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From the President's Desk

President's Report by Andrew Cotraccia

I hope everyone is having a healthy and productive summer. I can't believe it, but the early archery season will be here soon. I don't know about everyone else but I'm way behind on my summer deer hunting chores and will be trying to cram as much work in over these next couple of weeks as possible. This has been a slow summer for New York Bowhunters. The Board of Directors choose to forego another summer of Youth Camps due to the lingering impacts of the Covid virus. We are hopeful that normal operations will resume next year so we can get back to doing what we do best, which is teaching and promoting the sport of bowhunting.

In the beginning of August, I sent out an email alert to the membership regarding a proposal by the DEC as part of their "Management Plan for White-tailed Deer in New York State, 2021-2030," to establish a 9-day firearms season for antlerless deer beginning the 2nd Saturday in September in select wildlife management units. NYB has always maintained that any implement of a superior nature should follow archery season. Archery season was originally placed before the regular season and given its length because it was an accepted fact that bowhunters needed additional days of hunting undisturbed deer to have the best chance of having an opportunity at a close-range encounter. Many members have contacted NYB to express their disapproval for an early firearms season, or the use of any superior implement prior to archery season. The DEC was accepting written comments through August 8th and NYB tries its best to express the opinions of our members as an organization, but we all have a responsibility as individuals to take action as we deem appropriate. Will the DEC take our comments into consideration?

It's clear to me that the DEC doesn't fully understand the impacts of deer behavior when they are getting shot at by guns, noting that, "timing the season in mid-September allows deer to return to normal behavior patterns prior to the start of the bowhunting season in October." It's also important to note that NYS has more gun hunting opportunities for deer than most north eastern states:



New York 22-day firearms season 9-day muzzleloader season *7-day muzzleloader season (holiday hunt) TL 38 days, ends January 1	Vermont 16-day firearms season 9-day muzzleloader season TL 25 days, ends December 12
Wisconsin 9-day gun season 10-day muzzleloader season TL 19 days, ends December 9	Pennsylvania 15-day firearms season TL 15 days, ends December 12 *excludes primitive flint lock season
Michigan 15-day firearms season 10-day muzzleloader season TL 25 days, ends December 13	Ohio 7-day shotgun season 6-day muzzleloader season TL 13 days, ends January 5

Data reflects hunting dates for antlered deer with firearms and modern muzzleloaders. Number of days and dates could vary slightly year to year

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The longer the firearms season is, the more stressed the deer become, and the more impactful it is on other groups of hunters. To think that having a two-week, no hunting buffer will allow deer to return to their normal patters before bowhunting them again is a bit naïve. Our Legislative Chair, David Kosowski, will provide further information on this and several other points related to the DEC's deer management plan on the following pages.

Although New York Bowhunters may not always agree with the decisions made by the DEC or the directions they want to go, we always welcome the opportunity to share our thoughts and opinions with anyone willing to listen. We are not going to agree on 100% of everything, but it doesn't mean that we shouldn't try to work together to find common ground and compromise.

Thank you and good luck in the woods this fall!

*Sincerely,
Andrew Cotraccia*

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The Phil "Winegard" Bow

In the last issue of *Full Draw* we printed a request for help from our members. It was explained that NYB annually auctions off a longbow which belonged to one of NYB's earliest and most active members, Phil Winegard. Phil's untimely death at the age of 44 in 1996 inspired his friends to honor him by sharing a one year "ownership" of one of his favorite bows. In an effort to record the history of the "Winegard" bow over the past 25 years, I was hoping to have those of you who were recipients to contact me, whether or not you were successful. Thank you to those who have helped so far by sending me articles you wrote, or filled in some of the names. So far this is what has been recorded. Between 1997 and 2003, the following members had "ownership:"

Art Sperl, Tony Chirles (Black Bear), Kirk Tucker, Denis Ryder (Bobcat), Bob Granato (Whitetail), Joe Dimino (Carp & Pheasants). From 2017 through 2022; Paul Willey, Bob Ledrich, Andrew Kirschner, Regina Weisenberg.

As you can see, between the years 2004 and 2016 we have twelve people missing. If you are one of those twelve, or might know someone who had the bow during that period, please let me know. Each future "owner/borrower" of the bow will receive a packet containing articles written by Phil's friends along with the list of all those previous "owners" to which they will add their name.

*Thanks for your help,
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Did you know because NYB supports donating venison we become eligible for more grant monies?

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There are many ways a hunter can help feed those less fortunate. You can donate your deer or part of it at a cooperating processor, support your regional food bank monetarily, or make a cash donation to the Venison Donation Coalition when you purchase your hunting license to help offset the cost of processing donated venison.

After you make a donation, please call the NYB Office at 585-229-7468 or e-mail nyboffice@newyorkbowhunters.com and provide your name, how many deer you donated and the name of the deer processor who accepted your harvest.

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The donated deer will be processed and the venison will be distributed to food pantries and food banks to help feed hungry New Yorkers.

5. Contact the NYB Office at 585-229-7468 or e-mail NYBOffice@newyorkbowhunters.com

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Please make your check payable to "Feeding New York State" and add "Venison donation" in the memo field so we can apply your gift to the venison program.

Contact NYB so we can have record of NYB member's contribution to this program.

DYE-VINE INTERVENTION IN A TURKEY BLIND

By Joel Riotto



The Gobbler's sudden attack was violent, fierce and relentless, and took me completely by surprise. Just moments before, I was sitting quietly in my ground blind, gazing at a whitetail doe peacefully feeding behind my Avian Jake and breeding hen decoys. The doe approached, checked out the decoys, and once satisfied, continued feeding across the field of clover where I was set up. It was the second day of New York's spring turkey season and I was tucked into the blind I had erected days before. I told Noreen, my wife, that this hunt would be the first time since 1985 that I did not have a Dale Dye recurve in my hand. I was recovering from shoulder surgery and needed to shoot a light weight "therapy" bow. Saddened by the fact that my dear friend and bowyer had passed away only a few days before, I told my family that, if I was successful, the bird would be dedicated to Dale.

I first met Dale Dye in 1985 when I contacted him for more information about his custom bows. By the end of that thirty minute conversation we both were laughing at each other's bad jokes. And so began a 35 year relationship that grew from bowyer/client to that of two good friends. I was proud to own and shoot, his bows. They never failed me. Dale was a master craftsman and artist whose attention to detail was second to none. He began a career in law enforcement in 1960 and due

to hard work and God-given talent, he became the youngest sheriff in Montana's state history. He began his bow-building career in 1980 and soon thereafter, his bows could be found in 49 states.

