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3D SHOOTS



REGION #3

DUTCHESS & ULSTER COUNTY 3D SHOOTS

June5-Ti Yogi
12-Highwoods
19-Northern Dutchess
26-Wittenburg

July10-Neighbors
17-Wittenburg
24-Ti Yogi
31-Northern Dutchess

August7-Ti Yogi
14-Highwoods
21-Wittenburg
28-Northern Dutchess

September4-Wittenburg
11-Northern Dutchess
18-Ti Yogi (PIG ROAST)
25-Neighbors
 (FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL)

October9-Ti Yogi
 (TRADITIONAL ONLY)
22-Ti Yogi
 (ZOMBIE SHOOT)

December4-Highwoods
 JOY FOR TOTS)

*Note: Most shoots start at 7AM (Except Zombie Shoot).
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June 5Racquette Valley (Colton)
June 12Lowville
July 2Norfolk
July 10Racquette Valley (Colton)
July 10Lowville
July 16Tupper Lake Traditional Day
July 17Tupper Lake Open Shoot
July 23-24Mad River, Lacona
August 6Norfolk
August 14Lowville
August 20Malone
August 27-28Tupper Lake Mt Challenge
August 27-28Mad River, Lacona
September 3Norfolk Traditional
September 4Norfolk
September 10-11Mad River, Lacona
September 11Lowville
September 18Peru



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From the President's Desk

Greetings NYB Members,

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to those who were able to attend NYB's 31st banquet and rendezvous event at the beautiful Sunny Hill Resort. The weather was perfect and the turnout was amazing! Thank you all for attending. I would also like to thank all of the vendors who participated, our Guest Speaker Jim Willems, everyone who donated to our auction and raffle, the Tupper Lake crew who coordinated the Friday Night BBQ event and helped all weekend, the Browns who made the amazing desserts, the Brewers, the Kerns, the Comptons and everyone who helped out at registration, with ticket sales, running the novelty shoots, Ed Gorch for countless hours spent this year and past years setting up and coordinating, the entire staff at Sunny Hill and Annie Jacobs who held us all accountable. Next year's Banquet information will appear in *FullDraw* as we move to finalize the date.



Congratulations to newly elected Board members Randy Kyrk and Mike Farrugia! Our current Board of Directors consist of: Greg Masaitis, Bob Brown, Ed Gorch, Merritt Compton, Bill Snyder, Al Bottari, Kathy Tessier, Richard Kirschner, Randy Kyrk and Mike Farrugia. I can promise you there isn't a more dedicated and selfless group of people. Each and every one of our members inspires us to serve the bowhunters of NY. We are all volunteers. I can assure you that we don't serve NYB because we have an excess of time and energy. We have a passion for bowhunting and for helping each other. Some people on the Board probably spend more time with NYB business then they do actually bowhunting and I wish we had more time to spend with each other outside of NYB. I commend all NYB members for taking a stand and preserving the sanctity of our sport. If you don't know what NYB has done for you lately, go to our website and check out our Accomplishments section. It spans 31 years and is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment of NYB's past and current leaders. I would also like to thank retiring Board of Directors member Anthony Picariello. Anthony's commitment to NYB, specifically in Region 3's Rockland County, cannot be overstated. He and his team spent countless hours promoting bowhunting and goodwill efforts through various community outreach events via National Hunting and Fishing Days and at Helen Hayes Hospital, to name a few. This time has exposed hundreds, if not thousands, of people to archery, bowhunting and New York Bowhunters. This is exactly what NYB is all about. Anthony, thank you for everything you've done for NYB. You will be greatly missed!

I hope everyone knows that NYB's leadership team and membership have been extremely focused and active in educating our Legislators on the crossbow bills in the New York State Environmental Conservation Committee related to expanding crossbow hunting opportunities. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that on May 9th, Encon Committee Chair Steve Englebright, as well as 17 other members, voted to hold these bills from advancing any further.

The continued drive to overtake and change the entire bow season shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone! It's special, unique, and challenging, thereby making it valuable. Our opposition exists for one purpose only and is well funded by crossbow manufacturers who want to sell into New York. As most of you very well know, crossbow advertisements emphasize superior range, accuracy, ease of use, have tactical style scopes, adjustable triggers, etc. and are marketed at gun hunters for multi-season hunting opportunities. The argument that crossbows are comparable to hand held/hand drawn bows holds little weight anymore. As a result, our opposition has started to change their tactics as technology has outpaced their ability to conceal the truth. Now their arguments are focused on a hunter's right to choose the implement of their choice and helping the elderly and disabled. NYB's Officers and Directors spend a disproportionate amount of time, money, and energy fighting crossbow legislation year after year. We don't send daily/weekly emails to our membership. So, if you get an alert from us, take it seriously and action upon it. **NYB is only successful if our members continue to stay involved!**

Thank you and good luck in the woods!

Sincerely, Andrew Cotraccia

Bowhunting and Archery Related News,

Spring/Summer 2022

The Archery Trade Association (ATA) has announced its new President and CEO. Jeff Poole will lead the supposed archery organization after a 29 year career with the National Rifle Association (NRA). As an executive with the NRA, he was the Director of Membership Programs.

As you know, the ATA and the NRA are no friends of TRUE bowhunting. Over the last decade, both organizations have promoted crossbow usage, expansion, and full inclusion into archery only areas and seasons.

I am confident that Mr. Poole is going to utilize his wealth of experience, marketing knowledge, and contacts to further focus on the mainstreaming of crossbow expansion and full inclusion across the country.

The National Deer Association (NDA) has given their "Agency of the Year" award to our own, NYS-DEC. This is literally the biggest joke played on the sportsmen and sportswomen of NYS. It should come as little surprise though, as the NDA and DEC have pushed for full crossbow inclusion as part of their agenda.

It is of note that the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) ranked NY as their NUMBER ONE WORST deer hunting destination. QDMA merged last year with the National Deer Alliance to form the NDA. So, I ask myself, what changed? How can one of the most respected, educational, scientifically based, deer management organizations turn around and give an award for THE BEST to one that they named THE WORST?

Last year the NDA sent out a nationwide email to their entire membership, asking them to contact the Legislators in Albany regarding full inclusion of the crossbow into every facet of the archery seasons in NYS. What does someone in California, Utah, Virginia, etc... care about hunting regulations here in NYS?

I questioned them on it and asked why the NDA got involved, especially without even reaching out to the state bowhunting organization for their stance. I did get a response, which I was not expecting. Unfortunately, it was the basic "big tent theory," canned answer, which is universal across the board, when a factual answer or rebuttal is not available.

Any validity that the NDA has sought to be considered a legitimate organization must be cast aside given their unworthy choice of recipient for what should be an award of distinction for OUTSTANDING commitment to conservation.

Unfortunately, our DEC appears to be in a downward spiral of incompetence. The future results of this 2021's EHD debacle have yet to be revealed. The scenario of massive casualties to the herd has played out all across the state, yet the DEC did

nothing to ensure the safety and viability of the herd. Other state and provincial game agencies amended their hunting regulations in response to manifesting threats to their game populations in the past, why can't our DEC?

The DEC has not been using sound reasoning for years now, but this past year has taken mismanagement to an entirely new level in ineptness. But, hey, they got an award!

While on the topic of crossbows, there are several new models or upgrades to existing ones that were revealed at the SHOT Show earlier this year.

From RAVIN, the "Meet Your Next Rifle" crossbow manufacturer are several models from their "X-Factor" line, all of which are at or under 6" axle to axle when cocked.

