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From the President's Desk

Hello everyone,

I hope that you were able to take advantage of the warmer weather during the season opener before the temperature dipped and dropped a blanket of snow during the last week of October. With 3X the amount of hunting licenses sold than ever before, the woods are sure going to be busy, and the deer will be moving.



I have several key issues to discuss here. First, before the early season even opened, the DEC was getting reports of dead deer in the Southern Zone. The culprit was EHD, Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease. It is a virus that is transmitted by midges. The infected midge bites the deer, and within 36 hours, the deer dies. This is most common in the warmer days of Summer and early Fall, when the "no see ums" are most plentiful. After the first frost, the midges die off, and the threat ends.

EHD is not transmitted deer to deer, deer to other animals, or deer to humans. There were reports of dead deer being found in Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster, and Greene Counties. The Lower Hudson Valley seems to have been hit the hardest, but it had moved a bit North, well into the entire Hudson Valley by mid October. Over 1,000 deer have been reported to have died from it.

The next topic is about the DEC proposal for a "Holiday Hunt." NYB had gotten wind of this proposal weeks before the DEC came out with it. Other outdoor groups knew about it also, and issued similar early statements of opposition, such as we did. The DEC must have listened, and preened down their original proposal, which was vague, if I am being kind.

When the DEC finally produced their proposal, it was very different from what the first one was. You, our members, reached out to us, and we listened. We explained why we reacted as fast as we did, and why we reacted the way we did.

This issue is just one of many that NYB has had to head off before it got any steam behind it. We care deeply about our sport and consider ourselves stewards of the land. I also take pride in being transparent in every aspect of NYB. Our original concerns had to do with;

- Which implements were to be used?
- How long was the extended season going to run?
- Will it be statewide?
- Stress placed upon the deer (again, I reference 3X the amount of licenses sold this year).

I thank all of you who voiced your opinion to us. Here is our revised, condensed response and concerns based upon the DEC revised proposal. Our full response can be found on our Facebook page.

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"NYB, Inc. supports the addition of Archery Hunting Days, 12/26-1/1, referred to as the "Holiday Hunt" in the Southern Zone.

We expect the NYS-DEC to closely monitor the impact of the deer herd from a biological standpoint. The DEC should utilize flexibility within WMU's as necessary. DMP's, carrying capacity, buck to doe ratios, etc...must be taken into consideration.

We also vehemently oppose any future plan that would use the "Holiday Hunt" days to justify reducing the existing archery season in order to allow the expansion of any superior implements into those archery-only days.

Plans for future expansion of the "Holiday Hunt" days, further into the Winter months, or into other Zones, should be made public within an adequate time frame to allow for discussion and input from interested parties."

We have seen in the past how the DEC acts, most notably was when they wanted to stop the early archery season after 2 weeks, implement a 2 week muzzleloader season, then reopen the archery season. This was unacceptable then, and NYB acted fast and this DEC endeavor never came to fruition.

The final topic I want to discuss is our social media platforms.

NYB, Inc. has Instagram and Facebook accounts. You, our members have responded in a gigantic way. I have seen some great pictures of people practicing, parents bringing the kids in the woods on the hunt, and of course, trophy pictures.

As the leading statewide organization in the country, we cannot simply exist as a run-of-the-mill online entity. We have put together a set of standards that must be met before a photo or video is put up on our platforms. These standards are no different from what you may have seen when submitting an article or photo to magazine.

There are many people and groups who do not like hunting and will do all within their capabilities to paint us with a negative brush. We have a responsibility to ourselves, to our future bowhunters, and to the quarry we pursue to promote bowhunting in a positive light. Here are NYB, Inc.'s standards for submitting a video or photo to our online social media platforms:

- Pictures and videos must be tasteful in nature. Promotion of archery and bowhunting as a wholesome, family, and fraternal pastime is greatly encouraged. Practice sessions, nature walks, shed hunting, etc...

- Harvest photos and videos of animals should be tasteful in nature as well. Animals should be positioned tastefully, in a natural surrounding, with all visible blood wiped away. A bow or quiver should be placed over the entry/exit point depending on the animal's position. There should be no tongues hanging out, no visible gut piles, and no protruding arrows from the animal. Animals should not be placed in truck beds, on ATV racks, or in/on other vehicles.

- Absolutely no crossbows at all, EVER, not even in a funny meme.