These thoughts were going through my mind when I was startled by the wild turkey attack. I watched the gobbler begin beating and pecking the jake decoy. As he circled between the hen and the jake decoy I carefully picked up my bow and just as he stopped for a moment to fan and strut, I focused directly at his beard, drew, anchored and released in one silent motion. The shot was good, although a little high. About one third of the fletching protruded in front of the gobbler's chest. UNBELIEVABLY, the gobbler continued to walk around the jake decoy striking and pecking as he circled.

"What just happened?" I thought. A calm voice whispered into my ears, "no one is going to believe this!" My free hand took my cell phone out of my shirt pocket, turned on the camera, and hit video. I followed the gobbler as he walked around the decoy, with my arrow sticking out of his body, relentlessly continuing his attack. I put down the phone and silently drew another arrow from my quiver, loaded it and began to focus for another shot. As the gobbler circled between the jake and hen

decoy he was broadside to me in the blind. The recurve bow propelled the Woodsman tipped shaft across the fourteen yards that separated us. When the second arrow struck the gobbler, fortunately, and unknown to me, the trail camera next to the blind triggered, providing me with a photo of the bird circling the decoy again, with both arrows sticking out of him. I don't know what caused the trail camera to trigger at that precise second. He then turned and WALKED away from the decoy, trotted a few feet, and finally expired on the opposite edge of the field. I sat back, having slid off the chair to make the shot, my mind racing and rewinding what had just transpired. I checked my cell phone and the 26 second video confirmed what I had witnessed. I was still amazed at the events and started wondering, whose voice had I heard? I exited the blind and walked the short distance across the field and found the gobbler about 5 feet inside the woods. I admired the iridescent glow of the feathers, checked its spurs, carefully tossed it over my shoulder and walked back to the blind to field dress the bird. It was only then that I gave any thought to the trail camera right next to the blind. I removed the card and inserted it into my Cudde reader. The



card captured several priceless photos. I put a clean card into the camera and gathered up my stuff for the walk back to our lodge.

Once back at the lodge I telephoned my wife to share the story and the video clip. I began thinking about the morning's events and the questions in my mind came at me fast and furious. What are the chances of a gobbler continuing to attack a decoy while mortally wounded? Whose voice did I hear? What are the odds that the trail camera would trigger, at that precise moment, with the gobbler turning and exposing both shafts protruding from his body?

Something else bothered me as well. The more I thought about the one event that I could control, namely putting down the bow and picking up my cell phone, even for a brief video, the more disturbed I became at my own actions. One of my basic rules has always been, if the animal is still moving, put another arrow in it. Why, this time, did I deviate from my own rule? Granted, the outcome could be seen by some as a series of events leading to a well-documented, however unbelievable, ending. I may never get the answers to these questions. One thing is certain, I am sure that many experienced bowhunters have encountered situations in the field where they question their own actions. This was one of mine.



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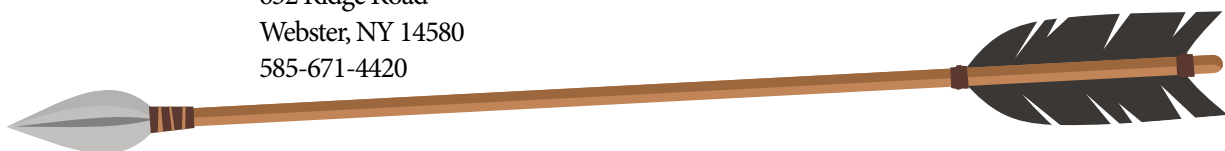
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REGION REPORTS

REGION 1 REPORT

Hello members! By now, most of us have empty freezers and are ready to get back out into our stands. I know a lot of us have been letting arrows fly, preparing their gear, laying food plots, scouting, etc. in preparation for the upcoming season. The anticipation feels like it will never come to an end!

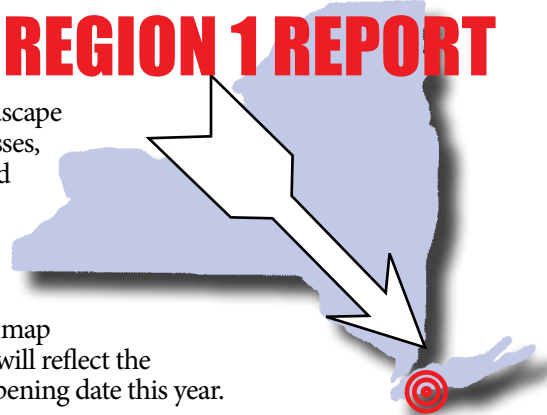
Reading an article earlier this month, I have learned that whitetail deer are also being affected by this virus. According to the USDA, who analyzed blood samples from approximately 600 deer, the animals appear to be contracting COVID but show no signs of sickness. They are most likely asymptomatic. The good news is that the chances of animal spreading the virus is considered extremely low.

On Long Island, we have some minor changes to the upcoming season. First, we have new sites open for archery in Southampton, Brookhaven and Southold (all with limited parking and amount of hunters). Southold has been experiencing severe problems as a result of the deer population.

Increases in landscape damage, crop losses, Lyme disease and car collisions are still consistently reported. In addition, Shelter Island has made map revisions which will reflect the November 1st opening date this year.

Wishing you all a healthy, safe and successful season!

Mike Farrugia
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REGION 2 REPORT

Hello everyone. As is always with the Fall issue of *Full Draw*, I have to emphasize the importance of practice. Your most important shot is your first of the day, which is most likely the case on an early morning bowhunt. Diligent, recurring practice is the basis of being successful in the field. In order to kill an animal quickly and humanely with archery tackle, you must be able to judge the distance, draw your bow, release the arrow and hit your quarry in the heart/lung area. This comes from practicing often and at varying distances. I may sound like a broken record, but the main objective here is to kill an animal in order to provide sustenance.

The deadline for the public commentary period regarding the DEC's Deer Management Proposal was August 8, 2021. This proposal included a mid-September antlerless deer firearms hunt in several WMUs, mandatory Flo-Orange or Flo-Pink, extending legal hunting hours to 1/2 hour before sunrise and a 1/2 hour after sunset, and several other alterations to the hunting regulations. Will hunters be able to determine a buck fawn from a doe during this antlerless hunt? Will hunters be able to resist the temptation of poaching a big buck that they may never see during the archery season or regular season? Will the herd alter their patterns at best or go nocturnal at worst once the firearms start going off in mid-September?

To me, this is designed to decimate the archery season, because we do not want a superior implement (the crossbow) given full expansion into the archery season and archery only areas.

