



# THE ARROW



SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER

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## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

In the 2 months time since our last issue, our membership has continued to grow to a new high, Range improvements continue, and the Spring weather has prompted many of our members to "get out and shoot." **Rob Schaefer** our Membership Chairman is doing one heck of a job keeping us ahead of the membership attrition curve, and our Range Captains **Val Jackson**, and President **Joe Lupo** are right on top of maintaining and improving our facility. How can they go wrong with guys like **George Wiemann**, and **Wai** (Tom Sawyer) **Ng** on the range committee?

A few things have transpired recently on our Practice Range, and I am sure that most members have had the opportunity to put a few arrows into our new "experimental" butt. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of several that you may see appear in the near future, as we seek more durable, arrow friendly, and lower maintenance butts to replace the ones that are currently on the practice range. Also, with safety in mind, we have provided lane markings and erected a fence as an extra means of containing activity, as well as unauthorized entry. Speaking of unauthorized entry, please close the gate when you enter or exit the facility. It is for **YOUR** safety, as well as your fellow members.

I would like to congratulate **Jack DiGirolomo** and his **Birdmen** on their success in making our Turkey Shoot an enjoyable and educational (eye opening) experience. The event drew 60+ shooters. Some shot to compete, some to practice for the Spring opener, and others just for fun. Check the *Hunters Lair* for the official results.

Our club activities are now beginning to pick up a full head of steam. Our **Field Shoot** cycle is off and running, **The Long Island Traditional** is June 7<sup>th</sup>, the June "Shoot" **General Membership Meeting** is June 17<sup>th</sup>, followed by our **Bowfishing Trip** on June 27<sup>th</sup>, the **Knock-A-Block Shoot** on July 12<sup>th</sup>, and the **Raccoon Shoot** on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on any of these great opportunities to **GET OUT AND SHOOT!**

In parting, I would like to thank **New York Bowhunters** for the outstanding job that they have been doing for all of our **Brothers and Sisters of the Bow** in promoting our sport, and setting an example for our young archers. Check out their website <http://newyorkbowhunters.com> and see what they are all about.

Stay Safe,  
Mike Jones



**REMINDER:** SA members can view and order club logo merchandise online at <http://suffolkarchers.promoshop.com> (Note: no www in this URL).

## The Board Room

### FROM THE TABLE



#### WE STILL 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 or bring them with you to the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. And what a meeting it will be...

**IN ADDITION TO THE MYSTERY SHOOT, ATTORNEY AND BUDDING STAND-UP COMEDIAN NICHOLAS DAMADEO, WILL EXPLAIN WHY IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE KEEP OUR FRONT GATE LOCKED.** Nick is a talented practicing attorney with offices in Huntington. The topic is serious. The risks are real. His presentation of the "attractive nuisance" liability we face will be eye-opening. But, Nick's great sense of humor will entertain you as well. Don't miss this one.

**Mystery games will start on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**, to give you up to two hours of archery fun before the formal meeting begins. After dark, if anyone wants to continue the games, we'll turn the lights on.

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



#### 2009 BOWFISHING CAMP June 27-28, 2009

This two day event at Lake Lonely in Saratoga Springs, NY will include a bow rigging class and bowfishing instruction followed by open bowfishing from the shore and boats. Enjoy a BBQ dinner Saturday night and Continental breakfast Sunday morning. Dry camping is on site for anyone who wishes to bring tents, trailers or motor homes. For motel reservations, host Mike Barber suggests The Gateway Motel 518 584-2611. **Call Mike directly at 518 488-2564 if you have any questions, or you may contact Rob Schaefer at 516 873-8898.**

#### THIRD ANNUAL TAGHKANIC HUNT October 2009

Hunt for a week at the incredible price of \$150, which covers lodging and amenities. There are still LIMITED openings available for this great event, so don't miss out! **To reserve your spot**, 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.**

**DON'T MISS THE LONG ISLAND TRADITIONAL ON JUNE 7TH! REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8AM; SHOOT STARTS AT 9AM.**



*Chris Abela takes advantage of the weather and the opportunity to practice for that perfect shot during the recent Turkey Shoot.*

## The Hunters Lair



hope all you turkey hunters had a great season. I'm still out there calling away with no luck yet. Remember, if you do harvest a bird, send in your pictures!

Our **Turkey Shoot** was interesting to say the least. We had a few bruised egos but had a lot of fun and hopefully learned something. **Congratulations to our winners: Chris Smith** in the compound division and **Ron Sokol** in the traditional division. The winner in our women's division was **Mavis Mott**, and our two youth winners were the **Dunn boys Dayton & Dylan**.

We are about to put the finishing touches on our land lease. We are looking at 275 acres in the Stamford, NY area. There has been a lot of interest in this project, and we will move forward on other land leases if the interest grows. Thanks to all that helped with this project. A special thanks to **Mike Jones, Stan Lutz, and Tim Porter** who made the trip with me up to the Stamford, NY area.

Our **Bow Hunter Rendezvous** will be taking place on Saturday, September 12 and the **Silver Arrow** shoot will be the next day Sunday, September 13. Anyone who would like to help with either of these events please contact me or Bob Watterson. We would like to get a few more experienced bow hunters involved this year, so if you would like to participate, please give me a call.

