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**Matthew Carney,
age 12, from
Rockland County
with his first buck.**

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From the President's Desk

Fellow Members and Friends of New York Bowhunters, As we close another successful year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of our organization and extend my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make this season memorable.

The past year has been filled with growth, camaraderie, and continued dedication to the traditions and ethics of bowhunting in New York State. Our membership remains strong, and it is clear that the passion for archery and conservation continues to thrive within our community.

This season provided many opportunities for our members to enjoy time afield and to contribute to responsible wildlife management. Personally, I was fortunate enough to harvest a nice 10-point buck along with multiple does, making it a rewarding year in the woods.

Our members once again demonstrated the skill, patience, and respect for the outdoors that defines New York Bowhunters. We encourage all members to continue promoting hunter education and responsible bowhunting standards.

One of the highlights of the year was our 3D Rendezvous Shoot, and I want to extend a special thank you to Flashing Feather Bowhunters Club for hosting and supporting such a fantastic event. The turnout was excellent, and we look forward to returning for the next shoot.

Events like these strengthen our connections and keep our traditions alive.

I would also like to express my deepest thanks to our board of directors, Region reps, County reps, volunteers, and dedicated members who continue to give their time and effort to ensure the success of this organization. Your commitment is what keeps New York Bowhunters moving forward.

As we prepare for the coming year, we remain focused on supporting bowhunters across the state, promoting conservation, hosting quality events, and ensuring that future generations can enjoy the rich heritage of archery hunting.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I look forward to another outstanding year together.



2025 DEER HARVEST OVERVIEW – NEW YORK STATE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) released preliminary estimates showing that hunters harvested an estimated 223,304 deer during the 2024–25 seasons. This harvest included 122,427 antlered bucks and 100,877 antlerless deer — representing a 9% increase in antlered bucks and a 3% increase in antlerless deer from the previous season. While the total harvest was slightly below the five-year average, the numbers reflect continued hunter participation and effective stewardship by New York's hunting community.

State wildlife biologists continue to monitor deer population trends and encourage hunters to balance harvest with local deer densities, particularly where over-browsing and habitat impacts have been observed in WMUs across the state.

In addition to harvest data, DEC's expanded electronic tagging and reporting system (HuntFishNY app) streamlined harvest reporting and improved data accuracy — an important step in supporting science-based wildlife management.

HUNTING SAFETY – 2025 SEASON

Safety remains a core commitment of New York Bowhunters and the broader hunting community.

According to the DEC's annual statistics, the 2024–25 hunting seasons were among the second safest on record statewide. Documented incidents included 11 hunting-related shooting incidents (HRSIs) and 11 elevated hunting (tree stand) incidents. Sadly, a small number of these resulted in fatalities, underscoring the importance of vigilance and preparation. Every one of these incidents was ultimately preventable with proper attention to safety practices.

Hunting safety education and the state's mandatory hunter education programs continue to contribute to declining incident rates, and that is something we should all take pride in. But we must not become complacent — safety is a year-round commitment.

CONTACTING NYB

For inquiries or questions, please contact your closest Region Representative, Board of Director (BOD) or Committee of Interest as shown below.

NYB's Administrative Secretary has many tasks which includes processing e-mails, bookkeeping, data entry, bank deposits, mail handling and many other functions. Much of her time is spent receiving phone calls as well. The most efficient way for our members to have questions or concerns answered would be for you to contact either your own Region Representative (or one close to you), a Board of Director (BOD) or Officer, or the person who is affiliated with a committee related to your question or concern. Very often the phone calls received at the office are then forwarded to the various members as listed below.

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SAFETY REMINDERS FOR BOWHUNTERS

As we look toward the 2026 season, I want to reiterate core safety principles:

- Know your target and what lies beyond it — never take a shot unless you're absolutely certain of your target and its surroundings.
- Elevated stand safety first — always use fall-arrest harness systems and remain attached to the tree from the moment you leave the ground until you return.
- Communication matters — tell someone where you're hunting and when you plan to return.
- Visibility counts — even though orange/pink requirements focus on firearm seasons, being visible to other outdoor users — hikers, landowners, and recreational visitors — reduces accidental encounters.
- Stay current on state regulations, reporting requirements, and best practices through DEC and NY Bowhunters resources.

DEC and partner groups like ours are here to support hunters with training, resources, and outreach to make every season a safe one.

MISSION & FOCUS FOR 2026

As we enter the new year, the mission of New York Bowhunters remains steadfast:

1. Promote Ethical Bowhunting Practices

We hold firmly to the principles of fair chase, respect for wildlife, and ethical harvesting.

2. Advance Conservation and Wildlife Management

Hunters are stewards of the land. We will continue to support data-driven wildlife management and responsible harvest strategies that benefit ecosystems and deer populations alike.

3. Expand Safety and Education Programs

We will increase opportunities for safety workshops, mentorship programs for youth and novice hunters, and collaborations with DEC's hunter education programs.

4. Strengthen Community and Tradition

Bowhunting is more than a sport — it's heritage. Our club will continue to foster fellowship through events like our Rendezvous Shoots, conservation projects, and shared experiences in the field.

Together, as bowhunters and conservation partners, we look forward to a productive and safe 2026 season — one that honors the traditions of our sport and the responsibility we share for New York's wildlife and wild places. Thank you for your ongoing support and passion.

Sincerely,

Greg Masaitis, *President, New York Bowhunters*
516-241-4109

NOW ACCEPTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



DOUG KERR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The New York Bowhunters, Inc. Doug Kerr Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to give financial aid to NYB family members enrolled in college.

Ideally, studies related to environmental and wildlife conservation are preferred, however, other majors will be considered. To be eligible, the applicant must be a member or have a parent or guardian who is a member in good standing with New York Bowhunters, Inc. The applicant must be in their senior year of high school when the application is submitted. The applicant must have a letter of acceptance to an accredited school by the first semester of the same year the application was submitted.

The scholarship, not to exceed \$500/year, will not be awarded until the first semester has been successfully completed. All applications must be received by June 1st of each calendar year. If there are no high school senior applicants, other qualified applicants may be considered. The same requirements will apply.

Applicants must provide an official copy of a transcript showing grades for the entire enrollment in all high schools, colleges, or universities attended. An essay of 250 to 400 words must be submitted with the application. The essay is intended to show that the applicant has put serious thought into their career choice in their particular field of study and their goals.

The NYB Doug Kerr Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee members will review the applications and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Go to <https://newyorkbowhunters.com/scholarships/> for the Scholarship application.

Submit all information to:

**New York Bowhunters, Inc.
Doug Kerr Memorial Scholarship Fund
5937 County Road 33
Canandaigua, NY 14424**

Did you know?

On the back of your *FullDraw* magazine, below your name and mailing address, is your membership expiration date. You can use this as proof of your NYB membership. Renewing your membership before it expires saves NYB the cost of mailing you reminder letters.

WINNER

Congratulations to **ROGER BREWER**, winner of the Fall Raffle! Roger won a two day fishing trip for Salmon and Lake Trout on Lake Ontario with Gone Coastal Fishing Charters out of Point Breeze, NY for four people in the spring or summer of 2026.

THANK YOU LIFE MEMBERS!



A shout-out to all of our Life Members who responded to our donation request.

You donated almost **\$8,000** to help NYB in our time of need.

Your dedication to this organization is appreciated.

