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## From the President's Desk

### Fellow Bowhunters,

As we continue into another important year for bowhunting in New York State, I want to thank each and every member of the New York Bowhunters organization for your dedication, passion, and continued support of our sport and traditions. Our strength as an organization comes from the commitment of our members, county representatives, volunteers, and Board of Directors who give their time and energy to preserve and promote bowhunting across our state.



This past year has brought many conversations regarding deer management and proposed changes from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. One proposal currently drawing significant attention is the potential implementation of an "Earn-a-Buck" program in selected areas of the state.

Under an Earn-a-Buck system, hunters would be required to harvest an antlerless deer before becoming eligible to harvest a buck. DEC officials believe this type of management tool could help address localized deer overpopulation concerns and improve herd balance in certain regions. While similar programs have been used in other states with varying levels of success, many hunters have strong opinions both for and against such a proposal.

As your President, I believe this is an important discussion for all sportsmen and women in New York. Deer management affects every hunter, landowner, and conservationist. It is critical that our membership stays informed, engaged, and willing to communicate respectfully with DEC leadership regarding how these decisions may impact hunting participation, herd quality, hunter recruitment, and the future of our sport.

### Question for Our Membership;

- What are your thoughts on the proposed Earn-a-Buck program in New York State?
- Would this improve deer management in your area?
- Could it discourage participation among hunters?
- Should it be regionalized or voluntary?
- How might it affect youth and new hunters?

We encourage all members to share their opinions and experiences so our organization can better represent the voice of New York bowhunters moving forward.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to all of our County Representatives and our Board of Directors. Your voluntary service and countless hours of work behind the scenes are what keep this organization strong and moving forward. From organizing events and meetings to advocating for bowhunters throughout the state, your dedication does not go unnoticed. Our success depends on volunteers who are willing to step up and serve, and I am grateful for each of you.

As we look ahead, let us remain united in our mission to protect, preserve, and promote bowhunting traditions in New York State while continuing to encourage safety, ethical hunting practices, conservation, and fellowship among sportsmen and women.

**Thank you for your continued support of New York Bowhunters.**

Sincerely,

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# THE BUCK THAT SAUNTERED IN



It had been a very slow archery season. I blame the weather. Last year was an extraordinary apple mast year. Since apple trees tend to be cyclical in crop production (many

trees produce abundant apples every other year), last year's boom led to this year's bust. The lack of rain in the last part of the summer didn't help matters. With very few apples on the trees (harvested by squirrels before they can even drop for the deer) and dry conditions for late season food plot plantings, there was not much to draw the deer into their usual haunts. The first three weeks of October were also very warm and deer, with their new, thick winter coats, were reluctant to move much during the day.

*We were seeing very few deer on trail cameras, even less on stand.*

Our family depends on venison as our main source of protein. November rolled around and we were still deer-less. I was getting concerned.

Finally, the temperatures started to cool off and the deer started moving. I had several chances at mature does with fawns, but I wanted to wait for a lone doe or at least a 2 ½ year old buck. This morning I got on stand just before legal shooting hours. It was to be a cloudy day. As the sun came up, the clouds in the eastern sky were painted a beautiful pink color. The wind was supposed to be out of the southwest but when I got on Porcupine Stand, my drifting milkweed seed indicated it was a light east wind.

Just past sunrise I heard something to my right. A nice fat doe was making her way down the hill about 40 yards away. Soon her two fawns followed her. Instead of heading into the ravine, she took a sudden turn toward me, along an established deer trail. Because it was so late in the season and we still had no deer down, I was going to take her if she gave me the shot. It seemed promising. My heart started to pound. As she moved in my direction, she suddenly stopped. Of course, she was now directly downwind of me. I know my efforts at scent control were good because she didn't snort or run off. In fact, she came in closer, looking for that odd smell in the gentle breeze. She came even closer, now right behind me, 10 yards away.

Then, I got attacked. The chickadees on our property know me. I'm the seed girl. I always have sunflower meats in my pockets and

any time they see me, they come in for a snack. Yes, even when I am hunting I carry seed. My little friends keep me entertained when there is nothing else to see on stand. Except, now, this was bad timing. The doe was desperately looking for what she sensed wasn't right. I figured the fluttering of chickadee wings would not help me so I remained still. The chickadees landed on my string, peered over the bill of my hat to stare me down, pecked at my hands and pockets. Finally, they got frustrated and flew off. The doe was still directly downwind and behind my tree. After the birds flew off I twisted a little bit to see what she was doing and that little movement didn't go unnoticed. She whirled around and ran down the hill, little ones in tow.

*Oh well. I really didn't want to shoot her anyway.*

About a half hour later I heard something again, to my right. I looked and looked but could not see anything in the thick brush. I kept my eyes focused on that area until, several minutes later, I saw an antler! A nice 8-pointer was headed along the trail that, if he followed it, would bring him directly in front of me. He was in no hurry. He stopped and ate some raspberry bush leaves, then took a mouthful of grass. One step, repeat. When he was about 35 yards away, he paused at the trail the doe came down. I prayed he would not go up the hill. Slowly, step by step, he came, each time taking a nibble of something. Finally, he got to the last apple tree before my shooting lane, not even 10 yards from my stand, and paused. I got ready. His head was behind the tree so I could draw unnoticed. After what seemed like minutes (you know the feeling), he started moving again. First, I saw the nose. Then the antlers. He paused one more time while I silently coached him to take two more steps. He did! As soon as his vitals were in my sites, I let the arrow fly. He was slightly quartering toward me so I aimed right behind the shoulder, about 1/3 the way down his body. The arrow flew right through him, a perfect double-lung shot. He went from saunter mode to full-on gallop in a flash. I watched him run away, then stop 30 yards from where I shot him, his tail flickering frantically. He wobbled. Then, he dropped. I radioed my husband, "I just shot an 8-pointer and he's DOWN!"

