



# THE ARROW

SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER

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## REMINDERS

Field Shoot  
Sunday April 10th  
9:00 am

Disk Thrower  
Saturdays  
Starting April 16th  
10:00 am to Noon

General Membership  
Meeting  
Wednesday April 20th  
8:00 PM SA Lodge

Work Day  
Sunday April 17th  
9:00 am

Turkey Shoot &  
Chili Cook Off  
Sunday April 24th  
9:00 am

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## *From the Editor*

Spring time is a season of renewal, a time to reflect on what was and what is ahead of us. Here at Suffolk Archers we are seeing the same thing happen. We have seen some of our members move on, whether they left the area, entered a new chapter in their life or moved onto greener pastures. Their presence will be missed. However at the same time, we also see many new members joining our club. We look forward to welcoming them the opportunity to get to know them.

In the spirit of looking both back and forward I would like to share some of my recollections of Suffolk Archers since becoming a member. I joined Suffolk Archers about ten years ago. During which time I have had the opportunity and privilege to witness and take part in some of the exciting changes in our club. When I first joined in 2007 we had about 220 members. For the last couple of years we have been at full capacity of 500 members, with a waiting list. As many of you may remember instead of our grand lodge and fireplace, we had a small roof overhang with a old 50 gallon burn barrel for heat and a few picnic tables. While the food and company was always good, those picnic were also good for some splinters. Then our practice range went from a small shooting area to an open level field that where we can not only practice archery, but it also now boasts an expanded picnic area to sit down with fellow members and enjoy the tranquil surroundings.

Our course, while we tried a couple different layouts over the years, has not changed too much. However the target choices we have today are hands down far superior to what we have had previously. Prior to my time at Suffolk Archers the few 3D targets we had were dragged out of storage for each major shoot, then dragged back in at the end of the day. During my time here I've seen the 3D course grow from only one animal target at a couple positions along the course to what we have today. We now proudly offer our members and guest over twenty-eight 3D target positions with most of them having two sometimes three targets to choose from. Our 3D course is not the only part that saw improvements, our field course the last few years as also turned into a wonderful shooting experience. Gone are the old burlap wrapped mounds sitting on the ground that served the club faithfully as target butts. They have since been replaced by our current butts, which are not only nicer to look at, but they effectively stop our arrows are easier to repair. To add a finishing touch, each butt reside in beautiful member constructed housing. Also, last Fall new yardage signs were added to the course which completes it's look. The last part of our course is the Knock-A-Block. Last year some of our members took on the task of rebuilding this portion of the course and did a fantastic job. Even though we only use this course for one shoot a year, the blocks are

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always out and make for a fun enticing shoot with friends during anytime of year.

While these are some of the bigger changes to the club, there are also a bunch of other improvements. Some are very noticeable, like the new shed or our upgraded broadhead pit. Others are less noticeable, for instance, upgraded electric and less poison ivy along the trails. The one thing it all has in common is our members. While the faces may have changed over the seasons, the spirit at Suffolk Archers has not. I am constantly astounded and proud of the free flow of information and support between members regarding archery. The members that give their time to the club by running a shoot for others to enjoy or those heading up a committee to keep our course in the condition we have become accustomed too. Thank you to those who used their talents to help the club build and maintain what we have. Plus, those who take on the challenge of sitting on the board dealing with all the minutia of making sure our organization has what is needed not only to operate today, but to ensure we have what we need to keep operating into the future.

Spring brings light and renewal to all those who have helped and supported our club over the years. Thank you in advance to all those new club members. I hope you find this place as beautiful and tranquil as I have. I urge you to explore being involved in the various aspects of our archery club. It will bring more enjoyment and pride to your time with Suffolk Archers.

All the Best  
Josh Pierno - Co Editor  
The Arrow



## 2016 FIELD ARCHERY SEASON

On April 10th, the 2016 Field Archery season will begin at Suffolk Archers with our first shoot. Some of our field archers such as Joe Pace, Tony DiDio, Scott Samsoe, and Lew Barbera have participated in indoor tournaments during the "off season" (September to April). These shoots have taken place at Smith Point Archery (Patchogue), Ti Yogi Bowmen (Hyde Park), and Guan-Ho-Ha Archery (Scotia). Interested archers can Google these names to obtain information on their events. These indoor shoots provide an opportunity to "stay sharp" as we await the outdoor field tournaments. Due to our increased membership, more members are showing an increased interest in Field Archery. We're looking forward to seeing you all on April 10th.