The DEC is also giving the green light to their Holiday Hunt, which extends the season by another week. If you add up the total number of days that the herd will be pressured, it is well over 100 days. My question is this: what will be left of the herd going into winter after being pursued for over 3 months?

Just when you thought you could escape the COVID-19 madness by going into the woods, COVID-19 antibodies have appeared in 33% of 481 deer sampled in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Michigan. The samples were taken during a 15- month period between January 2020 and March 2021.

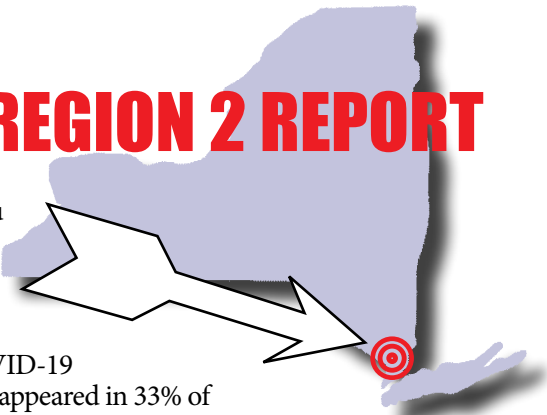
The questions are; How did this happen? Did it jump species? Is it communicable within the herd? Is the meat tainted? To date, there are NO answers to ANY of those, and a plethora of other questions.

Also within the whitetail deer herd in NYS is a recurrence of EHD (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease). Several deer in Ulster County tested positive for it already. Once a deer is infected with EHD, it acts quickly, and the animal is usually dead within 2-3 days. If you observe any sickly deer, please contact the DEC ASAP. Warnings have been issued for Ulster, Dutchess, and Westchester Counties.

Remember to spray your hunting clothes with Permethrin to repel and kill those most vile creatures known to man... TICKS. Please be proactive to deter getting bit by one and possibly contracting any one of about 15 horrible diseases. It is not just Lyme that you need to worry about.

May God Bless America and all who defend us both home and Abroad.

All the best, Al
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REGION 3 REPORT

I spent the summer making the rounds of local 3D shoots with fellow NYB members Bob & Mike Ledrich, Scott Chenevert and Brian Chapman. A few Region 3 NYB Boosters were part of a rotating, Sunday 3D shoot schedule: TiYogi Bowmen and Northern Dutchess Rod and Gun Club, both in Dutchess, as well as High Woods Sportsmen Club over in Ulster. All have great 3D courses and are run by dedicated outdoor sports men and women. For those in the lower R3 area, check out Cos Cob archers, just over the line in CT. If you are a booster organization and have events coming up, or simply want a mention in these reports, let your Region and County Rep know so the event could be mentioned in their reports (take into account the *Full Draw* deadlines and approx. 6 weeks from submission to publish). Also if you would like your membership to know more about NYB, give me a call and perhaps I could attend one of your meetings for a short presentation to give a background on what NYB has done, will be doing going forward and to answer questions. If you are a member of a club that is not an NYB Booster, let them know they can support NYB, and be listed as such in *Full Draw* for just thirty dollars.

Speaking of NYB Boosters, with the rapid approach of hunting season, some of you may be looking for a Taxidermist in the not-too-distant future! There are two Taxidermy businesses in Region 3 that have been supporting NYB for a long time. Kurt, of Fox studios in Putnam, and Brian, of Wildlife Creations in Dutchess are both NYB members and have always supported NYB. They are both very talented, experienced professionals and really nice guys!! They have both done work for many of our members (as well as members in my family). Be sure to mention you are a fellow NYB member and saw their booster ad.

If it has not yet passed, please consider giving us a hand for a couple of hours at National Hunting and Fishing Day on Sept. 25 at Congers Park in Rockland County. A couple of hundred kids will have their first archery experience that day. Contact me or Anthony Pic for more information.

As hunting season is about to get under way, I'm not sure what to expect this season. All I can say is please be safe and be an example to other bowhunters with how you present yourself. I've always told new hunters who took my Bow Safety class, during the "Ethics and Responsibilities" portion of curriculum, *"...Although bowhunting is considered an individual sport, you're on my team now! Although, unfortunately, sometimes even good shots go bad, if you take a shot that you knew was beyond acceptable range, or outside your comfort zone for other reasons, when that deer runs across the NYS Thruway or "684" or "17" with an arrow sticking up out of its rump and perhaps gets filmed, and makes it onto antihunter's social media (or the 6PM Local News), it is a very bad mark on all of us!"*

Attention members in Rockland County.

Anthony Picariello will be giving up his position as County Rep in the coming year due to his impending move to Texas. Rockland has one of the largest NYB memberships not only in Region 3 but in the entire NYB organization. The Rockland bowhunters have had a voice in not only NYB but shaping the many benefits all the bowhunters in NY realize. Please consider joining the NYB Team. We can't have Rockland's voice not represented. Call Anthony or myself to discuss. I promise, it doesn't hurt!!!!

At this time my only concrete plans are a few trips up north to Region 8 (thanks again for the invite Paul!) as well as the Catskills. Please keep me abreast of local successes, observations, etc. I do not hunt as much locally as I used to and am always hoping to hear from local members for material.

There may be no better time for reflection than the time we spend on stand (when not looking at phones) during hunting season(s). As we enter this September, we've reached the twentieth year since America was attacked on 9/11. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers not only my 343 fellow firefighters in the FDNY who lost their lives that day, as well as those heroes in the NYPD and PAPD, but also the hundreds of deaths and thousands of cases of related illnesses that have occurred and continue to occur since the day that three thousand innocent people lost their lives.

May they all continue to Rest in Peace. They should never be forgotten...

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SULLIVAN COUNTY REPORT

As I sit and type this report we are into the last third of the 3D shoots for the season. I hope you have been able to participate in a few of these shoots thru the summer and sharpened up your shooting skills. The shoots are great times to sling some arrows with archery friends or new shooters you get to meet along the way. I shot the Monroe/Chester shoot today and it was great to see some youngsters on the course.

With that in mind it was a shame that Sullivan County Archers had to cancel their annual Youth Camp usually held in July. The two years we have had to cancel camp means about three dozen kids missed out on an awesome camp experience

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and the hands-on training we give them. We hope to be back on board next year with the usual 3 day camp.

I have managed to do a few archery clinics in the area in hopes of stirring up interest in our great sport. These clinics are thought to be just for kids but I've been pleasantly surprised to find quite a few adults attend and become interested in archery. The more the merrier!!

