



# THE ARROW

SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER



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## *A Letter from the President*

If you participated in the 2012 Snow Flake League you may have noticed Jason Abruzzo, directing the event as its new chairman. Jason has worked on the SFL committee in the past but this year he's taken command. Along with newcomer Paul Hatch, Jason has the support and guidance of SFL stalwarts Peter Antonicelli and Shay Granov. After three weeks on the job, the SFL boys are doing a terrific job, and everyone who attends this event is certain to enjoy the experience.

Later this year, David Giangano will direct the "Spring Fling" 3D shoot and Mike Matteo will be in charge of the "Hunter Style" 3D shoot. Suffolk Archers is fortunate to have members who are willing to give of their time and energy so we can enjoy a day of competitive shooting.

In January our field committee discovered a new "field" target that may be answer to our field-target problem. A test target is now at the range. Once it is set up, the SA Board along with Lew Barbera and Jim Fream will determine its suitability. If the project receives a green light, the targets will be purchased and installed in the designated areas. It is the hope of the board that this new equipment will result in an overall upgrade to our course.

A professional tree crew has been hired to care for our trees. Many areas on the course are inhabited by older trees with dead and dying branches. Before the cutting began, the arborist advised us on the "how & why" of the job and a precise plan was implemented. This is a chore that has been long overdue but once the work has been completed our archery course will be a safer, more enjoyable experience for all.

Enjoy the winter shooting season!

—Tommy

## *Brothers & Sisters of the Bow*

On a cold night in January at our Suffolk Archers' Lodge a few members gathered for an informal meeting. This round-table-experience essentially discussed everyday club issues and how we can make our club a better overall experience? Suffolk Archers' enrollment now exceeds 400 members each with a different opinion. The diversity of the membership can be refreshing, especially if new ideas are brought to light. Despite our differences we are all members of the same club and should work together towards a common goal.

One point of discussion was safety. Do you know that nearly every decision made by the club is influenced by the fundamental desire to maintain our exemplary safety record? At Suffolk Archers, as in life, certain rules are put in place to protect everyone. We all want to have fun, but we always need to think about safety and respect the rights of all members.

Another point made concerned communications. Sometimes words or actions are perceived in a way that wasn't originally intended. Perception can be powerful and damaging if misdirected. As a club we should strive for more effective ways of communicating.

One way to keep current with club business is to get more involved. Join a committee, attend meetings, and learn how the club operates.

In the end, it was agreed that we all share a common bond; that we are all brothers of the bow. Whether we shoot traditional or compound we are very fortunate to have this place to enjoy the wonderful sport of archery. In conclusion, we only need to ask ourselves, what's most important? The answer is obvious, our love of archery and the friends we've made at Suffolk Archers.

Shoot 'em straight and have a happy New Year,

— Joe Anderson, Jr.

REMINDER: THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 15TH, 8PM, SA LODGE.  
THE NEXT SADMC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2012.

# Club News

## SA HELP WANTED



### Club Openings

Suffolk Archers is currently looking to fill some positions. For more information or to apply for one of the se positions please call 516 873-8898

**Membership Committee** - Basic duties would be to meet potential new members, walk them around the club, give them the safety lecture and fill out the application.

**Receptionist** - We are looking to establish a committee to take over the telephone responsibilities. Basic duties would include: (1) answering calls from new and potential members and (2) relaying the messages to the proper people.

## SADMC



**Juniper Hill's 2011 crop loss from deer CUT TO ZERO!**  
*Ends 2010 deer damage that destroyed \$5,000 worth of plants.*

*Article by Robert Schaefer*

When LIFB member Fred Hammerle, owner of Juniper Hill in Mattituck, calculated his expected profit at the beginning of 2010, he didn't account for the hungry deer that would eventually destroyed much of his crop.

*"I've had losses from deer before, and it seemed to get worse each year, but in 2010 the loss went beyond my greatest fears," said Mr. Hammerle. "I had to do something to prevent such losses in 2011. Thanks to the LIFB, I became aware of the Suffolk Archers Deer Management Committee (SADMC), and contacted its Chairman, Andy Deangelis. The rest is now history...good history."*

SADMC answered the call for help by quickly meeting with Mr. Hammerle, scouting the Juniper Hill property and neighboring properties,

determining deer travel and feeding patterns, speaking with neighbors and obtaining their permission to hunt closer than the 500 feet minimum that must be observed without their permission. Then SADMC mapped out safe hunting points on Juniper Hill's property.