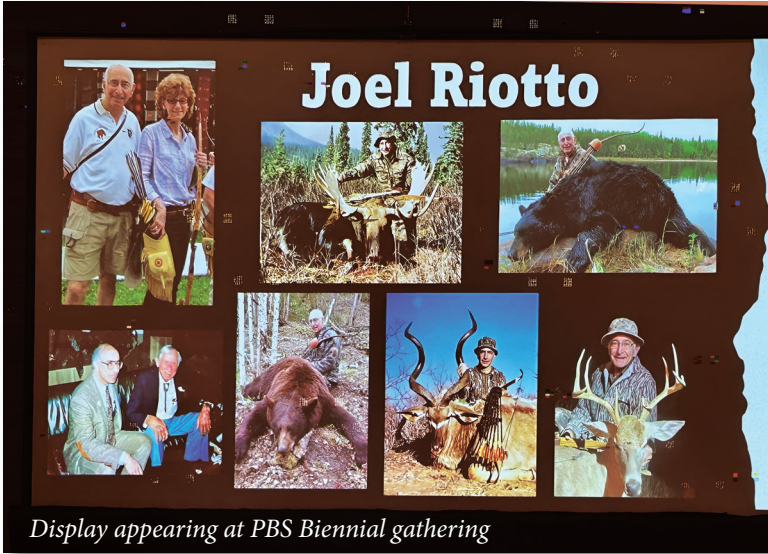
Based on his teeth wear and build, he was a 3 ½ year old buck. We got almost 20 pounds of meat from his neck alone! I am so grateful for the gift God has given me in this long-awaited-for buck.



**NYB MEMBER**

**JOEL RIOTTO**

*Inducted into Traditional Bowhunters Hall Of Fame*



*Display appearing at PBS Biennial gathering*

We are proud to announce that our very own Life Member, Joel Riotto, was recently inducted into the Traditional Bowhunters Hall of Fame. The ceremony, held at the 2026 PBS banquet in Indianapolis, honored Joel, who has had a bow in his hand for 70 plus years. In addition to his decades of bowhunting accomplishments, far too many to name here, he has also spent his life instructing archery, bowhunting and educating the public and legislative officials on hunting and conservation. Joel was a driving force behind reestablishing a black bear season in New Jersey, ultimately spending fourteen years to accomplish. Many years ago, Joel organized the Traditional Bowhunters of NJ, a very active organization to this day. His extensive legislative work did not stay in his native NJ, but continued in NY where he has been a property owner in the Catskills his entire adult life. Joel is a good friend to many of us in NYB. I urge all of you to watch a recent interview with him on You Tube to get an insight into this local, living legend's thoughts and ideas on hunting, conservation, where we are headed as a hunting community. Search "Joel Riotto class of 2025 bowhunting interview"



*Joel surrounded by his family after being inducted into Traditional Bowhunter's Hall of Fame*

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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

### JULY

- July 12- Wittenberg Sportsmen's Club
- 19- Ti Yogi Bowmen
- 26- Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club

### AUGUST

- Aug 16-Ti Yogi Bowmen
- 23- Neighbor's Gun Club
- 30-Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club

### SEPTEMBER

- 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

### NOVEMBER

- Nov 22- Highwoods Sportsmen's Club

### DECEMBER

- 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

### JULY

- 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

### AUGUST

- Aug 29-30-Tupper Lake Archers, Mt Challenge
- 30- Bear Pac Archery, Watertown

### SEPTEMBER

- Sept 6- Norfolk Archers Trophy Shoot

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### JULY:

- July 12- Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
- July 12- 19-Black Rock Fish & Game Club

### AUGUST:

- August 2-Monroe-Chester Sportsmen's Club
- 9-Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club
- 16-Walden Sportsmen's Club
- 30-Bethlehem Rod & Gun Club

### SEPTEMBER:

- 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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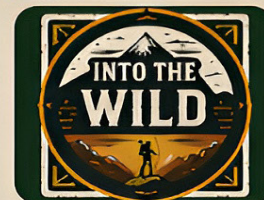


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# Rendezvous Schedule of Events

**8:00 a.m.**

Registration, coffee and donuts

**9:00 a.m.**

Shooting Event Start

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

BBQ Lunch

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

Membership Meeting

**2:00 p.m.**

Can Raffle Drawing, Silent Auction  
*(must be present to win),*  
presentation of awards to top shooters



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### REGION 1 REPORT

Hello Fellow Members,  
We hope everyone is enjoying the offseason and finding plenty of ways to stay busy until the upcoming season arrives. Things have certainly been interesting here in Region One — we recently discovered that an invasive Snakehead fish, often referred to as the “Frankenfish,” has made its way into one of our local ponds. Safe to say, swimming plans may need some reconsideration!

With summer quickly approaching, we have several upcoming events worth mentioning:

**Ten Ring Archery will be offering a series of free educational courses, including:**

- Archery Education beginning 6/27
- Trapping Education beginning 6/29
- Hunter Education beginning 8/1

In addition, Suffolk Archers will be hosting an event on 8/30, with registration beginning at 8:00 AM. The event will feature a 3D shoot, guest speakers, vendors, and factory representatives from companies including PSE, Bowtech, Bear Archery, Elite, CBE, Slick Trick, and more. For additional information, please contact Greg directly.

