



THE ARROW

SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER



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From the President

Our Club has again entered a New Year with the Snowflake League kicking off our Annual Event Schedule with a new participation/attendance record for the 1st shoot. 100 shooters took advantage of the reasonably good weather and the opportunity to be part of an enjoyable 3D event. The Snowmen did a great job putting it all together, and I would like to thank all of our members who voluntarily supplemented the menu with baked goods and appetizers as well. For those who missed out, there is still more than a month of Sundays left.

Our new "Lodge" has housed its 1st major event and bit by bit, the finishing touches continue to be applied. Some of those "touches" are scheduled for application during our scheduled "Work Days" on March 21st and March 28th. There are many other necessary tasks that need to be accomplished to get our facility into "tiptop" shape, so come on down, roll up your sleeves, and help get the job done.

The Board is looking forward to a formal Dedication Ceremony and 2nd Family Day event scheduled for Sunday June 27, 2010. Mini shoot, food, games... keep the date open!

In ending, it is with sadness that I belatedly announce the passing of one of our members, Debbie Carberry. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her, and I express my deepest sympathy to her family and friends. May her arrows continue to find their mark...

Stay Safe,
Mike Jones

From the Editor

Each new year brings a wellspring of hope for positive change in our lives and the start of new beginnings, as we make our resolutions and strive to achieve those goals throughout the year. With this new year, take a few minutes to celebrate the new changes around your club. Check out the new Lodge (formerly the Pavilion). Come on down to the first **Members Meeting on February 17th** at the

Amityville Club and be sure to say hi to all the new members, thanks to dedicated efforts of Membership Chair Rob Schaefer. Check out the new and easy way to renew your membership online at our website: www.suffolkarchers.com and take advantage of the bonus 4 WORK HOURS FREE if you renew by March 1st. The Suffolk Archers leadership has changed up but your dedicated Board of Directors remains focused on making this club the best experience and value that it can for its members. Change can mean new and great things!

While you're at it, why not get a head start on that ever popular New Year's resolution to start exercising more and shake off the winter doldrums by joining the Snowflake League for some cold weather fun? Traipsing through nature's obstacle course definitely beats walking on the treadmill. And contrary to this winter league's name, it doesn't always snow in January — the first day dawned with balmy 46 degree weather, the threat of rain held at bay until much later in the day. As a result, the turnout to the first shoot was astronomical at 100 members! It's not too late to join — come any Sunday before the last scheduled shoot on March 7. This league has among the best culinary experiences of the year, thanks to the dedicated guest chefs and volunteers that devote their time to feeding the hungry Snowfolk. Just make sure you finish shooting before the great food runs out!

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**CALLING ALL MEMBERS — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FIRST & SECOND WORK DAYS OF 2010
MARCH 21 and 28, 2010 • GET A HEAD START ON 2010 AND GET YOUR WORK CREDITS IN EARLY!**

I also want to remind everyone that there are a number of events coming up in early spring — check out the calendar below in the Club News section so you don't miss out! We still have a Charity Shoot planned for the spring (on May 23rd) and don't forget the work days! We need YOU, the members, to help keep this club on track — through your hard work and shared love of archery, we can accomplish great things together!

Stay focused; stay on target!
Jill Goeckner

The Board Room

FROM THE TABLE

It will soon be that time again when the members of Suffolk Archers are called upon to roll up their sleeves and pitch in to make the club property ready for the Spring season. Workdays are scheduled for Sundays March 21 and 28. We urge all members and especially our new members to make time and plans to come out and contribute to the maintenance of your club. Bring your work gloves. As usual, breakfast and lunch will be served.

Club News

ANNOUNCING CREDIT CARD RENEWALS



**Another Suffolk Archers Milestone:
YOU CAN NOW USE A CREDIT CARD TO
RENEW YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP!**

Suffolk Archers has made arrangements with PayPal, which enables credit cards or a direct PayPal account to be used to pay for start-up or renewal dues. It is not necessary to already have a PayPal account to use this service.

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS EASIER AND FASTER. DO IT NOW AND GET A FREE GIFT! To renew your membership, simply go to www.suffolkarchers.com. Click on APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS and follow instructions.

**For a limited time before March 1, 2010
GET 4 HOURS OF WORK CREDIT FREE!**

Renew your Suffolk Archers membership by credit card at www.suffolkarchers.com by **March 1** and a four hour work credit will be automatically applied towards your annual required work hours.

Suffolk Archers Policy on the Use of String-holding Devices on Bows

DEFINITION:

For the purposes of this policy, a bow having a string holding device shall be called an assistive bow. Such bows will have devices that enable an archer to draw the bow string by a method other than the conventional one-hand draw, and also to lock the string in a fully drawn position from which it will fire standard size arrows, not bolts. The above description specifically excludes cross-bows. The use of cross-bows is strictly prohibited.