Since the legal hunting season was many months away, Juniper Hill and SADMC applied to the NYDEC for an archery nuisance deer hunting permit.

According to SADMC Chairman Andy Deangelis, *"Thanks to his sincere concern for the plight of Long Island farmers, NYDEC Biologist Chip Hamilton considered SADMC's proposal and followed up in a most professional manner. He reviewed the situation at Juniper Hill, including the terrain, the local deer herd, juxtaposition to neighboring properties, the amount of damage Juniper Hill experienced in 2010, and the potential losses that could be expected from deer depredation in 2011. Mr. Hamilton kept an open mind as I explained how SADMC maintains the highest possible level of safety and concern for farm owners and neighbors."*

DEC Deer Nuisance permits were made available on July 17, 2011. By July 19, a specially trained and highly responsible team of SADMC bow hunters were in place, rotating their hunting time for maximum effect. Within a few weeks, eight deer were harvested on Juniper Hill's property (while on their way to free meals that cost Juniper Hill \$5,000 in 2010). Because SADMC operates ethically and on the farmer's schedule, in complete silence and virtually unseen by neighbors, no one was disturbed by SADMC activities.

Juniper Hill is a small farm, compared to many on Long Island. Owners of large farms lose so much more to deer each year, that they might consider a \$5,000 loss from deer depredation to be an improvement. But, to Fred Hammerle, losing \$5,000 to deer depredation in 2010 was a

very big deal, and losing nothing to deer in 2011 seemed almost miraculous.



### The Suffolk Archers Deer Management

Committee won one for Juniper Hill, and is ready, willing and able to win even bigger for owners of larger farms that ask for its help.

With more than fifty seasoned, trained and supervised nuisance deer bow hunters at the ready, SADMC welcomes calls from owners of any farm -- small or large -- that want to reduce the amount of money they lose to an increasing population of hungry deer.

For more information about how totally free SADMC services can help reduce your deer losses, contact **Andy Deangelis** at (631),521-1471 or via email at [admatrix01@aol.com](mailto:admatrix01@aol.com)

NOTE: Please bring a copy of your drivers license and a copy of your hunting license on one sheet of paper when you come to the SADMC meeting on Feb 16, 2012. If you can not attend the meeting, you can mail it to me with your phone number. Address for mailing: CONTINENTAL COLLISION 90-G Knickerbocker Ave, Bohemia, NY 11716. Any questions? E-mail Andy at [admatrix@aol.com](mailto:admatrix@aol.com)

# THANK YOU ROB!

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ROBERT SCHAEER

Andy and the SADMC committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Robert Schaefer for all the time and effort he gave to the SADMC program. His talents and ideas will be missed.



## The Hunters Lair

Here it is February; by now cabin fever has set in for most of us, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. There is plenty to get you through Cabin Fever, local outdoor shows, catching up on your magazine reading, making some arrow for the upcoming shooting season, and Oh yes our Snow Flake League. Before you know it will be spring.

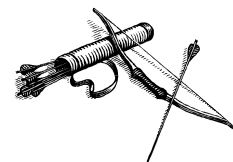
Just a reminder to those of you that were skilled or lucky enough to have harvested a big buck or a nice doe, you have till February 29, 2012 to get your entrees in. Also if you are planning to nominate a bow hunter for bow hunter of the year award your entries are due in by February 29 as well.

There will be a SADMC meeting on February 16 2012 at 7:30 PM bring all your paper work with you (back tag # etc)

In closing hope you all had a great hunting season and those of you that did score I hope you are enjoying the venison that you harvested. Stay warm see you at the SNOW FLAKE LEAGUE.

"GOOD LUCK!"  
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## TACKLE TIP



Next time you wax your bow string take a moment and rub a little on the threads of your field points before screwing them back on. The wax will help stop your field points from constantly loosening up while you are enjoying a day of shooting.



