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From the President's Desk

I have spent countless hours contemplating this, my final President's Report. It has been a rollercoaster of emotions to say the least. As I look back on the last four years, these final 15 months have been the most tumultuous of them all. We have been living as history was being created with the COVID-19 virus. It has altered all of our lives; personally, professionally, and recreationally.

I would like to extend my condolences to the family and friends of Bob Congel, who passed away in early February. Bob was an extremely generous man who donated the use of his farm to host NYB's Physically Challenged Hunt. Bob made sure that stands were accessible and that all who participated felt welcomed. This selfless act of kindness is reflective of what NYB is all about. May God rest his soul.

I have lost too many great friends over the last four years, and their memories are still deep within my heart and thoughts. Faces, conversations, anecdotes, jokes, mannerisms, and smiles are all part of my reflections of them all. Kathy, Larry, Jeff, Charlie, you are all truly missed and truly loved.

As you all know, last year NYB had to cancel our Annual Banquet due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. This year, the Banquet will be back, and we will celebrate NYB's 30th Anniversary. It will be held on the weekend of May 1st at the beautiful Golf Resort at Sunny Hill in Greene County. See the flyer within these pages for details. Make plans to attend and get your tickets early.

We are once again facing a "full inclusion" crossbow threat. There is full inclusion crossbow expansion language within the Budget Bill (A3008/S2508) as well as a standalone full inclusion crossbow expansion Bill (A238/S1721). NYB's stance on not just the crossbow, but ANY superior implement, has not changed since its inception in 1991. This goes for the DEC "special firearms season" that is part of their Deer Management Proposal, which is proposed for mid-September in some WMUs. The Northern and Southern archery seasons would be drastically altered and in effect, decimated, if these proposed changes were to occur. If you recall, the DEC tried to implement a "special muzzleloader season" over a decade ago within the archery season. NYB fought it then and we will continue to fight now.

The archery season that we know today did not just happen by chance. It was a long road with many battles fought in order to give archery the credibility that it rightfully deserved. It was also established that it takes a longer amount of time in the woods to get an opportunity to loosen an arrow and kill a deer with archery tackle than with a firearm.

To place a superior implement into the archery season goes against all that makes bowhunting a cherished and time-honored experience. Within the pages of *Full Draw*, the patience and practice needed has been documented for a long time. Bowhunters chose a different path for the challenge, not for the trophy. Anyone can crest Everest if there was an escalator, but to scale it with a Sherpa is a lifetime achievement.

Crossbows are modern marvels of technology with limitless potential. Just look at the recent crop:

The Ravin R500E crossbow can fire a bolt at 500 fps, has a 3.6" axle-to-axle width when cocked, and is cocked and uncocked using a battery powered system. Ravin, as you know them by their tag line "Meet Your Next Rifle," also has, in their own words, "sniper packages" available for their crossbows.

Excalibur has released their new Twin Strike crossbow. It has two sets of limbs and two triggers. This allows the crossbow to be pre-cocked and TWO bolts to be pre-loaded for TWO shots that can be fired within "milliseconds" according to the manufacturer.

The Lancehead F1 is a limbless crossbow, utilizing a rear and forward drum to keep the string under tension and is 3.9" wide.

The technical advancements are limitless, as proven by the above examples.

The manufacturers and proponents claim that since they shoot a projectile



and not a bullet, that they should not be compared to a rifle. Pete Shepley, the founder of PSE would say "A gun goes bang and a bow goes twang," yet he created the TAC-15 crossbow (Tactical Assault Crossbow) which is built upon the lower receiver of an AR-15 rifle. Can a longbow, recurve, or compound be shot from a prone position, a shouldered position, from a shooting rail or off of shooting sticks? Does either of the above mentioned come with a trigger guard, trigger safety, shoulder stock, or telescopic optics? Can either of the above mentioned be pre-cocked and pre-loaded? We all know the answer to those questions. Why compromise the integrity and sanctity of the archery season for inclusion of a superior implement?

I am a bit taken aback by some of our membership that chooses to attack NYB because of our crossbow stance. I have been fighting this for 22 years, with others before me for longer than that, and our stance is well-known. To call me/NYB selfish and elitist for not wanting a superior implement allowed during archery season is absurd. I expect it from the outdoor writers, firearms hunters, the Conservation Council, and the other proponents, but not from our membership.

We are New York Bowhunters, NOT New York Anything Goes Hunters. Why we do what we do is to ensure that there is an archery season for future generations by protecting it from superior implements and preserving the heritage created in 1948. It is sad that all of the good that we do is overshadowed by this topic.

Please contact your local Legislators as well as the ones listed below, let them know exactly what a crossbow is, and tell them to NOT support the above mentioned full inclusion crossbow Bills.

The Honorable Carl E. Heastie 518-455-3791

The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins 518-455-2585

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In closing, it has been an honor to serve you all. I am grateful to the BOD, County Reps, Region Reps, countless volunteers, and you, the members for the endless support. NYB is not me, NYB is WE.

I want to thank my wife Cathy, and my beautiful daughters,

Teresa and Gianna for making it possible for me to do justice to the position as those before have. And a special thank you to my Father who took me into the woods before I was in Kindergarten and exposed me to the beauty and wonder of what God created for us. *Ti Voglio Bene Assai Papa. Riposa nel Pace.*

A special thanks to Past Presidents: Walt Dixon, Tom Weaver, Kevin Armstrong, Gary Socola, Martin Seeley, and Rich Kirschner for always being there to offer words of encouragement and counsel.

Much appreciation goes to longtime BOD member and Legislative Director David Kosowski for his knowledge, tenacity, and intuition.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the person responsible for the reason why I am writing this. James D. "Magobo Tuc Tuc" McSwigin answered my letter as to what I can do to become more involved, and like the cagey fisherman he is, he got me on the hook, and the rest is history. The Ole Buff is a bit longer in the tooth, but still as cagey as ever.

Last, but finally not least, a huge amount of thanks and praise to our Administrative Secretary, Annie Jacobs. She is the voice on the other end of the phone, the printer, the stuffer, the make-it-happen-regardless-of-what-breaks superwoman. She is the integral cog in the NYB machine, and I would be nowhere without her. A lifetime of "thank yous" would not be enough. Thank you for all that you do!

As is the motto of the USS Cole, "Determined Warrior," and inspired by the 17 sailors who died during the terrorist attack on her, to quote her crew upon her first deployment after the attack, "We have to do the hardest stuff. We have to do this right, because the 17 would have it no other way."

May God Bless America and all who defend her both home and abroad.

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All the best, Al.



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With the cancellation of last year's banquet we are excited to be holding our 30th Anniversary banquet this year. Bring your family and invite your friends. It will be a great time of fellowship at the beautiful Sunnyhill Resort. The day will be filled with raffles, games, prizes, silent auction and the Saturday night Banquet. Win a hunt, equipment or other merchandise. 3D Course open to members is included in price. Free golf for members all weekend.

For early attendees there will be a scenic lakeside chicken BBQ for a donation of \$10 Friday night. Lunch vouchers can be purchased for Saturday.

The Banquet team has been hard at work collecting items for the can raffles, including items for hunters and non-hunters. Price of can raffle tickets are 25 for \$20 pre-sale, 25 for \$25 at the door. Get your tickets early! Seating will be limited as per NY Health Department guidelines.



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Join us as we celebrate 30 years of perpetuating and protecting the Sport of Bowhunting in New York. The Banquet is our biggest fundraiser. Your support is needed to help us continue our mission. We couldn't do it without you!