USE:

Whereas some of our members may be unable to pull back (draw) a bow string in the usual manner due to health issues or physical impairment, the Suffolk Archers Board of Directors has determined that the following type of equipment will be permitted to be used in the Suffolk Archers Archery Park under the conditions listed below:

1. The person wishing to use assistive equipment must present to the Board of Directors either
 - a. A valid DEC handicap hunting permit, or
 - b. A letter from a medical doctor explaining the reasons why a handicap hunting permit or a Suffolk Archers handicap archery permit should be issued.
2. Persons granted the use of a Suffolk Archers assistive bow shall receive an "assistive Bow Permit" from Suffolk Archers and said permit must be in the archer's possession when using the assistive bow at the Suffolk Archers Archery Park.
3. The archery bow being used with an assistive device must be a standard type of bow that is held vertically for aiming and release of an arrow.
4. The person using the assistive bow must follow all the same safety rules as persons using bows without assistive devices, including:
 - a. No bow shall be drawn and no arrow shall be placed on the string until the archer has arrived at the shooting point, has identified the target, and has ascertained that it is safe to shoot.
 - b. No person will carry an assistive bow in a drawn configuration while walking anywhere on the range.
5. Persons using an assistive bow shall not count score for competition with archers using non-assistive bows.
6. Persons wishing to test an assistive bow may do so only when accompanied by, and being instructed by, the assistive bow permit holder.

IMPORTANT CLUB NOTE: At the Feb 7th Snowflake Shoot, the Treasurer will be present with 2010-2011 dues packages. Help save the club the high cost of mailing by picking up your membership packet and/or paying your annual dues at this time. Those not in attendance will receive their dues package via mail the following week.



Don't miss our next Member Meeting featuring this exciting & entertaining presentation!

NEXT MEMBER MEETING

DATE: Feb 17, 2010

TIME: 8:00 PM

PLACE: The Amityville Club

*Located about 100 yards west of Route 110
131 Merrick Road
Amityville, New York 11701*



HUNTING SHOW WILL BE FEATURED AT OUR FEBRUARY 17 MEETING

You will view segments of this Sportsman Channel Cable TV hunting show, and meet hosts Dean Marrazzo and Joseph Palancia as they explain what they do, how they do it, and why they do it...for you.

Joe and Dean summarize their point of view:

So many hunting programs are targeted to the elite, "trophy class" practitioners, whose goals are often ambitious -- and unattainable to the average hunter. Roughly ninety percent of the men and women who hunt will never harvest a Pope and Young deer -- or even see one, up close and personal. Suburban Adventures with Joe and Dean speaks to this wide cross section of sports enthusiasts whose ambitions may be modest, but

whose love of hunting is sincere. The "average hunter" has to schedule time to hunt. He or she must fit the activity into their schedule, their budget, and their lifestyle, which in many cases may not be ideally suited to outdoor pursuits.

Most existing hunting shows feature commissioned hunts: expeditions in which the hunter pays by the size of the harvest or the number of members in his or her party. Often in such programs, the "kill" is choreographed and manipulated for maximum dramatic effect -- and the results are more fiction than fact. Suburban Adventures with Joe and Dean is intended for both the serious hunter and those new to the sport.

The show discusses technique, safety issues, scouting, new advances in technology, and the importance of responsible, ethical hunting. The approach is simple, accessible, and informal, and the series is a modest but sincere effort, designed to target the "average" hunter.

Our program features "real" hunting, with no fences and always "fair chase." These phrases mean something to the everyday hunter, who honors the purity of the sport, and whose intention is not merely (or even primarily) a trophy.

We feel any animal taken is a trophy. Suburban Adventures with Joe and Dean will take viewers through all stages of the hunt, from outfitting to 'kill shot' to preparation of the meat for an eventual meal.

Suburban Adventures with Joe and Dean brings the reality of hunting to an audience that may not feel represented by existing programs which highlight extraordinary animals, elaborate expeditions, and hi-tech (and often inaccessible) technology.

Hosts Dean Marrazzo & Joseph Palancia





WINTER/SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS

All Members are invited to attend. Meetings start at 8pm.

Wed. Feb 17 Member Meeting #1
Wed. Apr 21 Member Meeting #2

WORKDAYS *At Range • Members Only • Start Time 8am*

Sun. Mar 21 Range Work Day #1
Sun. Mar 28 Range Work Day #2

SNOWFLAKE LEAGUE

At Range • Members Only • Start Time 9am

Sun. Jan 24
Sun. Jan 31
Sun. Feb 7
Sun. Feb 14
Sun. Feb 21
Sun. Feb 28
Sun. Mar 7 BBQ
Sun. Mar 14 *Makeup for Shoot #7 (Only If Required)*

TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

At Range • Start Time 9am

Sun. Mar 21 FIRST WORK DAY*
Sun. Mar 28 SECOND WORK DAY*
Sun. Apr 11 Field Shoot #1
Sun. Apr 18 Field Shoot #2
Sun. Apr 25 Turkey Shoot/Swap Meet
Sun. May 2 Field Shoot #3
Sun. May 16 Field Shoot #4
Sun. May 23 Charity Shoot
Sun. May 30 Field Shoot #5
Sun. Jun 6 The Long Island Traditional
(Long Bows & Recurves Only)
Sun. Jun 13 Field Shoot #6
Sat. Jun 19 Raccoon Shoot at 5pm
Sun. Jun 27 Pavilion Dedication/Family Day



LET'S DECORATE OUR NEW LODGE!

