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From the President's Desk

I sincerely hope that you are having an exciting and fulfilling hunting season and that you are able to spend time in camp with your family and friends! I am getting ready to go on my first Mule Deer hunt with my dad out in Montana. Any time I can be out in Montana and not in NY is a great day for me and I am excited to go!



So far, the early archery season has been relatively slow for me and my family. I've had several opportunities at nice doe and a close encounter with two nice bucks, but couldn't close the distance and, ultimately, didn't connect. Just being in the woods with my bow has been a real treat for me these past several weeks as I always seem to be busiest at work during the months of October through December. It never fails, but this entire year has been unusually crazy! Even so, I've spent a good deal of time practicing with my new bow and prepping for October and November. I recently switched from shooting a Mathews to an Elite and have enjoyed every second of it. Never thought I'd switch! I've also started using the cellular game cameras which have been lots of fun, too. Getting regular or instantaneous deliveries of photos directly to my phone is a huge advantage with ensuring that I'm in the right place at the right time with the limited time that I have. I will be quickly transitioning out my old cameras for these new ones.

Operationally, it's been a quiet year for NYB. It always starts out busy with prepping for the Banquet and the spring legislation session but has been relatively calm ever since. Hopefully by the time you receive this issue, our country and state will be on a new path forward with new leadership focused on the real issues impacting average Americans. God help us if things don't change.

Please stay connected to NYB for more news and alerts via *FullDraw*, our website, Instagram and Facebook.

Thank you for being a member, good luck in the woods, and be safe!

Sincerely,

Andrew Cotraccia, President New York Bowhunters

FALL RAFFLE WINNER

(A 5-day 2023 Spring Bear Hunt at Betts Kelly Lodge)

Congratulations Kevin O'Brien!

Using Tracking Dogs to Recover Deer

You took what you thought was a perfect shot at your deer, or maybe something went wrong and what you expected to be a perfect shot wasn't, and now you can't find your deer. What can you do? Using licensed tracking dogs to recover deer is legal in NY. Dogs used for recovering wounded game are often referred to as "blood trackers," but the term can be misleading. Blood trackers are even used to track when there is little or no blood. With training and experience a dog can learn to distinguish and track an individual wounded animal by other scents rather than just its blood.

There are several Deer Search clubs in NY, based regionally. Deer Search FLC, Inc. and Deer Mountain Tracking are in the Finger Lakes area. Deer Search WNY, Inc. serves Region 9. If you want to find a tracker closest to your zip code go to <https://www.unitedbloodtrackers.org/find-a-tracker/>

Before you head out for your first hunt of the season (or your next hunt if deer season has already opened) you might want to find a few trackers in your area that you could call on, should the need arise. This will eliminate having to scramble to find someone late in the evening or at night when you're trying to find a deer and the blood trail has gone cold. Once you've located some trackers in your area, it is a good idea to reach out to them, introduce yourself and ask about their dogs and their experience. Dog trackers in NY are unpaid volunteers who track in their free time. Most will, however, accept donations to help pay for their expenses, dogs, and gasoline, which can prove to be very expensive. After a tracker has agreed to take the call, they will determine how long to wait before taking up the track based on the information you give them.

Another important factor to figure out before considering using a tracking dog is who owns the properties bordering the one you are hunting. This is critical because in NY you must have permission before tracking a deer in private property. A reputable tracker will not cross property lines without permission, and the last thing you want to have to do in the middle of the night while trailing a deer is track down a landowner and call them or go knock on their door. Find those landowners now and introduce yourself and let them know who you are and that you hunt on a neighboring property. Ask permission to recover a deer ahead of time. That would eliminate any need to call them in the middle of the night if you have to cross the property line to track a deer.

Once on-site, the tracker will quickly organize and prepare tracking gear at the truck. Your track will be called into the DEC prior to heading afield as this is required by law in NY.

Once the tracking harness goes on the dog, the hunter will direct the tracker to the hit site to begin the track. Once at the hit site, the dog will be attached to a 30' tracking rope and given the recovery command.

No matter who you call there are some important things you need to do right after the shot to increase your chances of finding the deer;

Become familiar with the area around you. Pay attention to landmarks, rocks, blowdowns, larger trees, creeks, etc. Remember, if you hunt from a tree stand, the view of the terrain changes when you are at ground level.

Listen and watch for reaction after the shot. Did the animal bolt, hunch, walk off flicking its tail, stumble, or mule kick? Did you hear a hollow thump or a sharp crack?

Mark in your mind the spot where you last saw the animal and pick out details: a rock, bush, dead branch, tree. Look at the time and wait at least 20-30 minutes. Make a mental note of the direction of travel after the hit. Take a compass, reading direction if possible.

Clearly mark the hit site. Leave the arrow in place if you find it.

Locate and mark first blood. Mark it eye level when you do.

Examine the blood. What color red is it? Is it bright red or dark red? Bright red is muscle or artery. Bright red or pinkish with tiny oxygenated bubbles means at least one lung was hit. If you have dark or maroon color blood, or watery blood with food particles, wait at least 4 hours. If you know for sure you gut shot an animal, back off and wait overnight if you can.

When you track the deer avoid walking in the blood.

If you jump the deer out of its first bed, back out to let it bed again.

After jumping the deer the first time, you may want to call your tracker for advice.

When in doubt, back out. The less muddled the track is the better chance the dog has of locking in and finding the deer.

Try to avoid having a pack of "helpers" tracking the animals' blood as that will just leave more scent which may make it harder for the dogs to lock in on the deer's path of travel.

As bowhunters we practice to make the perfect shot. Why? Because we respect the animals we are hunting and want to make humane kills. Blood tracking and knowing what to do, and when, after the shot is an important skill for all hunters. It's nice to know when things don't go just as you planned you have an option to help in recovery of your animal.





MATLABAS GAME HUNTERS

www.matlabas.co.za

Greetings to all our hunting friends. It is springtime over here and we are now keenly awaiting the first summer rains.

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THE 2022 HUNTING SEASON

The hunting season was an interesting one, mainly due to rare climatic conditions. For the second time in the last 100 years have we seen the Matlabas River flow until mid-August. I have personally not seen this before. In addition, there was green grass available right up to spring. All of this contributed to an unusual, challenging bowhunting year as the animals needed not come into the blinds all the time. We have nevertheless taken quite a number of excellent trophies. As a consequence of last season's good rains the game is in excellent condition.

Some species need to drink on a daily basis and they presented not too much of a problem. Gemsbok, however, can go for months without drinking and we hardly ever saw any at the waterholes. We had to adapt and one of our adaptations was to take out the rifles at certain times – a new experience for us, although we do lots of rifle hunting.

A big THANK YOU goes to the hunters and other wildlife enthusiasts who supported us during the year.





THE 2023 SEASON

The weather prophets tell us we can expect a normal year with normal rainfall. We look forward to that. The game should be in excellent condition. The eland and gemsbok have already dropped their young. The impala will lamb in December. Wildebeest too.