I want to thank you all for participating online and growing our presence every day. Keep up the good work.

As we head into the Winter, Spring is just around the corner. With that so comes the Banquet. We are planning on the Banquet to be held at Sunny Hill on May 1, 2021, and have already secured some great items for the auction. Hopefully we can get together, put COVID behind us, and celebrate all things NYB.

Don't forget to have NYB as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile.

May God bless America and all who defend us both home and abroad. May God bless the United States Navy Fleet Forces Command. Semper Fortis!

All the best, Al.



How to Help NYB

...without leaving your winter recliner!

By Richard Kirschner

It's been a very difficult year for all of us. Many in our NYB family suffered sickness as well as the loss of loved ones. In addition to the health issues, many suffered economically. The thoughts and prayers of the NYB Officers, Board of Directors and all the various Region & County Reps and Committee members have been with all of you.

As you can see we have returned to a hard copy of *Full Draw* (in addition to access on website). This was done with much Board of Director discussion as our income suffered in a big way this year and continues to limp along. Saving the printing costs on the previous two issues of *Full Draw* helped keep costs down. But we know how important receiving (a real) *Full Draw* is to so many (me included!). Besides the Banquet cancellation last spring which annually serves as one of our main revenue sources, the Dutchess outdoor show was also cancelled last spring, causing some additional loss in terms of new memberships. Another big blow to NYB was the cancellation of the February 2021, Tupper Lake Great Northern Ice Fishing Challenge which has annually provided NYB with a nice "mid-winter" boost to our income. As of this writing, we are still waiting to hear if the Suffern Show will be held. This event annually results in over one hundred memberships ranging from one year to two and three year memberships, Spikes (youth), several boosters and even the occasional Life membership! Even if the outdoor show management company (and venue, Rockland Community College) decide to go forward, unfortunately, as we've all learned, on a whim the Governor (and various other elected officials) can cancel anything they want at any time, often when seemingly not justified. This uncertainty also goes for our next Banquet. NYB could really use a boost at this time in order to continue our efforts to represent the bowhunting community and to protect and preserve the sport we all love.

So, "How can I help NYB from my winter chair?" For those of us whom have managed to return to some semblance of normalcy (not a "new norm", a phrase I

despise, but REAL normal) NYB could use all of our help to get us through this financially troubled time. Please consider any (or all) of the following. I know at this time of the year, many of us make charitable donations to our favorite organizations. With our status now as a 501c3, contributions / donations may be tax deductible for you. Please consider adding NYB to your list. Any amount is appreciated. You could send a check (mark it donation), or call Annie at the office (585) 229-7468 and use a credit card. Another way to help NYB right now is to call the office and request to renew your membership at this time (regardless of your expiration date). Annie will add the additional membership on to your existing term. Besides giving NYB the income at this time, it also saves us the postage on your next renewal. Lastly, in addition to the above, all of you could make a big difference at no cost to you simply by switching your current Amazon account to smile. amazon which is the same Amazon you are used to. The

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Any and all of the above are sincerely appreciated and will go a long way in helping NYB stay afloat as we try and regain traction financially. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and may we all have a better 2021 as we slam the door on this past disastrous year.

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DEC Acquires 525 Acres In Western New York For Wildlife Management

Parcel Offers Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Wildlife Viewing Along Scenic Clear Lake in Erie County

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the recent acquisition of 525 acres in the town of North Collins, Erie County, to create the Clear Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The land offers hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife viewing, and other recreational opportunities and becomes the largest State-owned WMA in Erie County.

"The new Clear Lake Wildlife Management Area will provide outstanding wildlife-based recreational opportunities for visitors while protecting important habitat for many local species," said DEC Region 9 Director Abby Snyder. "DEC will continue to work with our public and private partners to conserve critical parcels like this that connect our communities to natural resources."

Transferred to the DEC by the New York State Office of Mental Health, the Clear Lake WMA includes the Clear Lake Reservoir and surrounding scenic property. The 43-acre lake offers excellent wildlife viewing opportunities and provides important habitat for turtles, salamanders, and waterfowl such as Canada geese, wood ducks, and mallards. The lake was constructed in the 1920s for use as a water reservoir for the former Gowanda Psychiatric Center and was later used by the Collins Correctional Facility.

