full freezer.

Be safe and shoot straight,
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ULSTER COUNTY REPORT

Folks,

It's been a tough spring and early summer here in the Hudson Valley. Covid-19 showed up, Hudson Valley fought it off and if need be, we'll do it again. I hope all my NYB friends and your families here in Ulster stayed well. Weird thing is I'm seeing more deer than ever before! It's like the deer knew we're trapped in our houses, so their having a great ol' time out there. Eating everything in sight. Lots of fawns also to report—must have seen 30 or more so far. Season will be here sooner than you think, time to check all those tree stands if you haven't looked at them since last year. Have fun out there & be SAFE!

Bob DiGiacomio, Ulster Co Rep
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REGION 6 REPORT

Not much happening in Region 6. No group events mean a lot of solo practice and preparation for bow hunting. Hopefully you've been able to upgrade your equipment, increased scouting, and simply spent more time shooting your bow.

There will be new hunting guidelines this year. Everything you've been practicing daily for this pandemic will need to be continued when hunting with groups. It may affect how and where you hunt. Many outfitters are eliminating, or at least reducing, their group hunts. Local hunting clubs & camps will need to change their way of eating, sleeping, and interacting in their groups.

Hunting alone on your own property is not much of a risk, but many hunters do not have that option. Spending a few days living in the backcountry with a few other folks is a great way to spread infection within the group. Infectious organisms are most often spread between people by the hand-to-mouth route. Hand washing is the #1 prevention.

Obviously, the chances of infection are much higher in a larger group than a smaller one. Less than ten is recommended. Consider individual tents vs cabin bunks. Social distancing at meals, and around campfires should be agreeable to all. Personally, I don't hunt with strangers anyway. This year I'll stick with close, trusted, family members, and try to stick to private land.

Have you signed up a new Spikes member this year? Youth hunters are our future! Encourage interest in hunting in children in your extended family and see who wants to go hunting this Fall!



There are currently no Region 6 boosters registered in our area. Whether they simply forgot to re-subscribe, or closed up shop, we need to get some more shops to join NYB. Sign up your favorite Archery supply shop now. Or contact me to recommend someone I can talk to. It may help the Archery supply shop more than NYB, but we need them to subscribe. Bill Snyder • bill4nyb@gmail.com

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Hello from Region 5

We hope everyone is safe from the virus and is doing well.

One of the saddest things is we were not able to have the NYB Convention this year and missed seeing our extended families.

In March the Tupper Lake Archers held their annual Camo to Camo shoot. Despite everything going on we still had a good turn out and with the help of our parent club Tupper Lake Sportsmen Club we were able to make another \$1500 to Ed and his cause. We also received another donation of \$1000 worth of care packages of personal items from the Malone Amvets to make our donation this year worth \$2500.

Now in July we hosted another shoot and our attendance was up 20 shooters from last year, which indicates to us that archery at our club is healthy and doing well.

Now a little insight into our upcoming deer season. Many does are being seen with twin fawns which means that next year's deer herd should be a nice increase if we don't get a nasty winter.

Our Northern Challenge Ice Fishing derby is getting into motion and looks like it is going to be another banner year. The first Saturday in February we will pack Lake Simond with over 1,000 people competing for over \$35,000 in cash and prizes. The event also has 5, yes, 5, 50-50 drawings that last year sold out

REGION 5 REPORT

of 10,000 tickets by 8 A.M. I will guarantee that this year they will not sell out. Each one will get 20,000 tickets. For more information check out our Facebook page Tupper Lake Northern Challenge or YouTube search upper Lake Northern Challenge.



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For the second year in a row, DEC hosted a school-based New York State NASP®/IBO (International Bowhunting Organization) 3D Challenge. IBO partnered with NASP for their 3D challenge to give students an additional opportunity to compete. In a 3D tournament, bullseyes are replaced by foam replicas of game animals at distances of 10-15 meters.

The dates for this school-based virtual tournament were originally 2/18/20-3/29/20, although not all registered schools were able to compete due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There were 110 students competing from seven schools in this year's state NASP®/IBO 3D Challenge. Scoring for the 3D Challenge is very similar to the state bullseye tournament, where each competitor in the state tournament could achieve a maximum score of 300 points, and students compete in one of three divisions: High School, grades 9-12; Middle School, grades 6-8; and Elementary School, grades 4-5.