We have already taken some bookings but still have a number of openings for 2023. So, if you are thinking of an African trip, please let us know and we will get the ball rolling. Please be advised that South Africa has dropped all the Covid restrictions and international visitors are welcomed without any of the recent clamp downs on our freedom.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WILDLIFE INDUSTRY

The South African hunting and wildlife industry has recovered remarkably from the bad days of Covid-related restrictions on our freedoms and is doing fine again. All Covid-related restrictions have been lifted. Our airports are fully functional again and both hunting and non-hunting visitors are welcome.

We had good rains all over the country and the game is in excellent condition.

The biggest threat our industry is facing is probably our own government. Third world governments are known to be bad news, but even first world governments now seem to follow suit. Wish we had more Theodore Roosevelts in politics these days!

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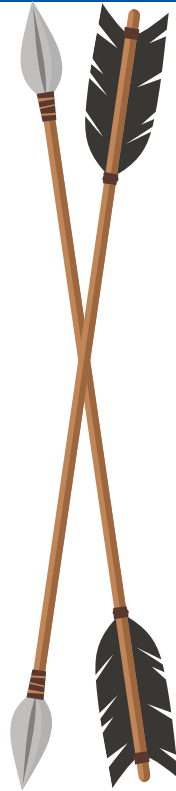
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REGION REPORTS

REGION 1 REPORT

Hello fellow archers!

As I write this, we are in late October and archery season is in full swing here in region one. As the weather starts to slightly chill, we are still experiencing exceptionally warm days in Suffolk County, but that does not seem to stop some fellow bowhunters from dropping some nice bucks early in the season.

As I had mentioned previously, our local taxidermist and butcher had closed shop after last season. There are plenty of hunters in search of a good shop to bring their deer to for these services. I've recently discovered Suffolk County Deer Management, based out of Westhampton. They have been targeting nuisance deer here on the island since 2013. In addition to offering butchering services, they also offer free deer removal and are a drop off point for deer donations. If you are local and interested, search for their Facebook page "Suffolk County Deer Management" for more information.

Back in September, I had come across an article released by *Newsday* claiming three deer have been found with the "Bluetongue" virus in Southampton. According to environmental officials, this is not very common in NYS. Spread by tiny midges, the disease is closely related to other illnesses such as EHD but

cannot be passed on to humans by deer or midges. As the DEC goes into further detail on their website, it is known that outbreaks like this usually end upon the season's first hard frost.

At this moment, the rut is right around the corner! Hopefully, NYB will be posting some season photos on our Instagram page. If you are not following the account, you can find it at @nybowhunters.

Wishing everyone a safe and successful season,
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REGION 2 REPORT

I hope that everyone has had a safe and successful season this year. Following through with your practice regimen, obeying game regulations, and finally taking advantage if the opportunity presents itself to a clean and ethical kill, that is why we do what we do.

One of our longtime boosters and supporters, Pro Line Archery in Ozone Park, Queens, was recently highlighted on an ABC program called "Localish." Pioneering African American Archery Coach Larry Brown and National Gold Medal Archery Winner Dallas Jones were the main focal points of the piece. Kudos to all. I can personally attest to the premier setting and camaraderie at Pro Line.

On November 5th Hunters of Color held a bow hunt on Shelter Island in Suffolk County. Over 60 people took part in the event. They are looking for mentors to assist in teaching their recruits

bowhunting skills. This would be a great opportunity to pass it on and introduce new people into our sport. You can check them out at www.huntersofcolor.org

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

All the best,
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REGION 3 REPORT

Welcoming new Region 3 members from Wittenberg R&G club, Don Van Buren and Alex Olsen. More "Welcome Aboards" to the new members who signed up at one of Bethlehem R&G club's 3D shoots, Ronal Martinez and Anthony Amato. And to Jeff Davis, all I did was peek down the BB rabbit hole. I never felt your foot in my back! Thanks for the ongoing help and advice.

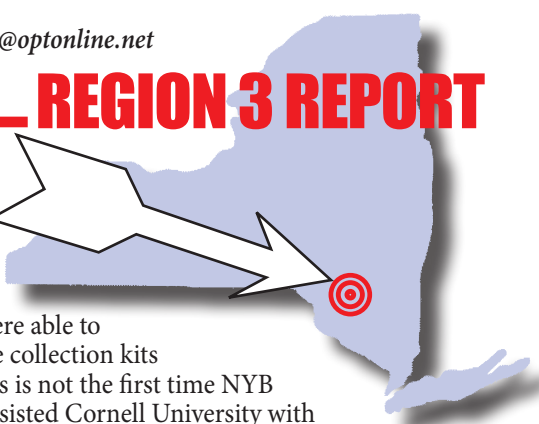
For any other new members who may have recently joined, some as a result of the promotion on Instagram, we're glad you realized the importance of belonging to the largest and only NY state organization which exists solely for the purpose of preserving, protecting and promoting bowhunting. If you have not done so yet, please check out the Accomplishments Page on the website.

Thank you to all our local hunters who signed up to assist Dr

Pat Connelly of Cornell with his team's EHD research. Hopefully you were successful and as a result were able to utilize the sample collection kits you received. This is not the first time NYB members have assisted Cornell University with their ongoing projects in whitetail deer research. We're proud to be able to assist as needed.

Good luck and a big thank you to outgoing Putnam County

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Representative, and my friend, Rich Chizzik. Rich joined NYB during its first year, 1991, and he quickly became the Putnam Rep, a position he held for 31 years! Rich, besides never missing a county report, was a regular every year at the Suffern Outdoor Show representing NYB, signing up new members ... and bringing his wife's delicious cookies to us! Good luck, thank you, and try not to get attacked by all those deer surrounding your new home in PA! And a big welcome to new Putnam County rep John Sarlo. Although he might be new as a rep.... not so new to bowhunting and archery! To Ed G, you've got another Brooklyn transplant for your team! As long as I'm discussing Putnam, hey Steve C (L54) you do know your bow has a wrist strap on it? You're not holding a Halligan Tool!

Looks like the Suffern Outdoor Show is returning after a two-year hiatus. The dates are from March 2nd to the 5th and I know I'll need assistance. If you would like to help out NYB a little, please email or call me with your availability. Partial days are fine. The more help we get, the less time those already committed must be there. It's four long days and many hands make light work.

The annual Zombie shoot held at Ty Yogi Bowmen back in October was a blast. I know several of you reading this, were there. Thanks again to Scott and Tammy Chenevert for not only this, but all the events held at Ti Yogi that you always put your hearts into. Missing you already.

Elsewhere in this issue of *FullDraw* are the details for two mid-winter archery shoots. These are always well attended by a wide variety of shooting styles, not just hunting setups. It was at one of these, last year, I discovered the world of Bare Bow as an additional form of archery and made new friends in the process. The shoots are held in Hyde Park, NY, well within easy reach of all the counties of Regions Three, Four and beyond. Shake off the post hunting season blues with a reason to keep your "archery brain" engaged!