OMH Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan said, "The Office of Mental Health is pleased to have helped the Department of Environmental Conservation transform an unused parcel of land into a magnificent wildlife area that will provide outdoor recreational opportunities for people and families in Western NY."

An ideal location for wildlife habitat, the parcel's diverse landscape includes mature forest, wetlands, brushland, and open fields that support a variety of species including ruffed grouse, wild turkey, woodcock, white-tailed deer, beaver, muskrat, raccoon, red and gray fox, and migratory songbirds.

Clear Lake WMA will be actively managed by DEC Region 9's Bureau of Wildlife with the primary goal of preserving and enhancing the property's wildlife habitat and providing active wildlife-dependent recreation. In addition, non-wildlife dependent recreational activities such as hiking, kayaking, and canoeing are also allowed as long as these activities do not impede or interfere with the primary wildlife management usage goals of the area. Prohibited activities at Clear Lake WMA include swimming, camping, horseback riding, mountain biking, target shooting, or the use of motorized boats, boat trailers, ATVs, or snowmobiles. Please check on-site signage for authorized activities when visiting.

"...WMAs are lands owned by New York State under the control and management of DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife..."

Clear Lake WMA can be accessed on the north side of Genesee Road in North Collins, west of Route 75. The DEC recently installed two parking areas to improve public access to the site. The parking area located on the lake's east side is designated for use by visitors hand-launching small boats, kayaks, or canoes. Please note that use of trailers is not allowed.

WMAs are lands owned by New York State under the control and management of DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife. These lands are acquired primarily for wildlife reproduction and survival, as well as providing for wildlife-based recreational opportunities. WMAs provide exceptional areas for the public to interact with a wide variety of wildlife species. There are 123 WMAs across the state, comprising approximately 235,000 acres.

Since the early 1900s, the WMA program established permanent public access to lands in New York State for the conservation and promotion of its fish and wildlife resources. Clear Lake WMA will be maintained by federal funding from the Pittman Robertson Act, now known as Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration, which apportions revenues generated from the excise taxes on the sale of firearms, ammunition and archery equipment to state wildlife agencies for conservation efforts and hunter education programs.

Maps and additional information about Clear Lake WMA can be found on our FaceBook page.



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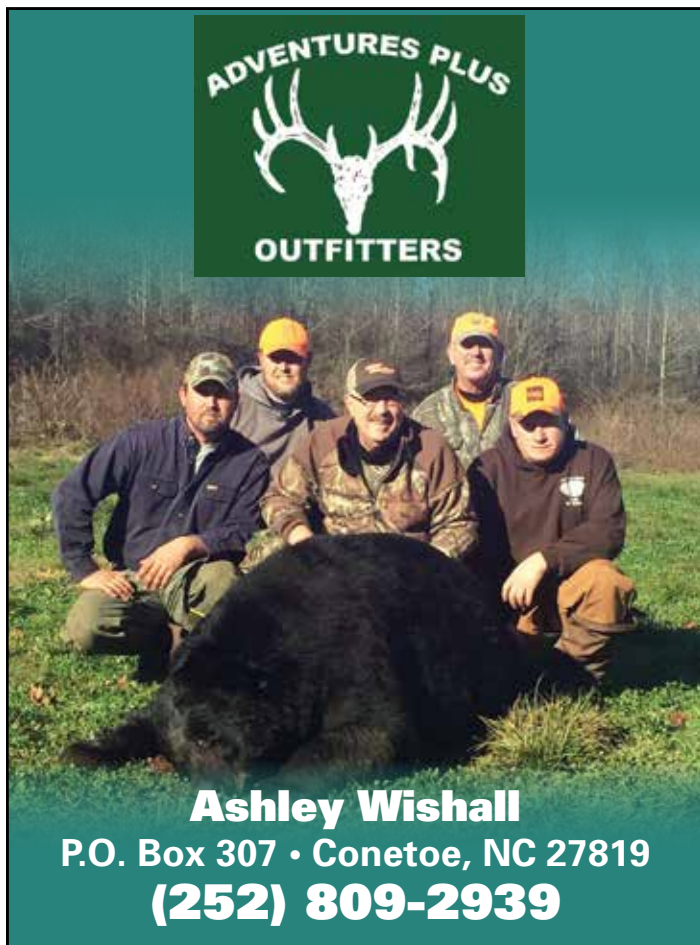
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REGION 1 REPORT

Hello members,

As I write this article, we are in the infancy of our bow season and already there have been some absolute studs taken! Here on Long Island, we have had more and more bow hunters introduced to the sport in recent years. With that said, we STILL have an abundance of deer in Suffolk County. As the season moves forward, it is vital for hunters here to continue to consistently harvest does (not just bucks) in order to keep the population under control. Environmental conservation is a huge part of what we do, and we must all be willing to make the proper contributions.