NEW YORK BOWHUNTERS

3D SHOOT

May 16th, 2026

Hawkeye Bowman

13300 Clinton Street · Alden, NY 14004

30 Targets in the beautiful wooded, hilly courses of **Hawkeye**

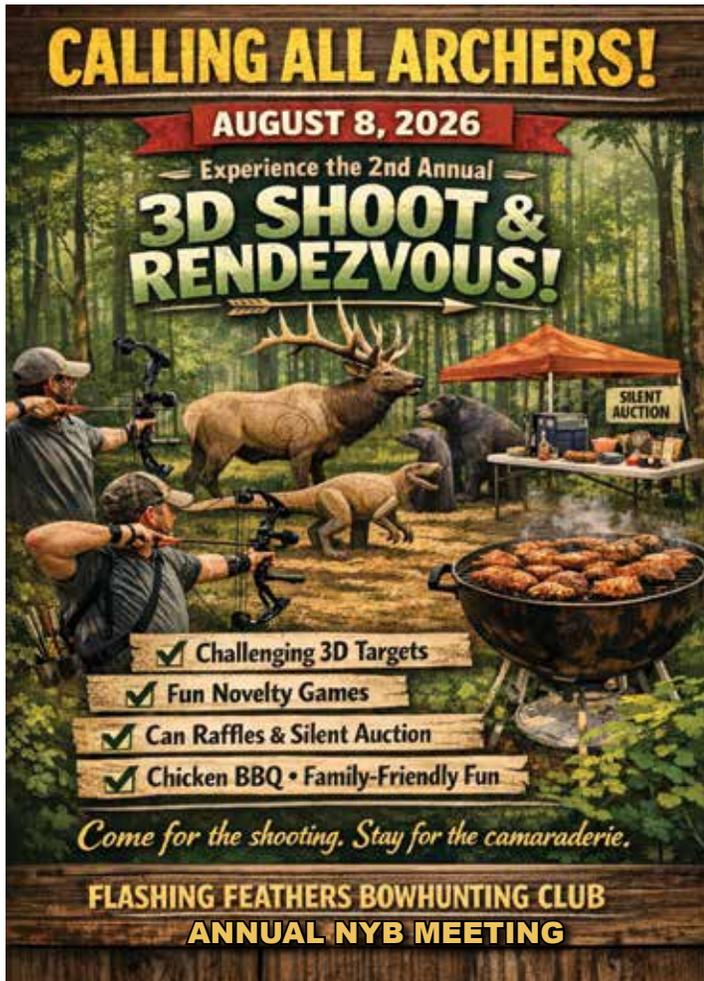
Registration **7 AM** · Noon · Course Closes at **2 PM Sharp**

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 for more information.



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3D SHOOTS

This schedule is posted as a convenience to the subscribers of *FullDraw* magazine. These events are hosted by the individual clubs as shown and not New York Bowhunters. Individual clubs' websites (or social media) pages should be checked for details, changes, cancellations, directions. Those clubs whom support NYB have their contact information on our Booster Page elsewhere in the issue.

REGION #3

- March** 29-Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club
- April** 12-Highwoods Sportsman's Club
19-Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club
25 & 26-Ti Yogi Bowmen (IBO NY 3D Shoot)
- May** 10-Ti Yogi Bowmen
17-Wittenberg Sportsmen's Club
24-Highwoods Sportsman's Club
31-Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club
- June** 6 & 7-Neighbor's Gun Club (IBO NY 3D Shoot)
14-Wittenberg Sportsmen's Club
21-Ti Yogi Bowmen
28-Highwoods Sportsman's Club
28-Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club
- July** 12-Wittenberg Sportsmen's Club
19-Ti Yogi Bowmen
26-Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club
- Aug** 16-Ti Yogi Bowmen
23-Neighbor's Gun Club
30-Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club
- Sept** 13-Ti Yogi Bowmen (Annual Pig Roast & BBQ)
13-Wittenberg Sportsmen's Club
20-Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club
27-Highwoods Sportsman's Club
- Nov** 22-Highwoods Sportsmen's Club
- Dec** 6-Highwoods Sportsmen's Club

The above shoots, unless indicated, take place on Sundays. Scoring is optional (unless shooting one of the two qualifying IBOs where shown) Most shoots open registration between 7 and 7:30AM. Most will allow registration until approximately 11AM, keeping in mind shooters should be finished no later than 1:30PM. There may be other info specific to that club. Websites or social media pages should be checked for changes, cancellations, directions, etc. Most of these clubs will have food available.

REGION #5

- March** 15-Tupper Lake Archers Camo to Camo Benefit Shoot
22-Bear Pac Archery, Watertown
- April** 19-Raquette Valley Archers, South Colton
- June** 7-Barn Archery Club, Lake Placid
9-14 week night league Barn Archery Club, Lake Placid
19-21-Bear Pac Archery R 100 shoot, Watertown
27-Norfolk Archers, Norfolk
- July** 12-Bear Pac Archery, Watertown
18-Tupper Lake Archers
19-Raquette Valley Archers, South Colton
28-Big team match, Barn Archery Club, Lake Placid
- Aug** 29-30-Tupper Lake Archers, Mt Challenge
30-Bear Pac Archery, Watertown
- Sept** 6-Norfolk Archers Trophy Shoot

TRI-COUNTY ARCHERS

Adults - \$15.00 | Juniors (12-17) - \$5.00
Youth (under 12) - Free
ALL SHOOTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Food may be available for purchase

- April** 12-Black Rock Fish & Game Club
19-Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
- May** 3-Walden Sportsmen's Club
17-Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club
31-Black Rock Fish & Game Club
- June** 7-Walden Sportsmen's Club
28-Monroe-Chester Sportsmen's Club
- July** 12-Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
19-Black Rock Fish & Game Club
- August** 2-Monroe-Chester Sportsmen's Club
9-Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
16-Walden Sportsmen's Club
30-Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
- Sept** 13-Black Rock Fish & Game Club
27-Monroe-Chester Sportsmen's Club

Check individual club websites, Facebook and Tri County Archers website for details, cancellations, directions & reschedules.

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Hawkeye Bowmen Archery Club Events 2026

13300 Clinton Street, Alden, NY 14004

March 22nd

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

10:00AM

March 28th - 29th ALASKAN SHOOT

Open to the public.
All equipment welcome.
Registration 7:00AM-12:00PM
Courses close at 2:00PM
Cost \$15

April 18th

WILD ANIMAL SHOOT

Open to the public
All equipment welcome
Registration 7:00AM-12:00PM
Courses close at 12:00PM
Cost \$15

April 24th-26th

SPRING THAW PRIMITIVE SHOOT

Self Bows & Self Knocked arrows

May 16th

NY BOWHUNTERS BENEFIT SHOOT

Open to the public
Registration 7:00AM-12:00PM
Courses close at 2PM
Cost is \$20
Watch website for details!

August 13th-16th

32ND ANNUAL TRADITIONAL SHOOT

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September 7th

LABOR DAY SHOOT

Open to the public.
All equipment welcome.
Registration 7:00AM-12:00PM
Courses close at 2:00PM
Cost \$15

BOWHUNTER LEAGUE

May 4th
May 11th
May 18th

June 1st
June 8th
June 15th

Cash Prizes
Details on website

WOMEN'S LEARN TO SHOOT ARCHERY CLINIC

May 21st
May 28th
June 4th

June 11th
June 18th
June 25th

Details on website

YOUTH ARCHERY CLINIC

June 29th
July 6th

July 20th
July 27th

July 13th
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WE NEED YOUR VOTE!!

The nominations for the 2026 positions are shown below. Please vote to fill the positions with the candidates you think would be an asset to our organization. You may use this form.