### THE FIELD COMMITTEE

#### FIELD ROUND

##### STANDARD UNIT

14 targets form a Unit. Twice around a Unit makes a Round. (Qualifier) Our Field Shoot will allow you to go once around

##### TARGET FACE

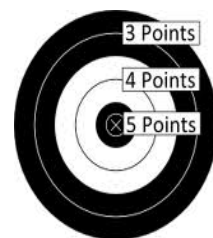
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4 points  
3 points

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##### SHOOTING RULES

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#### HUNTER ROUND

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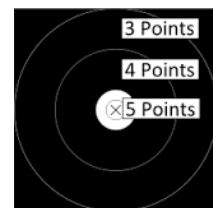
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### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

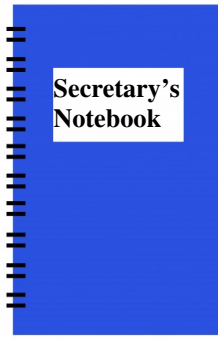
#### A Fellow Member Needs a Ride

One of our esteemed members, **Julian Russo**, needs a ride to the **Whittingham Tradition Archery shoot**.

If you are going to the shoot please contact **Julian at 631-581-1911**.

Please help a fellow Suffolk Archer out.

To Whittingham



Secretary's  
Notebook

I know it's annoying to get the continued email blasts for renewals and I apologize if you keep getting more emails. We have been trying to streamline the renewal process and get everyone on board with online payments. It's easier and more economical to send out group emails then narrow it down to

the select members who need a little more time or reminders. If you are uncomfortable with email, or online payments we can still utilize old school methods.. just ask.

Once you receive a certified letter you have the Official 30 days to make payment or arrangements to continue your membership. Please feel free to inquire with the treasurer Tom Stirnweis or myself - [secretary@suffolkarchers.com](mailto:secretary@suffolkarchers.com) or (631) 445-6488 cell.

Happy Hunting & Stay safe!  
Donna Reina

## UP COMING EVENTS

April starts our shooting season at Suffolk Archers

Not only do we see the start of two multi week shoots we also have our first 3D shoot that's open to all.

**The Field Shoots** start on April 10th at 9:00 am. There are 9 shoots during the summer months and cultivates with the our club championship on August 14th, check our calendar on the website for the dates.

**The Disk Thrower** is out of hibernation and will be back in the field starting on Saturday April 16th to May 28th, 10 am till noon. For those of you not yet familiar with the thrower it is basically like shooting skeet with arrows. Foam disk are tossed in the air and challenges the archer to hit it while in motion. Flu Flu arrows are supplied by the club and must be used for this event. A few recurve bows are available for use too.

**Work Day 2** is April 17th. There is still plenty to do around the club to get trails and lodge ready for our shoots.

**3D Turkey Shoot** is April 24th. The 3D Turkey shoot, a great way to warm up for the spring turkey season after a long winter.



**Stan's Chili Cook Off**  
Sunday April 24th  
(coincides with the Turkey Shoot)

Enter your best chili creations and let your fellow Suffolk Archer members decide who takes home the title.

Contact Stan to enter your chili in the contest  
[stanlelyutz@yahoo.com](mailto:stanlelyutz@yahoo.com)

## HUNTER POT



### Easy Venison Marinade

#### Ingredients:

- ¼ cup apple cider (or apple juice)
- ¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 2 tsp garlic powder, or 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp sea salt
- ½ tsp ground black pepper

Place all the ingredients into a large zippy bag and mix well.

Add the venison and place in refrigerator for at least 2 to 24 hours. The longer you leave it, the more those flavors will infuse themselves into the meat,

Cook venison using your favorite method, personnel I find the grill enhances the flavor nicely.

### Brussels Sprouts

For a nice side serve with Brussels Sprouts. Here is a receipt that is sure to please.

Steam the Brussels Sprouts for 4 minutes. Cut up some bacon into small pieces and cook it in a skillet until it's crispy. Combine the greens & bacon into a bowl, sprinkle with 1 tablespoon each of garlic, thyme, & black pepper, then toss everything. Once everything is evenly coated in the bacon fat, spread them onto a sheet pan or oven safe dish and bake at 350 degrees for 30 min. Stirring them about half way through.

Enjoy

## Think Safe - Act Safe

At Suffolk Archers SAFETY is and MUST BE the number one concern for all members and their guest. Each year in our renewal packet is a sheet with our safety rules. Please make sure you review and understand them and if you invite a friend or family member make sure they are aware and understand all of our safety rules as well.