Hopefully by the next issue of *FullDraw* we can begin listing the 3D schedules which for many clubs will begin popping up in March and April. Soon as I get them, so will you! As you've seen me report all year, if you are only using archery for hunting, you're missing out on so much more fun. 3D is a whole new level of enjoyment and socializing with like-minded archery and hunting people, to say nothing of skill maintenance and improvement.

Finally a personal note to all my NYB FDNY Brothers who are taking the Lieutenant's test, "Good Luck!"

From the Kirschner and Lake families, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and lets all have a healthy, Happy New Year!

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SULLIVAN COUNTY REPORT

According to the delivery date of this issue, the only seasons still open or that will open soon is the "Holiday Hunt" if your area has opted in for it. I believe the Federation of Sportsman Clubs of Sullivan County will be opting out of that hunt, thinking the deer have had enough stress from the last three months of hunting. That being said, I hope you already have venison in your freezer!!

I usually scan through my previous reports to make sure there is nothing I have to follow up on, and I noticed I had seen several deer and a small bear killed on Rt. 17 in this area. Today, just before Halloween, I saw two deer and a small bear killed just south of the Sullivan County border. They are on the move this

time of the year!

We have a fair acorn crop here in the town of Thompson but not much in the way of apples. The crabapple trees in our food plot here are bearing some fruit, but not like last year's crop. The Northern Spy apple trees I planted are too young yet to produce any fruit.

The news is that the "Suffern Show" is on again. The dates are 3/2/23 to 3/5/23 at RCC. Stop by and say hi if you attend.

Happy holidays to all!!

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DUTCHESS COUNTY REPORT

Greetings All,

Archery season is in full swing as I write this report and hopefully all of us are spending time in the woods. It has been a slow season for me so far. Due to family and business obligations my time in the woods has been limited. I plan to put an end to that situation quickly. My trail camera activity has been picking up so that is encouraging.

The Fall Indoor league is underway at Ti Yogi Bowmen and the turnout has been increasing each session. The Fall league will go for ten weeks followed by our winter league which also runs for ten weeks. If you are interested in shooting with us, please let me know. Shooting takes place on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. For your convenience, you may shoot either night.

Please let me know of anything you would like reported for the next issue. Your input is more than welcome!

I hope you all have a very successful and safe hunting season and are enjoying some fine bounty. That's about it from Dutchess County for now. Happy Holidays to all. Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2023!

"Keep em Sharp"

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ORANGE COUNTY REPORT

Greetings from Kentucky...First time bowhunting out here and boy is it beautiful.....end of October, 80 degrees and sunny!!! Certainly not the ideal hunting weather, however it has cooled off the last couple of days. Deer have been on their feet, starting to cruise, however the right one hasn't presented himself yet.

I hope everyone had a safe and successful hunting season. The New York State DEC has reported that EHD is back in the area again and, although not as bad as the last two years, this makes three years in a row. The EHD virus is transmitted by small, biting midges. Deer that have little or no immunity typically die within 36 hours of contracting the disease. The disease cannot be spread from deer to deer. And there is no treatment or ways to prevent its spread. The DEC requests us to report sightings of sick or dead deer suspected of having EHD via a new online EHD reporting form or by contacting the nearest regional wildlife office.

If there are any thoughts or stories from my fellow "Orang-ites" you'd like to share, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season ... and a happy and healthy 2023!

Christopher Smith
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Hello to all the New York Bowhunters. I would like to give outgoing Putnam Rep, Rich Chizzik, a huge shout out (although he's harvested a few of my target deer). He did a great job and I'm sure he will be sorely missed. To start with, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is John Sarlo and I am the new Putnam County Rep. Some of you might remember me as the owner of "Anchor Point Archery" in Brooklyn some years ago. I've been around NYB since approx. 1991 when I was approached by some members to be one of the Region Reps. At that time running a business and trying to keep it afloat took more time than I can even mention. I've been a bowhunter since I was 18 years old (I'm 68 now) and enjoy every second in the woods. Every branch that cracks, every leaf I hear overturned, every snort and wheeze make my heart jump now as it has even when I first started bowhunting.

Now with the formalities aside let's get down to business. I'd like to remind everyone who hunts Fahnestock State Park that you need to stop by the office on Route 301 (right off the Taconic) and register. In the last few years, they instituted a new regulation. If you are hunting from a portable ground blind or tree stand, you will have to get a tag. Place it approx. 5ft. off the ground. Also, don't forget to keep your Fahnestock registration with you while hunting there (I just slip it into my back tag holder) and remember to check the park maps. There are certain areas that are bowhunting only. And remember, all ground blinds and tree stands must be removed by Jan. 1 2023.

One last thing to add for now...By the time this gets out to you the deer season should be just about winding down. This is a great time to get our youth involved in the outdoors and get them off the phones and video games (if even for a short time). Too young to hunt? There's nothing wrong with sitting in a deer blind with your son/daughter or having them join you in post-season scouting and doing some bonding. I guarantee those times will not be forgotten by either of you.

That's it for now. And if you have any pictures, notices, recommendations for different products or just to drop a line to say hello please don't hesitate to shoot me off an e-mail.

Have a great holiday season and be safe,

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ROCKLAND COUNTY REPORT

As of this writing, the Outdoor Sport Show held annually at Rockland Community College is scheduled to take place March 2nd through the 5th. It was cancelled the last two years. NYB will be returning to our booth where over the years we have signed up several thousand bowhunters from across the state and beyond. We fully expect to add at least another 100 new members to our membership at this year's event. In order to accomplish this, we depend on members to volunteer a few hours (or a few days) to help us out. Please contact me with your availability so I can start putting together a schedule to assure coverage for the four days.

National Hunting & Fishing Day, held annually at Congers Lake, was once again a huge success thanks to longtime NYB member, and volunteer workaholic, Stan Pascoo. The archery venue was once again one of the most popular events, having a line of children (and parents, grandparents, etc.) all day. The archery range, instruction and supervision was manned by local (and not so local) NYB members. Many thanks to Sammy DiVietro and her dad, Peter. Other NYB members making this day possible were John Parvis and his son, Nick, as well as the

Gidney family.

NYB does not have one member listed as a Representative for Rockland County (I live in Dutchess, and am just as busy as all of you!). As you can see the few sentences that make up the Rockland Report did not require a degree in Journalism or English Literature! The sport of bowhunting has given all of you so many hours of enjoyment. I'm waiting to hear from just one of you that is willing to give back just a little. Please contact me.

