



THE ARROW



SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER

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From the Editor-in-Chief

On a very serious note, **SAFETY** is and **MUST BE** the number one concern for ALL Suffolk Archers at all times while on our facility. Each and every member attests to the fact that he has read/re-read and understands our safety rules annually, and all new members receive a comprehensive, face-to-face briefing prior to being allowed to use the facility. Should there be any question about ANY action or condition, at any time, which **could** present a safety hazard, it is the responsibility of that individual to ensure that the situation is corrected immediately and then reported to the Board of Directors. Remember, **each** and **every member** of this club is a **Range Safety Officer!**

As the year moves along rapidly, our clan of **SNOWFOLK** again exceeded 100 shooters. Under the planning and guidance provided by “**SNOW KING**” **Tommy Carrella** and “**Snowmen**” **Pete Antonicelli, Joe Turano, Shay Granov, George Wiemann, and Glenn DiGeorgio**, our members were provided with an enjoyable and safe winter activity. In addition to the Continental Breakfast provided, the shoots were “kicked up a notch” each week with gourmet game dishes provided and prepared by member chefs **Jeff Milano, Pete O’Malley, Mike Anderson, Nick Menrath, and John Tietjen**, along with guest chef **Warren Busch**. Each meal was also supplemented with side dishes and deserts provided by **Arte Stein, Susan Morra, Sonny Pristina, Marge Marotta, Karen Kucherick, Jocelyn Mirabella, and Ada Pellet**. Congratulations to our distinguished Snowflake shooters in each category: **Brian Boyle (Compound), Ron Iocca (Traditional), Karen Kucherick (Women), and Jocelyn Mirabella (Most Improved)**.

Those members who attended our first Shooter’s Clinic conducted on March 14th got a bonus of fantastic weather, which added to the valuable and effective program provided by several of our top archers, including **Jim Fream, Lew Barbera, Jimmy King, Brian Boyle, Val Jackson, Don Pecora, Artie Lipinski, Danny Zingale, and Ron Iocca**. The event was complimented four days later by the appearance of **Joe McGlyn**, an extremely accomplished archer and part owner of **Proline Archery**, as our guest speaker at our March General Membership Meeting. Joe’s presentation and brief accounting of his climb to success was, without a doubt, extremely motivational for those who attended our clinic, as well as the rest of our membership in attendance.

Our 1st and 2nd scheduled work days are behind us, and the range has recovered from the ravages inflicted by weather and heavy usage. Right around the corner on April 19th the **Bowhunting Committee** will present our **2nd Annual Turkey Shoot** combined with a **Swap Meet**. This event was scheduled prior to the opening day of the **Spring Turkey Season** to give our hunters the opportunity to hone their shooting skills and also to give our new/prospective hunters a few tips and strategies prior to going afield. Don’t miss this great opportunity to **Talk Turkey, shoot, swap, trade, and buy or sell archery/hunting gear**.

On a final note, I would like to congratulate our editor **Jill Goeckner** and her husband **Dave** for providing Suffolk Archers with its youngest member upon the birth of their son **Trent**.

Stay Safe,
Mike Jones, Editor-in-Chief

President’s Message

They say that when March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb. Well, I guess we can look forward to milder days ahead because with fifteen inches of snow on the ground at Suffolk Archers on March 1st, March came roaring in like that proverbial lion. But we survived, and now Spring has sprung in your favorite archery park. Trees are budding, and soon our club will be the lush verdant forest that we have come to love and call our home.

And, speaking of home, the wheels of progress are turning faster (if not smoother) as we conclude the preliminary phases of our new building project. We project that by mid-summer, our new building will be completed, and we will be happily moved in. We will say goodbye to the cramped, inadequate “pavilion” that served us for so long and enjoy the spacious modern new Suffolk Archers “lodge.” This is an improvement that has been a long time coming. I thank providence for our ability to create such an improvement, and I thank all of you, the members of Suffolk Archers, for your patience and support in making this project a reality.

I hope to see you soon, down at the club.

Respectfully,
Joe Lupo, President

REMINDER: DUES WERE DUE APRIL 1ST.

If you forgot to mail them in, please do so immediately to avoid being assessed a penalty.

The Board Room

FROM THE TABLE



We need your empty half-gallon containers with screw caps. Your half-gallon milk and juice containers will be used in an archery event being planned for **Suffolk Archers General Meeting at the range on June 17, 2009**. Only containers with screw caps can be used. Please rinse them out and save as many containers with their caps as you can, instead of throwing them out. When you have a quantity that is "getting in your way," you can drop them off at the range in the marked receptacle by the arrow box or call 516 873-8898 to make other arrangements.