### A few key points to remembers are:

- Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Never walk backwards on the course or cut across a trail to exit the course faster.
- Make sure to block the target face if you need to go behind it to look for a stray arrow.
- Never draw your bow at an upward angle, always aim at the target and draw straight back.

Remember, **each** and **ever member** of this club is a **Range Safety Officer!** If you see something or someone acting in an unsafe manner it is your responsibility to address the situation and immediately report it to the Board of Directors.

Some other general Tackle Tips to help keep you and your equipment safe:

### **DO NOT:**

- Leave your bow in your car - excessive temperature can damage it.
- Place your strung longbow or recurve in your car - It's ILLEGAL!
- Store your broadheads exposed in your bow case - use a tackle box.
- Use damaged equipment - repair it if you can or replace it if you can't.
- Use wood arrows with a compound bow.
- Leave the ground without a safety harness—a fall can be fatal!

Remember as the weather heats up make sure you have some water with you while shooting. Dehydration can takes it's toll on your mind and body. Please dispose of your water bottles in our recycling bin and not out on the trails.

## Hunters Cabin



Spring Turkey Season will be on us before we know it. Now is the time to check your equipment. Safe and reliable tackle is a necessity for success.

Make sure your strings/cables in good condition and that the string and servings are not fraying. Check your arrows for any damage and that fletching/vanes are secure and in good shape. Check that your broadheads and are in working order (mechanical) and that they are razor sharp!!

When hunting turkeys, never wear red, white or blue. When calling, NEVER go to the bird, ALWAYS make the bird come to you! Assume anything that sounds like a turkey is another hunter.

And as always, Know your target, and what is beyond it.

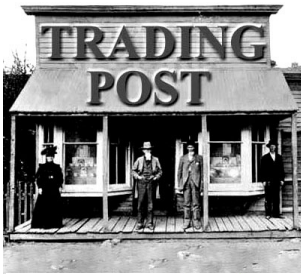
SPRING TURKEY 2016	Regular Spring Season	Spring Youth Turkey Hunt
<b>Hunting Hours</b>	One-half-hour before sunrise to noon	One-half-hour before sunrise to noon
<b>Area Open</b>	All of upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary	All of upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary plus Suffolk County
<b>Season Dates</b>	May 1 - May 31	April 23-24, 2016
<b>Season Bag Limit</b>	Two bearded turkeys (one bird per day)	One bearded turkey

From the NY DEC Website

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/29461.html>

Our Turkey 3D shoot is on April 24th, this is a great way to get some practice in before going into the field. Our Committee always does an excellent job of setting up realistic and fun shoot for all shooters not just our hunters.





**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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**Spring Youth League**

The Spring Youth league will be starting Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. The Youth leagues at Smith Point have been a huge success with 60 plus kids gathering for some fun and friendly competition. All levels are welcome and we will even provide a bow for those who do not have one. \$99 covers 9 weeks of the league and the award ceremony pizza party. Spots are limited, sign up right away! If you miss the April 1<sup>st</sup> start date, call to check availability—it might not be too late!

**Summer Adult League**

Annual winter league starts Wed, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. Call to sign up! This league is for anyone who can shoot 20 yards, and uses "hunter type" equipment—pin sights, short stabilizer, etc. Leagues are a great way for newer archers to gain experience and improve. It will be teams of 3, and it will be handicapped so archers of any ability can compete and win. \$20 per week, cash payback at end to top teams.

**Hunter/ Bowhunter Education Classes**

Smith Point Archery is hosting regular classes all year long. Check here <http://smithpointarchery.com/upcoming-bowhunter-ed-classes/> for dates, times, and links to sign up as they become available.

**QDMA Long Island Branch**

**Aging Deer on the Hoof**  
Educational Seminar

Learn how to estimate a buck's age, before you shoot

**When:** Thurs April 28, 2016  
7:00 – 9:00 pm – doors open at 6:30pm

**Where:** Continuity Centers  
1000 Woodbury Rd. Suite 106 Woodbury, NY 11797

**Guest Speaker: Kip Adams**  
Certified Wildlife Biologist and QDMA's Director of Education & Outreach

Learn how to estimate the age of a buck before shooting as well as the benefits of allowing bucks to reach maturity and maintain a healthy deer population in balance with existing habitat conditions .

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Call for information (631) 621-6150  
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Don't miss our next  
**GENERAL**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
Suffolk Archers Lodge  
Wednesday April 20th, 2016