The R5X and R26X both shoot a bolt at 400 fps.

The R10X shoots a bolt at 420 fps.

The R29X Sniper shoots a bolt at 450 fps.

The R18, which is highly anticipated and due to be available for sale this year, utilizes their new VertiCoil Cam System, where the limbs expand on a vertical plane rather than a horizontal plane. So when it is cocked, it is 1.3" tall.

Excalibur has updated their double shooter Twin Strike to the latest Twin Strike TAC 2.

The Twin Strike TAC 2 will still have 2 sets of limbs and 2 triggers so you can take 2 shots when both are loaded and cocked "as fast as you can pull the trigger," but now the stock and frame are skeletonized for a more "tactical" look. We have seen the term TAC used before when describing crossbows, but why use a military term when describing or marketing what you claim is archery? There is nothing "tactical" about a stick and string, just another indication that crossbows are not archery.

Ten Point has introduced the VAPOR which shoots a bolt at 470 fps and the NITRO 505. The NITRO 505 has cams that can rotate 404 degrees which enables it to shoot a bolt at 505 fps, the fastest crossbow to date.

As you can see, what we have been saying for decades continues to ring true about crossbow technology and advancements. They are endless, and the manufacturers will continue to push the envelope as much they can, because they can. They are bolt shooting machines. Each year they get faster, shorter, smaller, and offer more advantages than a true hand drawn, hand held bow could ever dream of.

Al Botarri, NYB Board of Directors

Banquet Photos



Al Bottari presents awards to Charlie Giandana's family



Al Bottari presents Appreciation Award to Anthony Picariello



Enjoying a fine meal at the Banquet Hall at Sunny Hill



Ed Gorch presents gift to speaker Jim Willems



Tupper Lake Archers donates to NYB's Camo-to-Camo program

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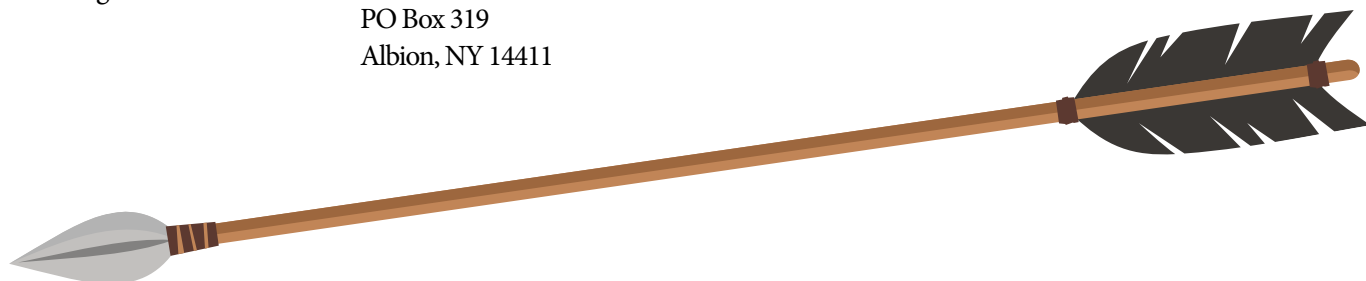
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REGION REPORTS

REGION 1 REPORT

Hello from Region 1! As I write this, we are weeks away from our 31st annual banquet. With the Friday night BBQ, raffles and the company of our fellow passionate archers I am sure we are all looking forward to a relaxing and exciting weekend.

Youth turkey season recently ended here in region 1. I recently learned a little history about our local turkey population. As many other NY regions, turkey was indigenous to Long Island, but by the mid-1900s they were extinct. Between 1993-1994, 49 wild turkeys trapped from upstate NY were released here in Suffolk County in two separate locations and again in 2004. We now thankfully have an abundant turkey population, giving us the opportunity to locally hunt them.

Some unfortunate news for us Long Islanders; Fish and Wildlife Taxidermy is closing shop after 35 years. There are not many taxidermists in our local area. I am certain a lot of our hunters will likely be seeking a new shop for this upcoming season.

Lastly, DEC has announced construction at the Hashamomuck Marine public access site in Southold. The

construction is anticipated to be complete no later than this May and consists of regrading the ramp areas to allow for easier boat/ramp access.

Hopefully we will have an even better turnout for this year's banquet. I look forward to seeing you all and hearing some great hunting stories from this past season!

*Take care,
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REGION 2 REPORT

We had another successful Banquet, which was held at the Sunny Hill Golf Resort in Greene County. Gayle and Gary once again provided us with the perfect venue, grounds, and staff to celebrate NYB.

Many thanks to those who attended, donated items, donated their time, and who volunteered to make this a great event.

We were honored to have in attendance the Giandana Family, who accepted The Region Representative Award on behalf of Charlie Giandana who had ascended into God's Kingdom. In addition, a Memorial Plaque was given to them. That plaque honors his legacy to NYB, as donations were collected solely for a memorial Genesis bow to be used at one of our Youth Camps. A plate is mounted onto the bow with his name and Region 2 etched into it. Anyone who picks that bow

up will realize it is no ordinary bow. It has a special meaning, showing just how committed Charlie was to promoting archery to our youth.

If anyone is interested in becoming a County Rep, or Region Rep, please feel free to contact me.

Stay safe and stay diligent.

*All the best, Al Botarri
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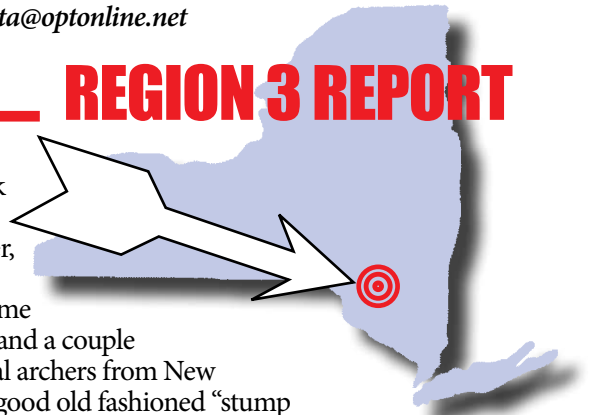


REGION 3 REPORT

Is it my imagination or is Spring slowly disappearing and we're moving towards a three-season year? Cold and windy weather interrupted only by extended periods of rain seems to have replaced the old "In like a lion, out like a lamb..." that used to welcome us in April. And then all of a sudden, with barely a few days of what I seem to recall "Spring" used to be, the high temps and bugs of summer arrive! At least this is how it felt to me as I tried to make the Sunday 3D rounds in the northern counties of Region 3.

Several of you reported good local turkey action in May although I did not receive any pictures for inclusion in time for this report's deadline. There have been very few deer sightings, apparently caused by the EHD epidemic we've had for the last two years.

I would like to thank longtime Life Member, Joel Riotto, for inviting me to join him and a couple of traditional archers from New Jersey for a good old fashioned "stump shoot" through the scenic mountains and state land surrounding his Catskill Mountain retreat. We spent a few hours hiking and shooting 'Judo' points at challenging tree stumps. We woke up to snow on the second day - this was



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April 3! (And on May 21 temperatures in Dutchess Cty were in mid-nineties! See my "No-Spring" complaint above!) The snowy weather helped us decide to switch it up and head into an Archery Shop in Margaretville to try our hands (and bows) at a "techno bowhunt." This was my first time doing this and it was a lot of fun. If you're ever in that area, be sure to stop in at Northhill Outdoors. Tell the guys there you saw them mentioned in NYB's *FullDraw*.