Club News

MEMBERS CAN NOW ORDER SUFFOLK ARCHERS LOGO CLOTHING DIRECTLY FROM OUR SUPPLIER VIA INTERNET OR IN PERSON

To enable members to have a wider selection of garments and other items emblazoned with an embroidered Suffolk Archers logo, the Club will no longer stock or take orders for logo merchandising.

Instead, members can view and order logo merchandise at <http://suffolkarchers.promoshop.com> (Note: no www in this URL) or by shopping in person with owner Cathy Nolan at:



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453 Walt Whitman Road
Melville, NY 11747
TEL: 631-423-3700
FAX: 631-423-4039
EMAIL: huntington@embroidme.com

This EmbroidMe shop has supplied all past Suffolk Archers logo merchandise, except for caps, so Cathy knows how to meet your needs. For now, caps will continue being available directly from our existing stock by contacting Rob Schaefer at 516 873-8898 or info@suffolkarchers.com.



**ALL LOGO JACKETS AND SHIRTS
REMAINING IN OUR STOCK ARE NOW ON
SALE FOR 50% OFF!**

To facilitate the switch to direct ordering from EmbroidMe, it is important that we sell our current stock as quickly as possible. Towards that end we are offering 50% off on all logo shirts and jackets now in stock.

All will be sold first come-first served at the time they are picked up and paid for at 48 Wilmington Drive, Melville, NY 11747. Call 516 873-8898.



The Hunter's Pot

Mike Anderson's gumbo was such a hit at this year's Snowflake League that we had to share the recipe with all of our members, especially after all of the requests we received!

SNOWFLAKE GUMBO

INGREDIENTS *

- Andouille Sausage (Do Not Substitute)
- Smoked Ham, Chicken, Pork, Venison, Or Bear —
Note: you can use beef if you don't have venison or bear, and you can put in some shrimp if you wish, as well.
- Onions
- Red Peppers
- Garlic
- Oil (enough to coat bottom of your pot)
- Wine
- Flour
- Rice, cooked
- **Spices:** Cajun spice mix , brown sugar, salt, pepper, paprika, dry mustard, bay leaf
- Flour
- **Stock:** use beef bouillon cubes, canned stock, or fresh (if you have the time)

DIRECTIONS

1. Coat bottom of a large stock pot with oil.
2. Heat oil on medium-high. When oil is hot, add all meat except sausage & ham, and cook until browned.
3. Add onions, pepper, garlic, and all spices, except brown sugar and bay leaf.
4. When onions start to caramelize, add the rest of the meat.
5. De-glaze pot with the wine, and scrape bottom of the pot to remove all the browned bits.
6. Cover all ingredients with the stock. Add bay leaf and brown sugar. Bring to a boil, and cook for ten minutes or so, before reducing heat to low.
7. Cover and simmer for three to four hours, stirring occasionally until pork and chicken fall apart.
8. In a separate bowl, mix flour and a little water, stirring well until no lumps remain. Add flour-water mixture to gumbo in order to thicken.
9. Stir in cooked rice.
10. Serve with corn bread and enjoy!

* ALL quantities of ingredients are to taste.



The Hunters Lair

The hunting season is long behind us and our shooting season is about to start. There are some work days that have to be completed, and it's not too early to start to get ready for the next hunting season.

The Bowhunter Awards were presented at the last SA General Meeting on March 18th. I anticipate that the stories accompanying each entry will undoubtedly be retold many times in the future.

Jeff Milano was selected by the BHC as Bowhunter of the Year* for his accomplishments and dedication to the sport of Bowhunting.

Over the past two years, the SA Bowhunters Committee has introduced several new concepts to improve the members' bowhunting experience. I believe that most of our members, new and old, are aware of these tools, but no one seems to take advantage of them. I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone of these great opportunities.

- We have a **BOWHUNTERS LIBRARY**, located at the pavilion in a locked box marked "BH Library."
- In addition, we also feature a **SWAP HUNT PAGE** on our web site that no one has entered in the past year.
- I'd also like to point out the **BOWHUNTERS INFORMATION BULLETIN BOARD**, located to the right of the pavilion, that no one seems to read!