BANQUET SCHEDULE

Friday Night BBQ Dinner	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Registration/Can Raffles Open	9:30 am Saturday
Silent Auction Opens	10:00 am
Novelty Shoots – Saturday	10:00 am to 11:45 am
Lunch – Saturday	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Annual Membership Meeting Saturday	1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Can Raffle Reopens – Saturday	2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Novelty Shoots Reopen – Saturday	2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Final Round Elk Shootoff – Saturday	2:30 pm
Can Raffle Drawing – Saturday	3:15 pm
Social Hour – Saturday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Dinner served – Saturday	6:00 pm
Silent Auction Ends – Saturday	7:30 pm

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"The Sun Is Up, Why Am I Getting Colder?"

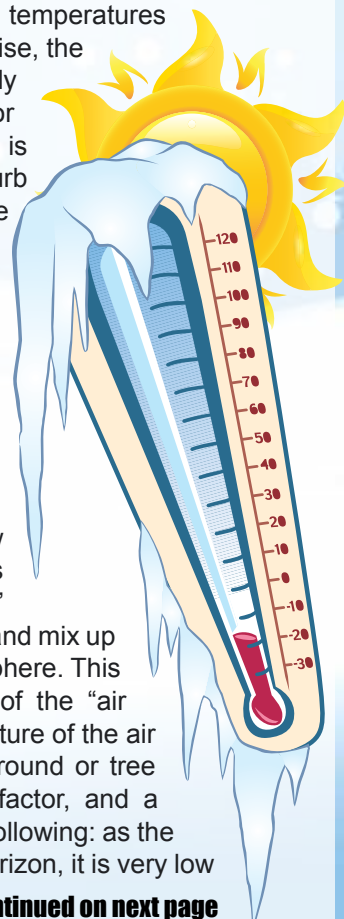
By Richard Kirschner

It's 5:30 AM and you are about to start your approximate 300 yard walk to your stand. It's 35 degrees and the forecast calls for a sunny calm day with highs around 50 degrees. Your insulated coat is tied to your pack so you don't overheat during your walk. The base layer and mid-weight shirt you are wearing will be more than enough to keep you warm as you walk in. By 6 AM you are settled into your stand, happy you did not jump any deer on your well thought-out approach. You've put on your coat and wool hat. If you're up in a tree, you are secure in your harness and have nothing to do for the next several minutes but enjoy the ever-increasing light and with it the sights, sounds and smells of the best time of day during the best time of the year. Your set up is on a hill that will have the sun rising behind you which will keep it out of your eyes as it rises. More importantly, it puts you below a well-used deer trail you are trying to capitalize on. This set up will also take advantage of the thermal air currents sliding down the hill which should keep your wind out of any deer that may end up in front of you, at least for the first couple of hours of daylight. Official sunrise on this mid-November day is listed at 6:45 AM. At 7 AM the oak treetops above you, which have stubbornly held onto their leaves, look ablaze as the sunlight hits them. You still cannot see the ball of orange yet as it is temporarily blocked by the mountains. Slowly but surely the sun's rays are working their way down the trees and you are anxious for it to finally land on you as you are beginning to get a little cold. At 8 o'clock the sun has been on your back and shoulders for about a half hour now and you are waiting to feel its warming effects as you have gotten a little colder and have an occasional slight shiver. At 8:20, a very slight but steady breeze out of North West is keeping your wind direction good. Seems like you picked a good stand for this morning's hunt but you are starting to shiver a little more now. At 8:45 you hear the unmistakably rhythmic footsteps of an approaching deer. You are going to have the shot you have waited for all morning...but despite the excitement, you cannot will yourself to stop shaking from the cold.

Let's leave the woods for the time being and head into the science lab. "How in the world did I get colder while I had the sun on me for so long prior to the deer showing up?" Back in my early years of bowhunting, I blamed it on the clothing, not nearly as efficient then as they are today. As the years passed,

and the hunting clothes improved, I blamed it on my advancement in age, "I must be getting old and can't take the cold anymore!" One day I decided to see what exactly was going on and purchased a decent quality digital thermometer to keep on my pack. WOW! What I discovered was that on sunny, cold, still (little to no wind), autumn/winter mornings, without the influence of an incoming frontal system or drastic barometric pressure change, the temperature would very often (not always) drop, AFTER the sun was in the sky. The sun was up, how could this be? The variance could be anywhere from one degree to as many as eight degrees on a few occasions! Yes, from 35 degrees at the start of my sit, to 27 degrees while the sun was on me 2 hours later! As the day wore on it would eventually catch back up to where it was two hours earlier and continue to rise until reaching the day's high. How was this possible? Had I discovered or stumbled onto some weird phenomenon? So I did a little research and here is what I learned.

As bowhunters we already understand and take into account in our stand set ups, the effects of thermal air movement. The movement of air currents goes up hills in the morning and down in the late afternoon, caused by rising and lowering temperatures. Keep that knowledge in mind as you continue reading. We all know, once the sun sets and we lose its radiant heat, the overnight temperatures drop. As we approach sunrise, the temperatures are usually at or near its lowest for the night. When there is little (or no) wind to disturb it, the bottom layer of the atmosphere, warmed by the ground, is usually slightly higher than the air above it. Let's call this ground level layer an "air blanket." As the sun rises, air begins to warm (and rise). A couple of things begin to happen. The warmth of the new day's radiant heat begins to disturb the "air blanket" causing it to move around and mix up into higher levels of atmosphere. This "mixing" and disturbance of the "air blanket" drops the temperature of the air where we are sitting (at ground or tree stand height). The other factor, and a little more complex, is the following: as the sun first breaks over the horizon, it is very low



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in the sky and those first few rays coming across the woods where you are sitting is not yet strong enough to counteract the colder air. However, further to the east, the sun (already higher in the sky) has already had a chance to warm the column of air below it (think thermals) causing it to rise. This creates, in effect, a low pressure area. Meanwhile to your west, the ground air blanket is still cold and dense and at a higher pressure. The natural thing that happens with air is that it will move from high to low pressure. This movement will drag the colder air to the west across your area as it is being pulled towards the lower pressure area to your east. Eventually as the sun gets higher in the sky, its radiant heat will warm the area where you are, back to where the temperature was originally and eventually higher as the day goes on.

Ok, so I've had a little bout of nerd-ism! Are you still wondering how the shivering hunter made out with his deer encounter at the beginning of this article? Well as this article was never intended to be a hunting story, I will leave you hanging...but hopefully a little smarter and maybe a little warmer too!



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President - Andrew Cotraccia (2 year term) ☐

Treasurer – Bob Ledrich (2 year term) ☐

Board of Director Positions ★ Vote for 3 candidates

Al Bottari (3 year term) ☐

Greg Masaitis (3 year term) ☐

Rich Kirshner (3 year term) ☐

Return ballot no later than April 26, 2021, to:
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NAME: Andrew Cotraccia

POSITION SEEKING: President

YEARS BOWHUNTING: NA

My name is Andrew Cotraccia and I am seeking the Office of NYB President. I have been honored to serve NYB in the past as Ontario County Representative, Advertising Editor and Editor for *Full Draw* Magazine, Secretary and Vice President.

Brief description of my bowhunting career to date: I've been a passionate bowhunter since I was 14 years old and have been fortunate enough to bow hunt in many places including South Africa where I harvested 7 animals. I've also hunted in Québec, Ohio, Florida, and Montana, to name a few. I've had many great experiences and have enjoyed every second out in the woods with my family and friends!