The top overall winner was sixth grader Grace Groves from Arkport Central School with a score of 261. The top overall male winner was seventh grader Peyton Keller from Hinsdale Central School with a score of 258. Second place female winner was Christy Childs, and second place male winner was Robert Childs, both from Hinsdale Central School. Third place female was Aimee Decarr, and third place male was Deklyn Brown, both from Mohawk Valley



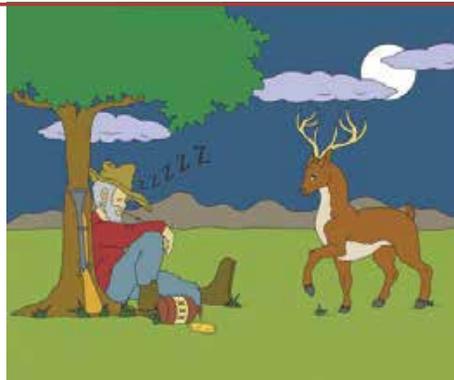
Christian Academy. Prizes were awarded to the top three overall male and females. The top archers will receive a custom designed Genesis bow. For a complete list of results, please visit the tournament website.

The New York State NASP®/IBO 3D Challenge is offered only to students who participated in the NASP archery program during in-school classes taught by certified NASP® teachers. For more information on how schools can become involved in NASP® and to view DEC's photo gallery, visit DEC's website.



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The Honorable Commissioner Basil Seggos
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Dear Commissioner Seggos,

I am writing to you today on behalf of our entire statewide membership concerning the proposal of extending the Big Game Hunting Season for whitetail deer into the month of February, 2021.

This is concerning to our membership, as we consider ourselves stewards of the land on which we hunt. While we enjoy pursuing the whitetail deer, we are concerned for the viability of the herd as well.

CONSERVATION: the wise use of natural resources.

This concept and definition is one that has been taught and reinforced throughout the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Sportsman Education Program. To extend the Big Game Hunting Season for whitetail deer does not fall within that parameter at all.

To extend the season means extending the pressure that the whitetail deer have already been experiencing for several months. From early archery season, pre-rut, full rut/ regular firearms season, and post rut/ late archery/ muzzleloader season, the whitetail deer population has depleted precious fat and nutrient reserves that are needed for continued survival. They also face deep snow and sparse food sources during this time. Their metabolism slows down to compensate for this period in the year.

For fawns that were birthed later due to the second breeding cycle of does, they are at an even greater disadvantage should this occur. The whitetail deer population is exhausted at this point in winter, by continuing hunting pressure could be detrimental to the whitetail deer population.

If the Farm Bureau is concerned about crop damage from a burgeoning whitetail deer population, maybe they could develop a plan, an initiative, in conjunction with the NYS-DEC that would involve local hunters and local farmers about land access. Farmers are allotted nuisance permits, and hunters are always looking for a location to hunt. Land access is a viable solution to this, and is one that should be heavily promoted.

Thank you for your time and please reconsider your position on this.

Sincerely yours,

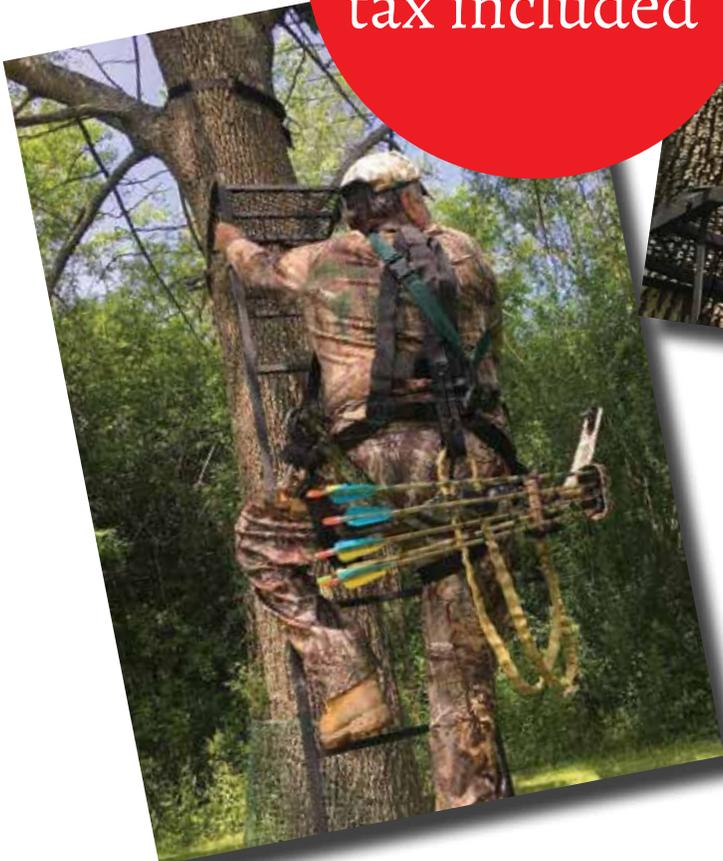
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Venison Stir Fry

- 4 ½ tsp corn starch
- 6 tbsp cold water
- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 3 tbsp teriyaki
- 3 tbsp dry vermouth
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp sugar
- Cooking oil as needed.