If any members have any questions or ideas about these featured tools, please contact me or any other BHC member. We welcome your suggestions!

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A HUNTING LEASE PLEASE CONTACT ME. This is not a Suffolk Archers sanctioned activity, but is open to Suffolk archers members only. The funding will be provided by the lessees. At present, this project is only in the concept phase and is being provided by your BHC in an effort to attempt to obtain hunting land. Depending on the response of potential participants, a committee will be formed, and then we will move forward. I will be available to all members that are interested, and **we will hold a meeting at the range on Saturday, April 4th at 9am.**

Jack Di Girolamo, SA BowHunters Committee
Cell 516 781-6710 Home 516 754-3549
E-mail Jack at jackdee@aol.com

NOTE: If you have a member that you would like to nominate for this new award (Bowhunter of the Year), please submit his or her name to the SABHC along with a brief story about the person.

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BOWHUNTER AWARDS

Includes Winner (in Bold) and Honorable Mentions

BIG BUCK

Anthony Blasi	14 Pt
Brian Boyel	8 Pt and a 9 Pt
Mike Papsidero	8 Pt
Harry Lang	6 Pt
Nathan Franklin	Spike

BIG DOE

Bill Tuthill	135 lbs.
Harry Lang	115 lbs.
Jack DiGirolamo	2 hamburgers and a roast

BIG GAME

Eric Lawlor	9 Pt Buck (Canada)
Anthony Blasi	Black Bear (Canada)
Jeff Milano	9 pt Buck (Kansas) and Merriam Turkey (Colorado)
Jon Lacote	10 pt Buck (Kentucky)
Bob Watterson	Silka Deer (Maryland)
John Mara	Wild Hog (Florida)
Richard Giancorra	Wild Hog (Florida)
Roger Bernier	Wild Hog (Florida)

BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR

Jeff Milano

Featured Photo



Suffolk Archers members harvested 7 hogs in Florida during February 2009. Members in this photo include (from left to right) Roger Bernier, John Mara, Ed Senior, Tommy Carrella, Jeff Milano, and Richard Giancorra.

UPCOMING SA CLUB EVENTS

2009 BOWFISHING CAMP — June 27-28, 2009



**DON'T MISS THIS
CHANCE OF A
LIFETIME!**

Sign up early!

"If you've never tried bowfishing, it's hard to imagine the thrill of standing on a platform mounted above the bow of a small boat in the dark of night, moving across a lake with an ac generator strapped to the stern sending electricity to a half dozen halogen work lights that illuminate the underwater scene."

Above are the words that appeared in The Arrow last year, right after the first Suffolk Archers Bowfishing Camp. A few weeks later, Mike Jones and David Johns went back to the Saratoga Lake area and scored dozens of carp in one night.



David John B T ã ^ Å } ^ •

Mike Barber, our guest lecturer in March 2008 and the terrific host and guide for the 2008 Lake Lonely Suffolk Archers Bowfishing Camp, has made us another offer we can't refuse. Once again, he will see to it that we are properly equipped, wonderfully guided, and well fed.

Here's the deal:

To enable Mike to arrange for enough boats, food, and helpers to make this the incredible weekend it promises to be, you must send Mike Barber a check payable to him for \$60 to be in his hands **NO LATER THAN MAY 30, 2009.**

That \$60 gets you all of the following:

- Bow rigging class and assistance 1 to 4 pm Saturday
- Bowfishing instruction (shore and from boats) 1 to 4 pm Saturday
- Open bowfishing from shore and boats from 4 pm Saturday into the night, to whenever you've had enough
- Open bowfishing from shore and boats from sunrise to 1 pm on Sunday

- Additional instruction from 1pm on Saturday to pm on Sunday, if needed
- BBQ dinner Saturday night
- Continental breakfast Sunday morning
- Dry camping on site for any who wish to bring tents, trailers or motor homes.

For motel reservations, Mike suggests **The Gateway Motel 518 584-2611.**

You will be bowfishing at LAKE LONELY in Saratoga Springs NY.

If you want Mike to purchase bowfishing tackle for you and have it ready to rig for you on June 27, by May 30th you must send him a check for \$195 (\$60 for Bowfishing Camp plus \$135 for the bowfishing tackle).

Send your check to:

Mike Barber
162 Maple Avenue
Scotia, NY 12302

Call Mike directly at 518 488-2564 if you have any questions, or call Rob Schaefer at 516 873-8898.