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB? As part of my vision as President, I would like to see younger people getting more involved in leadership positions in NYB. This will be vital to the continued success of our great organization. We can better accomplish this by utilizing more technology like the internet, social networking, communicating to mobile devices, etc. 2021 will be a critical make or break year for NYB due to COVID-19.

I have taken a lot from the sport of bowhunting; it's only right that I give back and help others enjoy what I have. NYB is the perfect outlet for me to accomplish this!



NAME: Bob Ledrich

POSITION SEEKING: Treasurer

YEARS BOWHUNTING: 33

My name is Bob Ledrich and I am running for Treasurer of this fine organization, although it is quite intimidating following in Jim Beltrami's footsteps. Jim has done an outstanding job serving NYB during his term. I live in Clinton Corners, NY with my extremely patient and understanding wife, Debbie, and our two dogs, Tank and Dixie. We have two sons, Bob and Michael, who are avid bowhunters and outdoorsmen. We have also been blessed with two granddaughters, Amelia and Emma. Both have been introduced to archery and seem to be following our tradition; we will see.

Brief description of my bowhunting career to date: Bowhunting has been a passion of mine since 1988 and has given me the opportunity and good fortune to hunt in several states and Canada. I have also been blessed to have met most of my favorite people through these bowhunting adventures. Hopefully, we will be enjoying this awesome sport for many years to come.

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB? I have been involved with NYB since 1991 and have served as the Dutchess County Representative for most of those years. I am also a Life/Benefactor member and serve on the Board of Directors. Obviously, NYB has been a part of my life for a long time. I am proud to have been a part in many battles over the years to preserve our privileges as bowhunters.

Professionally, I have been a Financial Advisor for the past thirty years and served in law enforcement prior to that. Again, I am honored to be running for your Treasurer and if elected, I look forward to serving NYB as always.

All the best and Keep 'em Sharp, Bob



NAME: Al Bottari
POSITION SEEKING: Board of Directors
YEARS BOWHUNTING: NA

Brief description of my bowhunting career to date: My name is Al Bottari and as I end my term as President of NYB I would like to take on the position of a member of the Board of Directors. My passion for this organization runs deep and I am interested in continuing my service in any way I can. I have held various other positions in the organization including Vice President, 2nd Vice President, BOD Member, Committee Chairman, Region 2 Rep and Queens County Rep.

Please provide a brief description of your bowhunting career to date: When it comes to my hunting experience, I have bowhunted whitetail deer, small game, predators, upland birds, and wild turkey. I have killed more foam animals than formally live ones, but the desire and drive to get up close and personal still gets me up and out on cold dark mornings.

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB? The one thing I would like to see improve at NYB is more members participating in THEIR organization. I feel I would be an asset as a member of the NYB Board because I am deeply committed to preserving and protecting the archery season, as well as promoting and expanding bowhunting opportunities throughout the State. I have many years of experience visiting the Albany and District Offices of Legislators to discuss pertinent

bowhunting issues, and educating them on those issues.
 All the best, Al.



NAME: Greg Masaitis
POSITION SEEKING: Board of Directors
YEARS BOWHUNTING: 32

Brief description of my bowhunting career to date: I started bowhunting at age 15, mostly for whitetail deer. I harvested a bear with my bow in 1993 and shot my first Pope and Young buck in 2001. Since then I have harvested four more Pope and Young class deer and have a bunch that just miss the minimum.

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB? Being guided into the hunting world by my grandfather and uncle, I was taught the values of hunting and how great of a sport it is. I enjoy passing on my knowledge and experience onto others to get them involved in our sport. I have introduced my children, relatives and friends to Bowhunting and involve them every chance I get. Increasing membership is power. I feel that my passion for bowhunting can help increase membership and help with taking New York Bowhunters to new levels.



NAME: Richard Kirschner
POSITION SEEKING: Board of Directors
YEARS BOWHUNTING: 40

Brief description of my bowhunting career to date: Besides hunting deer & small game in NY, I've bowhunted many times in the following states on "do it yourself" hunts: Colorado, North Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma & Wyoming. I have also been fortunate to make a couple of ventures into Canada. Whitetails, Mule Deer, Black Bear, Caribou, Coyote, Turkey, and a wide variety of small game have stood still long enough for me to respectfully admire, and once in a while even arrow! Of all the great hunts I've had, spanning over forty years, what stands out the most are the relationships I have with several hunting partners as well as the hunts I've shared with my children. Since joining NYB, I have held several positions including President, Vice President, Board of Directors, Region Rep & County Rep. I have been very active on our Legislative team for the past 15 years and have served on many other Committees as well.

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB? Having served in so many different roles in NYB, I feel that experience can be helpful to the organization. As bowhunting

continues to increase in popularity throughout New York, so should NYB. New hunters need to learn that NYB is the premier outdoor sports organization in the state and responsible for so many benefits they currently enjoy. Hopefully with continued improvement in our communication capabilities we can accomplish this. I would like to see more members get involved as county reps, committee members and event participants in keeping with NYB's grassroots approach to preserving bowhunting and representing bowhunters.



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REGION REPORTS

REGION 1 REPORT

Hello members,

First off, I would like to congratulate Karen on winning the NYB profile picture contest on social media (NYB has pages on both Facebook and Instagram for those not aware). From what I understand, her buck had been called in from over 100 yards out! Really enjoy looking at the plethora of photos entered. This year had some great entries.

As our season comes to an end, a lot of us will continue to find other ways to enjoy the outdoors, especially with COVID still looming. Unfortunately, this year's RRC show had been cancelled with this virus still a concern.

Here on Long Island, local hunters have been donating and doing their part to fight for a cause with the town of Smithtown. The town had superseded NY D.E.C law and banned hunting of deer other than private property. Although most hunted land in this area is private, it is still being brought to the highest court in our state, the court of appeals, where the matter should be settled once and for all.

With events been postponed or cancelled, it makes it difficult for NYB to find new members to help support what we do. Please keep this in mind next time you run into another hunter who is not already a member. Lastly, for those in the vicinity of region 5, there are a bunch of 3D shoots coming up, the closet being on 4/25 in South Colton. Call ahead to confirm. Hope you all have a healthy and safe new year!

Mike Farrugia
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REGION 3 REPORT

Usually in this report I would be looking for local members to help out at the Outdoor Sport Show held annually at Rockland Community College (RCC) in Suffern, NY. Well, no surprise that it too was cancelled due to the current state of affairs. Let's hope NYB will be able to resume our participation next year. This will be the first year since our original presence way back in 2004 that we will not be obtaining new local members as a result. During the past seventeen years, just through this Sport Show, we gained over two thousand new members!! Although this represented bowhunters from across the entire state, the majority were from the seven counties that make up Region 3, as well as many from NYC, Long Island and Region 4 as well. From this show, we also gained a substantial membership from our neighbors in New Jersey and Connecticut (and a few PA) as well! Many of you reading this first joined NYB through that show. My favorite thing about the show is that it is the only chance I have all year to meet many of you as you stop by to say hello. I have always looked forward to chatting with members for a few minutes at the show each year. Not only did our annual presence there serve as a "recruitment booth," but NYB always filled a most valuable function in keeping all hunters abreast of the seemingly never ending changes to DEC regulations (often most difficult or impossible to follow!). For all of you reading this that either joined or renewed your NYB membership at this show, I have a personal favor to ask. Please call our office (or visit our website) and renew ASAP. Annie will add your renewal onto your existing one, and you'll not only be helping NYB out during this fiscal crisis we're in, but save us the postage from mailing you a renewal. NYB could really use every membership now more than ever in light of all the fundraising events we were shut out of last year.