When it comes to preparation to the start of bow season I hope we all take the proper measures. This means checking equipment, stands, harnesses, and PRACTICE! I know myself; the last thing I want to see is a wounded deer roaming around with an arrow stuck in its hind leg due to the lack of practice. Find the time, get your arrows in and head out to your stand with confidence and determination. I wish you all a safe and successful season!

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REGION 3 REPORT

It's great that we have returned to a hard copy *Full Draw* (in addition to access on website). I really missed receiving my hard copy in the mail. And as a BOD member, I get to see a rough draft just before its finalized and still when I receive my mail copy, I read it cover to cover!! Old School...Please read the article I submitted elsewhere in this issue regarding our finances. This made returning to a hard copy a very difficult decision for the Board of Directors.

On to local hunting stuff. Early reports were very positive. Our very own Super "Insta" woman, Samantha "Sam" DiVeitro of Orange County scored very early in the season with her bowhunting skills and put a big doe in her freezer. This was only the first of several bow kills for her this season! Samantha has put NYB into the 21st century by her hard work as part of our Communication Team. Another congratulations to longtime NYB member, Rafael Bueno, who killed a monster of a buck in his home county of Rockland. Both Sam and Rafael are very dedicated members who both annually assist at the Suffern Show and take part in running NH&FD and the Helen Hayes Rehab Center Archery program. Another bowhunting congrats to longtime member Mark Weller, on the success of his son's taking his first ever buck. I encourage all to share your successes with me. We have many members that enjoy seeing these things in print amongst all the other social media craze.

Back in September I sent out a couple of emails to those of you whom have emails on file in your NYB information. One message was to let everyone know about the EHD epidemic throughout the deer herd in the counties that make up Region 3. The other message was an informal request to gain your point of views on the DEC proposed, Southern Zone "Holiday" hunt. Thanks to all of you who responded, it was a great assistance to me which I passed along to the BOD at our September meeting. Although there was a slight (very slight) preference to not have a holiday hunt, there were many who were neutral and also many that were very passionate about needing or wanting the additional days due to busy fall work schedules, vacations, etc. ALL of your input was helpful and assisted the BOD with a position that took into account the concerns that you expressed to us. And keep in mind this was not an official survey. I just needed quick feedback prior to a BOD meeting as this idea was unprecedentedly sprung on everyone by the DEC. That in itself, without an opportunity to have discussions by stakeholders with the DEC, causes the hair on the back of our necks to rise in warning. Those of you that have been around a long time know what I mean. Anyone else interested or confused, can call me for further explanation.

If you reside in Region 3 (or 1, 2, 4 or out of state) and did not get those two emails from me, NYB does not have an email for you (or you changed emails or it was blocked). Please call the main office (585) 229-7468 or email nyboffice@newyorkbowhunters.com (cc me as well) and add your email to your information. NYB does NOT share or sell emails with

anybody. We do not share them with marketing companies or any other sports organizations; ABSOLUTELY NO ONE. Your email is very important as it gives us the ability to quickly send out a legislative alert when a rapid response is needed.

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From my family to all of yours, have a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year,

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SULLIVAN COUNTY REPORT

Some of the local sportsman clubs managed to hold 3D shoots towards the end of the summer so all was not lost to the pandemic. Hopefully, we can get back on track with a full schedule next year. As of right now, the winter archery leagues are still in question, so a phone call to the local shops would be advised after Christmas.

The Sullivan County Democrat had a number of pictures of local kids who hunted in the annual Youth Big Game Hunt and had some luck. They took some nice bucks!! The archery and firearms contests are soon to follow.

EHD has shown up in both Orange and Putnam counties this fall. Quite a large number of dead deer have been found in these areas, but hopefully the early frosts have put a stop to it. Harvest figures after the hunting season will tell how much of an impact it has had on the deer population.

Hope you have had a safe and successful season!! Enjoy the Holidays!!