Another event worth checking out is Boots, Buckles & Backstraps, taking place on 9/17 at the Crest Hollow Country

Club. Hosted by American Outdoor News, the event aims to support Safari Club International and promises to be a great evening for outdoor enthusiasts.

Of course, we also have our 35th Annual Event coming up on Saturday, 8/8 at Flashing Feathers Bowhunters Club in Willseyville, NY. If you missed it last year, you will not want to miss it this year. Their 3D course is truly one of a kind, and the local crew puts together some outstanding BBQ chicken on their pit.

As always, we encourage you to help spread the word about New York Bowhunters. If you know a fellow bowhunter who has not yet joined, please direct them to our website to become a member:

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*Best regards,*

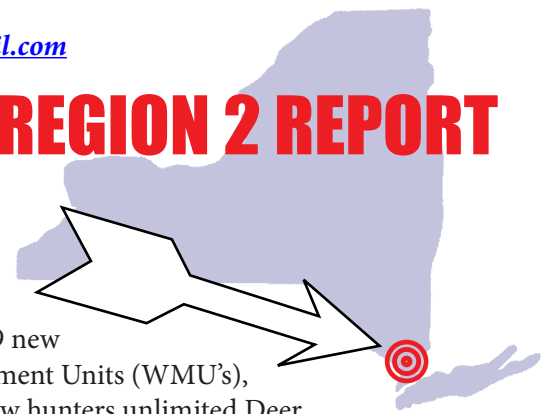
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### REGION 2 REPORT

Dear NYB Family,  
It is with a very exhausted voice I must bring some more bad news regarding the 2nd Amendment. On May 30th, Governor Kathy Hochul signed 2 major firearms related restrictions into law. Both were inserted into the 2026-2027 Budget Bill. One essentially bans the use and sale of all Glock style firearms, and the second relates to 3D printed firearms parts. It would require ALL 3D printers sold in NYS to have technology that blocks the production of “unregistered” firearms and their components. What Albany fails to realize is that this only affects law abiding citizens and FFLs. The criminals will always find a way to get an illegal firearm to commit crimes. Remember this come November, how the leadership in NYS has a total disregard for The Constitution and for the tax paying citizens that reside here.

The NYS-DEC has several proposals that they want to implement. Under the guise of reducing deer/vehicle collisions, the DEC would like to require hunters to kill then report an antlerless deer before receiving a tag for an antlered deer;

essentially “Earn-A-Buck.” They are also looking to add 19 new Wildlife Management Units (WMU’s), which would allow hunters unlimited Deer Management Permits (DMP’s). With the DEC being an entity that is extremely out of touch with wildlife management, I would like to see the studies, or ANY study for that matter, as to what data was done for them to come up with these proposals. My WMU is 4Y, and it is still reeling from the outbreak of EHD 2 years ago. Implementing the “Earn-A-Buck” AND unlimited DMP’s would surely decimate the doe population, and make deer even more scarce. If the DEC truly wanted to help the deer population, they would not have the Youth Firearms Weekend during the Archery Season, they would not have the Holiday Hunt leading into January, and they would open the Coyote Season to encompass all year!



There is a great link to sign up for. It's called "The Venatic". It hits your inbox daily, Monday to Friday, and it gives outdoor related news from across the country. It highlights 5-6 newsworthy items and there is always a video clip. Here is an example from one day's items: Low flying drones harass grizzlies in Yellowstone, Michigan's DNR is setting controlled burns for elk and rattlesnakes, Indiana firefighters save a deer fawn from a raging river, Wisconsin's Elk Season is for residents only, Oregon angler cited for hunting and fishing violations, Alaska closes several units for Cow Caribou Hunting and a Video clip: A Quebec homeowner woke up to a moose in his living room after it broke through a window

Ticks, Ticks, Ticks!!!! They have been making the news as of late and not in a good way. There has been a rise in Alpha-Gal, which is transmitted through infected ticks. Alpha-Gal causes a severe meat allergy to those infected with it. Recently, a 47 year old man from NJ died from anaphylaxis after eating a hamburger at a BBQ. He was unaware that he had contracted the disease from a tick bite. That is just one of over 16 bad bugaboos that ticks can carry. Take every precaution when going outdoors. They are THE thing that I truly fear in the woods.

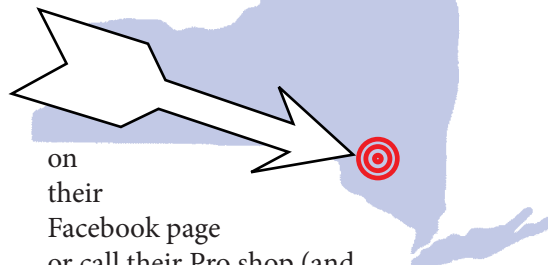
Lastly, make time and come to the NYB 35th Annual Rendezvous & 3D Archery shoot on August 8th at the Flashing Feathers Archery Club. There will be

can raffles, novelty games, a 3D shoot, Chicken BBQ and more. I hope to see you there.

*All the best, Al Bottari*  
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## REGION 3 REPORT



on their Facebook page or call their Pro shop (and range) at 845 586 3006.