★ Officers' Positions ★

Treasurer - Cindy Phillips	(2 year term)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recording Secretary - Andrew Kirschner	(2 year term)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Board of Director Positions ★ Vote for 3 candidates

Kathy Savage	(3 year term)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bill Snyder	(3 year term)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Brown	(3 year term)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Return ballot no later than April 26, 2026 to: 5937 County Rd. 33, Canandaigua, NY 14424

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Cindy Phillips

POSITION SEEKING:

Treasurer

YEARS BOWHUNTING: 45

Most of you already know me as the Spikes Editor and the Editor of *FullDraw*. An opportunity has become available for me to fill the position of Treasurer for NYB. I've always had an eye for numbers, spending over 40 years as a Computer Engineer. Now that I am retired, the Treasurer position for NYB would give me a chance to keep my "nerd brain" occupied.

Brief description of your bowhunting career to date:

My (then) boyfriend (now husband) introduced me to archery in 1980 and I never looked back. I harvested my first doe that year. I am the "meat hunter" in the family and consider myself blessed to harvest at least 2 deer a year with my bow. I am not the one hunting for the big rack. My ideal deer is meaty and tender. Each and every deer I harvest is a trophy to me. To this day, I am still amazed that I can kill a wild animal with stick and string. My first bow was a used Jennings Lightening. In 1998 I graduated to an Oneida Eagle and now shoot a Mathews DXT. Rich Kirschner introduced me to the long bow at the Rendezvous last year and I am intrigued...

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB?

In 2013, NYB was looking for someone to take over the Spikes Newsletter. Since then, I have been involved with the Board, attending several meetings a year. It has been an honor to get to know the dedicated men and women who make up NYB's management. I believe my computer and accounting skills will be an asset to the team.



Andrew Kirschner

POSITION SEEKING:

Recording Secretary

My name is Andrew Kirschner and I am seeking the position of Recording Secretary. I am 37 years old and have been a member of New York Bowhunters for 23 years. Outside of hunting, I am a firefighter with the FDNY, a veteran of the United States Navy, and a husband. But what defines me most is not a title, it is my character: showing up, doing what I say I'll do, and taking pride in discipline, responsibility, and integrity.

Brief description of your bowhunting career to date:

My passion for bowhunting started at 14 and I've been at it ever since. While New York is home, I've also hunted in North Dakota, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Canada. I've primarily pursued whitetail, mule deer, black bear, and elk. I was honored to receive an NYB scholarship as a college freshman, and I've been proud to represent the organization by working the booth at the many Suffern Outdoor Shows in which NYB was represented.

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB?

One thing I love about bowhunting is that the goals are never-ending—you never "arrive." There's always a new lesson, a higher standard, and a deeper respect for the process. That mindset is exactly what I will bring to this role. As recording secretary, I will capture what matters: motions, votes, decisions, and action items. I'll keep the chapter aligned with organization from meeting to meeting so that members stay informed and leadership can move forward with confidence. NYB has been a part of my life for decades, and I want to give back by doing what is essential work that keeps a strong organization running.



Kathy Savage

**POSITION SEEKING:
Board of Directors**

YEARS BOWHUNTING: 20+

I have been a member of NYB for over 25 years. I have been an active member of Tupper Lake Sportsmen's Club since 1992, still serving on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer for Tupper Lake Archers and a co-Instructor for the Youth Archery Program for 23 years. I have met some pretty incredible people over the years while shooting at archery events and made many long-lasting friendships.

Brief description of your bowhunting career to date:

I started bowhunting in 2003 with a Compound, graduating to a Recurve a year later. Although it was more challenging, it was more fun and a lot more rewarding! I had an awesome experience bowhunting in North Dakota for Mule Deer even though I came home empty handed, followed by a successful bow hunt with Sportmen's Safaris in South Africa in 2006, hunting with a PSE Kudu. I took home four awesome trophies and even more wonderful memories. Later that fall I took my first Adirondack Buck with the same bow.

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB?

I had no idea what NYB was all about until I attended my first NYB Banquet over 24 years ago. After learning what a great organization this was, I decided to become a member and offered to help in the "War Room", cataloging items for the Auction and Raffles. This is my way of giving back to NYB after all they have done and continue to do to promote the sport of archery and preserve our rights as bowhunters. I am so very proud of, and to be part of, the NYB Family!



Bill Snyder

**POSITION SEEKING:
Board of Directors**

My name is Bill Snyder and I am seeking another term on the Board of Directors. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve on the Board of this fine NYB organization for the past few years. I live in Canastota, NY with my wife of 51 years. We have two sons, TJ and AJ, who are avid bowhunters and outdoorsmen.

Brief description of your bowhunting career to date:

My primary reason to begin bowhunting was to simply get outdoors more often. Since there are so many places to hunt in NY State, I've never needed to hunt outside the state. Bowhunting season is now my favorite time to commune with nature.

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB?

In 2010 I became Region 6 Representative, which came with the title of Youth Camp administrator. Through the years we trained & graduated over 175 students in the fine Sport of Bowhunting. Currently, I am Administrator of the NYB webpage, which can also be challenging. Fortunately, we have a team of NYB officers & directors who work very well together to keep the NYB train on track.

As long as I am able, I will be a NY Bowhunter, and continue to support the NYB in any way I can.



Bob Brown

**POSITION SEEKING:
Board of Directors**

YEARS BOWHUNTING: 40+

Brief description of your bowhunting career to date:

I have bow hunted in New York, Pennsylvania and Quebec for 40+ years. I began hunting with a compound and switched to recurves and longbows about 15 years ago. I enjoy the simplicity of traditional archery as well as making arrows and other equipment. I have taken many deer, squirrels, rabbits and raccoon with bows. I attend many 3D events in New York and Pennsylvania each year.

Why do you feel you would be an asset as an officer or director of NYB?

Bowhunting is my number one passion outside of my family. Almost every day I'm involved with bowhunting whether it is a conversation, internet interaction, reading/thinking of bowhunting or shooting a few arrows. I will stand up to promote and protect bowhunting for all.



Return ballot no later than April 26, 2026, to:
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VOTE

New York Bowhunter's BOOSTERS

Tell 'em NYB Inc. sent you!

The Bowhunter Booster Program was started in 1993. We are proud to list the clubs, businesses and individuals who have become NYB Boosters to date. You can become listed as a Booster for a minimum of \$30 per year by marking the membership application as "Booster" or by calling 585-229-7468.



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REGION REPORTS

REGION 1 REPORT

That's a wrap on another season, and now we begin the countdown to October once again. I hope everyone had a safe and successful season and managed to stay warm despite the frigid temperatures.

As we move into the off-season, there are several opportunities worth highlighting to help archers stay active and engaged. For our younger shooters, Ten Ring Archery in Levittown hosted a youth league beginning January 9th. Additionally, Ten Ring Archery held its Tournament of Broken Hearts on February 15th. While these specific events may have already passed by the time you're reading this, we encourage everyone to continue checking with local archery shops and ranges for off-season leagues, tournaments, and training opportunities.

In other Region 1 news, the National Park Service has once again conducted a deer management program at Fire Island's William Floyd Estate. Following the removal of ninety-eight deer in 2024, the Park Service states that the ongoing effort is intended to protect native plant and wildlife species and promote a more balanced ecosystem. According to the Park Service, these programs

are carried out by highly qualified professionals—an opportunity that many in our community would certainly be curious to learn more about.

