



Spikes

Fall 2021
Newsletter

Photo by Chuck Musitano



ATTENTION ALL SPIKES!

WIN FREE NYB MERCHANDISE AND OTHER COOL STUFF!

This is your newsletter and as such should have photos, stories, drawings, and news from you in it! Send in your hunting memories, drawings, recipes, stories and photos for consideration for the next newsletter.

Photos should be in "Good Taste" with little or no blood showing, tongues tucked inside mouths, no tailgate shots, etc. Photos taken in a natural outdoor setting are best, otherwise try and position game so that homes, roads, etc. are not showing in the background. All submissions will be entered in our random drawing for the "Submission of the Month" prize.

Winners will be notified by mail and announced in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,

NY Bowhunters Spikes
c/o Cindy Phillips
233 County Highway 24
Richfield Springs NY 13439
Or email: NYBSpikesEditor@gmail.com

SEND IN A RECIPE YOU HAVE USED WHICH INCLUDED A WILD PLANT OR WILD GAME AS AN INGREDIENT AND WE WILL PRINT IT IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER. IT WILL BE ENTERED IN OUR RANDOM DRAWING FOR THE "SUBMISSION OF THE MONTH" PRIZE. REMEMBER: DON'T EAT A WILD PLANT UNTIL YOU HAVE RESEARCHED IT TO MAKE SURE IT IS SAFE!



Ground Venison Bake

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| 1½ lbs. ground venison | 3 cloves garlic, pressed or minced |
| 2 tbsp Italian seasoning | 1 cup fresh basil, chopped |
| 1 c cold water | 1 large handful of fresh spinach |
| 1 tsp sugar | 1/3 c. parmesan grated cheese |
| 8 oz feta cheese | 1 can black olives, sliced |
| 1½ lbs. cherry or grape tomatoes | 8 oz al dente cooked bow pasta, 1 c. of cooking water reserved |
| ¼ cup olive oil | |
| ½ tsp salt | |
| ½ tsp black pepper, freshly ground | |
| ½ tsp crushed red peppers | |



Combine Italian seasoning, sugar and water and hand mix them into the meat until spices are evenly distributed. Place in the refrigerator for one hour. Place the block of feta cheese in the center of a 9x13-inch baking dish. Evenly distribute the ground meat around the cheese to cover the bottom of the dish. Evenly place the tomatoes over the meat. Drizzle the olive oil over the mixture. Stir the meat and tomatoes lightly to cover the ingredients with the oil. Season with salt, pepper and crushed red pepper flakes. Place the baking dish in the oven and bake for 35 to 40 minutes.

Remove the baking dish from the oven and add the garlic and basil. Stir the mixture together, creating a creamy feta sauce with the melted cheese. Add in the cooked pasta and spinach and stir until the spinach begins to wilt. Add the reserved starchy pasta water ¼ cup at a time until the sauce is creamy and smooth. Garnish with Parmesan cheese and olives and serve warm.

Tips for Getting Permission to Hunt Private Land

While there is ample state land access in NY, you may be interested in hunting private property. Here are some tips for getting permission to hunt private land you are interested in.