It seems the record hunter harvest of bears in area 3K last season hasn't dented the population too much in my home area. Quite a few bear sightings around here lately, probably due to the amount of blueberries that have ripened. A sow towing three cubs across the road was surprising as I can't say our mast crop was very good last year. A good rainy summer has produced heavy vegetation so far, and I have already seen one or two acorns on the ground, giving hope for a good nut year. Apples are so-so from what I have observed.

With the ammo shortage I sure am glad we get to reshoot most of our arrows!!

From the information I can glean from Google on border crossings into Canada for hunting, it seems like there are still restrictions which may differ from providence to providence. Only 5 airports are open for international travel as of now so I imagine most hunting trips outside of NY will be to our own western states. Good luck if you have a hunt booked.

Good shooting, sharp broadheads and remember that safety belt in the tree stand.

Harry Walker, Region 3 and Sullivan County Rep.

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PUTNAM COUNTY REPORT

Greeting from Putnam County,

Bow season is literally around the corner and as usual I am pretty excited about it as I am sure everyone else reading this is as well. The problem locally is that there are just no deer. My preseason scouting and numerous trail cameras have confirmed the same thing. Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) annihilated the local deer herd last year. The virus that is transmitted by midges took the lives of hundreds of deer locally. This virus did not discriminate, as it affected all age classes as well as bucks and does. The DEC was aware of this disease very early in the fall season last year and even posted about it on their website and yet never adjusted their DMP quota. This year the DEC is continuing to distribute DMPs with a high likelihood of getting them although Putnam County had the biggest drop of deer harvested countywide, year over year. Here I am scratching my head and wondering, who is making these decisions? How is this herd ever going to rebound? Does the DEC want a diminished herd? I guess only time will tell. Please e-mail me your opinions on this (as I have heard a few)

as well as observations and I will be sure to include them in the next edition.

I wish everyone a successful and, more importantly, a safe bow season. Don't forget, most falls occur while getting into and out of the stand! Harnesses do work if used!

Be safe and shoot straight,

Richard Chizzik-Putnam County rep

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DUTCHESS COUNTY REPORT

Greetings All,

Our favorite season will be upon us shortly! Time to get those arrows made and start poking holes in our targets! The temperature was 39 degrees at our camp in Brant Lake yesterday morning (July 31!) and with the trees having been stripped of their leaves by Gypsy moths, it sure felt like fall. I have been doing some 3D shoots over the past few months along with a weekly league at TiYogi bowmen. I've also had the pleasure of being joined by one of TiYogi's most recent members, and longtime NYB fixture, Mr. Rich Kirschner.

At the end of July, my son Michael and I attended the Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous (ETAR) at the Sawmill Ski Resort in Morris, PA. If you are a traditional archer, this event is a must attend!! I have been listening to people rave about this event for twenty years and just never had the chance to go. I finally went this year and it was AWESOME! I've included a couple of pictures as well. There were 4 main 3D courses to shoot. We liked the Mountain Top course the best with plenty of uphill and downhill shots. They were all long, challenging and loads of fun! My advice: bring plenty of arrows. While going through the vendors' tents, I ran into a few fellow NYB members, Tom Weaver, Dale Walburger and Bob Brown. Of course, my son had to have a dozen of Tom's arrows. Believe me, if there was anything you needed for traditional archery, it could be found here. I plan on making this adventure an annual event!

I also plan on attending this year's Mountain Challenge XXVII at Tupper Lake Archers this August 28th and 29th. The Mountain Challenge will have 2 courses with 30 targets each! My son Bob will be attending, along with Rich Kirschner who highly recommended this event to us.

As always, please think of our sponsors when purchasing any new archery equipment. I know they would appreciate our business!

All the best and stay safe out there!

Keep 'em Sharp

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ROCKLAND COUNTY REPORT

Hello Gang. Summer has been coming along nicely and the deer I have seen appear to be doing well. I do not have much to report about Rockland. I can tell you more and more open space is being developed and critters are losing their habitat fast. I know you cannot stop progress, and being in construction for 35 years, I thrived on building and development. It's just sad to see more and more woods turn to pavement with such a large population of critters so close to NYC.

By the time you get this The United Sportsmen of Rockland County may have already sponsored National Hunting and Fishing day, Sept 25th, 9-3 at Congers Lake Park. Last year was cancelled but now with Covid restrictions reducing, we're hopeful the event is successful. Time again for NYB to work its magic teaching and helping folks fling sticks for about 6 hours. If you helped out...Thank you. You know what a busy day that is for all involved. In this day and age of fake everything, get out there, be real and pass along the witchery of archery.

I have asked before about someone wanting to take over the Rockland rep position. I am moving from NY. My writing prowess will be coming to an end soon. So unless you want to see this Rockland report go the way of the Dodo Bird, NYB and your fellow bowhunters need someone to step up. Contact NYB directly or contact me.

Hope y'all have been flinging some sticks! Don't be the person that waits till the week before the opener! And check the dates on your harnesses as they don't last forever and do expire.

Be well and be safe.

God Bless our First responders and our great Military.

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY REPORT

September is here and it is game time! I am deep into preparation for early bear season. Within a short drive from Westchester County we have some of the most Bear dense country in the region. Sullivan County harvested 215 bears last Season and Orange County brought in 105. The entire state recorded only 1,505 bears harvested and the southern zone accounted for 1,179 of those bears. These counties average 3.1 to 4.5 bears taken per 10 square miles. These areas are bear dense and the population is only growing. I grew up in Sullivan County and still have family in both Sullivan and Orange Counties and every one of them, on a yearly basis, have increasing bear encounters in residential areas. Bears are feeding, breeding and becoming more accustomed to human interaction. Bear encounters in the southern zone are the highest that I have seen in my lifetime. Public hunting opportunities are abundant, there are massive public lands and wildlife management units open for hunting within a 2 hour drive of Westchester. "E" scouting has made these areas more accessible and easier to evaluate for potential day hunts, and

even some pack in opportunities.

Get out, take a trip north(east) get in the woods, look for tracks, bear scat, overturned rocks, bear scratching, rubs, dens, and bedding areas. Bear hunting in the southern zone lasts from September 11 to December 21 with the exception of the last week of September, and in Westchester County from Oct 1st to Dec 31st. A nice long season for bowhunters to take advantage of.

We must stay vigilant and active in the management of black bears in NYS. Our neighbors to the south in New Jersey have allowed the unethical practice of allowing politics to make wildlife management decisions on black bears and are in the process of setting up that State's bear population for disastrous results. They have once again banned hunting of black bears in New Jersey for the foreseeable future. Decisions based on politics and not science have disastrous results (just turn on the news). Wildlife managers have proven time and time again herds of any species need to be controlled so they don't exceed the provisions of their habitat. If a population exceeds what the land can provide we know starvation and disease will ravage the herd.