It always rewarding to help first time bowhunters and see them progress into the sport. Have a great summer, enjoy our range, and remember it's never too early to get ready for the hunting season. Start shooting and get out and scout your hunting areas now. ENJOY!

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*SA Turkey Shoot lured Josephine Zollo to the challenge.*

## The Hunter's Pot

*Submitted by contributing chef Wai Ng.*



### DRY RUB

- 1/4 cup paprika
  - 2 tablespoons granulated garlic
  - 2 tablespoons dried onions
  - 2 teaspoons peppercorns
  - 1 teaspoon dry mustard
  - 1 teaspoon chili powder
  - 2 tablespoons cumin seed, toasted in toaster oven on medium
  - 3 tablespoons coriander seed, toasted in toaster oven on medium
  - 1/4 cup kosher salt
  - 1/4 cup light brown sugar
1. Combine dried onions, peppercorns, toasted cumin seeds and toasted coriander seeds in a clean (hand-held) coffee grinder (you might want to buy one dedicated to making this rub) and grind everything down.
  2. Combine all ingredients in a food container, cover with lid and shake well to mix thoroughly. If sugar is lumpy, crumble by hand.
  3. Use as needed and store in container in fridge for later use.

## FAMILY COMMITTEE UPDATE



Over the winter of 2008, there was a mass devastation to the bat population as the bats emerged from their winter hibernation far too early and died by the tens of thousands, often with a white fungus dusting their muzzles, prompting the naming of this condition "white nose syndrome." The cause is still unknown.

Bats are elemental in our local ecosystem for their role in insect population control. Bat Conservation International notes that, "a nursing mother bat can eat up to her own weight in insects in a single night, and some nursery colonies include millions of bats." Bats commonly consume mosquitoes, caterpillars, and beetles. Thus, this population decrease could significantly impact both the U.S. agricultural system and efforts to combat West Nile virus. Unfortunately, female bats only produce one pup per year, so it could take a long time for the population to recover.

SA Family Committee members met in April to build bat houses which will be placed throughout the range to encourage the growth of our local bat population. We will have a dozen bat houses ready by early summer. To help reduce the impact of the mosquito population at the range, the Club has also recently purchased four electric mosquito traps that should be operational within a couple of weeks. The addition of these electronic control devices is an experiment that we hope will make the use of our 10-30 yard range and pavilion area more comfortable throughout the mosquito season. *To join the Family Committee, please contact Jill Goeckner at [jsgoeckner@yahoo.com](mailto:jsgoeckner@yahoo.com).*



## 2009 FIELD ARCHERY BEGINS

### Field Archery Committee

(Clockwise from top left)  
George Thies, Lew Barbera,  
Jim Fream, and  
Jimmy King)

The 2009 edition of the Suffolk Archers Spring / Summer Field Shoots has begun. The first of 12 Sunday shoots began on April 26th. Our first shoot took place on a bright, sunny day and the temperature hit 90 degrees. A great day filled with fun and marksmanship was enjoyed by all.

Unfortunately, our second shoot on May 3rd was shortened by rain. Trophies are presented to the day's top shooters each Sunday. In addition, target scores are carefully recorded to determine the recipients of special awards for top archers and Club Champions (compound and traditional) to be presented in October.



*Enjoying the day are two SA traditional field archers, Mike and Joe Anderson.*

If you see any of the Field Committee members on the course, be sure to ask any questions which you may have. Such questions might include; how is field archery scored? How is the course laid out? How can I improve my marksmanship, etc.? The Field Committee is eager to answer your questions and promote Field Archery in any way it can. So come out, join us, and find out what all the fun is about!



## Tackle Tips

### 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 broadheads exposed in your bow case - use a tackle box
- Use damaged equipment - repair it, or replace it
- Use wood arrows with a compound bow - fragments/splinters hurt
- Leave the ground without a safety Harness - a fall can be fatal

**Stay safe and shoot straight,  
Fletch**

**See you at the range!  
Field Committee**

## The Trading Post

*This space is always available for those members who wish to swap, trade, or sell their Archery Equipment.*



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

**Contact:** [BNCO55@aol.com](mailto: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.

**BOWHUNTER EDUCATION COURSE** Sunday June 21st and 28th, 8:45am-12:45pm. VFW Post 9592 Hickory Lane Levittown, NY. You must pre-register at (516) 474-4568 and attend both sessions.

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*Member Stan Lutz with his 2008 PA pig*



# The Arrow

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*The summer season's just heating up!  
Don't miss our summer events at Suffolk Archers!*

<b>LONG ISLAND TRADITIONAL (LONG BOWS &amp; RECURVES ONLY)</b>	June 7, 2009
<b>CLUB BOWFISHING TRIP</b>	June 27-28, 2009
<b>MYSTERY SHOOT &amp; GENERAL MEETING</b> <i>Mystery games begin at 6:00 pm. Entertainment/guest speaker &amp; general meeting will follow at 8:00 pm.</i>	June 17, 2009
<b>KNOCK-A-BLOCK STUMP SHOOT (TRADITIONAL/COMPOUND)</b>	July 12, 2009
<b>RACCOON SHOOT #1</b> <i>Note: The shoot begins at dusk.</i>	July 18, 2009
<b>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	August 16, 2009
<b>HUNTER SHOOT</b>	August 23, 2009

**REMINDER: There are 6 paper shoots remaining.**