Time to vent. Can the DEC Administration be more pompous and unwilling to have a partnership with the hunting community in general, and bowhunters specifically? In addition to not giving anyone more than a few weeks to look over their latest Deer Plan before comment period ended, here's a gem for you. On September 23, 2020, one of our loyal Region 3 members (thank you Dave!) submitted a FOIL request to the DEC for either an update on any existing deer plan or info on any new ones being formulated. (The Freedom of Information Law, "FOIL" provides the public the right to access government records by law.) On October 8, 2020 our member received the following reply from the Office of General Counsel - NYS Dept of Conservation, "...Please be advised that a diligent search of the files maintained by DEC produced no responsive records...Your FOIL request is now closed..." Unbelievable!!! At a NYS Conservation Fund Advisory meeting just days later (10/13), the DEC reported on the new deer management plan! Less than two months after our FOIL request, the DEC released their 79 page, YES, SEVENTY-NINE PAGE, ten-year Deer

Plan! And yet when FOILED, just weeks earlier, they officially stated it was not in the works!!! The DEC Administration lied to us, as well as removed any opportunity to listen to input prior to formulating their latest plan. In the past there have been occasions the DEC has sought input from the hunting community. I guess Government pompousness is not limited to legislators and elected officials.

There's more. It's been reported that the DEC will continue online hunter education courses, "...indefinitely...based on 2020's success..." SUCCESS? Yeah, they successfully reaped in millions of dollars by making it as easy as possible to get a hunting license and brag about how good a job they did in recruiting new hunters! Last year, on the day license sales went into effect, the amount of new hunters and revenue were triple to that of the previous season!!! That trend continued. And the "success" was the "successful" elimination of one the most important factors in keeping NY woods safe which are, in-person, hands-on, hunter education courses which have worked so well. Those of us who instruct bear witness to the many inexperienced people who take our courses and rely heavily on our knowledge, experience and most importantly, passion. Now (for a fee of course) a person can enjoy the "success" of taking a sterile online class without human interaction, or they could even have someone else take the course for them, all from the comfort of home. Then, without leaving their chair, order all the stuff they need (or think they need) online, and hit the woods. What about the sporting goods and archery stores, many of which gave these courses and often laid the groundwork for establishing relationships with new hunters? Or the many clubs that gained memberships through real classes? Well now the DEC gets to eliminate its volunteer instructor corps, brag about more hunters, of course reap the profit and replace the truly successful hunter education system that has helped educate hunters and more importantly, kept the woods so much safer than they were prior to mandatory hunter safety classes.

Just when I think the DEC Administration can't be more detached from the hunting community, they come through with even more idiotic policies. And don't forget as outlined previously, how the DEC outright lied when "FOILED" about the new deer plan.

Well, thanks for letting me vent. I must end my diatribe on at least one positive note. Congratulations to Annamarie & Jeff Buring (Life Member#114) on the birth of their new son, Ulrich Scott! Born on January 1st (just missing having him as a 2020 Tax Deduction!!!) Best wishes to the entire

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"Team Buring!" I look forward to seeing an entire "Buring" table whenever we finally return to our next banquet!

Thanks as always for supporting NYB and our mission to preserve and protect bowhunting,

Richard Kirschner – Region 3 Rep – Board of Director
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SULLIVAN COUNTY REPORT

Another big game season is over and I hope you had a safe and successful time in the outdoors. We are now in the deep throes of Winter with the end of January bringing us low temperatures and some brutal winds. This will be a rough time for the animals with the forecast for a significant snowfall to hit us this first weekend of February. I'm out in the woods locally every day that my Hungarian Vizsla, Amber, and I aren't away chasing birds, and right now there is a lot of sign of wildlife. Deer are moving around to find, browse, and dig for leftover acorns. Coyotes, foxes, and fisher tracks are everywhere as they cover ground to find food. The coyotes and foxes are getting very bold, travelling through yards close to houses, maybe hoping to catch mice in firewood piles or under bird feeders.

Thank you, Sammy, for your Instagram endeavor. It is great to see our NYB family drawn together and our members getting some well-deserved exposure with some nice trophies.

No word of any Winter leagues taking place. I think the local shops are just biding their time with hopes this Summer will bring a normal 3D season and proceed from there.

The Big Buck contests held by the Sullivan County Democrat last season ended with some nice bucks taken in the area. Forest Darder shot a big ten point on the first day of bow season and won the archery contest, and William Roser shot a big eight point on the last day of the regular firearms season to win the "Big Buck" contest. Also note that Walter Garigliano took a big eight point that weighed in at 224 pounds, the heaviest deer to be entered in the Democrats "Heaviest Deer" section of the contest. It is also the heaviest deer entered in the 47 years this contest has been run. Congratulations to all the successful hunters!!

Harry Walker, Region 3 and Sullivan County Representative

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY REPORT

Welcome everyone, it's that time of year again: the long stretch between seasons. Many of us wait for the spring and sit quietly, waiting for the rapture of the magnificent Eastern Turkey or, as I lovingly refer to them as, thunder birds. It is my favorite season and by far the most enjoyable hunting one can do. For me, chasing those birds is like

having a time machine. Sitting wedged up against an old tree swaying in the early breeze, listening to the forest come alive always takes me to the best sleep I ever have...and if I try my hardest, I will wake up twelve years-old again right next to my Grandfather. Every Spring I could count on late night walks looking for the roosting tree that we would hunt the next morning, and every morning, even on school days, he would come and wake me up and we would head out back. Walking through the darkness, finding our spot, settling in, I always fit perfectly on his right side, always the two of us. The world was ours, this was my education, and little did I know this is where he would become a permanent part of me that would last long beyond his days. He would start some soft pre-dawn clucking; we would listen to the silence slowly disappear, breaking way to the day, hoping to hear the ground shaking gobble of a strutting Tom, and then, without fail, the rumbling snoring of a Grandfather and Grandson fast asleep would fill the woods for the unforeseeable future.

So, for the month of May grab your bow and your, Grandson, Granddaughter, Son, Daughter, Wife, Husband, Brother, Sister, whoever you love, take them on a walk in the woods, sit down against an old wonderful tree, educate them the way you were educated, fall asleep and, if you're lucky enough, you will awaken to the thunderous Gobble of an old Tom Turkey, and memories that will last for generations. Continue to be great and successful in all your adventures. Randy Kyrk, Westchester County Rep
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PUTNAM COUNTY REPORT

Greetings from Putnam County,

2020 was a trying year on not only all of us, but also to our local deer herd. According to the DEC over 700 deer (and I think a lot more) in this small part of this county died from EHD. The disease, although not transmitted to humans, is still concerning. The disease is transmitted by gnats and the deer bitten contracts the disease and dies within 24 hours. The deer develop a fever and are found in or near water trying to cool down. I personally discovered over 20 of these deer and I was not actively looking for them. The DEC was aware of this situation well before the season but continued to distribute DMPs. This lack of action by the DEC is still amazing to me. I am sure that the deer harvest for this past season will be an all time low. Sadly it will take years for the herd to be back to where it was.

This edition of *Full Draw* is the one normally brought to the Outdoor Sport shows, but like everything else they were all cancelled. With that being said, everyone that normally renews at the shows, please renew today and keep our membership numbers up.