Speaking of fantastic views of the mountains, I'm writing this part of my report from the balcony outside my hotel room at Sunny Hill. I'm here for NYB's 31st Annual Rendezvous / Banquet. Among the numerous festivities, many of us once again competed in our fun version of some sort of championship. Congratulations to R3's very own Bob Ledrich who won this year's "Elk" shoot off! You now join past winners in the "Pantheon of the Gods." Beware, heavy is the crown!

It was great seeing many of you at Sunny Hill again this year, and as always, thank you for your continued support. If you are an NYB member from Region 3 (or 1 or 2) I urge you to take advantage of attending next year's event as this is most likely as far south in the state our annual gathering will ever be. Making friends with fellow bowhunters from Buffalo to the Adirondacks, the Finger Lake region to Long Island, has so greatly enriched my life and most importantly given me long lasting friendships I never would have had if not for NYB. Don't pass up this opportunity while it is still so convenient. There is no telling when the Banquet / Rendezvous may have to select another location.

Someone who became my friend through NYB, Anthony Picariello, and his wife, Dawn, are in the process of relocating to Texas. I am very happy for them, but sad that this will be the end of having such a knowledgeable, experienced member alongside us at BOD meetings, sport shows, etc. He made a huge impact in representing NYB in Rockland County and Region 3. Anthony, words can't express the gratitude I have for you. From the day Jim McSwigin roped you in, all you said was, "What do you need me to do?" Best wishes for a long, happy, hunt filled life in the Lone Star State.

Welcome aboard new Board of Directors, Long Island's Region 1 Representative, Mike Farrugia and from Region 3, Westchester County Representative Randy Kyrk. They both have been giving back to NYB in service and have shown themselves to be passionate bowhunters. All of us on the BOD look forward to having them join us.

Thank you all for your continued membership as without you NYB ceases to exist. I am always looking for material for this column as I look forward to hearing from members.

Have a safe summer all,
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SULLIVAN COUNTY REPORT

Since the Youth Education Days for Sullivan County Archers is a three-day event with two nights being sleepovers, we have decided to cancel this year's event again. Covid and the

requirements of the DEC for a prerequisite computer class are our problems. We never seem to get camp applicants until the last week or so before our camp which makes the computer class requirement tough to deal with. We haven't figured out why the DEC has this requirement because it includes the material we teach at our event. We hope they are not trying to phase out in-person classes to total computer classes because there is no way they compare to a person-to-person class and hands-on instruction. If you have a youngster interested in archery, give me a call or e-mail and we will consider a one-day hands-on class if there are enough kids to warrant it. Contact information is at the end of this column.

A new outdoors store has opened in Jeffersonville, NY that is a total sports store, fishing, hunting, boating, and archery. They recently held a 3D shoot to benefit a local lady and her relay run across the US. Kelly Irving will participate in a cross-country relay run designed by the organization MS Run the US to raise awareness for the disease MS. Ryan Terracciano is the owner of The Catskill Outdoorsman and is in the process of building up inventory in his store on the main street of Jeffersonville. He has a large archery shooting range and has devoted 5:30 to 7:30 every second Wednesday night of the month as open-shooting for veterans in the area.

I've also gotten word that a new archery shop has been opened by Shane Cunningham at 49 Gina Lane in Smallwood. I haven't personally checked this one out, but he has a Facebook page at Raise M Up Outdoors Goods & Waffles.

Tri County Archers has their 3D shoots up and running. A schedule is on their website.

NYB finally had nice weather for a majority of the annual rendezvous and banquet held at Sunny Hill Resorts in Greenville, NY. No dodging raindrops or wearing all your winter clothes this year until a few sprinkles hit Sunday morning on the 3D course. It was a great Friday night BBQ as usual and we had the annual meeting and can raffles along with a neat banquet. The banquet is a great time with other NYB members. Consider joining us next year if you haven't attended in the past.

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DUTCHESS COUNTY REPORT

Greetings All,

Our 31st Anniversary Banquet is now "in the books." For the first time in a long time, the weather was beautiful and spectacular views at Sunny Hill were enjoyed by all. Festivities started Friday evening with our BBQ and it was great to see everyone from across the state enjoying each other's company. Many thanks to those who provided the delicious food and to Ed Gorch Jr. for entertaining us with his musical talents. It was great to catch up with many old friends sharing hunting stories, political opinions, family updates and many laughs!

Saturday was a busy day with the many activities for the entire family. The novelty shoots began early and quite a few NYB youngsters enjoyed shooting at the various 3D animal

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targets (which included a Pink Panther!). Many also enjoyed shooting at the balloons, paper targets, and our 3D course as well. The Elk shoot-off was well attended as usual and provided a lot of laughs and friendly busting on each other. Indoors, the can raffles were active all day with the dart shoot being a major draw. Thank you, Ed Gorch, for your tireless effort collecting donations for these raffles and for running the Camo to Camo table for our veterans!

A huge thank you to Annie Jacobs and her crew of volunteers who kept the banquet going. They were responsible for collecting all the raffle tickets, check ins, 50/50, wheel barrel of wine, selling T-shirts and more! With that in mind, the Tupper Lake Archers deserve a big round of applause as well. Every year, they arrive a few days early and set-up all these activities for us. Also, thank you Michael Ledrich for the T-shirt design this year. Hopefully, this will be an annual undertaking for you! Thank you to all who donated items for our auction. They were a huge benefit for NYB and much appreciated!

A lot of effort goes into the banquet which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It provides us with the funds to take our veterans on well-deserved hunts, run our Youth Education Days when available, fight for our hunting rights and against legislation that would impact those rights negatively, and more. We are part of a special organization and I'm proud to be a part of it. Thank you to all that attended to make this possible.

Just a reminder, try to use our boosters when buying items for your outdoor activities. They continue to support us and realize the value NYB provides.

Keep "em" Sharp

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PUTNAM COUNTY REPORT

Greetings from Putnam County,

On the deer front, well, there are none! The deer that I am seeing are few and far between. After 2 years of EHD the local herd is just about non-existent. I hate to say it but the DEC needs to eliminate DMPs for a few years. This will not be the magic pill but it's a step in the right direction. The lack of deer is definitely causing an imbalance in the eco system. I rarely hear coyotes anymore. The bear population is booming as I saw more bears on stand in the fall than I did deer. I went so far as to remove the fencing that protected our fruit trees. I am even hearing from non-hunters "where did all the deer go?" The part that really gets under my skin is that the DEC was aware of the situation and even had it on their website. Due to such low harvest reports coming back they issued additional DMPs to people that only received one. You just cannot make this stuff up.

I am not one to get political but the world is completely changing around us. Be sure to get out and vote in every election. The local and state elections affect us all a lot more than most people realize, way beyond hunting issues. Vote at all the budget votes, school boards, etc. Our future and our children's futures depend upon us. Do not let them down.

I am really getting the itch to get back to Africa. There a few species that I want to put my tag on. If anyone is interested in joining me, reach out whether you have experienced Africa or you are a first timer.

"Shoot straight"

Richard Chizzik

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ROCKLAND COUNTY REPORT

Hello members. It is with great sadness that with this article, I write my goodbye to the NYB membership as a Board of Director and Rockland County Rep. My wife and I are in the process of building a home and moving from NY to the Texas Hill Country for obvious tax and freedom related reasons. We'll be an hour northwest of San Antonio. Those of you toughing it out in NYS, bless ya. With spending such little time in NY I am not really plugged into the hunting happenings going on in the county. It is time to step aside and let someone else take the reins.