Hoping you all have a happy holiday season,

Rich Kirschner, bowrichny@aol.com 914 330 1419

WESTCHESTER COUNTY REPORT

The Westchester Bowhunters Association held their fall meeting in Yorktown. Congratulations to Anthony DiQuinzio whose bird's 9 1/2" beard made him the WBA Turkey contest winner. And the 60" shed antler Steve Cowles brought in was the winner in the Shed contest (both NYB members). Another longtime NYB member, Steve Pecoraro, reviewed and demonstrated the new EZV bowsight. WBA President, Doug Erickson, gave a very informative report on Beech tree disease which is getting progressively worse in NY and could have a large impact in tree and mast loss in the future. And although there is limited treatment for isolated trees, there is currently no way to protect entire forests (note: it takes a beech tree 35 years or more to reach about 20" diameter to produce mast). This disease may have a devastating impact in the NY forests. Other items of discussion were: the persistent EHD problem (accounting for a 34% drop in 2021 Westchester deer harvest), WBA's managed outdoor archery range at the Teatown Preserve, as well as local hunting opportunities for members. For those of you hunting till the end of our season who wish to donate to the NY State Venison Donation Program, deer can be dropped off at Amato's in Katonah (no fawns). If you Bowhunt or live in Westchester, consider joining many of your fellow NYB members in attending the next WBA meeting.

Congratulations to Nicholas Erickson and his 190" Arizona Strip Muley. This young NYB member has enjoyed several successful seasons so early in his bowhunting career. Keep up the great work!

I was seeing some good, early trail cam pics from fellow Westchester hunters. I hope by the time you receive this Full Draw some of those bucks have found their way in front of your arrows!

From the Kyrk family to all of yours, Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year...

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ULSTER COUNTY REPORT

Well, it's approaching Christmas as you read this. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I just got out of the woods for only the second time I've been able to get here this season and haven't seen anything so far. We have only seen two deer so far while hunting the property. Hoping the deer were not hit too hard from the several years EHD has surfaced. Anyway, we'll keep trying. Hope all of you have had better luck. Would love to hear from others in Ulster as to how your season went.

Looks like the Outdoor show is returning to Suffern in March. If you make it down, stop by the NYB booth and say hello.

Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

Bob DiGiacomio
Ulster County Rep. shorefisher07@gmail.com

REGION 4 REPORT

OK the almanac said it's supposed to be a severe winter and what do we have but mosquitoes in November and sixty degree weather. This is the first time I can remember bringing my thermacell into the woods during bow season. It hasn't been easy bowhunting this year with all the rain and loss of acorns and apples due to a late frost. I shouldn't complain because at least I'm seeing deer and feel bad for the guys hunting in the areas hit with EHD last year. I think the areas affected were hit much harder than the DEC will admit. I'm pretty sure hunters across the southern counties will not do well this year and yet the state will still be sending out doe permits.

Good Luck to all the NYB members that won hunts at this year's NYB Banquet. I just returned from a blackpowder hunt with my two hunting buddies and had a wonderful time. We spent three days at Daughtridge Farms in Rocky Mount, N.C. I go on a few hunts each year. The reason I mention this one is because the outfitter offers a youth hunt for a Mom or Dad with young children of any age. There is no age limit to hunt deer in N.C. The outfitter Andrew Webb was kind enough to donate another hunt for this year's Banquet. So, if you have a little guy or gal that

you think is ready, give Andrew a call or bid on the hunt at the Banquet. His info is in this issue of *FullDraw*.

If any NYB member would like to step up and become more involved as a County Rep or help out at the Banquet, please give me a call. Don't forget to send in your trophy photos to our hard working editor Cindy. She does a wonderful job on our *FullDraw* and the youth membership program. And yes Cindy, this is the second time my report made the deadline.

Take Care, Ed Gorch, Region 4, Greene County Rep.
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REGION 5 REPORT

Hello from Region 5.

Well summer is definitely over here in the Adirondacks of New York. We have seen touches of snow on several days already, however nothing is sticking on the ground.



Our Mt Challenge this year was once again well-attended, with a total of 144 shooters. Our NYB family was well represented.



Usually this time of year things here are pretty slow, but this year is full of developments. First of all, the Tupper Lake Archers was well represented again this year at the annual Octupper Fest. Many kids as well as adults came over and tried their hands at shooting.

And from here we head into hunting season. Lots of bears being seen this year all over the area and a few nice deer. This year was a special one here in this household. Our 12 yr old grandson Taylor Hall and his stepsister Lily Chase participated in Youth weekend hunting season. Both harvested

their first deer. Even though it wasn't with a bow it's a start. Neither one felt confident to be able to shoot one with a bow this year but maybe next year with more practice.

Taylor with his 3 point.

Lily with her 6 point.



Needless to say they were both very excited and happy.

Stay safe and healthy everyone and we will see you at the NYB Banquet this spring.

Dave McMahon
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REGION 6 REPORT

Just like last year, most of October was unusually warm and rain free. Hopefully, November will cool down to get the deer into rutting activity. I still haven't had any daytime bucks on my cameras. That has got to change!

We are anticipating our **Annual Region 6 Youth Bowhunter Education Camp** will return next summer as normally scheduled, but there is no guarantee. The Covid dilemma, and now the flu, have both refused to go away. Combine that with the DEC increasing their push for all online classes for bow & gun hunting training will lead to the end of group in-person meetings. It has already been hard to get enough people to complete a class. If the DEC gets its way, youth education in-person classes will be gone!

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

No items submitted.

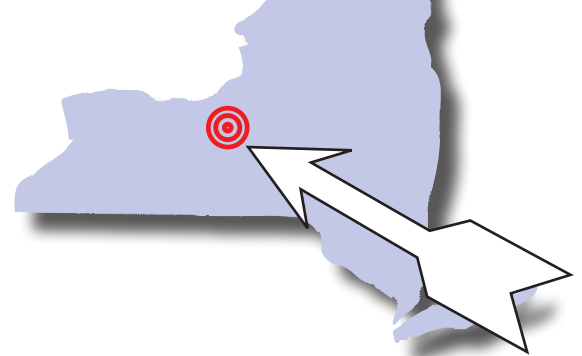
The **New York Bowhunters Facebook Page** still posts up to the minute updates on what is happening around the state. Now you can also follow us on Instagram. Check out our improved webpage. Go to: www.newyorkbowhunters.com.

And don't forget to gift a youth a subscription to *FullDraw* this holiday season. Youth hunters are our future! Start sparking an interest in every child in your extended family over 10 yrs old, and take one hunting this Fall.

Do your part to stay safe and make every effort to reduce the spread of the Covid & flu virus. I wish all you bowhunters not only a successful hunting season, but most enjoyable and SAFE Holidays!

Bill Snyder, Region #6 Rep. • bill4nyb@gmail.com

REGION 7 REPORT



REGION 8 REPORT

Hopefully everyone had an safe enjoyable fall! As I write this the bucks are just starting to lay down scrapes and get excited for what's to come. At our property in Steuben county the caterpillars have defoliated many of the trees, targeting the oaks it seems. This is the second year in row and we have very little mast. Wildlife is very adaptive but I hope this trend doesn't continue and the trees can survive. Several NYB members have taken deer with some of them being large bucks. As we get into the holiday season, I hope everyone takes some time to enjoy the season with family and friends.