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

Hello members, Happy New Year! In these crazy times, I sure hope you and yours have found ways to stay active, busy

and healthy. The virus and cold weather do place a damper on things. But what we love is the outdoors and there we all seem to be safe from the cooties. Congrats again to our very own cover boy Rafael Bueno on his monster buck from Rockland County in the last issue of *Full Draw*. The green drying period should be up soon and many are waiting on an official score. The 150's is predicted.

I hope you have been reading the alerts being sent out and paying attention to what might be coming down the pipe for NYS hunters. Emperor Andy thinks he knows what is best for NYS hunters and shooters. Changes are coming under his direction. So having said that there was a comment period for anyone who had concerns to voice them to DEC. PUHLEEESE tell me you did this. Regardless of your opinion on certain topics, I sure hope you let them know what you thought. If we (hunters) do not tell them what we want, then we leave it to them to make the rules without our input. Shooting hours were discussed, youth age being lowered, expanded antler restrictions and of course full inclusion of the crossbow in archery season. DEC stated a few weeks ago that ALL of the Hunter ED classes will be given online now. As a hunter, you yourself know there are things that the book/computer cannot teach and individual instruction is paramount. That is all being taken away in the interest of money. From what I understand, the state makes \$20 per online course now. It has become a moneymaker with the 150K newly certified hunters in 2020 alone! It adds up to three million dollars. Not bad when before they got nothing. The Hunter Ed classes at town hall we all took were free and done with volunteers. Say goodbye to free Hunter ED. Yup, it's just another NYS tax.

We have had little snow up until now, however as I write this, the big storm of Feb is underway. Being stuck indoors had led many to do a lot of online shopping. Please keep in mind NYB and the Amazon Smile program that allows NYB to get a piece of that sale since we are a 501(c)(3) organization. It's a good time to stock up on broadheads that are now back in stock. Don't wait for September to buy your arrows, broadheads and other gear. Support our sponsors whenever possible.

Stay healthy and please, now more than ever, pay attention to what is happening out there. There is a whole new bunch of people leading this country now and I predict there will be a whole lot of head shaking in the near future for all Americans but especially hunters, firearm owners, etc. Be safe. God Bless America, our military and first responders.

If there is anyone interested in taking over as Rockland county Rep. contact me or NYB directly and we can talk about what is expected.

Take care,
Anthony Picariello
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DUTCHESS COUNTY REPORT

Greetings All,

As I sit here writing my first report of 2021, the snow is coming down with at least seven inches already on the ground. All forecasts are indicating that we are not

even halfway done. Oh well, such is life in the northeast. With the virus still in force, there is not much to do anyway. Hopefully, we will all be in better shape with the vaccinations rolling out.

This report would usually contain a lot of information on our upcoming banquet. At this time, we are planning on holding our banquet (see information in this issue). As you know, the banquet is when we hold our annual meeting and get together for fellowship and fun. This event also produces our largest source of revenue. Unfortunately, attendance for this event by both members and vendors are certainly in question.

I was looking forward to some stump shooting recently, but the weather is not cooperating. I guess making some arrows and shooting in the basement will have to suffice for now. I hope this report finds you and your families in good health and I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Please contact me with any news or pictures you would like us to include in *Full Draw*.

Keep 'em' Sharp,
Bob Ledrich, Dutchess County Rep, Board Member
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ULSTER & ORANGE COUNTY REPORT

Hoping all of you had a memorable hunting season. Although we had many successful bowhunters here, many reported seeing less deer than usual. The deer herd in Orange & Ulster County, as well several other counties around here, was hit to some degree with Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD). Caused by a biting midge, (often called "no-see-ums"), it usually causes death to the deer within 24 to 36 hours. If there is any good to share, it is that this disease is not spread from deer-to-deer (unlike CWD) so the areas most effected will repopulate, but it could take a few years. Also, this disease cannot be contracted by humans. We have not seen a county breakdown but the overall downstate estimate was well over one thousand deer dead, and knowing the DEC, most likely under reported (as not to discourage hunters thereby maximizing license and DMP sales).

Harvest reports were not yet published as of this writing. It will be interesting to compare to previous years with all the additional new hunters that took advantage of the "no classroom" online safety courses.

As you may or may not know, this year's Outdoor Sport Show annually held at Rockland Community College was cancelled. Unfortunately, many of our local members used this show to renew their NYB dues in person. I urge all of you, even those that may not be up for renewal, to call our office and renew now. The additional year(s) will be added on and extend your current membership. It's going to be a tough year ahead to recover financially from last year's cancellation of so many events which ordinarily kept us afloat. If you support NYB, please renew today! May you all be healthy and safe.

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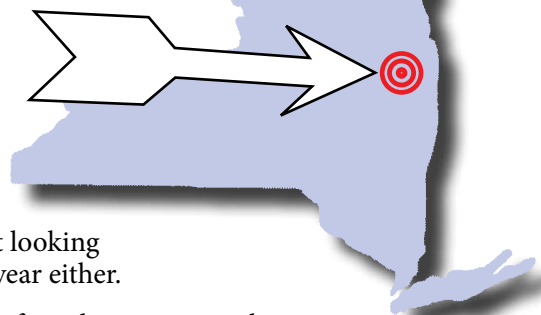
Hi Guys,

Well, I'm not sure how this Global Warning is heating things up, but this past winter was a tough one. Besides the weather getting me down, the rules and regulations coming out of Albany and Washington in regard to the virus and free speech are very clear to me it's all about control, leading to the loss of Freedom.

I'm finding it difficult to write about hunting in general when I see the direction the country is going. We can only pray that the people in this beloved country start to wake up and see the Pandora's Box they opened before it's too late.

Our annual Banquet is set for the weekend of May first and we're hoping Covid rules will allow us to proceed with the event and not have to cancel again. This year's Camo To Camo Veteran bear hunt in New Brunswick is set for June. We had to cancel the hunt last year when they closed

REGION 4 REPORT



the Canadian border.

According to a few hunting forums it's not looking good for this year either.

Not much of anything going on hunting related with the lockdown in place, but if you have some info drop me a line. Also check to see if your membership is due for renewal because we won't have the chance to see you at the sport shows which have also been shut down.

Take Care,
Ed Gorch, Region 4 , Greene County Rep.
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Hello from Region 5

With everything shut down from Covid-19 we are seeing more people outdoors enjoying some ice fishing. As you can guess we have had to cancel the Northern Challenge this year and many people are very disappointed, but we had to do what we had to.



From Left to Right Mike Savage NYB Board member, Club Member Bill Cramer, Store owner Matt Rothamel, Archery club President Dave McMahon and Tupper Lake Sportsmens Club President Ray McIntosh.

REGION 5 REPORT



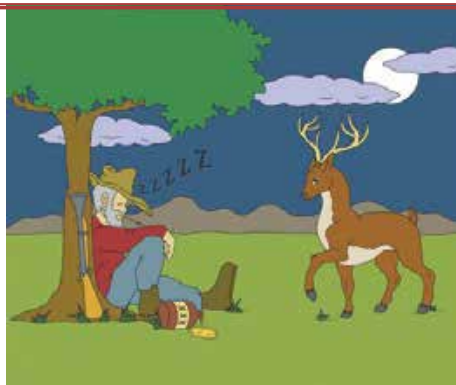
Our Camo to Camo shoot in March was also canceled and moved to our shoot on July 17th and 18th. This will be an outdoor 3-D shoot.

Hope to see a great turn out. Recently we have recognized one of our supporters of this event and our club in general. Blue Line Sports LLC. of Saranac Lake has donated and supported us for many years, including donations of bows to be raffled off to benefit the Camo to Camo program.