There are plenty of weekly local 3D shoots between now and hunting season. Don't wait until last minute to start shooting or discover equipment issues. I hope all of you have a safe enjoyable summer. Till next time,

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### ULSTER COUNTY

Hello fellow Ulster NYB members,

It's been a great start to 3D season throughout our Region 3 NYB Booster Clubs, Wittenberg, Highwoods, Ti Yogi, Northern Dutchess, and Bethlehem!! Highwoods 3-D Shoots on 6/28, 9/27,

I am happy to report I have begun doing a little shooting again after a long hiatus due to my L4-L5 spine fusion. If any of you out there are facing the prospects of a similar procedure, feel free to reach out for some support. Ditto for shoulder surgery!! Congratulations to NYB Life member, Joel Riotto, who has been inducted into the Traditional Bowhunters Hall of Fame (TBHOF). I personally thank you for all your shared wisdom and friendship for more years than I can count.

3D shoots in the lower Hudson Valley have been well underway. Last issue of Full Draw had the listing, but still can be found on our NYB website at the 3D shoot link at bottom of home page.

Upcoming events of interest to all of you lovers of archery and bowhunting: For those of you who enjoy shooting a single string bow, if you have never been to ETAR (Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous) in PA, you have to get out there. This is not a tournament. It is just a fun filled few days trying your skill on 7 separate 3D courses (two on the ski mountain) plus a separate kid's course. Dozens of vendors, and bowyers will be present. Are

you thinking of a custom bow? This is the place to try them out at the practice range adjacent to the vendors. When I won the high bid on a Black Widow a few years ago at the annual NYB Rendezvous, I had no idea what length, weight, grip, etc. I'd like. Went to ETAR that year and Black Widow staff encouraged me to try out as many as I wanted. So, I did and made a decision. Literally thousands of recurve and longbow enthusiasts gathered to enjoy archery. Many NYB members make this an annual "must go!" Join us on 7/23 to 7/26. And of course, you've seen the flyer in this issue of Full Draw. August 8 is NYB's annual gathering. Our event is hosted again by Flashing Feathers Bowmen, who did an awesome job last year. Shoot 3D in the morning, enjoy a great lunch then attend our annual member's meeting. There will be raffles, a silent auction and most importantly, friendship with likeminded, bowhunting passionate folks from across the state.

I recently bumped into Leif and Zeb of North-hill Outdoors located in Margaretville. They run a great 3D event at the Hanah Mountain resort. Dates remaining this year, 7/26 & 8/23. All info

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# Kid's Korner



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## Five Archery Accuracy Tips for Your Summer Practice

Most archers focus on aiming, but best performance often depends on details that occur before and after the sight picture. Research and coaching literature suggest that consistency in grip, timing, follow-through, and body control can have a greater effect on accuracy than simply trying to hold the pin or sight perfectly still.

### 1. Relax the Bow Hand to Eliminate Torque

A common mistake is gripping the bow too tightly. Excess pressure in the hand can twist the riser, causing arrows to land inconsistently. World Archery coaching materials recommend placing pressure primarily through the area between the thumb and index finger while keeping the fingers relaxed. Many coaches also recommend a finger sling so the archer does not feel compelled to grab the bow during release.

**Why it works:** Reducing torque creates a more repeatable arrow launch.

### 2. Develop a Repeatable Timing Rhythm

Many archers hold at full draw longer when they become anxious or attempt to aim more precisely. World Archery coaches note that accuracy often improves when archers maintain the same shot timing used in practice rather than extending the aiming phase.

**Why it works:** Consistent timing promotes repeatable muscle activation and reduces fatigue-related movement.

### 3. Focus on One Precise Spot, Not the Whole Target

Olympic-level coaches emphasize concentrating on a specific aiming point rather than the larger target face. A narrow visual focus helps reduce distractions and prevents the eye from wandering during the shot process.

**Why it works:** The brain performs fine motor adjustments more effectively when given a precise visual reference.

### 4. Treat Follow-Through as Part of the Shot

Recent biomechanical research on elite archers found that factors during both the aiming and follow-through phases are associated with higher scores. The shot is not finished when the string leaves the fingers; maintaining posture and balance after release contributes to consistency.

**Why it works:** A stable follow-through indicates that the archer did not disturb the bow during the critical milliseconds of arrow acceleration.

### 5. Build Around a Consistent Anchor Point

Small changes in draw length or facial contact points can create significant differences downrange. Coaches across multiple archery disciplines emphasize returning the drawing hand to the same anchor location every shot.

**Why it works:** A consistent anchor produces a repeatable sight picture and launch geometry.

### Conclusion

Improved accuracy is often less about aiming harder and more about eliminating variation. A relaxed grip, consistent timing, precise visual focus, disciplined follow-through, and a repeatable anchor point can collectively produce tighter groups and more reliable scores. These fundamentals are repeatedly highlighted in both coaching systems and scientific studies of elite archers.



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11/22 and 12/6. Highwoods is also hosting a 3-D shoot every Monday; for more information, please contact me. All future dates of those we know about for local 3Ds can be found in Full Draw as well as our website. Did you arrow a turkey this spring? Let me know and send a picture.

*Have a great summer and 3D season!!*

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**SULLIVAN COUNTY**

The Summer 3D shoots are in full swing for the season as advertised in the last edition of Full Draw. One change is the All Things Accuracy 3D shoot "Into The Wild" on the weekend of July 11<sup>th</sup> has moved from the ski hill in Rock Hill to the Roscoe Mountain Club just outside of Roscoe, NY. Information on the weekend activities can be found at [IntoTheWildArcheryFest.com](http://IntoTheWildArcheryFest.com).