1. Ask permission well in advance of the season. Don't show up the week before opening day and expect a positive response. It may happen, but increase your odds by asking weeks or months in advance.
2. Make a good first impression. Don't show up dirty or in hunting attire.
3. Be polite and respectable. Your language and behavior can be the deciding factor, so don't blow it before you even ask. Continue being polite and respectable even if the answer is no. Thank the landowner for their time and leave on good terms. Doing so can turn a "no" today into a "yes" in the future.
4. Take your parent or other adult mentor with you. It will often create a great first impression or enhance an existing relationship with the landowner. Some landowners are also far more likely to allow you to hunt if they feel they're helping you.
5. Offer to help the landowner. You can offer to help stack wood, fix fences, pick up trash, or anything else they may need help with. You can also offer to help plant trees, pick rocks, and mark or paint boundary lines. If you're not willing to help the landowner, don't expect them to be willing to help you.
6. Start small. Small game, that is. Many landowners who wouldn't let you hunt deer on their land may let you hunt squirrels and rabbits. Doing so could be your ticket to a future deer hunt on his/her property.
7. Give them your information. Hand them a business card or note card with your name and contact information. Landowners like to know who is on their property and how to contact them if necessary. This is also important if the landowner initially declines your request but reconsiders at a later time or knows another landowner that they can pass your information to.
9. Once you receive permission get details on where you are allowed to hunt, when you can hunt and how they expect you to use their property. Be sure to ask the landowner where you can and cannot park, when you can and cannot hunt, and how you may hunt. Some may not want you there on particular days. Follow their wishes. Be sure to close each gate you go through and pick up any litter you find on their property.
10. Give back. Hunting on someone's land is a big privilege, so give something back to the landowner to show your appreciation. Share turkey and venison with generous landowners. Thank-you cards, Christmas cards, and other tokens of appreciation go a long way toward receiving permission again in the future.

Kid's Korner



Fall Word Search

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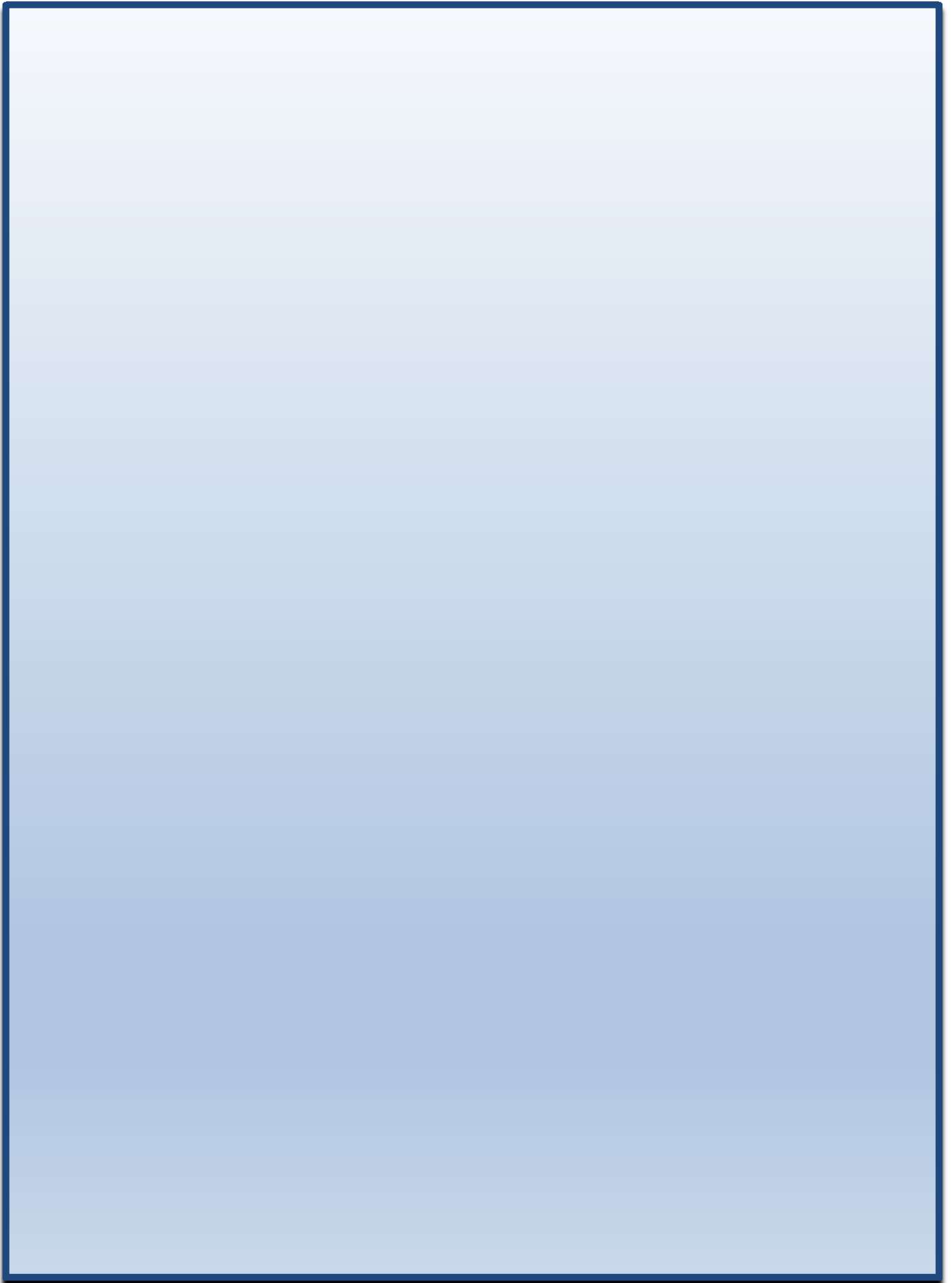