Anyone who wants to share their hunting stories or share local items of interest, feel free to contact me, and continue to be successful in all your adventures!

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ULSTER COUNTY REPORT

The 2021 Banquet/Rendezvous was a great success. NYB finally raised a little lost revenue from the previous year's cancellation, nobody got sick from Covid, and plans are underway for the 2022 "Gathering." Details will be in future issue of *Full Draw*. Are you getting ready for hunting season? Checked all your gear? How about those tree stands? Been out scouting? By the time you get this hunting season may have started! Sooooo...good luck & stay safe. About that question I asked all of you in last issue of *Full Draw*; turkey hunting near domestic turkeys! Well, as long as you are following all the rules on distances from houses, roads, have permission to be on the property, etc. you're okay. That's straight from the DEC's mouth. Well, enjoy the hunt, stay safe. Keep those broadheads sharp

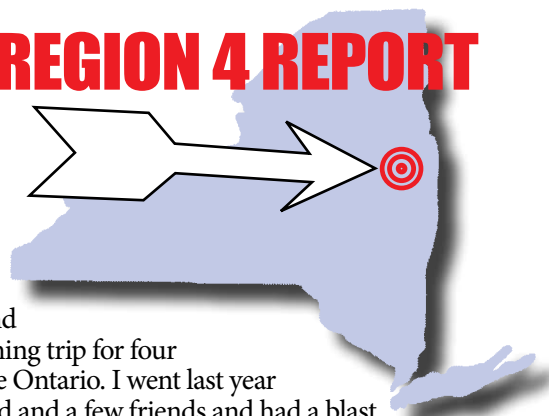
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ORANGE COUNTY REPORT

We have a lot of members in Orange County. Still looking for some help to assist with the Orange County report. Please contact me. Have a safe season.

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REGION 4 REPORT



notice the raffle tickets enclosed. This year NYB is trying something new: a two day Salmon and Lake Trout fishing trip for four people on Lake Ontario. I went last year with my son Ed and a few friends and had a blast. We rebooked this July and hauled in a few 20 pound Salmon. I think I'm hooked on Lake Ontario fishing. Well, I hope everyone has a safe season and send your pictures into our new *Full Draw* Editor Cindy Phillips. I'm always missing the deadline for *Full Draw* and she is so punctual. I'll have to work on that before Cindy drives down and throws a brick through my window.

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Hi Fellow Depressed Bowhunters.

Has everyone in the government gone completely nuts? I think I'm more likely of having a heart attack watching the world news then climbing Everest. The NY News is just as bad. And now our N.Y. DEC comes up with a bright idea of having over 500 thousand hunters (thousands without hands-on gun training) enter the warm Sept. woods in an attempt to lower the doe population. At the same time many people are out hiking, bike riding, fishing etc. Oh yeah, hunters must wear hunter orange. The DEC doesn't want hunters shooting hunters. Don't get me wrong, I always thought hunter orange should be worn by hunters, but it should be your choice. What about everyone else who is out enjoying the woods covered with heavy foliage in September without an orange vest or hat. Do hunters really need a longer hunting season? Are you ready to shoot a doe in this early season while she's still nursing fawns? There are ways of decreasing the deer population in dense areas, but the biologists in Albany have a college degree and believe they know what's best for us. You can contact Albany with your comments and share your concerns, but in the long run they're going to do what they want anyway.

By the time you receive your *Full Draw* this quarter you should be getting ready for the season, but take a minute and

REGION 5 REPORT



Mid-July we held our Camo to-Camo benefit shoot. The weather was less than cooperative to say the least. We had a lot of rain but that didn't discourage most of our shooters. We were down only 11 shooters from last year and will be sending our donation to Ed Gorch soon.

Recently I came across an article I posted on our Facebook page entitled **Why did your local archery club die?** It is spot on (look in the mirror). Unfortunately we are seeing them closing around here also for this very same reason. Here is the link:

(<https://www.essentialoutdoorsman.com/post/why-did-your-local-archery-club-die>)

*Region 5
Dave McMahon*



Two of our youngest shooters, Lincoln and Phoenix Counter, left with big smiles and their trophies are looking forward to coming back for our Mt Challenge the last full weekend in August.

Dasown Walton volunteered to man the grill and fryer, cooking up some burgers and fries for those who were hungry.



REGION 6 REPORT

We've certainly gotten plenty of rain the past couple of months. The woods and brushlands have become well overgrown with 6' & 8' high weeds. By the time hunting season starts, it will most likely be worse. It may be time to seriously consider wearing orange, especially on public land. You can't be too careful. Do your best to be SAFE.

There is not much happening in Region 6. There are a few group events scheduled this summer, but no shows that I am aware of. Some local archery shops, such as Bear Pac Archery up in Watertown, still run their 3D shoots all summer, 7 days a week for members and their guests (open in April through the summer). They also have a "hunting situation" 3D shoot every year. When you tire of your solo practice, have a go at the 3D shoots. You know it is best to keep your shooting muscles tuned up for using your bow. The trouble is to take the time to do it. Good time to start is now.

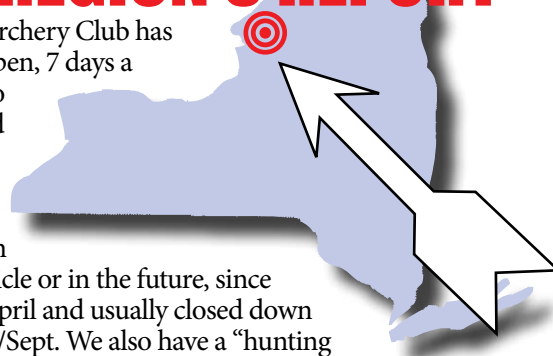
The New York Bowhunters Facebook Page still posts up to the minute updates on what is happening around the state. Facebook also streams on our NYB home web page. Go to: www.newyorkbowhunters.com.

Have you signed up a new Spikes member this year? Youth hunters are our future! Take a child in your extended family with you this fall and spark their interest in hunting.

Bear Pac Archery Club has a 3D range open, 7 days a week, open to members and their guest. It would be great to put this out in your next article or in the future, since we open in April and usually closed down between Aug/Sept. We also have a "hunting situation" 3D shoot every year. Knowledge is power.

There are currently no Region 6 boosters registered in our area. Sign up your favorite Archery supply shop now. Or contact me to recommend someone I can talk to. It may help the Archery supply shop more than NYB, but we need them to subscribe.