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY REPORT

Merry Christmas to all, I hope everyone got to enjoy a truly organic field-to-plate turkey they harvested in the fall season for Thanksgiving, with a side of backstrap from our #1 target buck, of course. Well, we can dream can't we?

We all have a lot to be thankful for this year, many of us have faced a year like no other and will be exiting 2020 stronger and better for it. We faced adversity and a fear of the unknown, prevailed and made the best out of the hand that we were dealt. I myself dealt with a spine injury that ended up with surgery to my cervical spine in September, so instead of chasing bears, I chased my son around the block, walking thru my rehabilitation. Then in late September my family was blessed with the birth of our first daughter. So, you take the good with the bad and move forward, life goes on no matter what.

Hunters took to the woods in a record pace in NY. There was a 105% increase from 2019 in hunter education courses being completed in 2020, 40% of which were female hunters. The first 2 weeks of license sales generated 6.2 million dollars compared to 3.5 million from the same period last year. I believe that to be a reflection on every one of us for being ambassadors of this way of life and for positively portraying this sport through educating non-hunters to the benefits of hunting, whether it be wildlife management, or an ethical, renewable, and delicious food source. Continue the good work, and every year, try to mentor at least one new hunter.

NY is floating the idea of a late, late season the last week of the year, something Westchester and Long Island already benefit from, as our seasons run continuously until December 31. Hopefully by the time this hits print they will have decided if it is a go, so be on the lookout for that if you hunt north of Westchester County.

Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Continue to be great and successful in all your adventures.

Randy Kyrk

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ROCKLAND COUNTY REPORT

Hello Members. To say 2020 has been unique is an understatement. We are all reinventing the way we do things. Archery hunting has stayed the same. You still have to draw the bow in the presence of the critter being hunted and make that shot. From what I have been reading, many folks have seen hunting as a great way to get outdoors and collect your own non-GMO organic meat. I am all for that...BUT - NYS has added close to 125,000 (yes, that is not a typo, 125K) newly online certified hunters to the ranks. While it is a great thing to get more into the woods, there are some things books and online learning cannot teach. So I urge all of us experienced hunters, if we know any of the newbies, take them under your wing and show them the way. Rarely do hunters get second chances after big mishaps without injury to themselves or others. Covid has stopped all social events and with that two of our favorite events have not taken place; The Helen Hayes Hospital shoot and National Hunting and Fishing day. Maybe next year. Speaking of next year, be on the lookout for the promotion of our 2021 banquet. It will be bigger and better than ever. Hope you can make it.

Rockland has seen its share of EHD the last few months. It has reared its ugly head again and somehow, I have to think this is nature at work. If you have not heard of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD), please read up on it. It kills deer within 36-72 hours after being bit by the midge (an insect). The lower Hudson valley has been hit hard with Rockland getting its share. EHD causes a high fever and dead, or almost dead, deer will almost always be found by water where they go to cool off with the fever. DEC wishes for any and all who see deer that might have this disease to call the regional office and report it so they can map out the infected areas. Let nature do its work and do not help the deer get to deer heaven.

Now for hunting talk. I have been out a few times hunting out of a ground blind and it is a game changer. With the recurve they need to be close and I have passed some shot ops that if I had my Mathews, those deer would be dead. It has been exciting and really upped the game for me. The early winds in October forced all the fruit trees in our orchard to give up their bounty very early. The fattening for the winter has begun as has the pre-rut. Rubs and scrapes are popping up and bucks are getting ready to do their part. Be careful on the road driving.

Congrats are in order for NYB's Instagram Admin Sammy DiVietro. Sammy was out there doing one of the things she does best; performing the Bi lateral pneumo thorax (thru both lungs) on the Odocoileus Virginianus. Hey Pres...Do I get extra credit for using big words? LOL. She made a great shot on a mature dry doe that was a great management decision for our deer herd. This woman continues to amaze me with her outdoor prowess. And this was only the start as she continued to fill the freezer as the season wore on! Congrats Sammy and keep up the good work.

Congratulations are in order to one of our members who has always been there for NYB whenever possible. The reward came back in a BIG way for Rafael Bueno (see front cover of this issue). He used his sacred time off to scout, practice and pass up smaller bucks to get bigger bucks. Ralphie has helped at many Nat'l Hunting and Fishing days, helped numerous times at Helen Hayes Hospital in the name of NYB, and did some time in the booth at the RCC show. Ralphie connected with a giant buck that even the most accomplished hunter would admire. As far as where in Rockland; Ha! All I could get out of him was 3R. He made a great shot and this mature bruiser (rough tape green scores over 150!) died in eyesight. Great feeling when that happens. Congrats Ralphie, that is one heck of a buck. Well-deserved my friend.