The Sullivan County Archers has ended the run of 22 years of holding an archery youth camp. There has been a lack of participation in the last few years and also the problem of having 10 or 12 kids signed up and only 6 show up. It is a shame to have to make this decision because most of us believe a hands-on experience is better than an online course.

For those Sullivan County residents who don't read the Democrat, president of the Sullivan County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County John Van Etten had an interesting article in his May 29<sup>th</sup> column. The DEC Deer Harvest Report for last season shows that 55% of the archery deer take was with the crossbow and 45% with vertical bows. We all expected that and I guess it's something we will have to get used to with the new DEC regulations. Over 3 thousand deer were examined for CWD and none was detected, a good thing! A full report of last year's season is on the DEC website.

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**DUTCHESS COUNTY**

Greetings All,

Well, it took a while but the weather is finally improving, and summer is nearly here. I'm sure many of you have already been checking your bows, and some have even had the chance to enjoy a 3D course. As for me, I'm almost ready to get back out there after rotator cuff surgery. I've been shooting my 35 lb. recurve for a while now with no serious difficulty. I am looking forward to shooting and being in the best company I know! Please see the listing of 3D shoots near you in another section of this issue or on our website.

Our annual 3D Shoot and Rendezvous will once again be held at Flashing Feathers Bowhunting Club in Danby, NY. I haven't been able to attend in the past, but I plan to be there this year. The annual meeting will be held there as well, along with several can raffles, a silent auction, and the Rendezvous Raffle drawing. I hope many of you will attend and enjoy the shooting, barbecue, and camaraderie.

In addition to Ti Yogi's remaining 3D shoots, July 19 and August 16, Sept 13 is the annual 3D and Pig Roast/BBQ. 3D can be shot for fun. Or as an option, this year a "money class" is being added. Follow their facebook or website for upcoming information. And don't forget, Ti Yogi is one of the few clubs that hold indoor leagues during the fall and winter.

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 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 your Westchester County rep! We've made it through the longest

sustained cold snap that I can remember in my 58 years as a Native New Yorker. Due to snow not melting for many weeks, Westchester and Long Island Deer had a hard time finding forage in some areas.

In comparing the 2024 Westchester Deer Harvest vis-a-vis 2025 (the first legal use of Crossbow during the entire Bow Season), I noted a marked decrease in doe and fawn doe take and marked increase in fawn buck take. The previous 3 seasons, going back to 2021, remained relatively stable as a percentage of total take. Antlered deer take for 2025 also increased. Could this be an anomaly, or are crossbow hunters more concerned with bagging trophy bucks than responsible deer management? I report. You decide. Time will tell. Enjoy your summer. Matt Mad Dog Sweeney

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**PUTNAM COUNTY**

Hello again Putnam and fellow New York Bowhunters,

For many hunters across New York, the woods feel a little empty this time of year. Deer season is months away. The rut videos have faded from social media. Trail cameras may still be hanging, but the urgency of fall feels distant. But experienced bowhunters know something important: right now may be the most valuable time of the entire year. Late spring and early summer are when successful autumn seasons are built. Without the fall hunting pressure, this may be one of the easiest times of the year to read deer sign, not to mention it's much easier to walk properties carefully and thoughtfully. Look for last fall's rub lines that may be still be faintly visible. And don't forget to leave your cameras out.

Don't forget about your archery equipment. It happens every year. Hunters will wait until two weeks before opening day to dust off their bows. Strings are worn. Sights are bumped off. Muscles are rusty. This time of year is ideal for

rebuilding shooting form and confidence slowly. Visit your local pro shop. Start close. Focus on consistency. Shoot from kneeling positions. Practice from elevated angles if you hunt from a tree stand. Wear a release glove or jacket occasionally to simulate real hunting conditions. There are numerous 3D shoots all around. Visit one. There is no better way to hone those outdoor skills than to get outdoors and simulate actual hunting scenarios. In many ways, the season already begins long before opening day arrives. So while the woods may seem quiet right now, make no mistake: "The next season starts today!"

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**ROCKLAND COUNTY**

Hello fellow Rockland Bowhunters,

I don't have too much to report this time. I hope that your turkey season was successful. My son was once again able to capitalize on New York's youth weekend with a nice tom. I did not get a lot of time to go out with the early warm weather and AC calls non-stop. I also limited my time by remodeling my main bathroom on my house. At least it's not during the rut!!

I heard the striped bass run was pretty good. Hopefully I am getting my boat

Well, here we go again, another questionable change in reducing deer in many areas. Some of the units are the same units that lost a large portion of the deer herd to EHD a few years ago. I think the DEC has to seriously involve hunters across the state before opening a "kill doe" policy and a third buck bribe. It was only a year ago that they pushed letting young bucks pass. Why aren't antler restrictions state wide? The leadership in Albany is more interested in environmental justice than the wildlife and not spending more time in the field.

"BUCKFEVER" out of storage before the summer is half gone. If you see me up in Croton stop over for a drink and let's talk bowhunting.

Keep an eye out for flyers for National hunting and fishing day at Congers Lake. NYB members have been running the archery event there for many years. We can always use more help if you are able.

As always, please reach out to me with any concerns or events in Rockland that I can bring to the attention of the organization and rest of the members of NYB.

*"Nock 'em dead"*  
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**ORANGE COUNTY**

Hello fellow Orange County bowhunters.