Now that our new lodge is completed and we are moved in, it is time to make it "home". If you have any old, unused taxidermy mounts that are collecting dust in an attic or basement, please consider donating them to the club. Bowhunting and archery related items are all welcome. Any rustic items (snow shoes, old tools, wooden barrels, etc.) are appreciated. If you have things you would like to donate or see displayed in your lodge, please contact Joe Lupo at 516 526-2661.

Campfire Gourmet



PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE WITH GINGERSNAP CRUST



A light and fluffy concoction that is simultaneously evocative of both pumpkin pie and creamy cheesecake. This recipe is adapted from both an old Bon Appétit recipe and an online posting. Serves 12.

CRUST

- 1 ½ cups gingersnap cookie crumbs
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon sugar

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Wrap outside of nine-inch springform pan with foil.
3. Mix crumbs, butter, and sugar in a bowl.
4. Press mixture onto bottom and 2 inches up sides of pan.
5. Bake crust until slightly darkened, about five minutes.
6. Set aside. Maintain oven temperature at 350°F

FILLING

- 3 8-ounce packages cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup canned pure pumpkin
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- Pecan halves for garnish

1. Blend cream cheese and sugar until smooth.
2. Add pumpkin, eggs, vanilla, and spices. Process until smooth. Transfer filling to crust.
3. Bake cheesecake until center is set and edges begin to crack, about one hour.
4. Cool in pan. Chill until cold (a few hours). Run a knife between the cake and the pan sides. Remove sides.
5. Arrange pecan halves decoratively on cake.



The Hunters Lair

With cabin fever about to set in on all of us, it's a hard time for the bowhunters of the world. There are a few things one can do to make it through these hard times. You can read a few books on bowhunting and/or watch the outdoor channels. That works for me.

Your Bowhunting committee will be taking over SADMCM this year. There will be a SADMCM meeting on Saturday Feb 6, 2010 at 9AM. ALL SADMCM MEMBERS MUST ATTEND. ANY member who wants to be part of SADMCM must attend as well. There are many issues that need to be discussed regarding the future of SADMCM, and an open discussion about deer management in NY State and on Long Island will be on the agenda. During the meeting, requirements and expectations of participating landowners, as well as Suffolk Archers, will be defined and made clear.

Don't forget to get your Big Buck, Big Game, and Big Doe entries in for the contests. We are also looking forward to seeing your nominations for Bowhunter of the Year.

Safety 1st,
Jack D., SA Bowhunting Committee

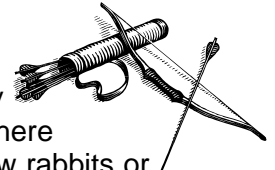


Featured Photo

Andy Deangelis with his 2009 deer taken in the Yaphank area.



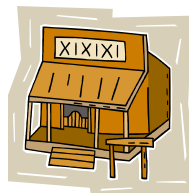
Tackle Tips



The hunting seasons locally have all just about ended, but there is still some time yet to bag a few rabbits or squirrels. With that said, most have checked, maintained and properly stored their equipment until Spring, and just might find themselves with some spare time on their hands.

Have you ever considered learning to make some of your own archery equipment? It's not really Rocket Science, BUT it does take some skill, patience, determination, and sometimes perseverance. There are quite a few club members that make very high quality tackle and may be willing to provide you some pointers and advice. There are many web sites on the internet dedicated to our sport, and among them you can find numerous instructional guides and tutorials to help you achieve success.

Who knows, next season you may be shooting arrows that you made or fletched yourself, off a string that you may have manufactured, and using a hand-made quiver. In any case, it might be worth giving any of these projects a shot.



Stay safe and shoot straight,
Fletch

The Trading Post

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: This space is always available for FREE to those members who wish to swap, trade, or sell their archery equipment and/or provide notice of upcoming hunts. Suffolk Archers does not specifically endorse the products or hunting opportunities listed here.

- **LAND LEASE NOTICE** — "3" members showed up for the land lease meeting held on Jan 16; therefore, the lease expansion project will NOT move forward. The current lease is still in force and will remain until it expires. The current lease members will then decide to renew or reject our lease. Thank you all for your interest.
- **NYS Bowhunter Safety Course** February 20, 2010 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM at C&B Archery 11 Commercial St Hicksville (516)933-2697. You MUST register in person or by phone prior to February 19.

The Arrow

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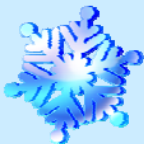
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Dues 'R' Due — see page 3 for details.