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Greetings from Region 7! I hope everyone's "off season" has been productive. This report contains some things I've noticed in the region that could impact deer movement and how folks can have a successful early season.

First is there has not been a shortage of water, so hunting over watering holes may not be the best course of action. The water has also driven the mosquitoes into overdrive, so avoiding overly wet areas until the first good freeze may be a good idea.

Second, with the early warm weather, the flowering trees and shrubs are doing very well. High ground with acorns and hickory nuts may be a great place to start scouting in the early fall. Apples and other fruits are very abundant as well, assuming the gypsy moths haven't completely defoliated your favorite soft mass stands.

REGION 7 REPORT

Third, the weather has been fantastic to get out and practice! I've been off social media, so I don't know what the status of many shops or clubs is as far as open shooting goes, but start looking into places you can shoot to help hone skills and muscle memory for this season opener!

Good luck and shoot straight!

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I hope this report finds everyone well; we certainly have been through some very trying times over the last year plus. I think most people's lives have changed in some way and we have found out more about ourselves. I know my love of being in the outdoors has strengthened (if that's possible). I lost track of the mornings I spent in the spring turkeys woods this year but was recharged after each one. The reports I have received have been less gobbling after fly down and fewer birds overall. I did manage to take one nice adult tom.

The gypsy moths are at the highest level I ever remember in our regions, eating everything from oaks, apple to poplar and even white spruce! The DEC has stated the healthy trees should grow a second canopy, however I don't know about mast crop and the wildlife will certainly miss the apples and acorns.

If you haven't started preparing for archery season you're behind the eight ball! Make sure all of your equipment is in top shape, most importantly your tree stands and safety harnesses. Although scouting is a year-round activity, now is the time for final preparations including getting cameras out, and then to stay out of the areas to keep your scent to a minimum. We may see some changes this fall that will change deer patterns, most notably the September antlerless any-weapon season. Although the only legal deer will be antlerless, once the guns start going off over the food sources, all the deer, including the bucks, are going to alter the times they are hitting these food sources. Since the archery season changed to the October 1st opener many people have enjoyed great hunting the first week or so until the deer figure out they are being hunted. You may see some changes this year.

Most importantly SHOOT your bow. There are many local 3D shoots before the season and it's a great way to sharpen your skills and meet many like-minded people. Practicing

REGION 8 REPORT

at the same target is great and builds muscle memory along with discipline but shooting at an assortment of animal targets at different ranges many times up or downhill in the woods can't be beat. You will find me at local shoots in Brockport at Flying Arrow Archery and Hawkeye Bowmen in Marilla and even traveling to Pennsylvania for the Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous. Please let me know of any 3D shoots in Western New York, as I enjoy new challenges and courses. Also if you see and recognize me introduce yourself. I have made many friends and met members at shoots around the area.

If you can only make one event the Western New York Bowhunting Festival at Swain Ski Resort is it! The event for 2021 is scheduled for August 27, 28 and 29th. There are four 3D courses through some of the prettiest woods in NY, three of which you ride the ski lift to the top of the mountain and shoot your way down! There are seminars, kids courses, novelty shoots, food and even on-site camping! This event is fun for the entire family and a great kickoff to the archery season. You will see many different bows including compounds and traditional.

I wish everyone good luck this fall and send in your pictures to *Full Draw*. We love to see our members!

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REGION 9 REPORT

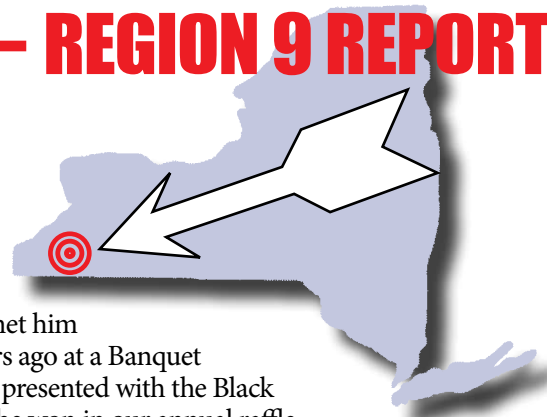
Hello Region 9 members. If you read *Full Draw* you're all aware it's been many years since there has been a report from Region 9. Although we have members there, none have expressed an interest in being the voice of bowhunting for their fellow bowhunters. Hoping one of you might let the office or any Board of Director know you would be interested.

That being said, the reason for this submission is to honor an NYB member, from Region 9 who, at 91, is still to this day, in his own words, "...a died in the wool Traditional Archer..." !! He wrote a really nice note along with his membership renewal and we felt it warranted including some of the note's message. The member is Clarence Underwood. He began his Archery career in 1961. In the late 1970s as compound bows began showing up, Clarence tried shooting a Jennings "T" Model (\$90 at that time), but didn't care for it and went back to his faithful, "...stick and string..." Clarence could be found annually shooting at Denton Hill in PA although his last trip was two years ago (at 89 years young!). Since his hunting partner passed away recently, Clarence has not hunted, but remains a faithful lover of archery and bowhunting. He ended

his note with the following message, "Crossbows in archery hunting? NEVER!"

Many of us met him about 10 years ago at a Banquet when he was presented with the Black Widow bow he won in our annual raffle.

Great hearing from you again, Clarence. You have our respect and admiration, and all of us in NYB wish you the best of health. Perhaps your note will inspire someone to volunteer to fill in as a Region 9 Representative where they could have the honor of representing such dedicated members like yourself. Thanks again for your heartwarming letter.



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Legislative Report - Summer 2021

By David Kosowski

On November 7, 2020 the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) released a draft of their “Management Plan for White-tailed Deer in New York State, 2021-2030”, accepting public comments for only a 30 day period through December 28, 2020. A review of the DEC “Assessment of Public Comments on the Draft” states that 2,000 comments were received with the vast majority of comments from the archery community. Concerned landowners, small game hunters and recreation persons were not even mentioned. In other words, we were all pretty much ignored! Apparently requesting public input on their plan is nothing more than a required formality as the DEC obviously plans on moving forward with their proposals regardless of any constructive or negative input received. The “Final” version of their plan was released in June, 2021 and if approved, the DEC is planning on implementing the following:

1. Establish a 9-day FIREARMS season for antlerless deer beginning the 2nd Saturday in September in the wildlife management units (WMUs) of 3M, 3R, 8A, 8F, 8G, 8J, 8N, 9A and 9F and with bows in the archery-only WMUs of 1C, 3S, 4J and 8C using antlerless deer management permits and deer management assistance program tags with the potential to expand into additional WMUs in the future,
2. Extend the legal hunting hours for deer and bear under poor ambient light conditions to begin 30 minutes before sunrise and end 30 minutes after sunset hoping that a firearms hunter recognizes that they are seeing a target animal and not a person,
3. Reinstate either sex deer harvest opportunities during the early muzzleloader season in WMUs 6A, 6F and 6J,
4. Expand the regular season firearms season for bear in the Adirondacks to include the current 7-day late bow/muzzleloader season,
5. Require all hunters pursuing deer or bear with a firearm to wear a solid patterned fluorescent orange or pink hat, vest or jacket.