We encourage everyone to stay involved during the off-season by participating in local leagues, indoor shoots, and 3D events. These activities are a great way to sharpen skills, support local businesses, and stay connected with the archery community.

Wishing everyone a productive off-season—stay warm and shoot straight.

*Best regards,
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REGION 2 REPORT

Hello my NYB Brethren.

What a Winter we have had! Some say it was the “6’s”; that in 1996, 2006, 2016, and now 2026, we experience extremely harsh Winter weather, plunging temperatures, and massive snow storms. Spring and Summer will melt away that ice and give new growth and birth.

Be safe when Turkey hunting. Always have your back to large tree, never call and stalk, be sure of your target and beyond, and have a Hi-Viz cap or vest on when walking to and from your hunting area.

As expected, the crossbow harvest has increased, while bow harvests have decreased. Since 2021, the crossbow harvest increased from 7.2% to 13.1% (almost doubling) while the archery harvest total decreased from 22.1% to 12.2% (almost half). A direct correlation, no doubt. The DEC has implemented a few amendments to the Environmental Law regarding the crossbow. Crossbow users are now required to take the Bowhunter Education Safety course and purchase the Bowhunting Tag in addition to their hunting license. The Law was also amended to eliminate minimum limb width and the maximum draw weight parameters.

Everyone's favorite forest demon, the tick, is in the news again. First, a New Jersey man died from Alpha Gal after

being bitten by an infected tick. Alpha Gal causes you to develop a meat allergy, and, if you are not aware of it, can be fatal. When there is a natural villain, nature usually provides a cure. Balsam Fir essential Oil has been shown to kill black legged deer ticks in the winter with an almost 100% mortality rate at temperatures under 39 degrees. More studies will be conducted as for the best usage, either topical treatment or forested areas.

There have also been natural remedies for Lyme disease in the news lately. Herbs that have been shown to reduce symptoms and eliminate bacteria are Cryptolepis, Japanese Knotweed, and Cat's Claw. As always, consult your medical practitioner before starting any treatment.

DEC EnCon officers, with assistance from their K9 partners, issued several violations to 2 hunters, including trespass, hunting over a bait pile, discharge of a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, failure to properly tag a deer, and unlawful taking of white tailed deer.



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RIP to Carl “Fox” Hayes, father of Mossy Oak founder Toxey Hayes. He was an avid outdoorsman and turkey conservation pioneer.

Join us at Flashing Feathers Bowhunters Club on Saturday, August 8th for our Annual Rendezvous and Shoot. Bring a friend, bring the family, there’s a lot of great things to do.

Don’t forget to check your email for updates and upcoming events.

I am proud to report that NYB Life member, Joel Riotta has been inducted into the Traditional Bowhunters Hall of Fame (TBHOF). Joel, who has hunted for decades on his Catskill property, has been a Life member and huge supporter since NYB’s inception in 1991. His accomplishments are far too many to list here, but beyond his bowhunting success (which spans the entire country and beyond), Joel was also most active behind the scenes legislatively, both in NY as well as in his home state of NJ. It is most deserving that the TBHOF has honored him. The induction ceremony took place in March 2026 at the biennial PBS gathering in Indiana. Congratulations to you, Joel, from all your friends in NYB.

Our deepest condolences go out to longtime dedicated member, Ray Otto and family, for the loss of Ray’s lovely wife, Susan. You may have had the privilege of meeting Susan at one of the many Banquets she and Ray attended. Or maybe you read one of her articles in *FullDraw*. Susan was one of NYB’s most active legislative “bulldogs”, on the local level in Sullivan County and in Albany. Susan, a most accomplished businesswoman, would always be the first to call me when a bowhunting issue appeared on our radar to discuss NYB’s strategy, and offer her assistance. My prayers go out.

I’m happy to report my good friend (and fellow FDNY brother) Brian McNamara connected with his first archery buck kill this past season. Brian’s determination to successfully arrow a buck this season drove him to put in 26 days of bowhunting to complete his self-assigned challenge. Way to stick to it, buddy!

Congrats and good luck to NYB’s Ulster County Rep, Mike Cialovino. Mike is now the president of Highwood’s Sportsmen’s Club in Saugerties. Mike and Highwoods are looking forward to NYB members attending the several 3D shoots they’ll be hosting this spring and summer.

Before you know it, there will be plenty of 3D shoots in Region 3. You can find a shoot almost every weekend from the end of March right up to (and into) bowseason in the fall. Many of the clubs are NYB Boosters. Check to see if the shoot you’re attending is a Booster and thank them for supporting us when you register.

For those of you who have had back surgery, I have joined your club. Back in January, among a few other related lumbar items, my L4 and L5 had to be fused. Needless to say, my entire

May God bless America and all who defend her, both home and abroad. Happy 250th Birthday America!

All the best,

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REGION 3 REPORT

winter has been spent resting and rehabbing, including 6 weeks of no driving allowed. Six years

ago, I had surgery to repair a full-thickness tears in my shoulder which required three anchors. I am happy to say I fully recovered from that, and am looking forward to doing the same with this latest setback. I hope to be out on a 3D course (with a recurve bow) by early summer.

Starting in December, we’ve had one of the snowiest and coldest winters in the lower Hudson Valley than we’ve seen in a few years. Hopefully an early spring will help the critters make it through. Good luck to those of you who will be pursuing turkeys shortly.

“Till next time,

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SULLIVAN COUNTY

Greetings to you Sullivan County members braving this post-season weather with the snow and cold hitting us hard. I hope you all had a successful and healthy season! This weather is no doubt hitting our wildlife hard with no better weather forecast for the first few weeks of February. We had a poor to nonexistent acorn crop so the deer are having a tough time of it. Hopefully the weather will moderate in February and give them a break. I have no idea how the sows will make out having cubs this time of the year with the cold.

Winter leagues have started at All Things Accuracy (ATA) in Liberty. They host fun shoots where you can shoot any target style you want. The ladies are even shooting playing cards for poker hands on Wednesday nights. Check the website to find out about future indoor 3D in the Spring. On July 11 and 12 ATA will be having their INTO THE WILD 3D Shoot at Holiday Mountain Ski Area. There will be an extensive practice

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

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

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- Fish

Bowhunting Tips to Build Skills and Confidence

Bowhunting is an exciting and rewarding activity but success doesn't come from luck alone. It comes from preparation, patience, and good habits. Whether you are new to archery or an experienced hunter, these bowhunting tips will help you stay safe, improve your skills, and enjoy the experience.

1. Start with the Right Equipment

Using the correct bow is one of the most important steps for successful bowhunting. A bow that is too heavy can be hard to draw and lead to poor form or injury. Choose a bow with an appropriate draw weight and length. Make sure arrows are properly matched to the bow. Comfort and control matter more than power. A well placed shot at 35 pounds beats a poor shot with a 65 pound draw weight every time.

2. Practice Good Form, Not Just Shooting

Accuracy starts with form. Focus on the basics: a balanced stance, smooth draw, solid anchor point, and relaxed release. Don't rush your shots. Practicing close-range targets first helps build confidence and muscle memory. It's better to shoot fewer arrows with good form than many arrows with bad habits.

3. Safety Always Comes First

Safety is a responsibility every bowhunter must take seriously. Never point a bow at anything you don't intend to shoot. Always check what is beyond your target, whether on the range or in the woods. Use an arm guard and keep broadheads covered. Safe habits learned early last a lifetime.