SUFFOLK ARCHERS

THIRD ANNUAL TAGHKANIC HUNT

Suffolk Archers will hold its third annual club bowhunt in mid-October 2009. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to hunt for a week at the incredible price of \$150, which covers lodging and amenities.

To reserve your spot, those interested in participating must contact Stan Lutz at 516 735-0163 (home) or 516 361-2857 (cell) and remit full payment of \$150 by no later than June 15, 2009.

Tackle Tips

Inspect your string for signs of wear and tear. If damaged or excessively worn, replace it. At the first sign of wear or fuzziness, an application of string wax will help prolong the life of the string. Check your Brace Height each outing to insure that it is within the manufacturers recommended tolerance. Lower Brace Height normally lends to increased arrow velocity, but increased "noise", and possibly poor arrow flight, while higher Brace Height leans toward reducing bow vibration, noise, and minimizing the effects of shooting errors.

Stay safe and shoot straight,
Fletch

THE END OF AN ERA



Our Pavilion, pictured above, was built by our members and has served us well over the years. The structure has been the hub for all of our activities, provided shelter from the snow and rain, and acted a gathering place for our members.

The current building is now scheduled for demolition in the very near future and will be immediately replaced by a new, larger, improved, modern facility designed to adequately meet the needs of our expanded membership.

FIRST SUFFOLK ARCHERS ARCHERY CLINIC



Another Suffolk Archers "First" - On March 15th Suffolk Archers Field Committee held its **First Archery Clinic**, with approximately 10 members in attendance. Following presentations on proper shooting form and technique given by **Ron Iocca** and **Jim Fream**, the attendees were given the opportunity practice their skills under the watchful eye of individual instructors **Val Jackson, Artie Lipinski, Don Pecora, Jimmy King, Brian Boyle, Danny Zingale, and Lew Barbera**. The "one on one" approach worked quite well during the session, helping each student understand the concept and theory of marksmanship, built confidence and increased proficiency in hitting the mark.

Our thanks to these advanced archers for assisting us in helping our members become more proficient shooters. Keep an eye open for future clinic dates.

Shoot straight,
Jim Fream

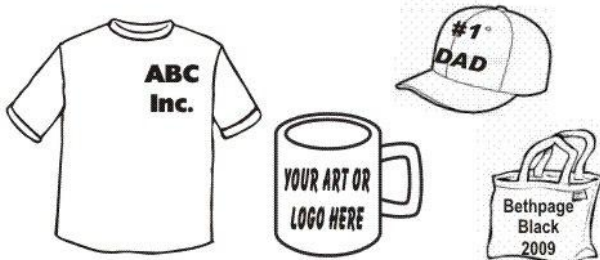
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2009 Newfoundland Bear Hunt, (2) Bears Gun or Bow
Date: June 8-12, 2009, Cost: \$2,300.

Contact: nick10men@verizon.net 516 433-0150

FOR SALE: 1 dozen vaned Easton Excell ST 400's, full length, inserts included, NIB, \$65.

Contact: BNCO55@aol.com 516 456-5829.

FOR SALE: Martin Hatfield T/D Recurve, AMO 62", #55@28", new Flemish String Mint condition, \$425. Martin Altitude Compound, #60 @ 26", full set-up, \$400. Contact: Nick 516 241-5433.

WANTED: Used 4WD Quad ATV, and trailer. Also interested in the trailer alone, or Quad w/o trailer. Contact: Scott 516 449-8656.

BOWHUNTERS SAFETY COURSE: April 20, 21 and 22, 2009 from 7-10pm at C&B Archery, 11 Commercial Street, Hicksville, NY 11801. You must attend all sessions. All NY State Hunter Safety courses are free of charge. To register, call 516 933-2697.

The Arrow

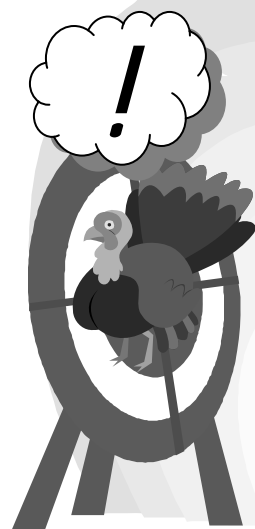
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TURKEY SHOOT and **SWAP MEET**

A great opportunity to
sell your excess
hunting gear and/or
buy something you
need, cheap!

April 19, 2009
SA Range
9:00am



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Don't jeopardize your membership; get them in!