The DEC is speaking out of both sides of their mouth regarding promoting hunter safety. On the positive side they are requiring big game firearms hunters to wear fluorescent colors and on the negative side allowing big game hunting during poor light conditions. Their main justification for this action - “many other states allow it”. Yet when the suggestion for increasing antlerless harvest could be facilitated via hunters utilizing baited sites it was not even mentioned in their evaluation of received comments. The fact of the matter is that over 50% of the states allow for baiting of some sort during hunting seasons, including

the border states of New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. Based on the DEC’s justification for changing sunrise and sunset hours, baiting should be allowed. In a letter I received from the Bureau of Wildlife the big game unit leader states that “research indicates insignificant benefits with the use of bait.” Contrary to this statement, research papers in the Journal of Wildlife Management by Kilpatrick and Winterstein support the fact that the use of bait significantly increased the harvest of antlerless deer. If baited sites are so ineffective, why is the DEC promoting the expanded use of night time baited sites in urban areas to harvest additional numbers of deer? This unit leader also states that such an action requires legislative action, implying this would hinder the DEC’s ability to enact. Yet, the DEC has no problem pushing for legislative action that would allow for the use of crossbows during the entire archery-only seasons. Nor did the DEC have a problem promoting and helping push through legislation that allowed lowering the big game firearms hunting age. What about the DEC’s proposal in their original draft of the deer management plan to allow for bowhunting in Nassau County, which requires legislative action? Is that now a dead issue?

Another suggestion not addressed by the DEC in their comment report, that could be utilized in place of an antlerless September firearms season, was the idea of having antlerless-only days during the more productive firearms season. In the DEC’s regulatory impact document regarding placing a firearms season in September they quote “deer management permits in the selected WMUs exceeds hunter applications and hunters need new opportunities to use existing tags.” Hunters have a ton of opportunity to fill their antlerless tags with close to 3 months to hunt from October 1st thru the recently implemented “Holiday Hunt” that ends on January 1st. If hunters are not able or willing to fill their antlerless deer tags over a 3 month period, what makes the DEC believe that hunters will significantly reduce the antlerless deer herd during a 9-day firearms hunt in mid-September heat? With deer seasons running for 3 months, the DEC’s actions are seriously upsetting landowners, small game hunters and the non-hunting recreational public. As a consequence of these DEC’s regulatory actions expect to see an increasing number of landowners closing their lands to big game hunters. As a result, fewer numbers of antlerless deer will be harvested with the diminished opportunity for deer hunters to access private lands. The DEC goes on to further state, “that timing the (firearms) season in mid-September allows deer to return to normal behavior prior to the start of the bowhunting season in October.” There are as few as only 9 days between the end of the September firearms season and October 1st, which will certainly have a negative effect on the archery season. After deer have been shot at and driven with firearms they will find their safe spots while venturing out after sunset. Nine days of a September gun hunt will NOT increase the antlerless deer take as hunters are only allowed a certain number of tags and if anything, it would just displace the harvest from the later seasons to September.

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“Tick Infestation on Deer”

Report submitted by Richard Kirschner

Longtime members Brian and Lisa from Rockland County took this picture from their backyard deck in July. As you can see, this fawn has a huge amount of ticks on its head. I contacted Dr. Krysten Schuler of Cornell University's Wildlife Health Laboratory to ask a few questions about this condition. Although Dr. Schuler's current specific field of deer research is in the CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) field, she is always very helpful to NYB in all matters related to deer health.

Dr. Schuler responded as follows, confirming that deer are not affected by disease carrying ticks as humans are;

“...My best observation from this photo is that this poor fawn walked into a cluster of ticks and is having to deal with the repercussions. We do not see tick-borne diseases affecting deer so it's just the physical issues. It is unlikely that it will be able to rub the ticks off since they burrow in so deep and the ears aren't as firm as its body. Hopefully, it will have them feed and drop off. If it does happen to die and your friends find a fresh carcass, definitely let me know. We'll take a look at it...”

And a fellow Cornell researcher's thoughts and observations; “...can't tell the tick species from the photo; I think they also have Asian long-horn ticks and Lone Star in addition to dog ticks and deer ticks in Rockland County. We have seen issues on Long Island where very heavy tick infestations on the heads of fawns has occasionally led to death, but it was more likely from bacterial infection or possibly obscured vision; those cases were much worse than this one. I can't see the face on this fawn to see if there are ticks around its



eyes. Looks like the left ear infestation is heavy enough to bend the ear down...” which would be more of a physical effect rather than a biologic one which should have little effect on the deer's health...”

Final thoughts: it is disconcerting to us, especially as bowhunters, as we hate to see any animal suffer... especially our beloved whitetails, to see photos like this. However, as bad as the tick issue is for this particular fawn, the ticks themselves are not going to cause sickness, and as long as the eyes are clear, it's most likely not a death sentence. Ticks typically drop off after they are done feeding, often 10 days or less, so this little guy should be free of its affliction before it loses its spots! Thanks to Brian and Lisa for bringing this interesting observation to our attention.