As usual I shot the local 3D courses this summer as well as Tupper Lake Mountain Challenge, Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous in PA and Hawkeye Bowmans Traditional shoot. Being that I just cannot get enough of 3D archery in preparation for hunting, I found another club that has shoots and reached out to find when the next one was. The president told me the shoot had been canceled as at the last

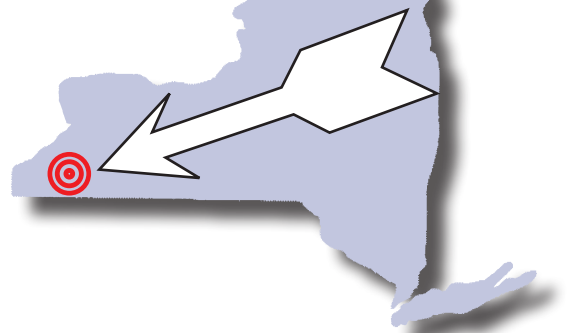
shoot they held only one person attended! I have seen this trend at other courses and many clubs have tried everything they think of to get shooters to no avail. If you have never shot 3D archery, trust me, it's the most fun you can have for \$10-\$15. You get great practice and may even meet fellow archers. We need to support each other to ensure the future of our sport.

Bob Brown, waptichasr@aol.com



No items submitted.

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SECOND CHANCE BUCK



By Tim Murphy

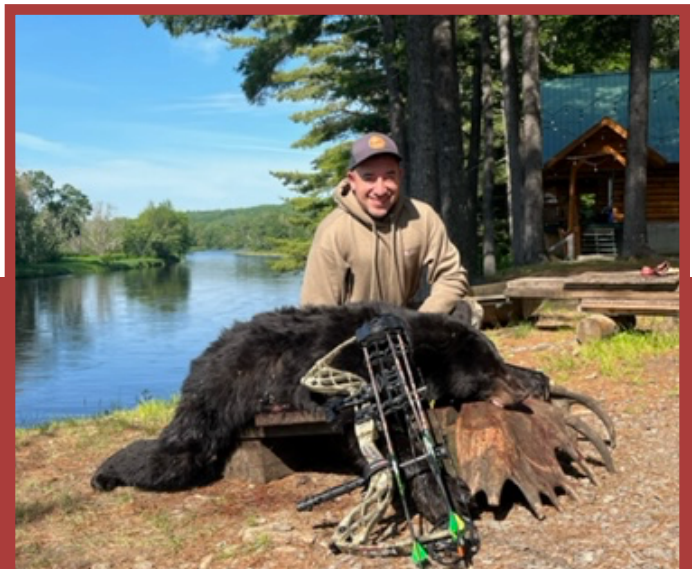
and looked directly at me, but I had not moved during this entire encounter. Although he did not hit his “full alert” button, he did seem to get a little nervous, turned and started heading away. He walked alongside a rock wall and I had a clear opening for a shot at 26 yards. As he entered that opening, I drew my bow and the buck stopped. In a split second, just before I released the string, he turned, offering only his backside. He started walking away again. I was counting the ever-increasing yardage, hoping he’d stop and turn, but knew my only choice now was to let down. Reaching for my grunt tube, I let out a short, deep sound, which immediately stopped the deer, causing him to look back. I had 55 yards of brush between us now, but at least he was staying put. I still had does near my stand which kept some of the buck’s attention, but he also began looking over the ridge in front of him. Several more minutes passed and the movement coming over the ridge materialized into a three-point buck who walked past the nine-point, ignoring him completely, and headed straight for the does ... and me! The bigger buck was not going to let that happen, thank goodness! As the three-point passed right in front of me, the nine-point was just twenty yards behind him. I drew my bow as the object of my attention passed behind a large maple and in a quick moment was presented with the close broadside angle I had been waiting for. The shot felt great and I quickly exchanged my bow for my binoculars. After only running about 35 yards, the buck stopped. Before I could get the binoculars to my face, he fell over! It turned out to be a perfect double lung shot on this three-and-a-half-year-old buck. A great morning, shared with my hunting buddy, Jim, who happily joined in the celebration, dragging duties and an end to this story that began in August with a bunch of pictures, planning and hopeful anticipation!

I live in Putnam County but still hunt in Orange County where I grew up. I hunt around my folks’ home with my dad and my son, and it is here that this story takes place.

I had been getting pictures of this nine-point buck since August, but then he seemed to have disappeared. I have heard mature bucks will occasionally wander out of their home range but as it had been a month since last seeing him, I was worried he might be gone for good. On this beautiful Saturday morning in late October, I was enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of autumn. The cool temps and slight steady NE breeze made it the right choice... hopefully! A couple of does walked by, which reassured my decision for this location. At the same time, I also caught some movement to my west and antlers. As I looked through my binoculars, I knew exactly who this buck was! I was relieved he was still in the area and excited as he followed the same trail as the does. The next thing I knew, he was facing me at 20 yards. For minutes that seemed like hours he just stood there perfectly still, looking at the does. He eventually did pick his head straight up

CORRECTION

In our last issue on the member photos page the name of our veteran hunter was misspelled. We once again congratulate Josh Chiarini on his successful bear hunt and apologize for the misprint.





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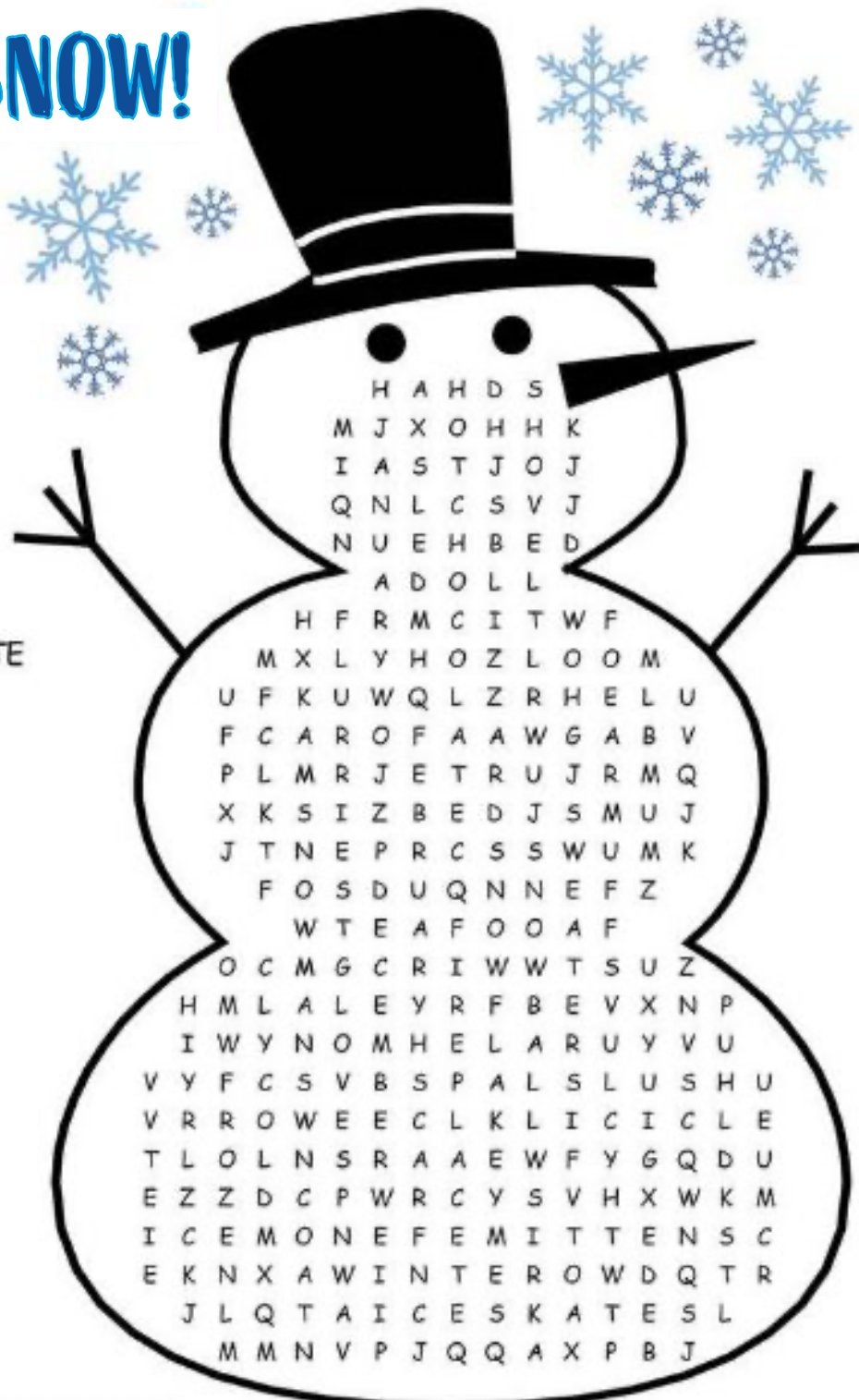
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A snail.