## *Till Help Arrives*

Imagine being lost in the woods, (though, for some of us, there is no need to use our imagination). Your heart starts racing faster, your nerves stand on end, nothing looks familiar and panic sets in. You may be alone in the woods but you are not alone in the experience. It happens to about 200 people a year in New York State, and that is just the cases that are reported.

Recently New York State Forest Ranger's Michael Thompson and Bryan Gallagher came to Suffolk Archers to describe what the Forest Ranger's do and demonstrate some of the needed skills to help us in a lost situation. From the gear we should carry, where to find water, and building fires and shelters.

One of the key steps takes place before you even step in the woods. Tell someone where you are going to be with an approximate time line of your travels. If you are heading out from a camp site leave a note in a sheet protector with your direction of travel and estimated return time. Remember, the Forest Ranger's need a location to start there search and the more information they have the better the chance for a quick successful search.



Tony Pellot starts his fire using frayed twine and a flint.

If you do get turned around in the woods stay calm and STOP; Sit down, Think, Observe, Plan.

If you decide that staying in the woods is your best option then it's time to start setting up camp. Gather the supplies for your fire and shelter. Build a pile of wood that you think you will need to get your fire through the night, now make ten more. You will be surprised how much wood you go through. Get your tinder material from your pack, whether you prefer cotton coated in Vaseline or dryer lint. Did you know that a ping pong ball is also a great option, it's small light weight and best of all it's water proof.



Next up, your shelter. Ranger Gallagher talked about different styles of shelter and how to arrange your camp. The Ranger's then took us outside in the snow to put our new skill to the test. Perhaps you noticed a rather odd pile of sticks and leaves along the side of the field. It's call a debris shelter. It may look like just a pile of sticks and leaves but it will keep you warm and dry for the night.

Ranger's Thompson and Gallagher did an excellent job and shared a lot of great information and tips for being in the woods.

For more information on the items you should pack in your survival kit along with other great information check out the DEC's website <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/57053.html>.

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# Hunter's Pot

From *Cooks.com*

*This Beef Stew may be made in the Crock-Pot or on the stove top in a large Dutch oven, for the best results make sure your Crock-Pot doesn't boil. Boiling will make the beef stringy and dry and turn vegetables to mush.*



- ◆ 3 lbs. stewing beef, cut into 1-inch cubes (or for the lucky ones substitute with your game meat)
  - ◆ 1 3x2-inch cube lean salt pork (optional)
  - ◆ 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
  - ◆ 2 large onions, sliced
  - ◆ 1/2 lb. large carrots, cut into 1/2-inch thick coins
  - ◆ 3 large potatoes, in 1-inch cubes
  - ◆ 4 garlic cloves, minced
  - ◆ salt and pepper, to taste
  - ◆ 2 tablespoons flour (or enough to coat meat)
  - ◆ garlic and onion powder (for sprinkling)
  - ◆ 1 quart beef stock
  - ◆ Water
  - ◆ 1/4 cup ketchup
1. Sprinkle the beef cubes lightly with salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder and flour for extra flavor during browning.
  2. When using a Crock-Pot for beef stew, for extra flavor, brown the floured beef cubes in olive oil before transferring them to the Crock-Pot (brown the salt pork along with the beef, if using). Brown onions and add garlic towards the end of the browning but don't allow it to take on too much color. In a Crock-pot, add all the vegetables at the beginning; set the Crock-Pot to 170-190°F and leave to cook from 5-8 hours or until meat and vegetables are tender.
  3. If using a Dutch oven, add the vegetables during the last 35 minutes of cooking and simmer until tender. Add a few tablespoons of flour at the same time to thicken the gravy, if desired. The gravy may also be thickened by stirring a tablespoon or so of cornstarch into cold water before adding to the stew. Be sure to allow ample time for the thickener to cook before serving time to avoid a raw flour taste. Extra vegetables can be added if you have them on hand. Turnips, corn, sweet potatoes, fresh peas and green beans are all wonderful additions. A pinch of thyme and basil and bay leaf can be added, too.

This stew tastes even better the following day after the flavors have a chance to blend in the refrigerator! Serve over rice or egg noodles. —Serves 6.

# 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. However, Suffolk Archers does not specifically endorse the products or hunting opportunities listed here.



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Don't miss our next

**GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SUFFOLK ARCHERS LODGE**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2012 at 8:00pm**