It has been an honor to serve and represent NYB in many endeavors in New York. I, like many other current members, was accosted by Jim McSwigin at the Rockland Comm College Outdoor Expo. It was there I met like-minded individuals who shared a passion for bowhunting and I got signed up with NYB and became active in my county of Rockland. There I was able to meet a man named Stan Pascoo, who himself is a marvel for what he does to promote the outdoors, hunting and fishing in Rockland and around the state. Stan got me involved in the United Sportsmen of Rockland County where we met often to discuss outdoor related topics and how we could expand hunting opportunities for fellow "Rocklanders" and other NYS hunting and fishing license holders. The idea to promote Nat'l Hunting and Fishing Day in Rockland was presented and NYB was there to step up and handle all the arrow flingers that came by. During those events we got to meet the folks of the county and parents of kids who wanted to shoot some arrows and promote archery and hunting. Thank you to all of those who have come out to serve the public and help two to three hundred people shoot arrows all day in the hot sun. It was always a team effort and I could not have done it without the help. National Hunting and Fishing Day is coming up again. It is the 4th Saturday of every September. If you have time to give back and help out it would be much appreciated that day. Many hands make light work. NYB, for the last several years, has also been involved with the adaptive archery shoots at Helen Hayes Hospital. A couple times a year, a few of us members head over to Helen Hayes Hospital in West Haverstraw and have a small archery shoot take place for those rehabbing and recovering from bad injuries. Many smiles are given out that day. I know all of you reading this know this, but...if someone does NOT step up and continue participating in these events, they will all go away. Years of your fellow NYB member's hard work will come to a halt. There are so many Rockland members out there. Please dig down and give something back to the sport you so love. You've experienced the joy of bowhunting and help spread that to others. I promise, your reward will make you happy you did. So, if anyone is willing to step up and help out a little here in Rockland, get in touch with our president Andrew Cotraccia or our special council Rich Kirschner and they can

tell you what is required.

Alright...The Banquet at Sunny Hill. It was another successful endeavor. What a nice place. The annual meeting was chock full of info. Many old and some new faces were in the crowd. Ed Gorch again did a masterful job of acquiring the can raffle bucket prizes which were filled with wonderful gifts for those who played. He also runs the "camo-to-camo" program which is so important for getting the right stuff to our deployed troops. Annie Jacobs is always the rock of the evening that we can always count on to get it all right. Thank you, Annie, her staff of assistants, and the rest of the banquet committee for another great evening. There was a great selection of silent auction items that all sold. Once again Black Rifle Coffee Co stepped up and sponsored our event and sent bags and bags of incredibly tasting coffee to help our cause. These guys put their money where their mouth is and are a 100% veteran owned company who, not too long ago, went public. I believe in this company and we should support those who support us. Every penny you spend could be helping the people who want to eliminate your way of life of hunting and owning firearms. BRCC is on our side. Thank you again BRCC, Evan Hafer, Mat Best and the whole Black Rifle Coffee Crew.

It has been great working with everyone at NYB and it has been a real treat knowing and having worked with Jim McSwigin here at NYB. Rest in peace Jimmy. You are not forgotten. Andrew, Al, Rich, Jimmy B, Kathy, Bob, Bill, Merritt, Michael - it has been a pleasure working with you guys and has been my honor in doing so. More power to y'all for fighting the good fight. I am not going away, just stepping to the side and I am confident NYB's future is in good hands. I will be looking forward to attending future banquets as a way to catch up outside of *FullDraw*. I would also like to thank my wife. Without her support the last 36 years we have been together, I would not have been able to do the things I have done and be the person I am today. Thanks Dawn. I also thank my three sons, Joe, AJ and Mike, for staying interested in the outdoors, being part of creating amazing outdoor memories and becoming the fine young men they are today.

So be well everyone and it has been a pleasure serving NYB and its members. Keep fighting the good fight and hunt safe!

May God Bless our troops, first responders and the best Damn Country in the world.

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ORANGE COUNTY REPORT

Greetings from Orange County,

Hopefully everyone who turkey hunted had a safe and successful season. The spring turkey harvest in New York averages approximately 19,000 birds but varies based on the number of participants and turkey reproduction the previous few spring seasons. This spring, DEC biologists expected hunters to take more turkeys than last year. I don't understand their prediction based on the belief that overall turkey populations are lower than a few years ago due to below average reproduction success the past couple of years. I personally believe rising predator numbers such as coyotes, fox, bobcats and racoons are also negatively affecting the turkey population.

Once again, the crossbow attempted to creep its way into the entire archery season with two more bills proposed, Bill A1299/S7747. These bills would expand crossbow usage to the youth on their junior archery license, anyone 16-54 years old with a disability, and change the setback from 250 feet to 150 feet. The crossbow is already legal to use the last two weeks of the archery season and continually through the firearm season. I am opposed to further expanding its use. As of this writing, the bills have still not left committee.

Tri County Archers consists of several sportsman clubs in Orange County that conduct 3D shoots throughout the year. This is a perfect way to get out and hone your archery skills shooting at 3D targets at varying distances. They are usually held on Sundays from 7am-12pm. Check out their website at www.tricountyarchers.com for dates and times of shoots.

Enjoy the warm weather, have a healthy and happy summer. If you have any thoughts or concerns feel free to contact me.

Chris Smith, Orange County Rep
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WESTCHESTER COUNTY REPORT

I hope everyone enjoyed a successful Spring Turkey hunt. I would like congratulate all the Bowhunters who hunted in Westchester County for a successful 2021 season! The annual Deer harvest in Westchester was significantly lower than in 2020, total take in 2021 was 851 deer (567 Bucks, 284 does) total take in 2020 was 1,282 total deer (771 Bucks, 511 does) Also, no Black Bears were harvested in Westchester County last season as opposed to the 2 taken in 2020. Hopefully this means we will have some quality-size bucks and more opportunity to harvest one in 2022.

I will be readily checking in with the local bow shops to inquire if any 3D tournaments will be hosted in the county this summer so feel free to contact me about this. The Blue Mountain sportsman center also has a permanent 3D course as part of its archery center. A short ride from Westchester is Cos Cob Archers in Cos Cob Connecticut (and NYB Booster). Unfortunately, they are not accepting new members at this time, but keep an eye on their website for when it opens again.

This year's Banquet was a success. Thank you to everyone who came out. It was a pleasure meeting many of you in person. The can raffle was a fan favorite and the highlight of my son's day. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, especially the Bedford Police Benevolent Association who, as they do every year, made a most generous donation to NYB. We thank all the Officers of the Bedford PBA, and a special thank you to Police Officer John Moylan, a NYB life member who has donated countless hours in assisting NYB in so many programs.

Anyone who wants to share their hunting stories feel free to contact me and continue to be successful in all your adventures!

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Once again NYB was blessed with another wonderful Banquet. We had good weather, good friends and good food. What more could you ask for? I'd like to thank everyone that volunteered running the many raffles, Annie's gang with check ins, my son Ed with the entertainment at the BBQ, the Tupper Lake Crew, Rich and Bob for setting up the 3D shoot and the search party for lost shooters. The list goes on and on. Our guest speaker, Jim Willems, was very informative and seemed to enjoy his stay in New York. He was out every morning with his wife hiking the trails and enjoying the green mountains of the Hudson Valley. Coming from New Mexico, it was quite a change. One of our other guests was Dr. Connelly from Cornell University who informed us of the EHD problem over the last year and the possible loss of a high percentage of deer if the midges continue in southern N.Y. this year. To any

Well it's been a crazy winter up here in the north. 20 below one day and 40 above the next. Our Northern Challenge fishing derby was just that. A huge snow storm the day before and cold and windy the day of. We missed seeing Ed and his crew at the 50-50 table but Amvets Post 8 and Tupper Lake Archers stood in until Bill and his wife were able to get there and man the table for them.