How Deer Survive the Winter

While we snuggle under warm blankets before a crackling fire to keep warm in winter, our native whitetail deer are out in the cold.

How do they survive frigid weather?

Deer have several adaptations to help them make it through our Northern winters. First, their winter coat has hollow guard hairs – like polar bears – and a fine hair beneath the guard hairs to provide outstanding insulation from the cold.

In addition to all that hair, deer build up a thick layer of fat under their skin. Fall grazing for the deer is full of high energy plants, seeds, and nuts that allow the deer to pack on fat stores for winter. Their metabolism in winter falls to one-half of what it is in summer, so the fat stores last longer in winter.

Deer seek thermal cover and different food in winter. During warm months, deer range over larger areas, grazing primarily on grasses. Come wintertime, deer confine their movements within much smaller areas to conserve energy, and browse on woody plant material that is available above the snow.

To protect themselves from the cold winter night sky, they often seek dense evergreen stands in swamps and valleys. The thick tree cover keeps heat from radiating away, and the snow is often not as deep under the evergreen boughs.

Whitetail deer are ruminants. They have a four-part stomach. Microbes that live in their stomach help digest one kind of food or the other. During summer months, the microbes in the stomach help digest grasses. In winter, different microbes are present to digest woody food. Deer can survive weeks without any new food in winter, using decreased metabolism and stored fat to get through the hardest months.

The best thing a property owner can do to help the whitetail deer survive winter is to manage their land in a manner that provides the two most important things the deer need in winter: thermal cover and woody browse.

Managing wetland evergreens for mature canopy with hemlock, balsam fir, and white pine is helpful. Hardwood browse needs to be from ground level to 6 feet in height, so a maple or aspen clear cut near the swamp can provide the needed woody browse.

Feeding deer in winter is discouraged by biologists (and is illegal in NY), as the deer can only digest woody browse, and the energy expended going to and from artificial food sources can actually exceed the energy they can get from such food. Many starved deer have stomachs full of undigested corn.

The best way to ensure winter deer survival is to manage the deer population to keep it lower than the number of deer the local environment can support with cover and browse. The deer hunting season does more than feed hunters' families. It helps ensure winter survival for the remaining herd.

This winter, take a hike down into a conifer swamp to see the many deer tracks and signs. Getting out into winter is a good way for us humans to work off the stores of fat we have set aside for winter, too. ;-)



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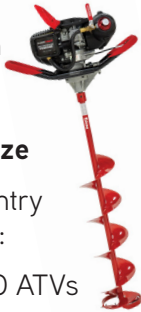
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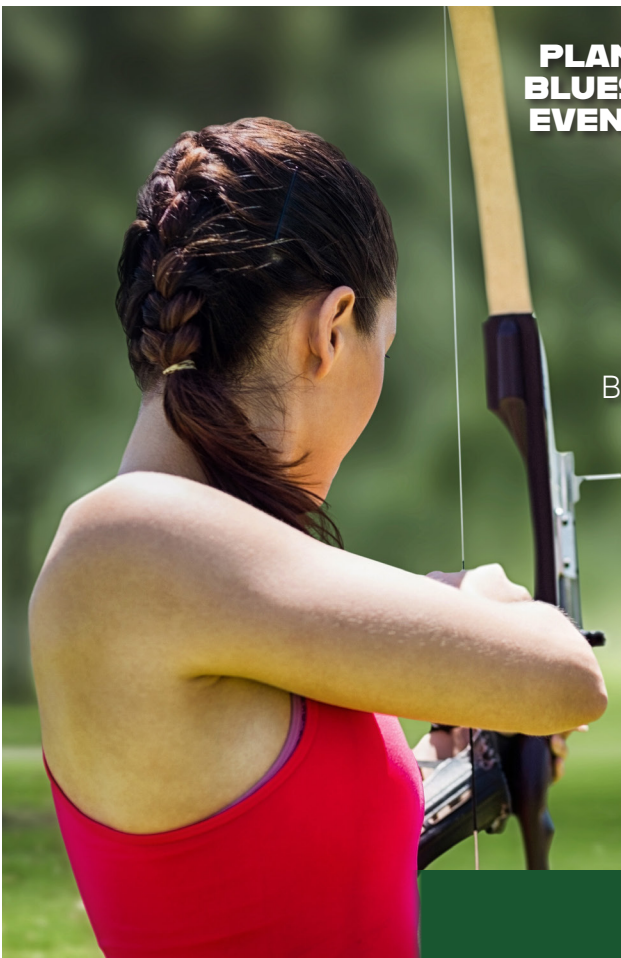
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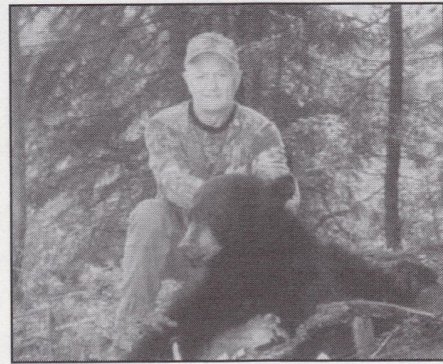
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Our own beloved government has come up with a brand new idea to destroy our wildlife industry: they would like to nationalise all wildlife and all land on which wildlife is found! This madness is outlined in a White Paper released recently. It is an even more crazy idea than the New Green Deal and if they eventually succeed with this, it will mean the end of hunting and private sector conservation in the country. There is, however, very strong opposition to this madness and we are hopeful it will not move beyond the stage of a White Paper. We will keep you updated if there are any new developments in this regard.