- Tender venison, cut in 1 inch wide x ¼ inch thick slices
- 1 cup thin sliced carrots
- 1 cup sliced zucchini
- 1 cup sliced peppers
- 1 medium onion, cut in wedges and separated
- Cooked rice

Put cornstarch in a jar and add cold water. Add soy, teriyaki, vermouth, lemon juice and sugar. Stir/shake well and set aside.

Using a wok or skillet, cook carrots and peppers in hot oil for about 4 minutes or until the tenderness you want is achieved. Remove and set them aside. Now cook the onion and zucchini about 2 minutes or until done. Remove and set them aside.

Add sliced venison to the hot wok/pan and cook until the blood just starts to poke through the meat. Flip each piece and cook again until you just see blood coming through. Remove meat and set aside.

Add sauce to hot wok/skillet and stir constantly. You will see the mixture turning a darker brown as the sugar caramelizes. Stir until it is bubbly and thick but don't burn it. Add cooked veggies and venison into the sauce and heat just a minute or so. Serve over rice.



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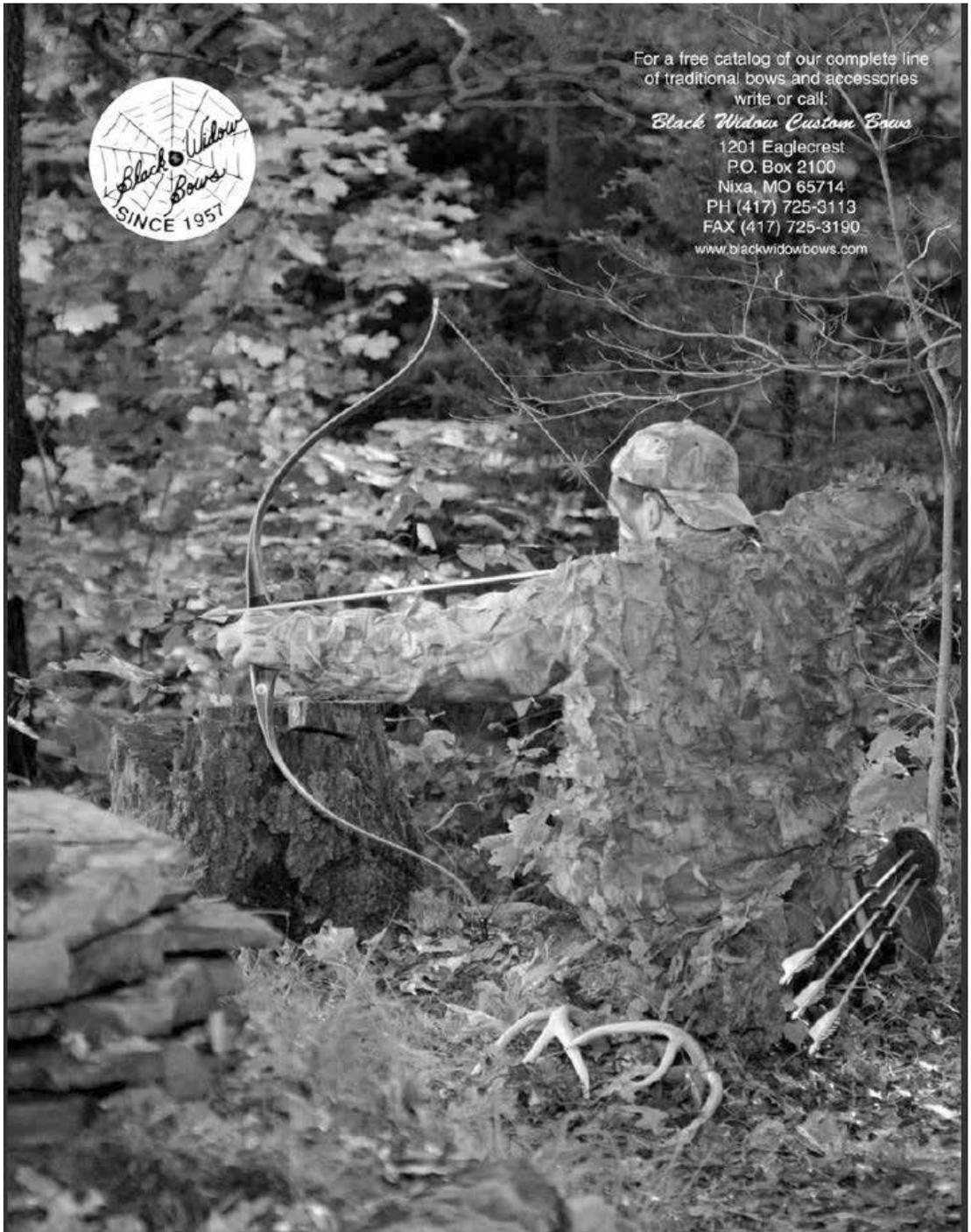
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