From there we moved onto our youth archery program. Due to the large number of kids wanting to participate we had to limit the class to 24 for each hour. A total of 48 kids got in on the shooting and had a great time thanks to Ray McIntosh, Mike Savage, Scott Lalonde, Bill Cramer, John Hoyt, John Boyer, Kathy Tessier and myself.



Hopefully we will see some of them continue on to take our places.

In March we held our annual Camo to Camo shoot. Numbers were down slightly due to, you guessed it, another storm the day prior to the shoot. All in all everyone had a good

REGION 4 REPORT

of you lucky guys who won a hunt at the auction, please take the time and thank the outfitter for his donation to NYB and send in a picture or a story of your adventure to our editor, Cindy, for publication in *FullDraw*.

Take Care, Ed Gorch

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REGION 5 REPORT

time and we raised some money to donate once again to this great cause. The highlight of the day was when we awarded the 50-50 money to a young lady named Olivia Wambach who donated half of it back to the cause. What an amazing gesture from a young person showing not only caring for our service people but the spirit of American patriotism.



5 of our members from Tupper Lake Archers attended the annual NYB Banquet. As always, we had a great time and the weather couldn't have been better! Between donations collected from our Youth Archery Program and a local chapter of AmVets, we brought 4 totes full of items to donate to the Camo to Camo Program. On top of that, our club donated \$1,000 raised from our Camo to Camo shoot to this cause. Big thanks to Sunny Hill and all involved in making this banquet a success!

Dave McMahon

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REGION 6 REPORT

What's going on in Region 6 this summer? We are not exhibiting in any Sports Shows. There will be no Region #6 Youth Education Days again this summer. It may be tough to find any local Bowhunting activities to participate.

The only 3D shoot in Region 6 that I am aware of is in Watertown at the Bear Pac Archery shop. If you know of any others, I can start a list if you send me the details. In fact, if there are any shows in our Region that I may not know of, send me info.

During this post-pandemic era, the DEC is promoting the online Hunting courses in favor of group classes. Trying to maintain the network of trained volunteer instructors has proved troublesome for the DEC. Which if they paid them, or provided any sort of incentive, like maybe an income tax break, it could alleviate part of the problem. It looks like the DEC would rather issue licenses to hunt to young people who may have never shot a gun, or bow.

So what can we do? Try to get more people involved with recruiting kids, and adults, to Bowhunting. If you know of

anyone who is ready to obtain their Bowhunting license and prefer to attend a real class, send me their contact info.

We would like to keep the Youth Event we do at Oswagatchie alive and well with under 18 year old students, but if we need to add adults to fill the class, we will.

Also, don't forget to get out there now for some exercise. Do some scouting, or check out a new patch of potential hunting property. There is nothing better for your psyche than a great walk in the woods. Do it every day!

Better yet, mentor a youth for hunting season this year.

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Hi Region 7 Bowhunters.

While my last report seemed to be hot a topic, this one will be [a little] more sleepy.

It's the summer issue and while turkey season opens tomorrow - I am attempting to look ahead to the (hopefully) warmer months.

I was able to attend a very productive meeting at my local club, Flashing Feathers Bowhunters, and was able to share some insight as well as learn a few things. Big takeaways are that Covid is still impacting the way New York is operating safety courses and camps. I would urge folks to take in-person courses! While it may seem easy or convenient to take a hunter safety course online, it is funneling resources out of NY and taking away from the quality learning experience in-class learning provides. Sign up locally and support the volunteer base that works so hard to pass on the tradition of archery hunting and hunting in general! The link to new bowhunter courses statewide is located here: https://register-ed.com/programs/new_york/166

A lot of Archery tournaments and 3D shoots should be opening up. While I didn't have time to put together a list, I would urge folks to keep an eye out for dates in the region.

There is a FFBH golf tournament held June 11 at Trumansburg Golf Club to benefit youth bowhunters that want

to attend summer camp.

The last major topic was on DEC Nuisance permit hunting. We were able to discuss the issues and benefits. Ultimate takeaways are that the public is likely under-informed for a number of reasons (including uncertainty) and from a permit hunter standpoint and based on the questions I couldn't answer well, the effectiveness of permit hunting and the need for effective evaluation and reevaluation on a regular basis is important. This is a very hot topic and I would urge folks to learn more about the purpose of these permits and general deer ecology in order to understand the animals we know and love just a little better.

That about wraps it up for me. I hope everyone has a good summer! Get out and shoot; October will be here before we know it.

Jeremy Kraus, Krausanator@gmail.com

I just returned from the New York Bowhunters Banquet held at Sunny Hill Resort. What a great time spending the weekend with new and old friends that all share a passion for bowhunting. I shot the 3D course Friday with a group that came from all over the state and had a great time with many laughs. The weekend flew by highlighted with the Friday night barbeque and a full day of fun on Saturday ending with the actual Banquet, auction and guest speaker. If you have never attended and are passionate about bowhunting you owe it to yourself to attend next year.

Spring turkey season is about half over; the gobbling seems to be getting better every day as spring is taking its time getting here. I know of some turkeys that have been taken so far and I was fortunate enough to take a nice tom myself and will chase them until I fill my second tag or the month runs out. Trout fishing is in full swing and the walleyes are calling as well!

Now is the time to make sure your bow and gear is set for the upcoming bow season. Every year the bow shops get way behind come September. If you beat the rush you will be in better shape for October 1st. There are many 3D shoots going on and some

shops even have courses to shoot. There is no better practice than a good 3D course.

I will be attending the Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous in northern Pennsylvania for four days of shooting for my eighteenth year along with the Hawkeye Bowman traditional shoot and, a new shoot for me the last week in August, The Mountain Challenge at Tupper Lake. These will be in addition to shooting my local 3D shoots. Get out and shoot!

Bob Brown

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The turkey forecast in Region 9 was good. I hope you had a chance to connect with a gobbler with stick and string. If you have any photos or stories you'd like to share with your fellow NYB members please let me know.

Wouldn't you like to read some updates for your region? We're looking for a member in your area to provide region specific news. Please contact NYBFullDraw@gmail.com if you are interested.

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The Importance of Follow-through

Archery is no different than other sports that involve swinging a bat, club or racket. It is also similar to kicking or throwing a ball. The follow-through in archery controls the release step by allowing the energy of the bow and the tension in the drawing arm to naturally expand. The follow-through is a smooth, free-flowing motion that carries the weight of the bow and the drawing arm to the full finish position.