4. Learn When *Not* to Shoot

One of the hardest but most important lessons in bowhunting is knowing when to pass on a shot. Ethical shots are close, clear, and offer a good angle for a quick, humane kill. If the animal is moving, too far away, or partially blocked, it's okay to let it go. A true bowhunter values respect for the animal over rushing.

5. Be Patient and Stay Observant

Bowhunting requires patience. Animals don't always appear right away, and sometimes they don't show up at all. Use quiet time to observe nature—watch how animals move, notice the wind direction, and listen to the sounds around you. Staying calm and still increases your chances of seeing undisturbed animals and makes the experience more enjoyable.

6. Learn from Mentors

Practicing and hunting with a mentor is one of the best ways to learn. Ask questions, listen carefully, and take advice seriously. Experienced hunters can teach you about scouting, shot placement, tracking, and respecting wildlife laws. These lessons are just as important as shooting skills. You are never too old to learn!

7. Have Fun and Respect the Outdoors

Bowhunting isn't just about harvesting an animal. It's about learning, improving, and enjoying time outdoors. Celebrate progress, even small improvements. Respect the land, follow regulations, and appreciate every opportunity to be outside.

With practice, patience, and the right attitude, bowhunters can build skills that last a lifetime. Bowhunting teaches responsibility, confidence, and respect—values that reach far beyond the woods.



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area and at least three 3D trails accessible by the chair lifts. Hope to see you there!

Sullivan County Archers usually holds a Youth Camp for local kids in July but we are still deciding if we are having it this year because of our very poor participation in the last few years. Check the next *FullDraw*, the NYB and All Things Accuracy websites for information.

I will be holding archery clinics as usual this Summer here at Wolf Lake at the Sullivan County Conservation Club and the Mamakating Town Park. I am retired and available for lessons at my home. ATA also has equipment and lesson plans for youth wanting to try our sport of archery in Liberty.

Practice up for those "Spring Thunder Chickens!"

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DUTCHESS COUNTY

Greetings All,

I hope the winter has inspired you all to get out there ASAP and start shooting the open 3D shoots coming up! There are plenty to choose from. You will find most of the times and locations in another section of this issue. Since recovering from shoulder surgery, I am, "chomping at the bit" to knock down some foam!

Congratulations to our NYB members from Ti Yogi Bowmen who competed at Lancaster this year. Jeff Davis, Sean Royster, Duane Ward and Steve Linahan all traveled to Lancaster and represented both NYB and Ti Yogi Bowmen! A big "shout out" to you all!

The Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous (ETAR) will be held in Morris, Pennsylvania between July 20th and 26th. If you are a traditional shooter and have never been to ETAR, it truly is a bucket list event. There are thousands of traditional enthusiasts in attendance from all over the country and beyond. Bowyers and other vendors are also there with items to sell and bows for you to try out and shoot. There are challenging courses to shoot with first class targets at every stand. Many of us from NYB and TiYogi attend every year, so please contact any of us with any questions.

Please let me know of anything you would like to report on for the next issue. Your input is more than welcome. I look forward to hearing from you!

That's about it from Dutchess County for now. Stay Healthy and get out there and do some shooting.

Keep "em" Sharp.

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Greetings from Westchester County! I hope everyone got out a bit this season and connected with their bow. For the first time this year, I took advantage of the Early Anterless opportunity in mid-September. Hunting in a tee shirt in 70-degree weather was awesome, until the next morning when I began to realize that, despite my Permethrin use, my carefree, loose attire (especially not taping my pant cuffs), didn't work out so well. Hundreds of Lone Star tick bites on my ankles and around my waist was the price I paid.

I was only able to get afield two other days this season, but fortunately was able to arrow a nice doe and also, unknowingly, a button buck. I was upset when I saw the two small lumps on his head, and would not have taken him had I known, but he turned into a great Venison Stew last week. Initial reports say that regular bow use in NYS was down about 5.4%, while Crossbow use was up by about 4.4%. Was this aging-out bowhunters putting down their compound, longbow or recurve, and picking up the crossbow? Who knows. I had two reports from Westchester hunters I know well, about observing Crossbow hunters in the field during the 3 month season. I personally saw one myself. We were not impressed with these yahoos in any way. Overall, they were extremely disruptive, unprofessional, and obstreperous (\$50 College word!) and this is just what we fought so hard against. I haven't seen the official harvest report, but from all personal reports, it was a good season again.

This season, I was able to deploy my GSP (Patrick) Tillman who successfully got on the button buck's blood trail and took me right to him in a downfall about 120 yards from where I hit him. It was great fun and saved me hours. My dogs go bonkers for venison.

Our sincere and heartfelt condolences go out to the family and dear friends of Richard Coyne of Croton in Westchester. Richard was a long-time member of NYB and perennial stalwart in The Westchester Bowhunters Association. His down-to-earth demeanor, warmth, kindness and humor will certainly be missed by everyone.

God bless and signing off until next time,

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PUTNAM COUNTY

Hello again NY bowhunters,

Here's to hoping that you all had a safe and successful season. Having a successful season doesn't necessarily mean that you had to harvest an animal. Did you go out in the morning and return safely? You had a successful season. Did you see deer that you COULD have harvested but let go for another year?

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You had a successful season. Did you congratulate someone who harvested a deer? You had a successful season. As for me, my son-in law, Dominic, got his first buck. He shot a nice 7 pointer with his rifle, off hand at 150 yds. Seeing the look on his face was priceless. So, you can say that I had a successful season.

Now is the best time to start preparing for next season by shed hunting. Deer are pretty habitual. They'll follow wherever the food leads them. Look for their trails. Odds are, they'll be dropping their sheds right along those trails. Chances are very good that those same bucks will follow that trail, or close by, next season.

And don't put away those bows just yet. Keep practicing all throughout the rest of this winter, the spring, and summer. One of the best ways you can do that is to take part in one of the many outdoor shoots that you can find right here in *FullDraw*. Or visit one of our indoor archery ranges where you can practice and have knowledgeable staff help you in anything that you may need help in.

If you have any pictures from this season, whether it's from the regular season or especially the youth hunt, send them to me and we'll see about getting them in the next edition.

Until next time...

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ROCKLAND COUNTY

Happy winter to all my fellow NYB members. What a season I had and hope you all did as well. I will start by saying that I did NOT get a deer this year, but what made it so memorable was being in the stand with my 12-year-old son, Matthew, as he harvested his first deer. Not only was his first deer, a nice 6 point buck, but he got it with his bow! I've watched the video I took just shy of a million times and am still amazed at how perfect it all was. I was also asked to help drag out a beautiful 150+ 12 point buck my good friend Jordan Bogart (NYB Life member) shot in Harriman State Park. Some great deer were taken in the county this season for sure.

I'll be headed back to the show at RCC this year. I am sure, just like in years past, it will be mostly geared towards fishing, but they still have some hunting outfitters. If you are planning an out-of-state hunt, please look into an outfitter advertising in *FullDraw* before going elsewhere.

I've been working with "Lucy the Labradoodle," getting her nose ready for shed season again. If we happen to pass one of your trail cameras this year while out, email me a picture please. I'll be more than happy to let you know what we found that day.

At the time I wrote this report we just had the 20+ inch snow storm come through. I hope that it won't affect the local herd too badly. I've been seeing a lot of deer taking the "easy way" at night walking the roads. Unfortunately, that leads to more road kills.

I heard that the Tappan Fire Department might be doing a 3D shoot fundraiser towards the end of the summer, but as of now nothing is set in stone.