In closing, if you know of one of the new hunters that have recently taken their course, reach out and try to mentor them as best you can. Let's try to keep bowhunting a safe and fun activity. Pass on what you can.

God Bless out first responders, Police and our Military.

I do hope you got out and voted.

Shoot straight and see you soon.

Anthony Picariello

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P.S. If there are any Rockland residents looking to get more involved with NYB and this quarterly article, reach out to me (email above) and I will fill you in on what is expected.

DUTCHESS COUNTY REPORT

Well, as I sit here writing my report the temperature is hovering around 75 degrees. That would be beautiful if this wasn't November! Anyway, most of the fall activities were canceled in my area, so there is not a lot to report. Fortunately, I have been able to spend quite a bit of time in the woods this year. I've seen a number of deer but have not been offered a shot. Hopefully, I'll have good news on that front later.

I hope all of you had a very productive and enjoyable hunting season! I would also like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year!! Lord knows we could use an uneventful New Year!!

As always, I would also like to mention two prominent Archery Shops in Dutchess County. They are Flying Arrow Sports of Carmel, and Northern Dutchess Archery of Red Hook. 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.

A big shout out to our NY Bowhunters Instagram site!! I really enjoy seeing all those smiling faces with their deer. Please keep up the great work!!

That's about it for now. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy
Keep "em" sharp,
Bob Ledrich

Dutchess County Representative NYB
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PUTNAM COUNTY REPORT

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year and holiday season.

I hope everyone had a safe and rewarding deer season.

Locally the deer herd has been annihilated by EHD and I think that it will take years for it to fully recover. EHD had no discrimination of gender or age class, it affected all deer and killed them across the board. The part that I really do not understand is the DEC's handling of the situation. They did nothing and issued a statement that they will review the harvest rate after the season and determine what to do for next year. Throughout the season they were still handing out DMP's to

license holders. Even on the DEC's website there was a warning about the virus but yet still continued to hand out additional DMP's. I heard of a local butcher who would have had 200 deer through his shop by 12/1 and this year he had 20. I am still shaking my head at the lack of action taken.

Hopefully this country of ours resumes to some form of normalcy this upcoming year. Between Covid, the economy, the riots and all the division and hatred, I for one am glad that 2020 is almost over. When that ball drops on New Years let's all raise a glass filled with your favorite beverage of choice in one hand and with the other hand raise that middle finger and say good riddance to 2020. I can't wait to finally see everyone in person, without feeling like an old west bandit wearing a mask.

Be safe and shoot straight,
Richard Chizzik, Putnam County Rep
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ULSTER COUNTY REPORT

This month I'm really at a loss for words! After 24 hours in the woods, I've not seen a single deer?? Could EHD have killed them all? Word going around is Orange, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess & Ulster counties had at least 700 deer taken out of the woods by the DEC! We had deer running around all summer and all of a sudden they're gone. DEC still issued plenty of DMP's. What gives? And to add to the mix, I know of a local farmer whom has a pest control permit. Local cops come out at night & shoot deer off his property. Guess they're trying to get rid of all the deer around here. That would make the insurance companies happy. Give me a call if you have any other local info about this. I would love to hear some Ulster success stories.

Good hunting, stay safe and have a happy holiday season,

Bob DiGiacomio, Ulster Co Rep
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Hi Guys

Well here we are 2021, hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and had the chance to fill the freezer with a little venison. I'm actually sitting in a tree writing this report, hoping to fill my doe tag. I have been telling people for years that the deer population is on the downturn in parts of Greene County, only to be told that I am nuts. They see deer all over. The DEC must be seeing a drop in numbers if you now need a preference point for a doe permit. The change I see is more predators: Bear, Coyotes, Bobcats and now E.H.D The demise was first reported this September downstate with 7 to 8 hundred deer dying around backyards & ponds. To date it's now 1,400 hundred reported. It started in October around Greene County with 20 to 25 showing up around Catskill, Athens and Coxsackie. We had a good frost early November, and I hope that killed the small flies that spread the disease.