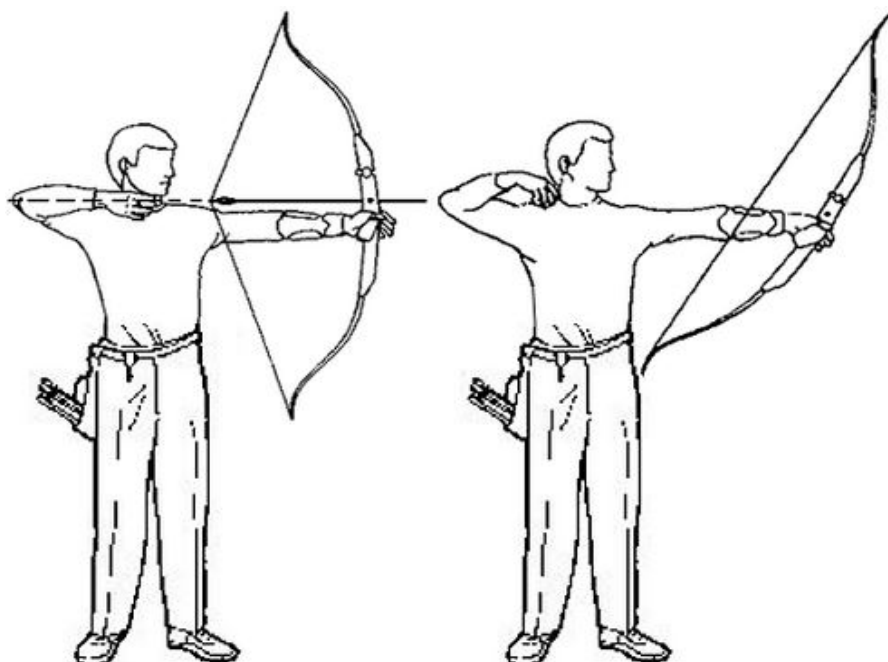
- After committing to the release, the fingers of the drawing hand should be relaxed.
- Continue to engage your back muscles so the scapula continues to move toward the spine and the drawing arm shoulder rolls around toward your back.
- Your drawing hand should move straight back along the side of your face and stop slightly below and behind the ear.
- The bow arm should continue to hold the bow up and remain in this position until the end of the follow-through (the arrow hits the target).
- Lower the bow arm and drawing arm and rest.

If you drop the bow arm too soon and the arrow has not cleared the arrow rest you are essentially driving or steering the arrow down off course. Lowering the bow arm too soon will typically cause the arrows to impact below your point of aim.

If you are peeking (moving the bow to the left or right) to watch the arrow flight and the arrow has not left the arrow rest or cleared the riser then you are simply steering your arrow to the left or right of your original point of aim.

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By Al Bottari



They are THE only thing that I fear when I walk outside. Those nasty, vile, little creatures can carry and transmit over 16 horrible pathogens, which can cause Lyme, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Babesiosis and other ailments.

It has been said that a hard frost or a few consecutive days of sub zero temperatures will kill them off if they don't have a host to feed on. But I had always questioned that, as each year there seems to be more of them. And given the fact that we have had several stretches of extremely cold weather here in NY, yet they still thrive, leads me to believe there is more to their survival than deer or mouse blood.

I recently came across an article that was printed from the Journal of Medical Entomology by Professor Julian Shepherd of our very own SUNY Binghamton University.

In 1976 he was gifted a collection of 6 adult female, 4 adult male, and 3 nymph ticks collected from Kenya, and wanted to study them in a controlled environment in his lab.

Their host animals were rabbits, mice and rats in the lab. In 1984, he removed them from their hosts and what followed next in the ensuing YEARS was nothing short of remarkable, and until then, unheard of.

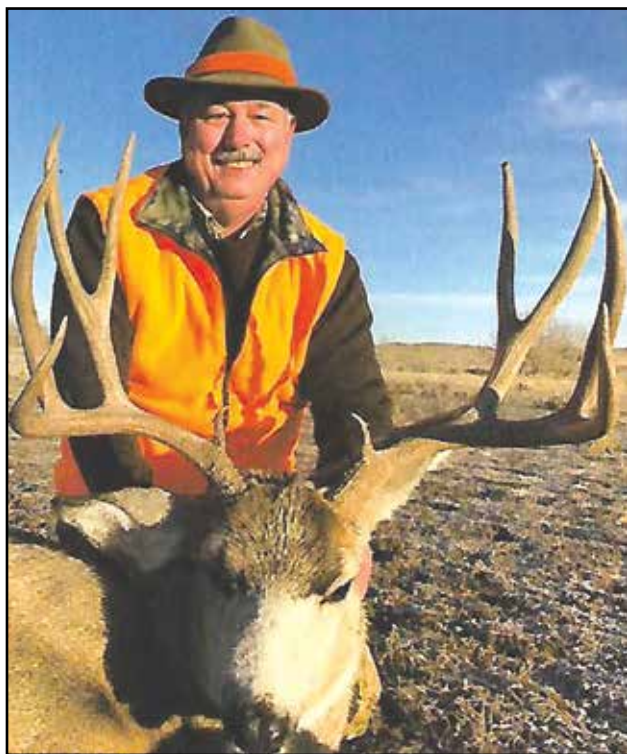
The male ticks lives for 4 more years, without a host to feed upon, and the female ticks lives for 4 more years after that. At that point, Professor Shepherd reintroduced a host animal. One of the original female ticks, which at that point had lived for 27 YEARS, laid a batch of eggs, even though the last male tick had died 4 years earlier. He has concluded that the female was able to store sperm until conditions became optimal again, and that the group as a whole, was able to suspend functions for an extended

period of time while waiting for conditions to improve. That is some feat of longevity and evolution.

That is why I fear them: they can survive the harshest conditions imaginable, and then grab onto you when the opportunity presents itself. Be aware of what is out there and take preventative measures.



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In Memory and Honor of a True Friend and Sportsman, THEODORE SCHUELER (THEO OR TED)

by Theresa Reinwald, Burnt Knob Mountain Escape



On Thanksgiving Day 2021 we lost our dear friend Theo, just shy of 89 yrs., a loyal supporter of NYB and the shooting sports. We wanted to share some of Theo's story with *FullDraw* readers because he loved archery and really enjoyed the publication, reading every issue from cover to cover.

Theo loved the outdoors and embodied everything that is good and wholesome about hunting. He was truly a man that "talked the talk and walked the walk." An avid reader and lover of wildlife, Theo was literally a walking encyclopedia of information on animals, birds and fish. A chef by trade, he cooked and ate almost everything he harvested! Having a deep respect and interest in nature Theo amazingly kept a detailed, handwritten journal of most of his hunts including all the comings and goings of the wildlife in his backyard for close to 50 years!

Theo joined the Highwoods Sportsmen's Club in Saugerties, NY in 1971, shortly after moving to the area. An excellent chef, Theo quickly became known for his culinary contributions, turning the club's annual game dinners into an epic, sold out event, year after year. His menu often exceeded a dozen entrees with every one being absolutely delicious! It was at the club that he discovered his love for archery, often training and competing in shooting events. His passion inspired his granddaughter to take up the sport and his friends to become NYB Boosters.

Theo's hunting adventures took him to many places including Canada for moose and bear and out west for elk and mountain goat, to name a few. A great storyteller, no one could recount a hunting or outdoor experience quite like Theo. The detail and emotion made you feel like you were right there in the moment. He was notorious for storytelling while making coffee when you went to his house to visit. He would inevitably lose count of the number of coffee scoops pausing to ask "now where was I?" Needless to say, we often enjoyed a very "powerful" cup!

Theo's love of wildlife and passion for hunting, cooking and the shooting sports was inspirational to many. His volunteer work and dedication to the Highwoods Sportsman's Club will certainly be hard to replace, especially in these trying times. Most importantly, however, was his love for his wife, Loni, who predeceased him, and for his family and the many friends he always honored. We will all miss the delicious game meals he so lovingly cooked for everyone who had the good fortune of knowing him. His spirit along with his recipes will live on in the lives of his children, grandchildren and friends. He will always remain in our hearts.