The take on all this is that one better hunt South Africa while you still can!

HUNTING THE SABLE ANTELOPE

It is not without reason that the sable antelope (*Hippotragus niger*) is often referred to as the “prince of African antelope.” It is regarded by many as the most attractive of the antelope with its stately build, glistening black coat, white underparts, bristly mane and magnificent Scimitar-like ringed horns, giving it a regal appearance.



The species used to be scarce and rather expensive in South Africa, but numbers have increased and prices have come down somewhat and they are gaining in popularity with international trophy hunters. For the collector of African species, this is a must-have. In our experience, most international antelope hunters visiting South Africa usually have the kudu at the top of their wish list. The sable is,

however, for many an even more magnificent species.

There are four subspecies in Africa. The common sable (*Hippotragus niger niger*) occurs in South Africa and further north. Read more about the sable in my book *The Antelope of Africa* which is available on Amazon.com.

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HUNTING THE BLACK WILDEBEEST

We have taken countless blue wildebeest (*Connochaetes taurinus taurinus*) over the years and regularly get asked about hunting the lesser-known black wildebeest (*Connochaetes gnou*). The two species are quite different and utilise very different habitat. Black wildebeest are often referred to as the “clowns of the veldt” because of their antics on the wide-open plains.

The conservation authorities do not allow black wildebeest in Limpopo province as they cross breed with the blue and have never occurred here historically. So, if anyone is interested in a black wildebeest, we are happy to take you to another province where they occur naturally and where you can hunt them in their natural habitat. Please contact us for more details.





HUNTING THE LIMPOPO BUSHBUCK

The South African spiral horned grand slam consists of the kudu, eland, nyala and bushbuck. Many hunters take three of the four and don't realise that they are close to completing a grand slam. The bushbuck is usually the last to be taken to complete the grand slam.

There are two bushbuck subspecies in South Africa: Cape bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus sylvaticus*) and the Limpopo bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus roualeyni*). The Matlabas and Limpopo rivers provide excellent habitat for Limpopo bushbuck where they keep to the thickets along the rivers. Bushbucks are solitary, crepuscular animals and are active around sunrise and sunset, although we have taken bushbuck in the middle of the day.

We now have access to a very nice concession along the Limpopo River where there are good numbers which we can hunt. It is a beautiful area with magnificent ana trees (*Faidherbia albida*). If you are one of those hunters that need a bushbuck (especially if you already have the three other spiral horned antelope), please contact us for more details and so that we can start arranging a bushbuck hunt.



ZEBRA RUGS

There are very good numbers of zebra in this part of the Bushveldt. They are sought after not only for the lovely shoulder mounts that they make, but even more so for the gorgeous flat skins (i.e. rugs). We have some beautifully tanned zebra rugs available which we sell for US \$950 each, plus packing and shipping. Some of the rugs are with felt underneath and some without. If you would like a zebra skin to go with your zebra shoulder mount, or if you would like one in any event, please contact us by e-mail.