As I write (type!) this, the last weekend of turkey season is upon us. I was fortunate enough to harvest a nice long beard opening day with a 10&1/2" beard and 1 inch spurs! I am going to head out and roost a bird tonight and try and get it done again tomorrow morning.

Come and join us for second annual 3D shoot and Rendezvous on August 8th at the Flashing Feathers bow hunting club.

Remember when we had deer checks and more ECO's to cover the state? The overpopulation of deer in some units has to be looked at definitively. The people who have the most to lose are you and me with huge auto insurance bills. We have over 70,000 deer vehicle accidents in the state with costs ranging from \$2,500 to the total cost of life and limb. I'm sure the insurance company has lobbyists in Albany pressuring the DEC to increase the deer take even though they deny this. It's time for both sides to take a new approach. The

Challenge your archery skills and stay for the camaraderie! It will be a day for chicken BBQ, raffles, silent auction and just good old family fun with friends. New York State is proposing major updates to big game hunting rules aimed at increasing the antlerless (doe) harvest and better managing the state's growing deer population. The primary proposals up for review feature an "earn-a-second-buck" requirement and expanded DMP (Deer Management Permit) opportunities. The NYSDEC also proposed updates to allow hunters to carry electronic licenses (e-licenses) and use e-tags via the HuntFishNY app for deer, bear, and turkey, alongside updated electronic reporting requirements. For the exact implementation dates and finalized details of these regulations in your immediate area, check the official NYSDEC Fish and Wildlife Regulations portal.

Please let me know of anything you would like reported for the next issue. Your input is more than welcome. May God bless America and all those who defend her both home and abroad on our 250th year of freedom.

*Till next time ----->*  
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**REGION 4 REPORT**



state wants to reduce deer and the insurance companies want to save money. The word FREE gets the attention of everyone, especially hunters. An idea would be to give away free doe permits and a \$25.00 voucher toward next year's hunting license for a doe taken

in overpopulated units, paid for by the insurance company. Everyone would win, DEC reduces deer in over populated areas, insurance companies save in the long run and hunters get a break on the price of their license. The past hunting season seemed to go well with many nice deer being taken in the region. It was after the hunt, into the late winter, that the deer had a hard time with deep snow and ice in

our area. This is the first year in a long time I have seen a winter kill in Greene County and many other areas.

I just returned from this year's Camo To Camo hunt for black bear In New Brunswick at Betts Kelly Lodge. It was an honor to spend the week with this year's recipient Sergeant Anthony Reich. We had a great time with two bears being taken and all five hunters

having the opportunity for a shot. I hope to see all you old guys at the Rendezvous in August. Submit your pictures and stories to Cindy, our Editor, for publication.

*Take Care,*  
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## REGION 5 REPORT



Good morning from Region 5

This winter has been a long one here in the Adirondacks. Lots of snow and cold. Hopefully it is gone for good now.

To break up the winter we hosted our yearly youth archery program. Once again we had 35 kids show up and participate in our program.

All of the kids were very respectful and enjoyed last night, Adirondack Energy foot the bill for pizza wings, including cake and soda, for the group. Thank you Adirondack Energy and Rick Reandeu.

From there we moved right into our indoor league night with over 20 shooters including 3 up and coming kids.

Our main man John Hoyt kept things interesting to say the least with tires, BBQ grill and moving targets. John can get very inventive to say the least. This is the most shooters we have ever had at league night.



Next was our Camo to Camo benefit shoot. Although our numbers were down a little, we still were able to come out with a little more income than last year. With the help of our Tupper Lake Sports Club we were able once again to donate \$1000 to the program.

Our next 3-d shoot is on July 18 followed by our Mt Challenge on August 29th and 30th.

If you have never shot at our club you will be amazed at the courses set up and the terrain.

Stay safe shoot straight and enjoy the summer by supporting a shoot.

*Dave McMahan*  
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Summer is a great time to get outside with your bow. There are plenty of Bowhunter activities all across the state. Most of them are designed for family participation: 3D shoots, sports shows, and training classes. For Region 6 Bowhunters, the Sports Show season is a great time to help you make changes and improvements. The early spring shows are behind us, but there are still some great venues to check out this summer.

Bear Pac Archery, near Watertown, has been able to entice the National Archery Tour R100 3D shoot to set up their event at Snow Ridge in Turin, NY. The 3 day shoot will run the weekend of June 19-21, 2026. NYB will have a table there with

free giveaways. Come join us, or better yet, assist with manning the table. The NYS Woodsmen's Field Days in Boonville, will be held August 21, 22, & 23, 2026. NYB will not be exhibiting at the this show.

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 2000 followers on Instagram. If you know of any good bowhunting activities in the Region 6 area, drop me a line, or post it!

Mentoring is also good for both the mentor, and the "mentee". There is nothing better for your psyche than

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teaching someone how to do something better. Then take him/her hunting this fall.

*Enjoy your summer!*  
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As I type this, the spring turkey season is winding down, I can't remember a colder wetter spring and I saw somewhere it was the third wettest spring in recorded history and the rain fall total was 6" above average. Trying to look at the bright side, the last wet spring I remember was followed by a banner mast crop in the fall.