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REGION 6 REPORT

Not much going on in Region 6 right now. All area sports shows have been cancelled. In fact, any group get-togethers could be history for the rest of this year. The only way to mingle with fellow bowhunters may primarily be online. Key words: remote, Zoom, social media.

Our **Annual Region 6 Youth Bowhunting Camp** is tentatively scheduled this summer for July 23, 24, & 25, but it is a big maybe. Most schools are still not holding group classes, so how can we? We are not only fighting the pandemic bug, but the politics of the slow vaccine distribution.

By the time the kids have been fully vaccinated, it may be next September. Maintaining 6 feet between students on the archery range would be a real challenge. It would also take a lot of the fun out of it!

Another concern is the NYS DEC online Archery course. When people can now go on the computer to complete the Bowhunting course, there will be fewer kids who will want to sign up for our Camps. It is already very tough to fill our classes with 15-20 students.

Not sure what our future holds regarding Youth Archery Camps. Maybe we will have to look at setting up online classes ourselves. What do you think? Are there other options? Can we ever return to the pre-Covid, good old days?

On another note, 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. It will not only help the Archery supply shop, it will help our members. Contact me if you have any questions, or you would like me to visit the shop.

Time to go look for some sheds. Enjoy your spring.

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Canastota, NY 13032



REGION 7 REPORT

First off, a self-introduction is in order: my name is Jeremy Kraus, I am the new Region 7 representative for New York Bowhunters Inc. and I hope to try and keep folks up to date with archery activities in the region in and out of the regular season. Feel free to send me any past season archery success pics or stories from Region 7 and I would be glad to share it.

We are off to a great start for 2021! Finally getting all that cool weather we were missing in early archery [ha ha]. Getting down to it, I have inquired about archery events around Region 7 for this year and have mostly unfortunate news in that regard.

The Winter CanAm Classic hosted each year around the state (was set to be in Syracuse at the OnCenter) may not be happening. This is a fantastic archery event and I encourage archers to keep an eye out for updates. Klein's Archery is open for indoor range shooting, but many winter leagues are too high-risk at this point. Check with your local shops and ranges for hours and availability before hitting the road. There are a few events moving forward, including the New York Field Archers and Bowhunters State Tournament (Virtual) and the RBD Triple Classic event. Keep an eye out for other updates as they come. The governor recently made a statement on "high-risk sports" and we may see more restrictions lifted as commiseration ensues. I have been able to continue bowling in leagues and tournaments so I would expect to see more archery events popping up this spring and summer.

Outside of getting to the range or bearing the elements and shooting where you can, there are

lots of great ways to be getting ready for the next season! Let's face it, we all keep thinking deer long after the season closes – or at least I do! Now is the best time to get in the woods and observe the deer and deer signs from the season. It is also a good time to maintain stands and do some property maintenance such as tree pruning. There are lots of great resources out there to help make your hunting properties a little better each season. One way is to order or propagate plants for a spring time planting. The county soil and water departments are currently taking orders for their annual tree, shrub, and plant sale. I would recommend assessing your properties needs and dropping a few new plants in this spring to provide a seasonal or lasting food source, new cover that you can maintain along road frontage or around bedding areas, and property aesthetics!

Take care and stay warm!
- Jeremy from Region 7
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Legislative Report - January 2021

By David Kosowski

Per a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) decision, there will be a seven-day “Holiday Hunt” deer hunt from December 26, 2021 through January 1, 2022 in the Southern Zone for bow, crossbow and muzzle-loader hunters. Any leftover carcass tags from the earlier seasons will be valid during this “Holiday Hunt.” There had been opposing opinions on this proposal. Some hunters are in favor of this season as it would allow hunting opportunity for visiting relatives/friends as well as school-age hunters to participate in a hunt over the Christmas/New Year’s holiday week. On the opposing side landowners in particular are anxious for the lengthy deer seasons to end as well as small game hunters and recreational persons who want to pursue their activities over the holiday week without interference from firearms (muzzle-loader) deer hunters.

In addition, the DEC released a draft of their Deer Management Plan 2021-2030 for public review. About the only good news for bowhunters in this plan is that it proposes to allow for an archery season in Nassau County.

The following proposals would require state legislative approval; * Allow for full use of crossbows during all the archery-only seasons, including the bow-only Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) 8C (Rochester), 4J (Albany), 3S (Westchester) and 1C (Suffolk), * Allow youth to use crossbows, * Lower the minimum big game firearms hunting age to 12. NYB is and has always been supportive of increasing youth opportunities, however be aware that this proposal will place increased numbers of firearms/crossbow hunters in the middle of the early archery season over the three-day Columbus Day weekend.

The following could be implemented by the DEC without legislative approval; * Allow for the use of firearms in bow-only WMUs 8C (Rochester), 4J (Albany), 3S (Westchester) and dramatically expand use in 1C (Suffolk), * Create a youth firearms season during early archery-only seasons in Westchester and Suffolk counties, * Establish a January Westchester County deer season, without mentioning with what implement, * Promote nighttime bait and shoot programs allowing for use of rifles with sound suppressors, shoot from a vehicle, eliminate distance restrictions from an occupied dwelling and all to be funded by local tax payers, * Expand legal hunting hours from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, which sets a dangerous precedent for camouflaged bowhunters in the field with crossbow and firearms hunters under poor/fading light conditions.

Most detrimental is the proposal to allow for a mid-September antler-less firearms hunt in Southern Zone Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) where additional antler-less harvest is recommended. A similar 2017 DEC antler-less hunt was proposed and abandoned after widespread opposition, that would have allowed for the use of muzzle-loaders during the early bow season. Guns going off before or during the early archery seasons will result in deer going nocturnal, forcing them off their early season predictable movement patterns. Deer will become jittery as well as moving into the safety of protected areas. This season will NOT help with the antler-less harvest, but only shift the harvest from later seasons to September. There are only so many tags that the DEC will allow a hunter to fill and it will make no difference in the final tally, regardless of when they were harvested. Because the DEC deer plan calls for placing firearms prior to the early archery season, you need to voice your strong opposition as well as expressing your opinion on the following alternatives that, if implemented jointly, could aid the DEC in meeting deer management goals.

Alternative #1 - antler-less - only days during the more productive regular firearms season. The DEC has stated that they “agree that greater harvest of antler-less deer might be achieved through an antler-less - only portion of the regular season”. This is not a new concept as the DEC used “doe-only days” at the end of the gun season back in the late 1950s or early 1960s.

Alternative #2 - allow hunters the use of unlimited numbers of antler-less - only deer management (DMPs) and deer management assistance (DMAPs) permits in their possession. The DEC has stated that allowing hunters to use additional tags is not a limiting factor in taking more deer. However, the DEC has to realize that they need to get additional permits into the hands of those hunters who are willing, able and have the capability to gain access to private lands. It makes no sense to leave unused DMPs sitting in the licensing agents’ drawers or DMAPs in the pockets of landowners when there are hunters willing to fill more tags. Alone this alternative may be ineffective, but combined with others, including eliminating the \$10 DMP application fee, it will help meet management goals.

Alternative #3 - allow hunters to harvest only one buck per year. The DEC dismissed this option stating that harvest data indicates that a small minority of hunters shoot two bucks. That may be true, but once hunters shoot a buck they may be more willing to harvest a doe if the option to shoot a second buck is no longer in play. Again, alone this alternative may be ineffective, but combined with others it could help meet management goals.