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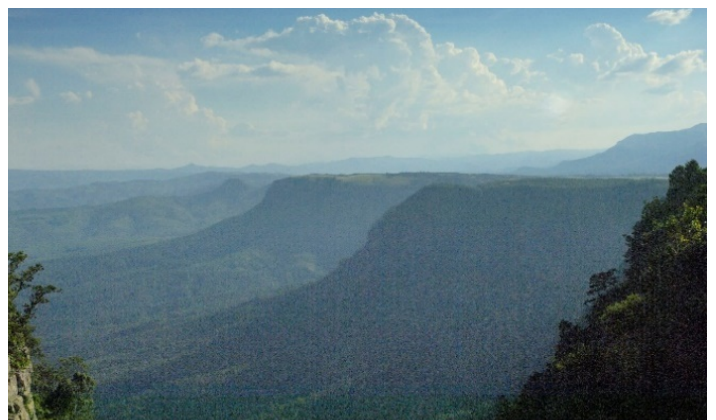
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INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound venison, cut into cubes
- 1 cup diced onion
- 16 ounces (2 cups) mixed vegetables
- 2 cups peeled and diced tomatoes
- 3 cups potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oil in a stock pot or Dutch oven over medium high heat. Brown the venison in the hot oil.
2. Add onion. Cover pot and simmer over medium heat for 10 minutes or until onions are translucent.
3. Stir in the mixed vegetables, tomatoes and potatoes.
4. Combine the water, sugar and bouillon. Stir into the soup.
5. Season with salt, pepper, garlic powder and hot pepper sauce.
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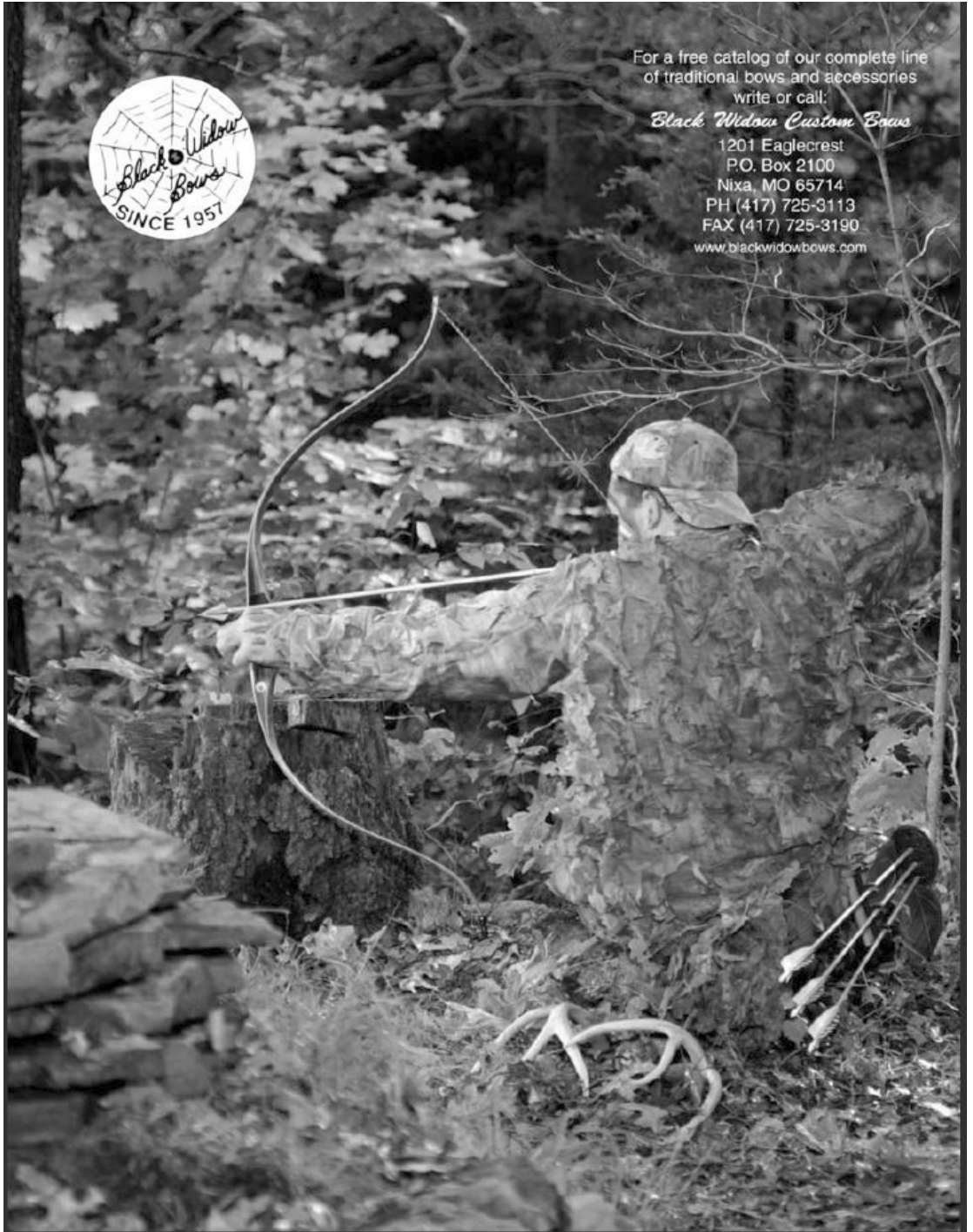
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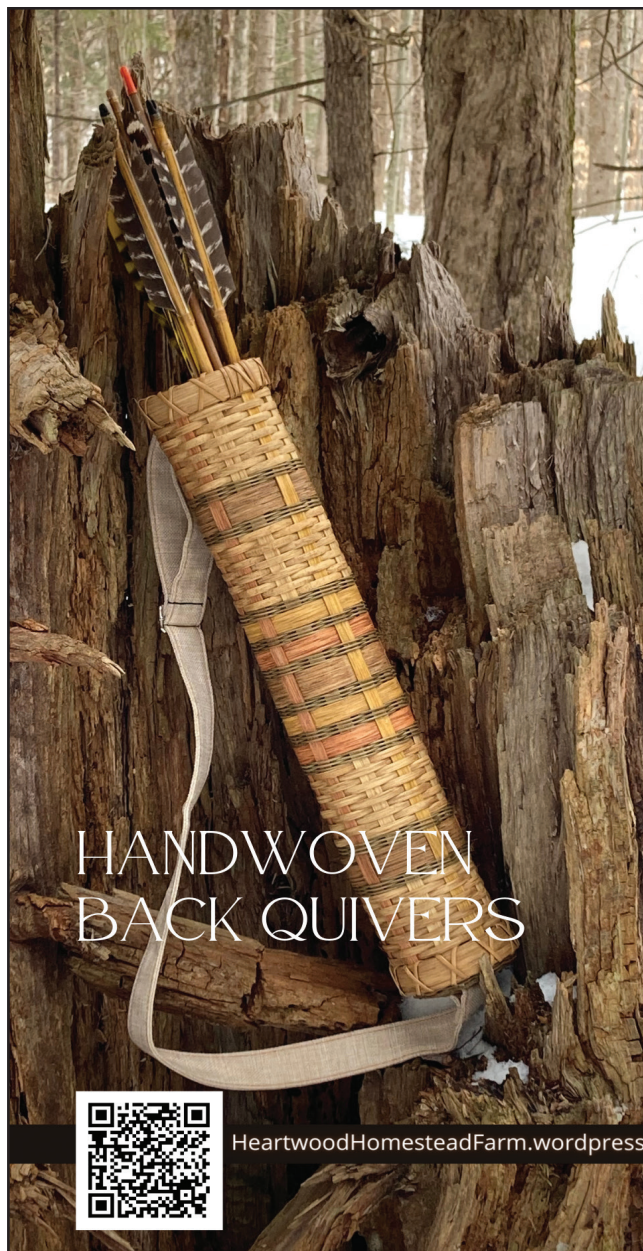


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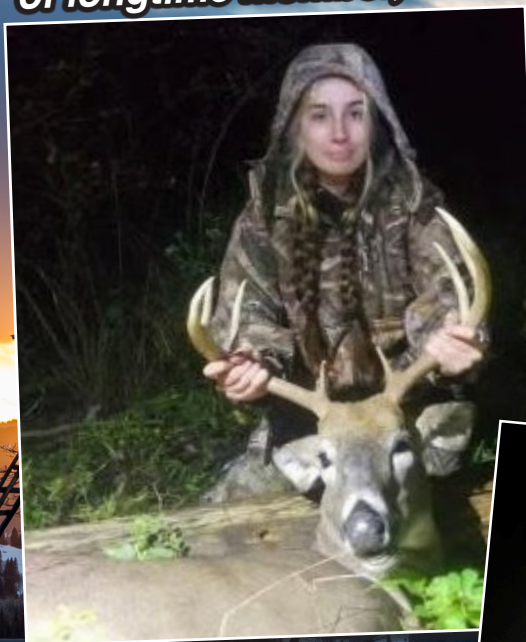
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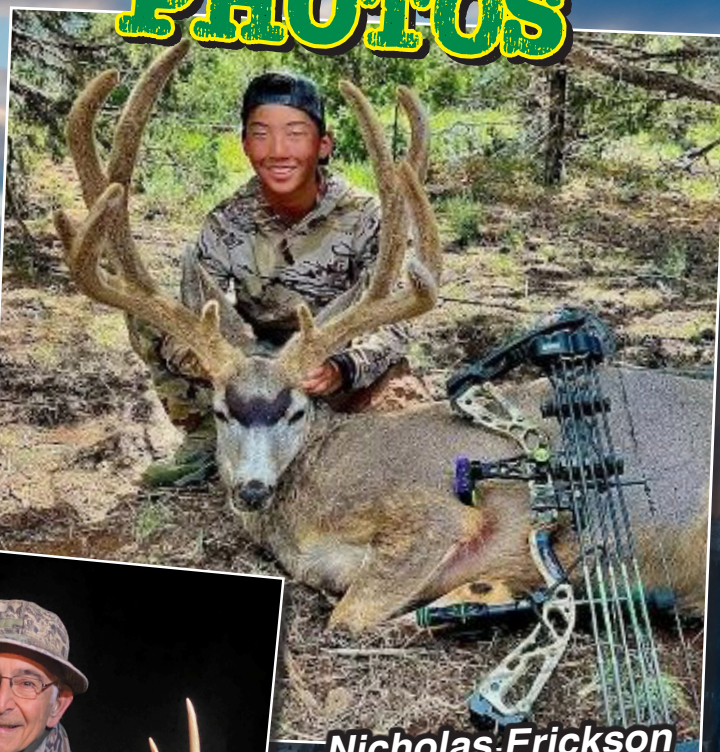
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