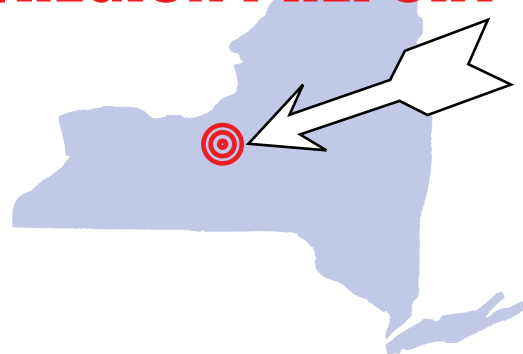
Earlier this month we had the NYB shoot at Hawkeye Bowman. While attendance wasn't what we hoped, for we signed up some new members and got to meet and talk with other NYB members. I can't imagine a better club than Hawkeye. They have great courses, a family friendly atmosphere and a great group of people. I encourage other members across the State to hold NYB shoots or get-togethers. It is a great way to meet fellow bowhunters who share the same passion.

In today's busy world filled with social media, hurried lifestyles and many other distractions, it seems getting together face to face and enjoying each others' company is becoming a thing of the past. If you want to put together a shoot, feel free to reach out to me and I can share my ideas. You will also have the support of NYB.

While planning out my summer shoots, I have come up with five shoots that I will travel to in NY and PA in addition to local shoots. I look forward to shooting, camping, laughing and sharing campfires with many people across the country that have become friends at the shoots.

The DEC is looking at an "Earn a buck" tag structure. I encourage you to research and become familiar with this idea. I'm

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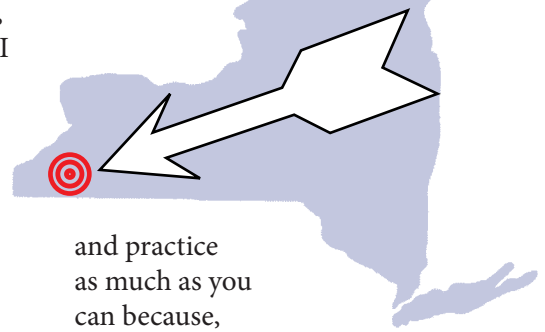
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always amazed when changes happen that have been hotly debated for months or years and people that hunt say they had no idea that changes were being discussed. Get informed and involved in the sport you love.

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# REGION 9 REPORT



Hello again everybody,

I hope everyone is doing great and that you are getting ready for what is shaping up to be a fantastic summer.

The deer harvest reports are in and more or less what everybody was expecting. For the 2025 NY archery season, an estimated 49,160 deer were taken. With that being said, 55% of that harvest was using a crossbow. I touched on this a little in the last report but the number didn't rise where I was expecting. The 2025 deer harvest number was actually 2.7% lower than the 2024 season, so the only thing that changed was the fact that more people went out with a crossbow and not a traditional or compound bow. I honestly thought that the harvest report was going to be higher than ever, but as of now, I was wrong. What does that mean for our bowhunting future? Is this a change in the tides for archery in our state all

together? Time will tell, but as for me, I will keep using my compound until I can no longer pull it back.

In other news, NYB had the first ever 3D archery shoot at Hawkeye Bowmen. It was a blast! I absolutely love that place. They have 3 fantastic courses that span thru the woods, including some of the best 3D targets I have had the pleasure to shoot arrows at. They have bags set up at varying ranges just outside of the parking lot if you don't want to walk all of the courses. There was food to be had in the clubhouse and NYB put on a silent auction. It is definitely a must-do for next year if you weren't able to make it this year. I always try to make it to Hawkeye for a few shoots a year and this will definitely be one I am going to again next year. Thank you, Hawkeye Bowmen, for hosting NYB.

As for now, this is all I have for this summer report. Make sure to get out

and practice as much as you can because, before you know it, it's going to be that time of year again were the leaves will be changing, and once again, we will be able to hit the woods with our bows and do what we do best. Thank you all so much for reading and always feel free to reach out if you ever need or want to. Until next time, enjoy the summer and shoot straight, my friends.

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# OUT OF STATE

“Howdy’ Y’all” by Richard Kirschner

Why is a guy who grew up in “Da Bronx” talking like that? As I was writing the Region 3 report, as I have done for twenty years, for some reason it dawned on me that NYB has many members who reside in states beyond NY's borders, and may not feel included when looking through the Region Reports in Full Draw. As a matter of fact, more than 80 NYB members do not have a NY residence listed as their address! Almost half of that number reside in PA, NJ & CT, which makes

sense as they are adjacent to NY. However, filling out the remaining locations are members from (alphabetically) AR, CO, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WI & WY. Did I miss anyone? Although NYB is not a national organization, we are very proud that there are 25 states outside NY represented amongst you!

Some of you moved away. Some of you hunt in NY. A few of you may not ever have hunted here but may have been signed up by a member as a gift.