Alternative #4 - implement an earn-a-buck program during ALL the deer seasons. A hunter would have to take an antler-less deer before harvesting a buck, which currently is being utilized in segments of some WMUs.

Alternative #5 - use of baited sites during the hunting seasons. The DEC is currently allowing bait to be used in their "Bait and Shoot" programs in urban/suburban areas of New York State, so why not allow hunters to do the same? It is far more cost effective and user friendly to allow hunters to use baited sites versus utilizing highly paid night sharpshooters. An article that appeared in the Journal of Wildlife Management supports this option. Howard Kilpatrick authored a publication titled "Use of Bait to Increase Archery Deer Harvest in an Urban-Suburban Landscape." The study area was in the town of Greenwich, Connecticut across the border from Westchester County, New York. The article states that "in 2003 in urban-suburban deer management zones hunting over bait on private land was legalized in increase harvest opportunities. Most hunters (98%) using bait believed baiting increased their chances of shooting deer. The year baiting was allowed deer harvest rates increased 16.8% in zones where bait was allowed and increased by only 1.4% in zones where bait was not allowed." In addition "Winterstein (1992) reported that bait played an important role in the harvest of antler-less during the early archery season in Michigan. Similarly, hunters using bait in Connecticut harvested 3 times more antler-less deer than antlered deer." Kilpatrick further states that "Because of concerns relating to wildlife diseases, state wildlife agencies should consider advantages and disadvantages of using bait as a management tool and may want to impose restrictions on the amount of bait used by hunters or methods in which bait can be placed to avoid distributing large quantities of supplemental food." In 2015, seventeen (35%) of the lower 48 states allow for the use of baited sites, including the neighbouring states of Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. The vast majority of the states allowed for the use of bait only on private land. States such as Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Connecticut, that have detected Chronic Wasting Disease, have allowed for bait in only those zones free of the disease. In addition, rules have been designed to limit the potential spread of disease with regulations that limit the quantity of bait (e.g. 2 gallons), limit the number and distance between sites (e.g. only 2 sites per 100 yards) and the manner of bait distribution (e.g. spread over a minimum of 10' x 10' foot area).

Please voice your opinion on these issues with the DEC by contacting them at: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Bureau of Wildlife, 625 Broadway, 5th Floor Albany, New York 12233-8925 e-mail: wildlife@dec.ny.gov (Subject Line - Deer Hunting Changes for 2021-2030)

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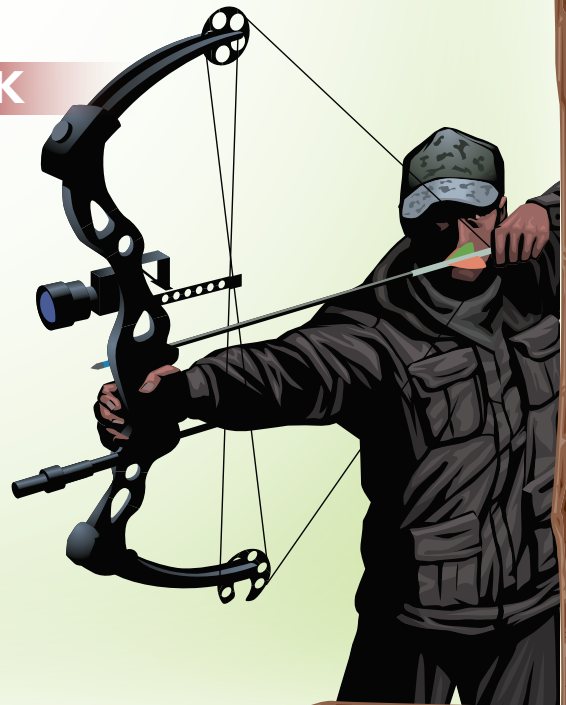
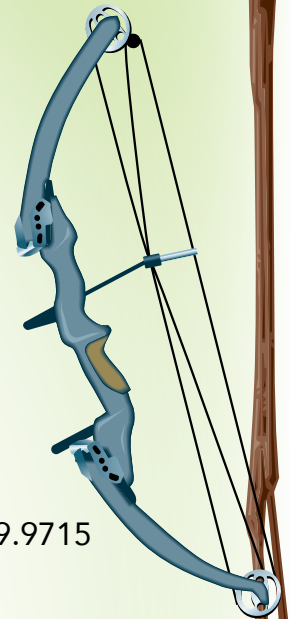
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Slow-Cooked Apple Venison Roast

- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
 - 3 pound boneless venison roast
 - 1 or 2 large apples, cored and sliced
 - 2 small onions, sliced
 - 4 cloves crushed garlic
 - 1 cup boiling water
 - 1 cube beef bouillon
- } Or use 1 cup beef broth



Heat oil in sauce pan and sear venison roast about 2 minutes on the top and bottom.

Dissolve bouillon in water (if using). Add liquid to slow-cooker.

Place seared venison roast in cooking vessel.

Layer apples, then sliced onion and garlic over the meat.

Cook on low 6 – 8 hours or until tender.

If using an InstaPot, you can sear the roast right in the Pot. Pressure cook 120 minutes and use 15 minute natural-release

After removing roast, strain out the solids and thicken juices to make a flavorful gravy.

Serve over mashed potatoes.



Crossbows in the Budget

The proposed New York State Budget Bills recently released (A3008/S2508 and A238/S1721) include crossbow expansion within the entire archery season. It seems the motivator behind this move is purely monetary. The State believes 61% of current gun hunters will purchase Archery permits, generating millions of dollars. At a time when the Governor is concerned about income to the state coffers due to businesses/wage earners leaving the state and COVID shutdowns, this is one way to replace some of that income. It does not seem the decision has anything to do with the integrity of the Archery Season. Many of our legislators are uninformed about modern crossbows and do not see any issue with including superior weapons in the Archery Season. We need to educate them!

NYB has been actively involved in trying to get full inclusion language out of the Budget Bills. As of this writing, there is still time to act! Make your concerns known. Please send a letter and/or make some phone calls. Help our legislators understand what they are voting on. Encourage them to have full crossbow inclusion language removed from the budget. Remember, they work for YOU! Don't let this happen on your

watch without doing all you can to stop it.

More information such as a sample letter and Legislature contact information is available on our website: www.NewYorkBowhunters.com.



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A Little Archery History Lesson



Archery is known as an art form to many, and is considered one of the oldest forms of art that is still practiced today. Ancient Egyptians were among the first people to be known to have used bows and arrows. They used archery for the sole purpose of warfare and hunting. To give you an idea of how old archery is, around 2800 B.C., the very first composite bow was created and used by the Egyptians. They created the bow from wood, tipped it with animal horns, and it was held together using glue and animal sinew. The string was made out of sheep intestines. It required two people to string the bow. The arrows they used were very light, could shoot up to 400 yards and could very easily penetrate the armors of their time period.

In China, archery can be dated back to the Shang-Dynasty [1766-1027 B.C.] They used war chariots that held a team of three men; the driver, the lancer and the archer. When Japan was first introduced to archery by the Chinese around the 6th century, they became a great influence over the technical use

and etiquette of the bow creating a martial arts called kyujutsu, which means the art of the bow, later changed to way of the bow (kyudo).

The Roman Empire owed many of its military victories to their extremely skilled archers. While in Europe, firearms started replacing bows and arrows as the weapon of choice during the 16th century. When the Spanish Armada invaded England in 1588, the English troop consisted of one third bowmen to two thirds soldiers who had guns. By the end of the century, bows and arrows were completely abandoned.