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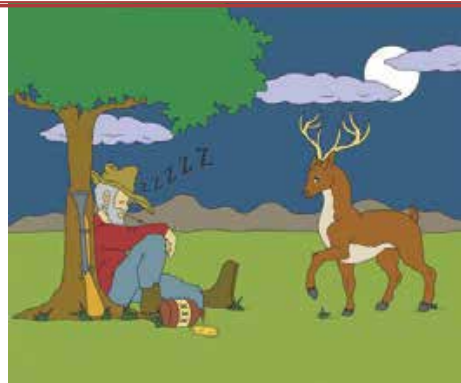


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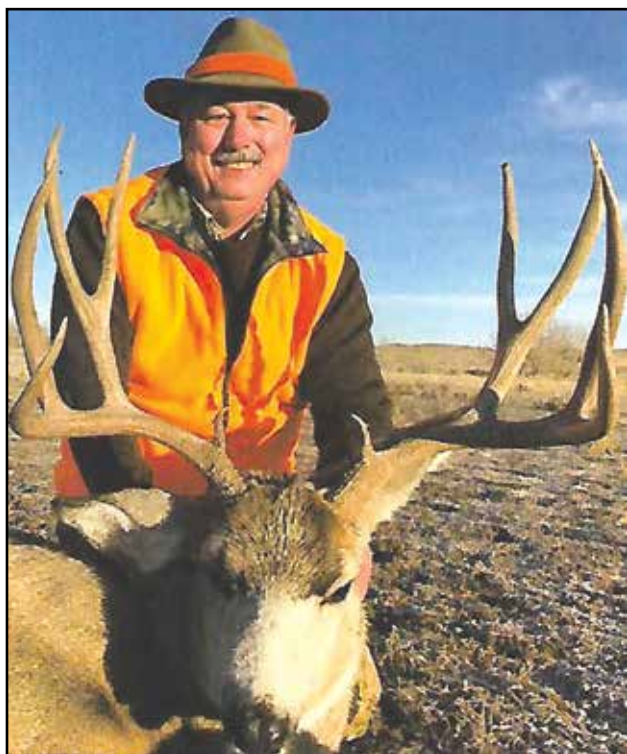
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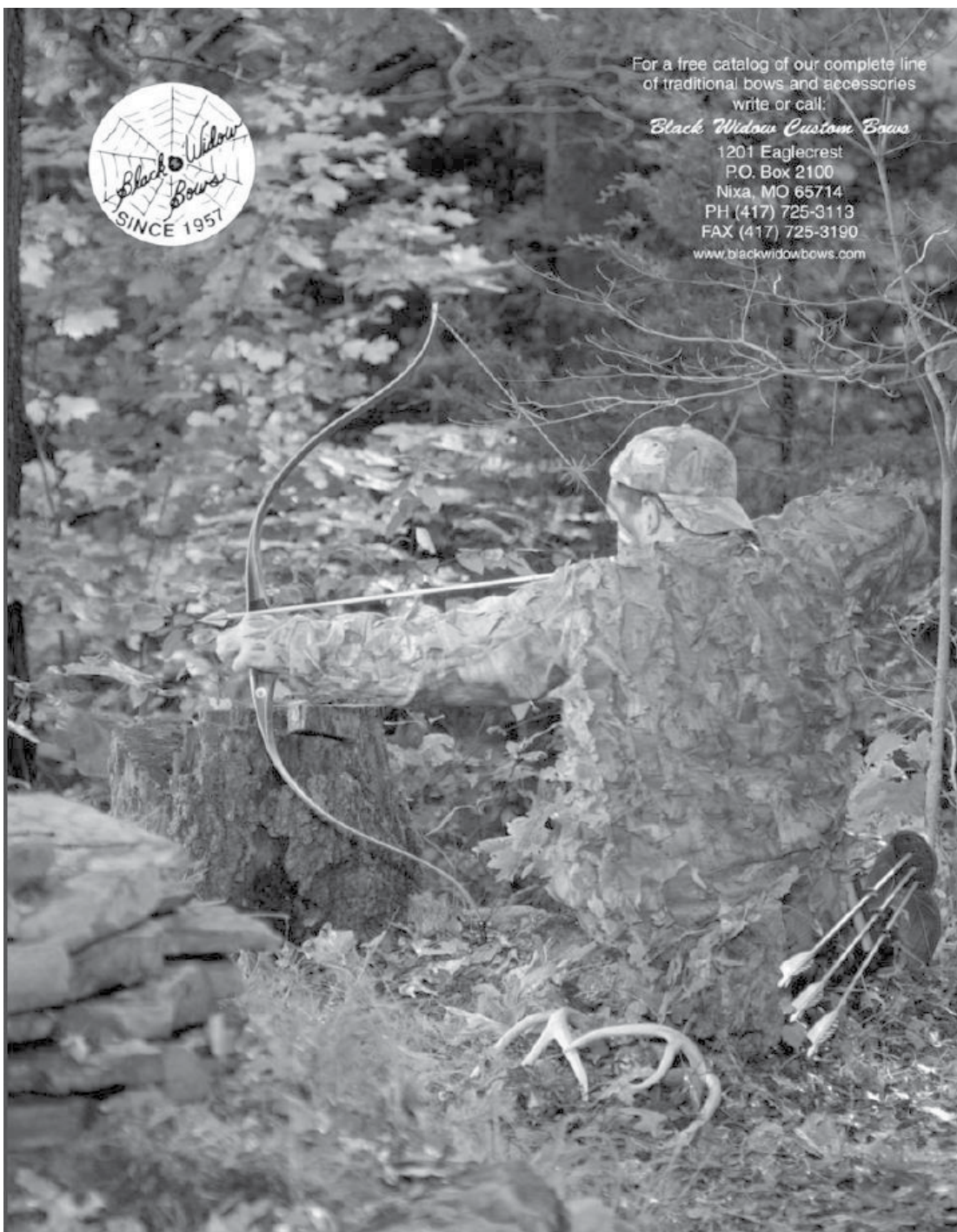
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Venison Stir Fry

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

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



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

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

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

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

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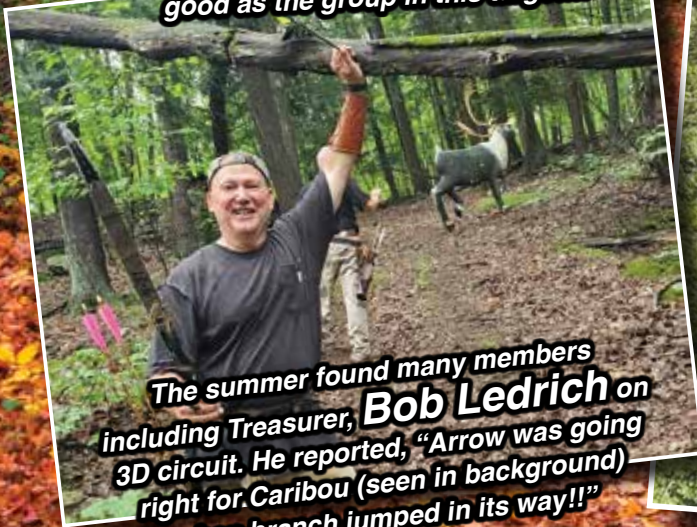
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The summer found many members including Treasurer, **Bob Ledrich** on 3D circuit. He reported, "Arrow was going right for Caribou (seen in background) when branch jumped in its way!!!"



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