As always, if you have the ability and chance to take a youth into the woods to enjoy and learn this sport, please do so. I can tell you from personal experience that it has made this sport I love way more enjoyable than I ever thought possible. Don't forget to renew your memberships and keep practicing even though the season is over.

"Nock 'em dead"

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ORANGE COUNTY

Greetings all! As I sit here writing this report on this frigid January day, I hope you all had a fantastic holiday season and a healthy New Year so far. Winter is fully upon us and snow is plentiful, which is putting a major stress on our deer population with the lack of food available. I noticed the deer in my area are eating conifers, which is a diverse group of mostly evergreens. As of today, the 2025-2026 deer harvest reports are not out yet. It will be interesting to see the totals compared to last year's report, which had a six percent increase in deer harvest.

Tri-county archers has listed their 2026 3D archery shoot schedule. Go to tricityarchers.com for a full list of 3D shoots in our area starting in April (also posted elsewhere in this issue). These shoots are hosted by local fish and game clubs and are a great way to start sharpening your archery skills for the upcoming season.

This winter, I was actually able to get out and do some ice fishing on local lakes which was nice. Yellow perch and crappies were plentiful on both the tip up and jig. What a nice addition to the freezer along side of this year's venison harvest!

Stay warm and safe. God bless America and may God bless our brave men and women defending it.

Till next time ----->

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ULSTER COUNTY

Hello fellow Ulster members,

Hope you all had a successful hunting season. We got quite the snow and cold temps this winter, huh? Hopefully an early spring will help the critters make it through.

Over the winter, throughout the region, there are a lot of indoor archery activity to keep you sharp and prevent "cabin fever!" Check out Ti Yogi Bowmen in Hyde Park. This year they added an additional Archery Tournament to their schedule as well as weekly leagues. Dates are on their website. Also, check out Highwoods Sportsmen in Saugerties. They have weekly leagues, Monday Night and Tuesday Night.

Then, just about as the winter fades away and spring starts showing up, you'll find 3D shoots popping up all across the region (several right here in Ulster!). We're lucky to have so many clubs hosting 3D shoots in our area. Check out the schedule elsewhere in our magazine. When you go to one of these open 3D shoots, tell that club you appreciate their support of NYB.

First off, what the hell happened to global warming. This is the coldest winter I can remember in a long, long time. I know this is normal for our buddies up in Tupper Lake, but day after day of single digit temperatures gets old quick. If you have to plug your car into your house at night or it won't start, I think it's time to move.

Anyway, I hope everyone had a safe and successful hunting season. It seemed a bit harder to pattern the deer this year with the lack of acorns and apples, but eventually they headed into the green alfalfa fields. We had a lot of nice deer taken this year in Hudson Valley and the mountain top. The only problem hunting up high is you have to start out at four or five AM for the hike up to your treestand. If you're looking for a new hunting area, you can easily access the thousands of acres of the NYC water supply land with a printable permit online.

If you're looking to get in shape and improve your shooting, check out the new Norton Hill Wildlife Club 3D course. The shooting dates can be found on their Facebook page.

This year NYB will be taking part in multiple 3D shoots and events throughout the state. If you have a chance, stop

Good morning from Region 5. With hunting season now behind us, reports are coming in that there were many very nice deer harvested in 2025. Particularly, there were many 8's and 10's, with one weighing in at just over 200 lbs. Tupper Lake Archery club's big deer contest was won once again by Lee Jenkins. Congrats to Lee.

Our shoot schedules for the Northern part of NY are now set and can be found on our Facebook page and our web page (TLSC.club). Our first shoot is our annual Camo to Camo benefit, where all proceeds goes to NYB's Camo to Camo program, which will be on March 15th with registration starting at 8 a.m.

With the numbers of participants attending 3D shoots declining, many clubs are being forced to either raise their dues or just close up. Ask yourself, "What do I get for my membership? If dues go up, what did I do to help support

"Till next issue, or I see you at a local club or range, be well, and stay warm.

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REGION 4 REPORT



by, shoot a few arrows and enjoy the company of the nicest people you'll ever meet.

Our spouses are tired and bored of listening to our hunting stories, so here's your chance to share your hunting adventures with someone that actually listens. The locations and dates will be posted in your *FullDraw*.

As always, please send your pictures, stories and club info to our editor Cindy. You might make the cover of our next *FullDraw*.

Take Care,

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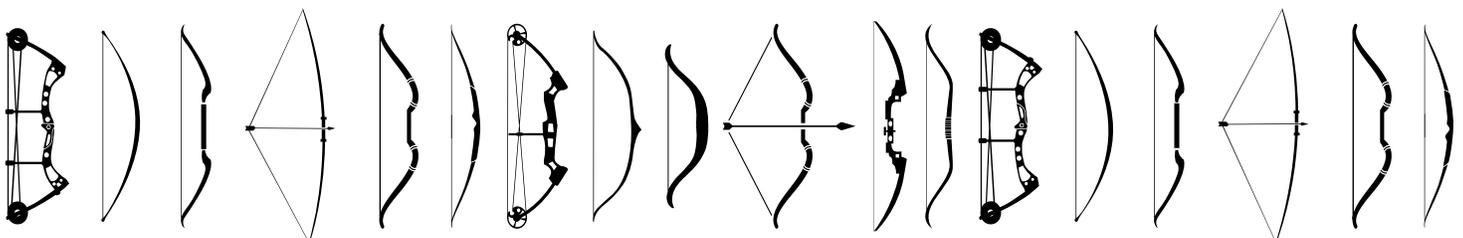
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them?" Steps you take now can prevent a hike in dues and even prevent a club from closing its doors.

Most of the clubs like ours depend on volunteers to help set up shoots and events, maintain the building, etc. You can make a difference and all it takes is donating some of your time.

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REGION 6 REPORT

Now that the 2025 Hunting Season is behind us, it is time to get ready for next year! If you failed to get your deer this year, like I did, you may need to change something. Maybe find another place to hunt, or better plan the days and times you hunt, or invest in newer equipment. Review your own routine and figure out how best to make improvements. Only you know how best to achieve success in your sporting life.

For Region 6 Bowhunters, the Sports Show season is a great time to help you make changes and improvements. There are plenty of interesting hunting presentations to choose from.

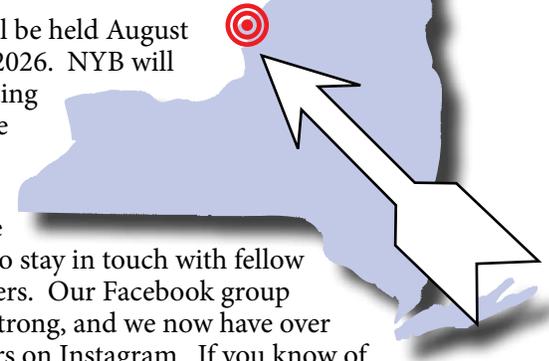
Around the Region: the CNY Sportsmen Show will again be held at the Verona FD Event Hall on March 14th, 2026. The Big East Camping & Outdoor Sports Show, traditionally held at the Turning Stone, will again be at the Sports Complex on Judd Road in Whitesboro (Utica), on March 21 & 22, 2026. The NYS Woodsmen's Field Days in

Boonville, will be held August 21, 22, & 23, 2026. NYB will not be exhibiting in any of these shows.

Social media may be the best way to stay in touch with fellow NY Bowhunters. Our Facebook group is still going strong, and we now have over 2,000 followers on Instagram. If you know of any good bowhunting activities in the Region 6 area, drop me a line, or post it!