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1. Cut a venison backstrap into ½ inch slices, lightly pound them and season with salt and pepper.
2. Slice an onion, green pepper, and some mushrooms. Add a little oil to a heavy skillet and sauté each vegetable separately. Set them aside.
3. Dip venison pieces in a mix of flour, salt and pepper, then sauté the venison in oil, about a minute per side, removing meat as it is done.
4. Into the same pan, add ½ cup red wine and 1 cup broth, cook over high heat, stirring and scraping the pan and reduce liquid to half.
5. Add some dried oregano.
6. Mash 1 tablespoon each soft butter and flour together, then add to pan, whisking until smooth.
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8. Taste and adjust seasonings.
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NYB Continues Partnership with Cornell University in Protecting NY's Deer Herd

NYB is no stranger to the wildlife labs at Cornell University. It is Cornell whom the NYSDEC relies upon to provide them with scientific data with which to set policy based on the health of the deer herd. Through the years, NYB members have assisted Cornell's wildlife research scientists with their work in CWD prevention. Surveys, webinars and in-person meetings as well as providing a platform for the experts at Cornell to speak to our membership have forged an ongoing relationship. Recently, an Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) outbreak seriously affected deer populations in many counties across the state. This disease has been seen before, but it surfaced outside previous parameters (timing and location). Cornell once again contacted NYB for assistance. Members in attendance at our recent Banquet / Rendezvous / Annual Meeting had

the privilege of discussing EHD with one of NY's leading researchers, Dr. Patrick Connelly. Dr. Connelly works out of Cornell and Fordham University and is a Wildlife Veterinarian studying EHD in NY and surrounding states. Members of NYB had the opportunity to sign up for a test kit (blood and spleen samples needed) which will be sent to them, along with instructions prior to the upcoming big game seasons. Dr. Connelly is hoping to collect many samples from across the state. If you would like to be part of this program and help the deer herd as we bowhunters already do, you can send your name and address to Dr. Connelly at pjc275@cornell.edu. Just put NYB EHD Study in the subject box. You will be sent the kit and instructions prior to the season. Deer samples can be collected during Archery or Regular season from across the state.

Listen to your wife, *postscript* By Susan Otto

The Spring 2022 edition of *FullDraw* had an article on pages 26 & 27, entitled LISTEN TO YOUR WIFE, written by my husband, Ray Otto. In my humble (and slightly prejudiced opinion) it was a beautiful and truly amazing story. So, after Ray wrote the article for *FullDraw* about this super special deer story, I sent off to the *FullDraw* publishers what I thought was the photo of Ray's deer. Although I have hundreds of photos saved on my camera, I thought I only had one deer photo in my FAVORITES folder. When the spring edition of *FullDraw* came out Ray & I eagerly looked for the article. The article appeared but it was the wrong deer photo! How did I gum this up? It turns out I had two deer photos of Ray in my favorites photo file! I sent through a photo of Ray with a "nice" deer, but it wasn't the Pope and Young deer he shot on November 7, 2021 as described in the article. I felt awful, awful, awful! What could I do to rectify the situation? I am fortunate to have been given a do-over.



Above is the correct photo for the article. If you missed the story visit the New York Bowhunters website for the Spring 2022 issue of *FullDraw*.

**The winner of NYB's Spring Raffle was Donnie Dittmer.
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Vintage NYB Belt Buckle

By Richard Kirschner

I was contacted by fellow member, Alex Bugnon, who had purchased an NYB Belt Buckle on eBay. It was shipped to him from Florida. The front bears the NYB logo and the back, a copyright date of 1992 along with a Limited Edition number of #31. Alex expressed curiosity in finding out who the original owner might have been. As I was unaware of its history, Alex's interest piqued my own and I sent out an email to about two dozen members who were around from the early days of NYB to try and gather some info about these items. I'd like to thank the several members who answered my query to solve this mystery. Kevin Armstrong, although he could not immediately find his own NYB buckle, sent me pictures of several others which were designed by the same artist/jeweler who crafted ours and offered the following "... here are some others from that era and info that may be useful. These Sid Bell buckles were made in limited numbers and sold as fundraising products and commemoratives for sportsmen's groups in the '80s and '90s. Sid Bell designed them and Pilgrim Pewter produced them..." As it turns out, Sid Bell (although now deceased, you can still find his work online) was a master craftsman who lived in Tully, NY. (Coincidentally, he was a nearby neighbor to two of NYB's charter members, Walt Dixon and Dale Walburger). Sid Bell specialized in outdoor sports themes on all types of jewelry in pewter, gold and silver. And it was designer/jeweler Sid Bell who was the craftsman behind the limited-edition NYB buckles discussed here and sold at NYB functions. Although the first official NYB Banquet was not held until 1995 (in Buffalo), there were annual rendezvous held before that where these buckles were available. Among the other responses I received, I learned that Tom Weaver owned two and he's now on his second one (numbered #8) as he wore out his other one! Ed Gorch is in possession of #17. Mike Savage still has his #202. Gary Socola had one, but unfortunately it, as well as any possible records of who might have been in possession of the original batch, was destroyed in a house fire last year. Lenny Morgese remembered obtaining one at a long-ago banquet during the auction. Bob Granato is also the owner of one, but did not find it time for this article. So unfortunately, Alex, I was unable to find out who the original owner of your "#31" was, but at least the "buckle" mystery has been solved!



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Al's Favorite Venison Recipe

INGREDIENTS

1 lb Venison backstrap or steak,
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½ cup flour
1 tbs. cornstarch
Garlic powder, Onion powder,
Paprika, Salt, Pepper, or
your favorite seasoning blend
2 tbs. butter
2 oz. Cognac, Brandy, Scotch, or
Bourbon
1 cup Demiglaze or very good
beef gravy

DIRECTIONS:

1. Pat dry venison and set aside
2. Combine flour, cornstarch,
and seasonings in a bowl
3. Melt butter in a skillet large
enough to hold all of the meat
at the end
4. Dredge meat in seasoned
flour and fry meat in batches
until golden on each side, set
aside
5. When all of the meat is
cooked, add the previously
cooked meat back into the
pan and add liquor
6. Let the alcohol burn off, this
will take about 1-2 minutes
7. Add in Demiglaze or gravy
and stir to combine
8. Serve with rice, mashed
potatoes, over gnocchi, or in
a sandwich



DEC AND FINGER LAKES LAND TRUST ANNOUNCE 65-ACRE ADDITION TO BARE HILL UNIQUE AREA

ACQUISITION PROTECTS WOODED HILLSIDES
ABOVE CANANDAIGUA LAKE AND ENHANCES
PUBLIC ACCESS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Finger Lakes Land Trust (FLLT) today announced the State's acquisition of 65.7 acres of land in the town of Middlesex, Yates County. The parcel will be added to the Bare Hill Unique Area.

"This newly acquired acreage at Bare Hill will improve access to public lands and protect this treasured natural area from future development, safeguarding wildlife habitat and the natural landscape," DEC Regional Director Tim Walsh

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said. “We are grateful for local partners like the Finger Lakes Land Trust, working with DEC to protect these lands for future generations.”

Purchased by the FLLT in 2013, the property includes significant frontage on East Lake Road and more than 2,000 feet of common boundary with Bare Hill. Acquisition of the land will ensure the integrity of steep, wooded hillsides above Canandaigua Lake that would be susceptible to erosion if cleared for development, while also expanding opportunities for outdoor recreation and education.

“Bare Hill is an iconic landmark,” said FLLT Executive Director Andrew Zepp. “We are delighted to be working in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to ensure its future while helping to maintain water quality and increasing opportunities for outdoor recreation.”