Even though firearms took over bows and arrows as the weapon choice today, the use of the bow has been retained as a hunting tool and is used for sports and competition.

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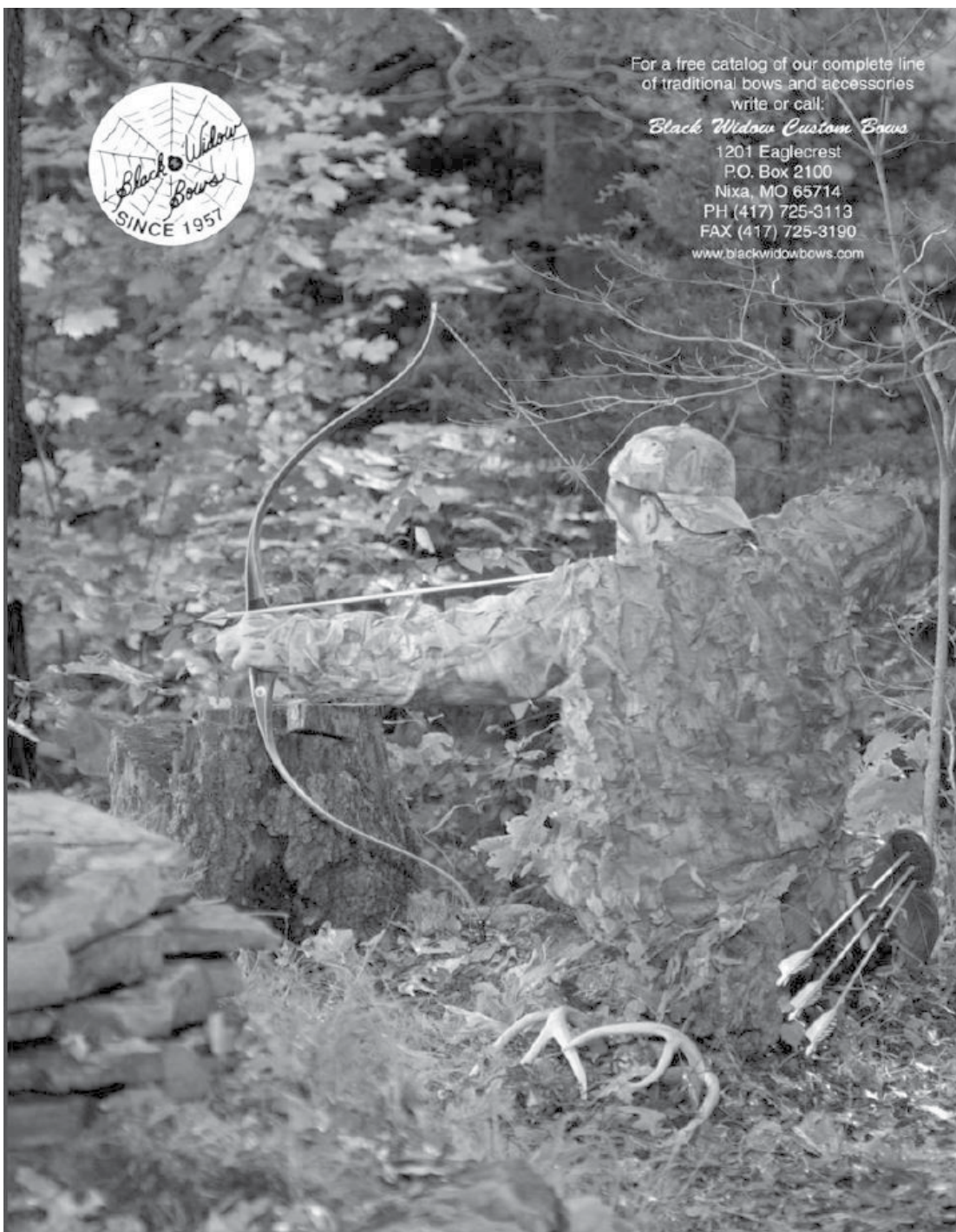
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Most people have a visual preference for one eye or the other, often without even realizing it. This is known as eye dominance. Before choosing a bow, it's important to know which eye you prefer to use.

Eye dominance can be weak or strong, and does not have anything to do with hand dominance. For example, you might be right-handed but left-eye dominant. Studies show that about two-thirds of people are right-eye dominant, one-third are left-eye dominant and a small percentage of people do not favor either eye.

5 easy steps to test eye dominance:

1. Go where you can see an object that is at least 10-20 ft. away.

2. Hold your hands out at arm's length and make a circle about 1" in diameter.

3. Keeping both eyes open, use the circle to frame the object visually.

4. Making sure you can always see the object, pull your hands slowly back to your face.

5. Your hands will come back naturally to your dominant eye.

In rare cases, a new archer will not feel a preference for either eye. When this happens, it is best to use the dominant hand to draw the bow.

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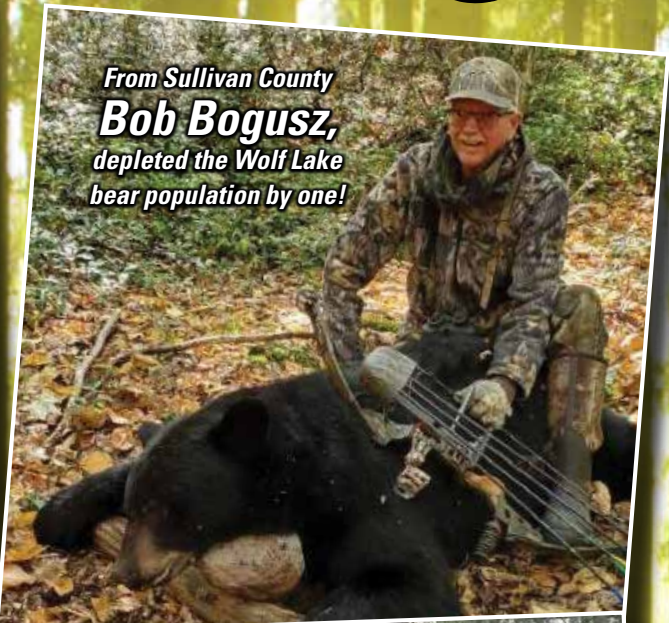
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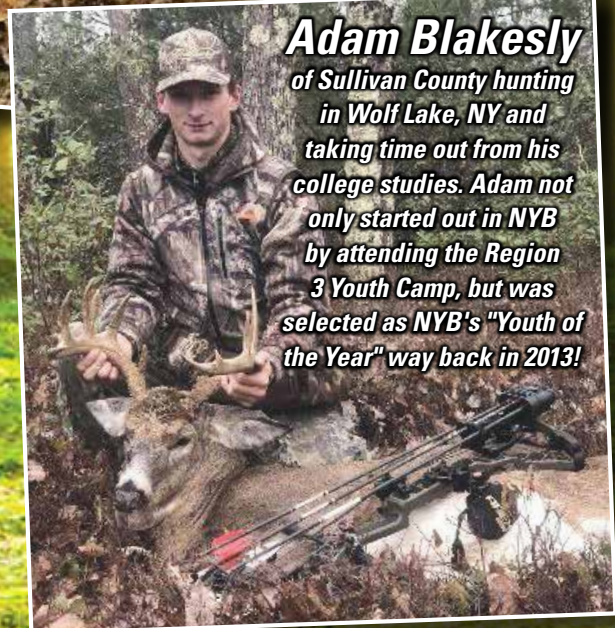
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