Enjoy your summer!

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REGION 7 REPORT



REGION 8 REPORT

I still can't believe that deer season in NY is over! We wait all year and, in the blink of an eye, it's over. Hopefully everyone had a great time and made memories this past fall. My father, daughter and I were all successful with my daughter getting the largest buck (again). She shot a beautiful mature 11 pointer that will be joining her other bucks on the wall.

Shed hunting then trout season followed by spring turkey season are all right around the corner. I look forward to these activities as it's 8 degrees and we are supposed to get 12"-20" inches of snow in next 24 hours. The deer and turkeys poured into the fields yesterday which means the weather people might have predicted this one correctly.

I'm planning my 3-D shoots this year and it will be busy and enjoyable again. First up is the NYB shoot at Hawkeye Bowman in Alden on May 16th where I hope to meet some more members from Region 8 and 9 (and other regions). The Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous, the Hawkeye Traditional shoot and the Rinehart 100 are all on

the agenda this summer in addition to the local shoots. Over Christmas my two great-nephews from Florida came up, and in addition to seeing snow for the first time in their lives, I had them shooting a recurve. One of my missions this summer is to get bows for both of them and their father. They loved it that much!

Head out to a shoot and take someone new to the sport, it's contagious.

*Bob Brown, Region 8 Representative
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REGION 9 REPORT

Hello again everybody!

I hope everyone had a fantastic archery season this year and you were able to get out and hunt and enjoy all the beauties of the deer woods. I went out as many times as I could and definitely put my time in. I was able to see multiple deer, with most of them being within 20 yards. I held out for a buck I was chasing but he never showed. I had multiple small bucks around this year and I let them walk, hoping next year they will show up and be a little bigger. There is still nothing better than being in the stand and having game come in, never knowing you are in the tree or blind. It tells you that, at the very least, everything you are doing is right. What a sense of gratification!

From what I have seen and heard, 2025 seemed to be another great harvest year with a lot of deer taken during archery season. With the opening of crossbow for the entirety of the season, I did see an increase in deer taken in the Region 9 area. Along with that, I have seen a lot more mature adult bucks taken this year. Be that as it may, the full report for this past season's deer harvest is not out yet and won't be available until August 2026, so we will not be able to see the true numbers until then. In 2024, the DEC reported record whitetail harvest numbers. I have a feeling the 2025 report will exceed even that number. I am very curious to see exactly what the report will say and will be keeping my eye on it.

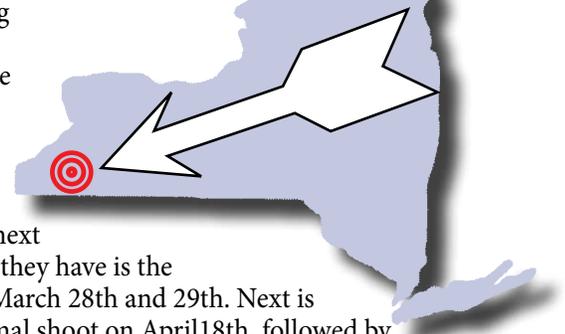
On another note, if you are like me and are looking to get out of the house after this long winter, Hawkeye Bowman has some public shoots coming up. They are a fantastic archery-

only shooting range that happens to be my favorite, with some awesome 3D archery targets. The next public shoot they have is the Alaskan on March 28th and 29th. Next is the wild animal shoot on April 18th, followed by the primitive-only shoot from April 24th-26th. And this year they are having a NYB shoot on May 16th. I will definitely be in attendance to participate at that event and I can not wait to be there. I hope many of you can make it out there as well. I am excited to meet some new people who are part of this wonderful organization.

I hope everyone is having a great winter, going into the spring, and will start getting out and practicing shooting some arrows around if you haven't already. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, or just wants to drop a line, reach out to me and I will get back to you.

Stay healthy and shoot straight!

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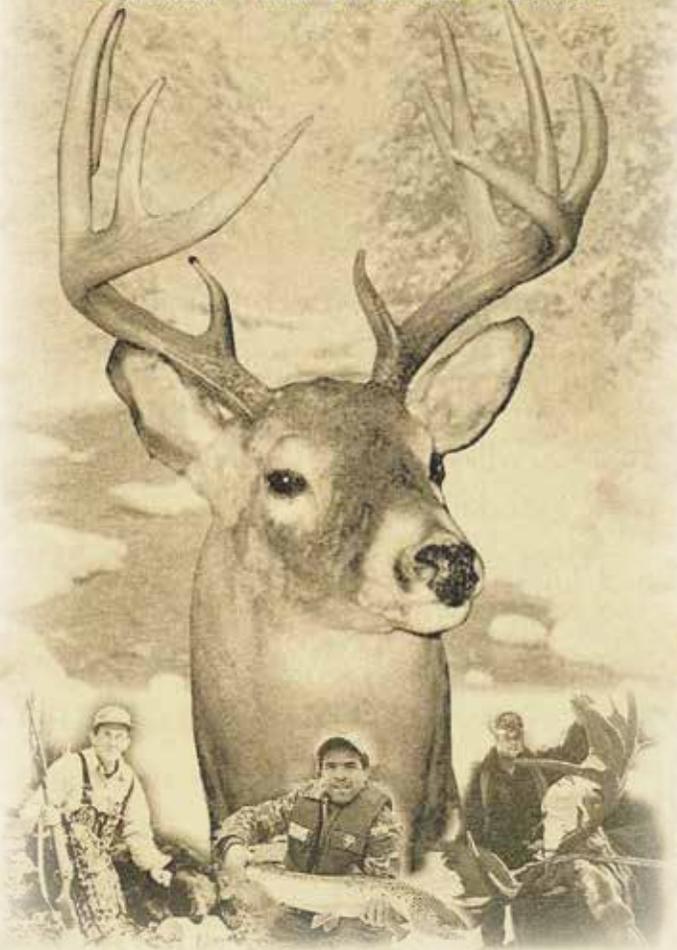
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HIGH ON THE HOG

By AJ Pellerin

on Christmas morning (lol). I arrived at SITP even before Mark got there and I waited, and waited (no worries, I'm used to being early). After Mark got there and I completed all the paperwork, we came up with a strategy on how and where we were going to go hunt. We also discussed what my hunting/harvesting goals were. You pay for what you harvest, depending on the size of the animal. The plan was to go to the double elevated blind and wait for the herd (or sounder) of feral hogs to come through the swamp. But, as most laid plans, the hogs did not get the memo, and if they did, they disregarded the instructions and did whatever they wanted to do that morning.