The last newsletter from the D.E.C related to deer was extending the black powder & bow season a week or two. Each person looks at this from their own perspective. I personally am not in favor of a longer season only because I can hunt right

out my back door, but for some guys they only have a weekend to hunt and with everything going on with the kids and family they might only get out a few times a month. In some areas of high deer density, I could see a longer season. Anyway, what's next for NYB? Are we all going to be locked in again, will we be able to have our Banquet in the spring??? We won't know until our great leader Andy Oz tells us what we can or cannot do. Hoping for the best

Take Care,
Ed Gorch
Region 4 & Greene County Rep.
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REGION 4 REPORT



REGION 5 REPORT

Hello from Region 5

With hunting season in full swing here in the Northern Zone a few reports of a decent deer harvest are coming in; lots of good 6 points and a few 8's and 10's. As of yet I haven't heard of any bears being taken around here, which is a little unusual.

I'm sure that with this Covid virus many clubs and organizations are asking what this coming year is going to bring as far as event cancellations. One that has hit us is the Northern Challenge. There will be no ice fishing derby this year due to not being able to meet the standards set by the State of New York. It's sad because this event gives many local businesses and organizations a chance to make some extra money to help them during the winter when times are tough.

We are currently setting up our schedule of archery shoots for the coming year. Our Camo to Camo benefit shoot will be March 14th. July 17th is our traditional only day with the

18 open to all classes. This is a fun shoot. Mt Challenge will be on the 28th and 29th of August.

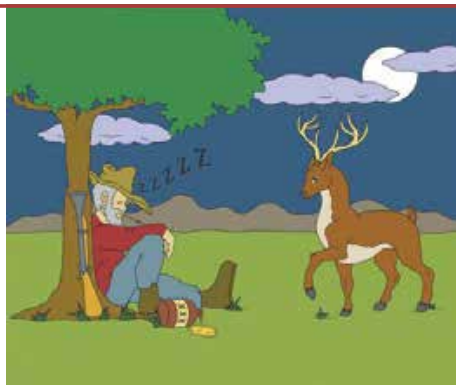
Hope everyone has a safe and productive hunting season.

Dave McMahon Region 5



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By now you have venison in the freezer and your bow is all cleaned up and put away until next year. Have you made notes for next season of what to do, or not to do? Your preparation for next year's hunt starts now.

We are anticipating our Annual Region 6 Youth Bowhunting Camp will return next summer as normally scheduled, but that is a long way off. We have to make it through this virus winter, first. Do your part to stay safe and make every effort to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus. Then maybe we can return to our "normal" activities.

However, the new "normal" is sure to include much more handwashing, as well as mandatory mask-wearing in public. There are going to be many changes to our lifestyles that will surely affect our outdoor activities. Whatever is recommended, we must all do together.

As you visit local sports shops and outdoor sporting events, spread the good word of NYB. Sign up your favorite sports shop as a Booster. Tell them of our Region 6 Youth Camp, and the Physically Challenged hunt we host in Edmeston. Then tell them how we have been helping American troops serving in the Middle East with our Camo to Camo program. Not only do we send gift boxes regularly, we send wounded veterans on free hunts. If you would like to help with gift box donations,

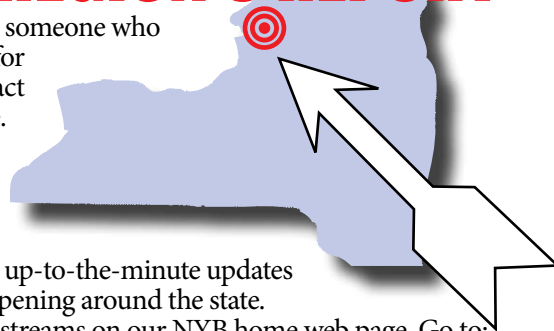
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www.newyorkbowhunters.com.

Have you signed up a new Spikes member this year? Youth hunters are our future! Start encouraging interest in hunting in children in your extended family over 10 yrs old and take them out in the fall.