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THANKSGIVING
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SPIKES SHOOTING PROFICIENCY

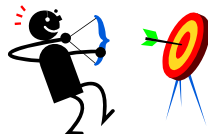
Step 1. Draw an 8" circle and from a distance of 10 yards, shoot 4 of 6 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in target and you will receive a Certificate.

Step 2. Draw a 6" circle and from the same 10 yards, shoot 4 of 6 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in this target and you will receive another Certificate.

Step 3. Draw an 8" circle and from the distance of 15 yards, shoot 4 of 6 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in the target and you will be mailed free NYB merchandise.

Step 4. Draw a 6" circle and from the 15 yard distance, shoot 4 of 6 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in the target and you will receive additional NYB merchandise in the mail.

Step 5. Draw a 3" circle and from a distance of 15 yards, shoot 2 of 3 consecutive arrows within the circle. Mail in this target and you will earn an Eagle Eye Award patch which you can proudly wear!



← Good luck and may your arrow find its target! →

Aging deer

The Quality Deer Management Association urges hunters to pass on smaller bucks so they can grow larger in subsequent years. To do so, hunters must be able to recognize a deer's age. Antler size and shape varies from deer to deer, so hunters are urged to recognize differences in body shape.

1½ year-old buck



- Looks like a doe with antlers
- Narrow neck
- No muscle definition
- Thin antlers

2½ year-old buck



- Thin waist and shoulders
- Neck width equal to face width
- Back and belly are flat

3½ year-old buck



- Chest and shoulders begin to look heavier than hindquarters.
- Neck wider than the face, especially during the rut
- Overall look of an athlete in prime condition





New York Bowhunters
Youth Membership

" Spikes "

NYB's "Youth Membership" includes all youth ages 17 and under. Those between the ages of 12 to 17 will be considered "Senior Spikes." Those under 12 join as "Junior Spikes". All will receive our "Spikes" newsletter, which is geared towards hunting and contains items for the "Juniors" as well.

Membership Includes:

NYB Membership Sticker, Spikes sticker, Membership Card, and our Quarterly Newsletter.

Prizes:

Members who send in pictures, drawings, stories, etc. will be eligible for prizes.

As the driving force behind preserving bowhunting in New York, it's our responsibility as NYB members to get our children and all young hunters involved in preserving and protecting our hunting heritage for future generations.

Spikes membership is only \$10 per year.



Send Application to: NYB Spikes
5937 County Road 33
Canandaigua, NY 14424

SPIKES NAME: _____ PARENT/SPONSOR NAME _____

DOB: _____ COUNTY/REGION: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

SPONSOR ADDRESS (if different): _____

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Richfield Springs, NY 13439

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Did you know?

Ragweed is the most common fall allergy.

Indian summer is a heat wave that occurs after the first frost.

Glucose (sugar) trapped in leaves after photosynthesis stops causes them to change color.

Garlic is planted in the fall (to be harvested the following summer).

Hard cider is fermented apple juice.

National Deviled Egg Day is November 2.

The first "Peanuts" comic strip written by Charles Schulz was published on October 2, 1950.