DEC purchased the 65.7-acre Reed parcel from the FLLT for \$178,000 with resources from the State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). The Reed parcel, and all Bare Hill Unique Area, will be managed with the long-term goals and objectives of the Draft Northern Finger Lakes Unit Management Plan, which describes the proposed management activities for these lands. In addition to management objectives, the UMP contains detailed information on natural features, recreational infrastructure, geology, natural and human history, habitats, wildlife, fisheries and much more.

Popular activities on Bare Hill include hiking, birdwatching, camping, hunting, trapping, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Bare Hill Unique Area currently includes two separate parcels. The southern parcel covers approximately 298 acres in the town of Middlesex in Yates County, and the northern parcel covers approximately 95 acres in the town of Gorham in Ontario County.

In addition to the 65.7-acre acquisition announced today, the FLLT recently acquired 27.7 forested acres in Middlesex. This property, which represents the organization’s ninth project in the area, provides an important buffer to State lands on Bare Hill and another parcel previously acquired by the Trust. The organization intends to transfer the property to the State DEC as an addition to Bare Hill Unique Area. The addition of this property to Bare Hill will enhance wildlife habitat protection, help safeguard water quality in Canandaigua Lake, and increase public access to

recreational opportunities.

The State’s EPF has grown from its original appropriation of \$31 million in fiscal year 1994-1995 to \$300 million. The Fiscal Year 2022 Enacted Budget sustains the EPF at \$300 million, the highest level of funding in the program’s history. Appropriations include \$40 million for solid waste programs, \$90 million for parks and recreation, \$151 million for open space programs and \$19 million for the climate change mitigation and adaptation program. This investment will provide funding for critical environmental programs such as land acquisition, farmland protection, invasive species prevention and eradication, enhanced recreational access, water quality improvement, and an aggressive environmental justice agenda.



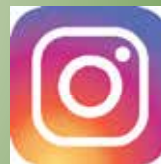
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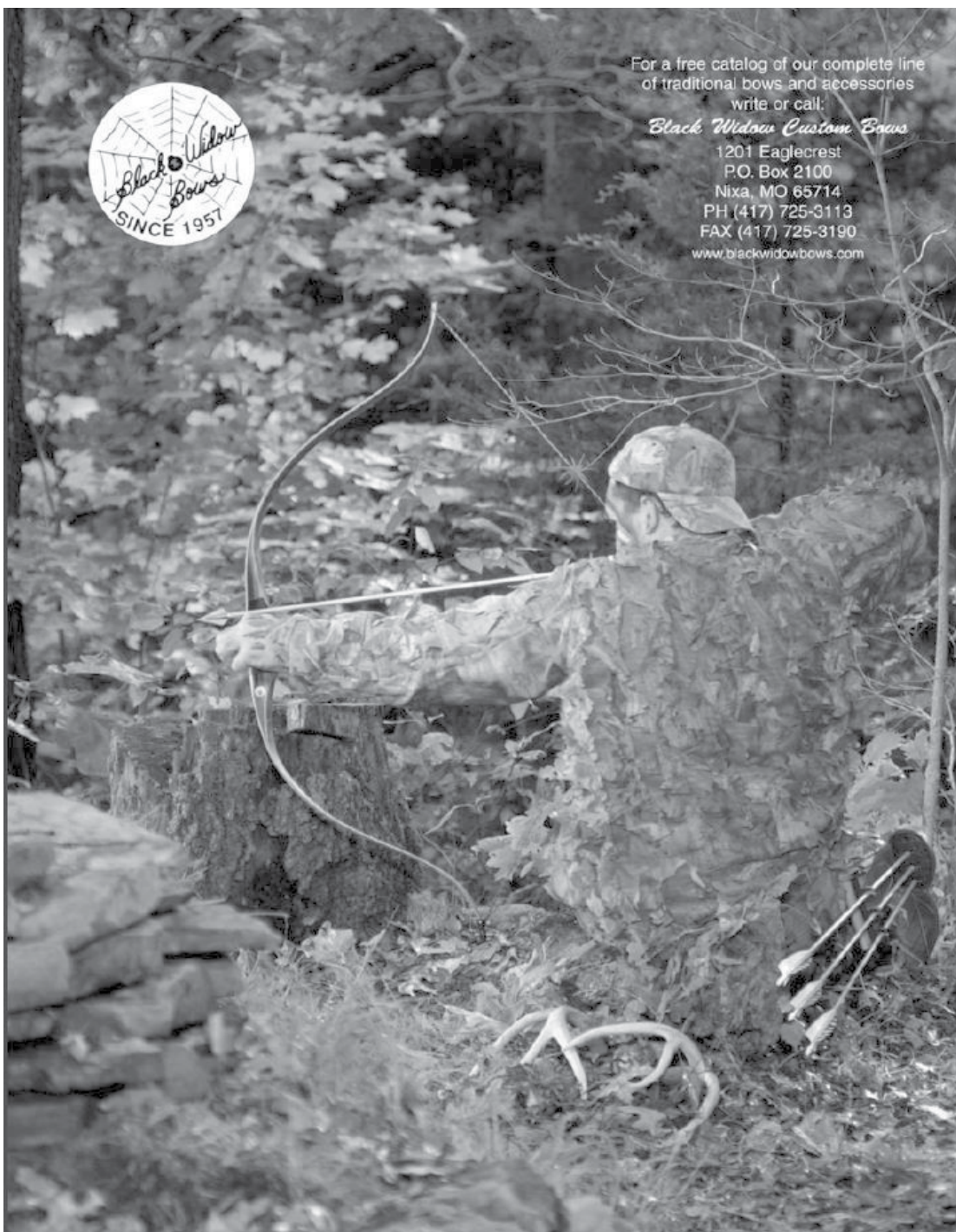
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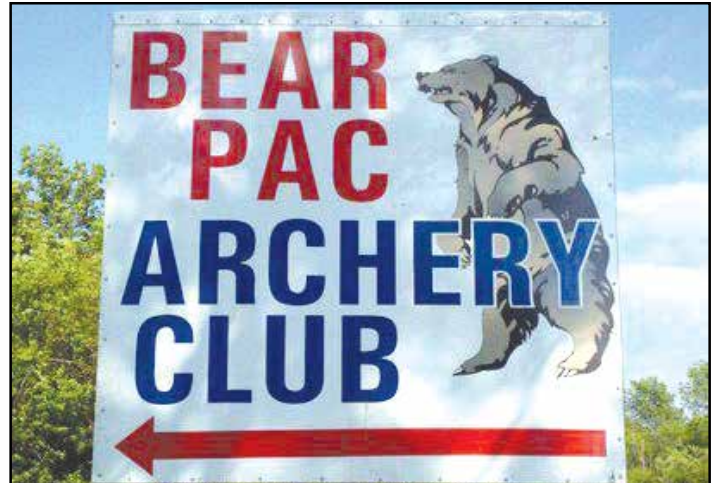
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Julia Weisenberg & daughter, Regina, from Shelter Island, Long Island, enjoying NYB's 3D course.



Merritt Compton arrowed this 21# bird with a 9" beard, 1" spurs.

Bowhunters from the Adirondacks to the Hudson Valley and in between gathered to shoot together in Sunny Hill. Standing L-R; Denis Ryder, Bob Brown, Rich Kirschner, Harry Walker, Bob Ledrich. Kneeling, Mike Savage and in foreground, Scott Chenevert



What an awesome memory!!

Merritt couldn't resist shooting this jake with his 10 year old grandson, Jackson, at his side on the first day of the season.