I wish all you bowhunters not only a successful hunting season, but a most enjoyable and SAFE Holidays!
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REGION 6 REPORT



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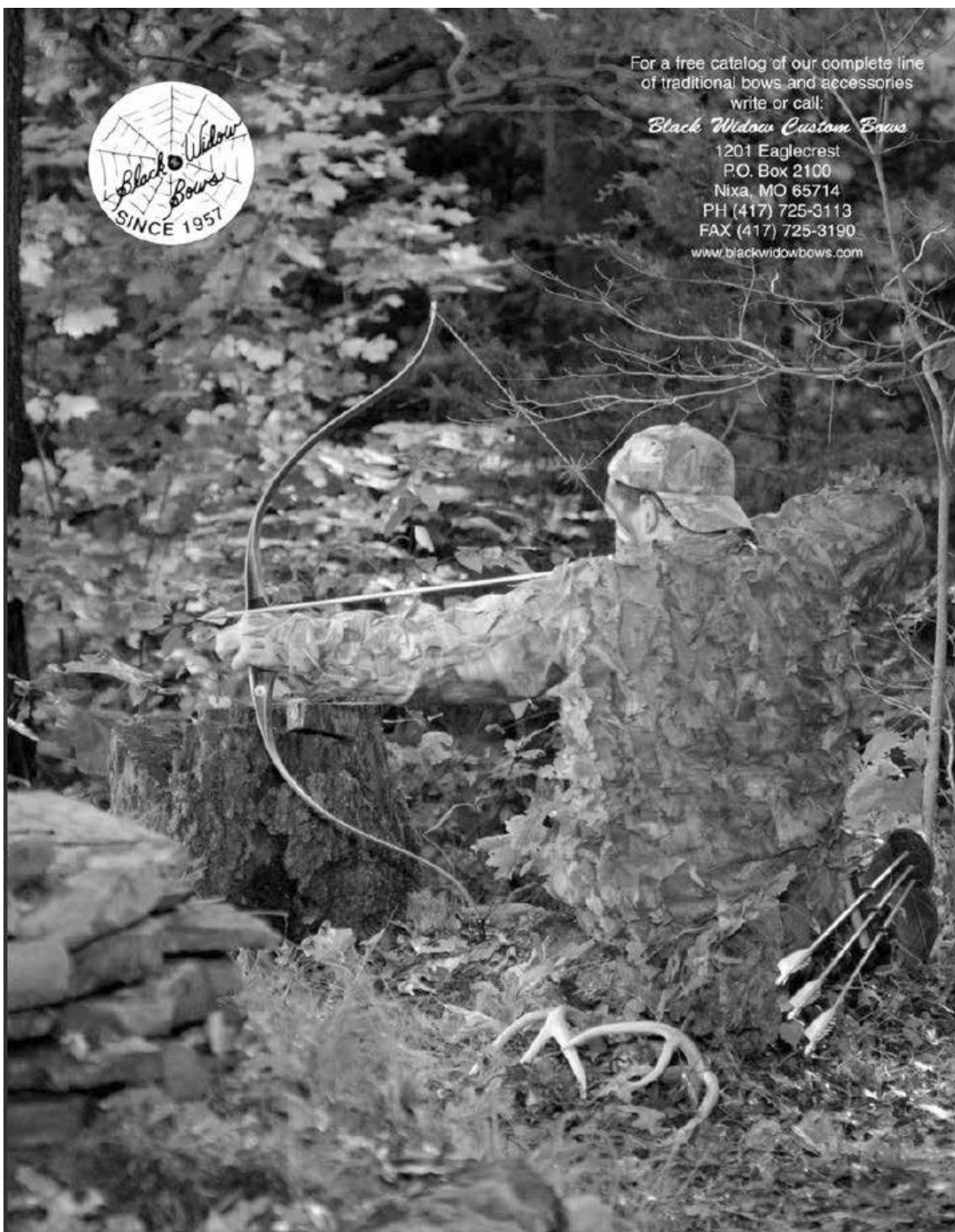
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Chris Ford - Assistant Region 6 Rep

My buddy Russell and I just returned from a great DIY Caribou Hunt. Alaska is amazing. Special Thanks to @tok_air_service for flying us back into the bush safely, and to my awesome wife Victoria Engel-Fowles for always picking up the slack for me when I travel to bowhunt. Couldn't do it without her. **Jimmy Fowles**



NYB's "Instagram" Queen, **Samantha DiVietro**, Orange County, once again making sure the family freezer stays full as she does every year!

Julia Romanchuk, NYB Suffolk County member and one of the co-founders of Long Island Babes and Bucks, keeping the doe to buck ratio in check!

Ed Gorch