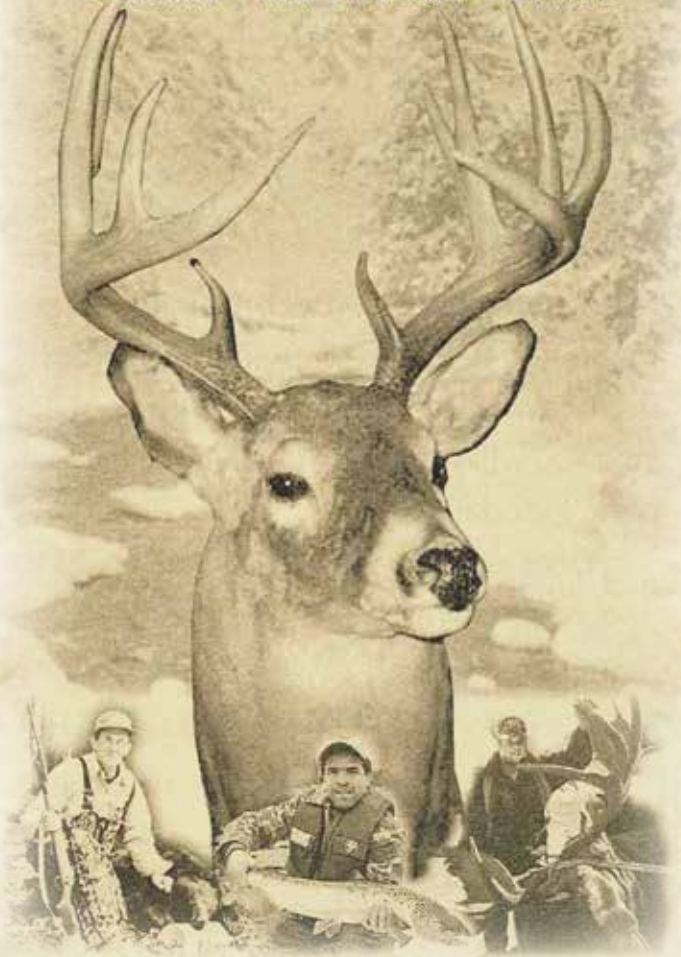
Well, for whatever reason you support NYB and our programs through the years, and all the hard work we have done on behalf of improving bowhunting and our conservation efforts, thank you all so much. Although there is no “Region Report” that represents all of you, as members in good standing, feel free to submit an article or picture as all of our members are encouraged to do.

*Once again, thank you for being a part of the NYB family,*  
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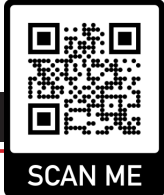
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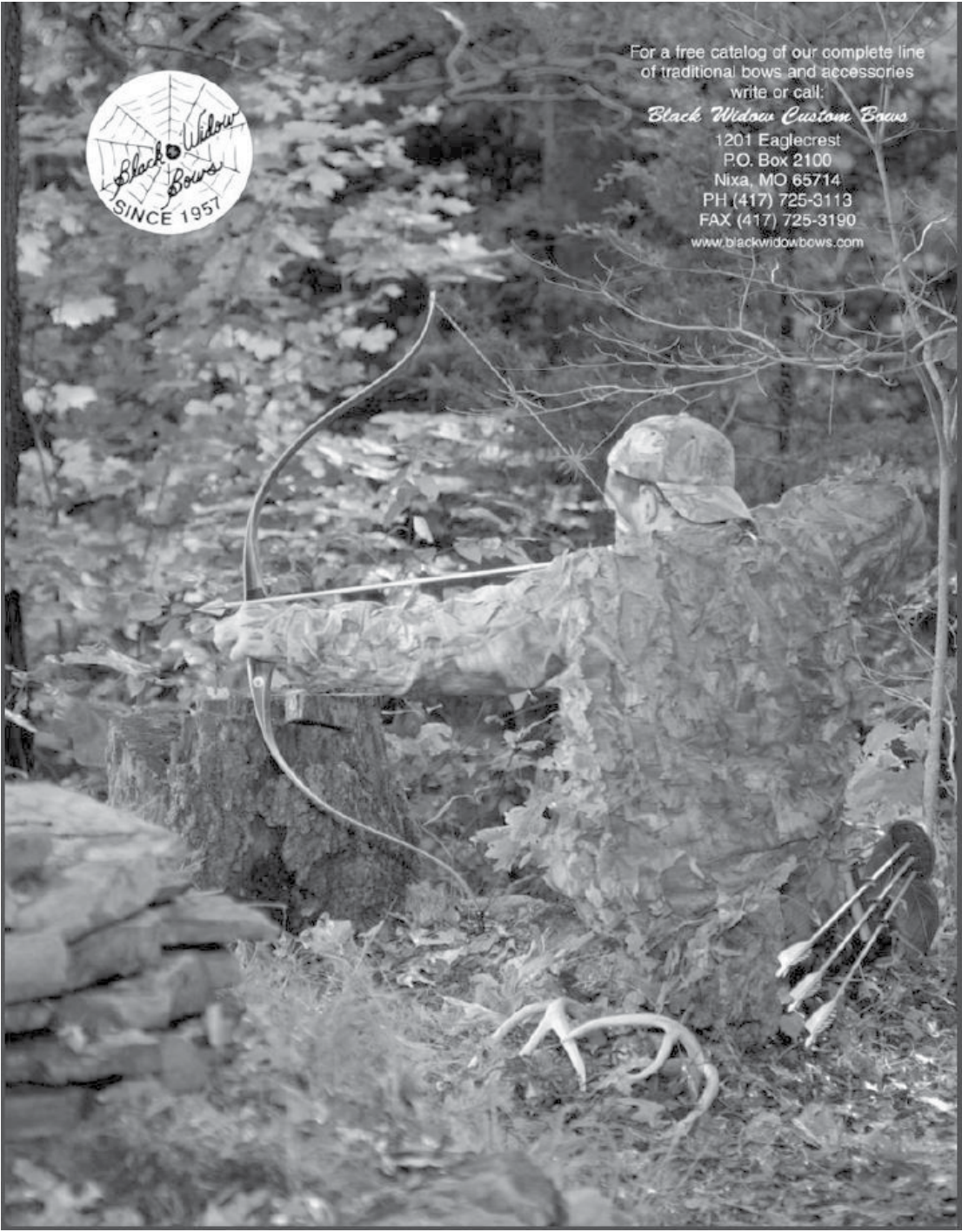
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