Plan A turned into Plan B. We had to go to another location where the hogs decided to congregate, in a larger swamp with more areas (and shade) to roam. Remember, I am still using my bow, so I need a little more room to get the job done. Once we get settled in the platform stand, I positioned myself for a shot to my front and right. Of course, the hogs came in from the left rear. I adjusted, aimed, and released. Nailed it, yessirree! Killed that stump. My arrow ricocheted off a tree and into an unyielding stump! One arrow down, two to go as I only had three. It was time to get serious! As these hogs made their way back to our location, there was a big boar leading the pack. And he was the one I was after for sure. I took aim (again), the boar is in perfect position, quartering to me – 25 yards away. Twang, thunk and squeal! Wait! What? I missed again? No way, it can't be, but I know what I am seeing; HOG down! Well kind of... I did hit a hog, actually, 2 piglets. You see, there were 2 piglets right next to the big boar. He moved but the piglets didn't. I hit both with 1 arrow! Lucky shot, not what I was after. I was down to 1 arrow. I only had 1 chance left. Round 3 played out like it was scripted. That big boar came trotting out of the trees and swamp, right in front of me at 25 yards, broadside (just like a 3D target). He was moving slow, but somehow fast. I led him just a bit (so I thought) and I released the arrow! Twang, thunk, squeal, crash, boom, bang, the boar was hit, right in front of his hind leg. The broadhead cut his femoral artery and he stormed off, running through everything, right into the swamp. I'm not going to bore you with the rest of the details of the waiting game and hide/seek in the woods. Let's just say, he passed away, we pulled him out and prepared to butcher this beast. He weighed 220 pounds on the hoof. It was definitely an experience I will not forget, and I totally enjoyed it. Thanks Swine in the Pine for a memorial hunt!



nce again, I found myself traveling for work, and par for the course, I did my research to see what kind of archery ranges or hunting opportunities were in the area. This time I found myself in the northern portion of Florida for the summer and it was HOT! I found two great ranges close to where I was staying in Jacksonville; Fort Carolina Archery Range and North Florida Archers (my choice every night). During my time there, I began to do some more research and recons. I found a place called “Swine in the Pine.” Intrigued, I Googled them for more details.

Swine in the Pine is a veteran owned and run hog hunting outfit. Mark is licensed to capture, transport, cage and hunt feral hogs. Yes, Feral Hogs. Without going into too many details, SITP is located on 41 acres of hog heaven habitat. You will not be disappointed.

I decided to go check it out for myself. As I began to drive down a dusty dirt road (hoping not to hear any dueling banjos playing), slowly going through the wall of haze and dust, I pulled up to an open parking area, a cleaning/skinning lean-to, a shooting tower and a garage/office building. I got out of my car and I heard, “come on over – it’s hot out there.” I headed into the office and got handed a cold bottle of water. I introduced myself and started asking questions – who, what, when, where and how. All questions were answered. I left informed and motivated. I watched a new client walk down the trail to start his own adventure. It was time to schedule my Hog Hunt!

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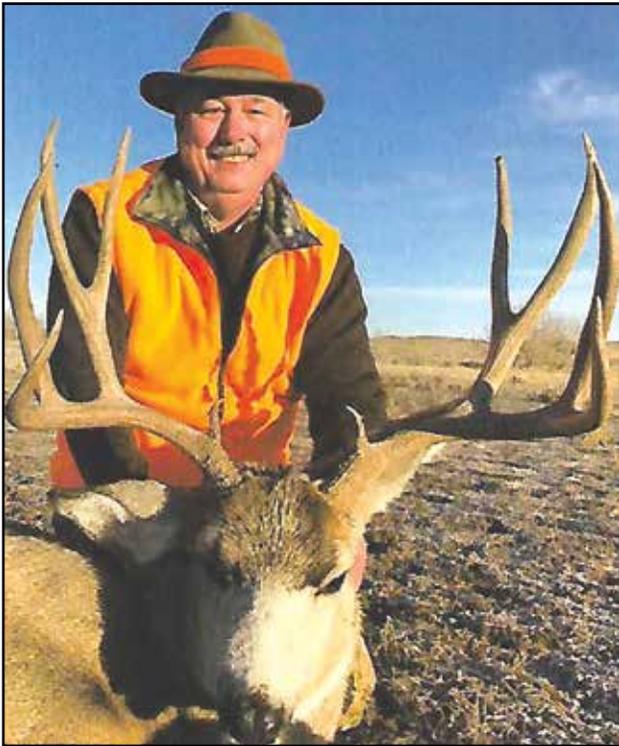


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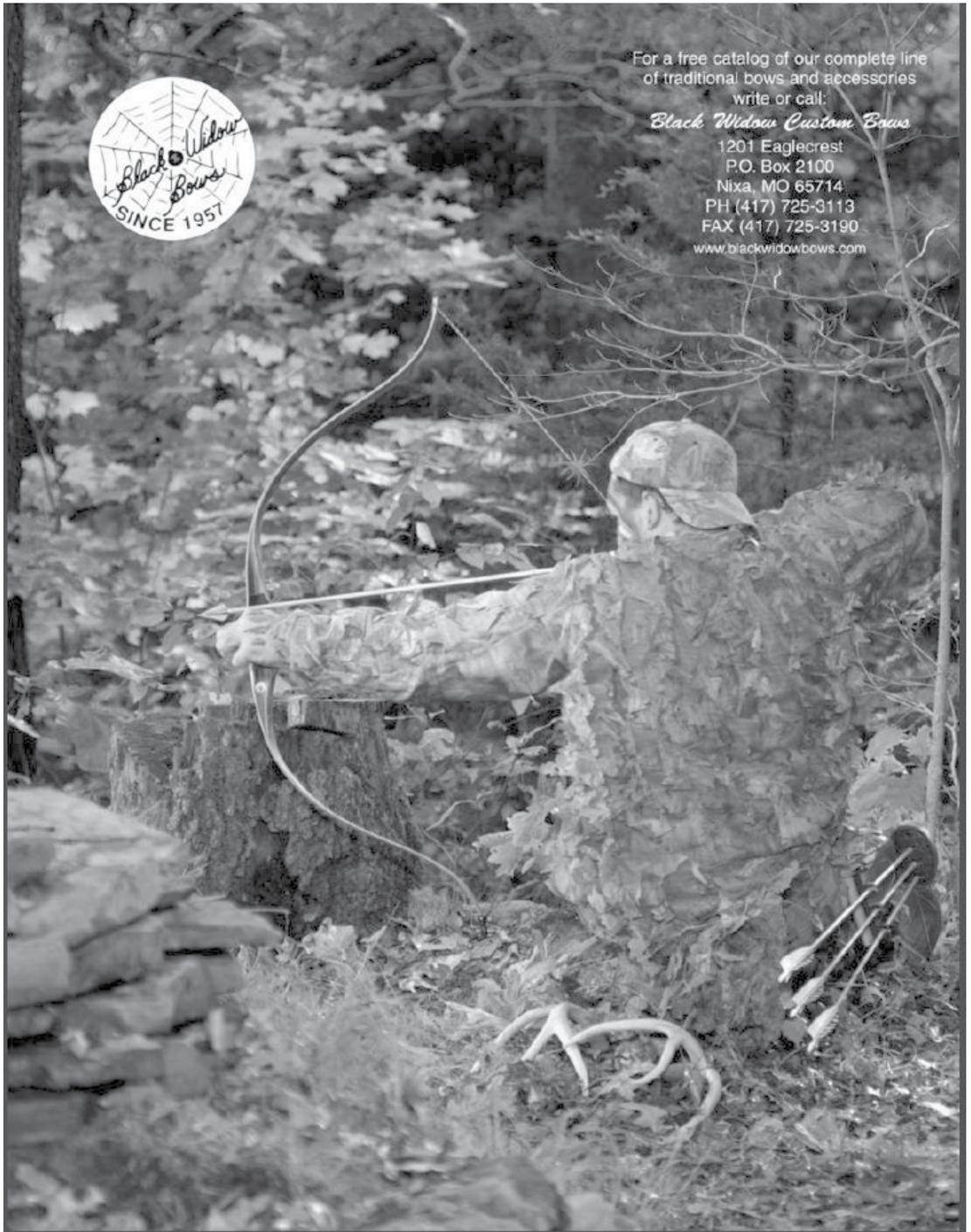
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