



# THE ARROW

SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER



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## From the President

### “Reflections on Mike Jones”

I first met Mike in 2002 — when I joined the club — but it wasn't until I served on the Board of Directors that I begin to know the person. After Mike became President and I, Vice-President, he asked if he could share his thoughts with me. And so it was, from time-to-time, that Mike would call me at my office to discuss his favorite subject, Suffolk Archers. Every conversation would start the same way; “Are you busy? Do you have a few minutes to talk”? The conversations rarely lasted just a few minutes as Mike never glossed over any detail. It was during one of our early conversations that it occurred to me — this guy is a military man, a retired Army Colonel who led troops in Vietnam and Desert Storm, and he's speaking to me as if I was one of his junior officers. To Mike's credit, he realized commanding SA required nearly the same skill set and he was going to make good use of it.

It was during those talks that I got full dose of the true Mike Jones. The firm but fair, take no BS guy, cleverly hidden behind a Grandpa Mike exterior. Mike's mission statement for SA was simple: build and maintain an A-1 archery facility where everyone could enjoy an afternoon of archery. Of course, those participating should be courteous to others, and safety is everyone's responsibility.

To everyone who knew him, Mike was a man of action and he was directly involved with numerous events on the club calendar: Family Day, SADMC, The Arrow (newsletter), The Pancake Breakfast, The Charity Shoot, and the list is longer than I can remember.

I'll miss Mike Jones because I considered him to be a friend. Suffolk Archers will miss him because they will never find another person as dedicated as Mike.

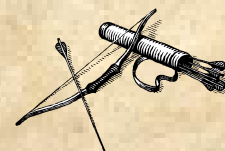
Rest in peace, Mike Jones, and thank you for everything.

**Tommy**



### A Special Message from Dianne Jones

The family of Mike Jones sincerely thank all the members of Suffolk Archers: for their thoughtfulness and kind expressions of sympathy. *It is greatly appreciated.*



**REMINDER(S): THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS ON AUGUST 17TH, 8PM, SA LODGE. THE ANNUAL SA GAME DINNER (TRIBUTE TO MIKE JONES) IS SEPTEMBER 10TH. WORK DAY #3 IS SEPT 25TH.**

## From the Editor



This issue is dedicated to Mike Jones, whose passing we mourn with an intensity and sorrow beyond words. Those of us who knew him well loved him dearly. Our hearts and prayers carry

the weight of our love and respect for this man who served his country and lived each day with purpose, always focused on helping others, building a better community, or championing a worthy cause — whether it be the environment, the sport of archery, training the hunters of tomorrow — the list was endless and his efforts tireless. I have never known a man who gave more to others — his family, friends, or the community — or who was always willing to take more time out of his already crammed schedule to help so many people.

Over the past years, I spent countless hours on the phone with Mike as co-editors of this newsletter (which was also one of his beloved conceptions), going over every detail of a flyer, ad or article with the proverbial fine toothed comb. Mike's attention to detail and his willingness to patiently spend the time to thoroughly review every letter and punctuation mark seemed endless. Hours were spent crafting the perfect sentences needed to clearly communicate the Board's ideas and share recent event results with the members. I could expect a phone call from Mike at 7am or 10 pm, whenever an issue of the newsletter was pending. His energy and efforts on behalf of this organization were truly unlimited.

Part of my sense of loss comes from the realization that I'll never exchange another phone call with him that starts with "Did you get my e-mail?" followed by "Wait a sec while I run up to my computer."

What tugs at my heart the most is the message

his daughter Sharon passed along after his memorial ceremony and luncheon. I'll never forget the emotion that lanced through my heart when she told me that even while he was facing his own critical medical issues, he was more worried about my recent surgery and my upcoming treatments, than about himself. That, I believe, speaks volumes about the love in his heart and his limitless concern for the welfare of others, even above his own welfare.

It is not enough to say that Mike will be dearly missed — we must pay our respects by continuing to improve Suffolk Archers in his honor, and sustaining his efforts. In so doing his memory will always remain alive in our hearts.

After his loved ones, this club was his greatest treasure. May it continue to be yours as well.

As he said at the close of every one of his articles: stay safe.

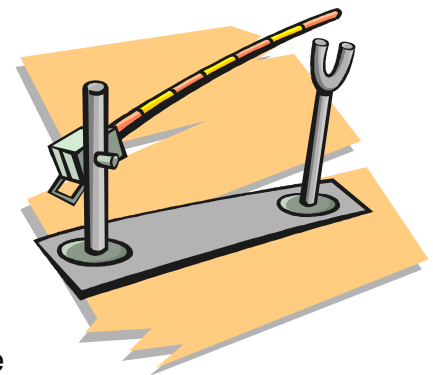
*We miss you Mike!*

## A LITTLE GATE TRICK

### Club News

### CAN SAVE THE DAY

Occasionally, a member calls the Suffolk Archers Hot Line to report that they found the electronic gate stuck in the open position. Usually, this is on a rainy or foggy day. The weather is the first clue. Why does this never happen on bright, clear days?

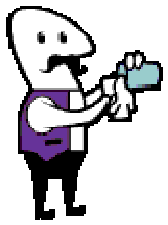


Here's the answer, and the simple test and fix you can apply in seconds.

To ensure that the gate does not lower onto an automobile as it passes under the arm there is an electronic eye system that has a sending/receiving lens on the left side (looking up hill) and a reflector on the right side. When the gate

opens to allow a car to enter or exit, a light beam travels from the sending/receiving lens, bounces off the reflector, and travels back to the lens. This tells the gate controller that it is safe to lower the gate in 16 seconds if no other signal is received.

During certain atmospheric conditions, rain or heavy fog can cause moisture and water droplets to collect on both the sending/receiving lens and the reflector. These refract the light beam, scattering it and preventing it from following a straight line from the sending/receiving lens to the reflector and back. As a result, the gate controller does not get the "all clear" signal and senses that a car is under the gate. To protect the car that it "thinks" is there, it holds the gate open.



The fix is simple. Wipe both the sending/receiving lens and the reflector dry with a rag or tissue, and watch for the gate to close in 16 seconds.

The gate is an electronic "machine." Machines are always imperfect. But, considering the ease with which we have been able to enter and exit the Suffolk Archers Archery Park since the gate was installed in June 2010, the "arrow gate" is a blessing.

So, if you ever discover the gate stuck open (except during public events when we "lock" it open), try wiping dry the sending/receiving lens and the reflector and then wait 16 seconds for the gate to descend, before calling the Suffolk Archers Hot Line (516 873-8898) to report a problem.

## ANNUAL GAME DINNER

**Sept 10, 2011 at Garden City Casino**

For anyone who has not already heard about it, our Club is having its second annual wild game dinner on September 10th. This year it is being held at the Garden City Casino, 51 Cathedral Blvd in Garden City. Last year was a big success; just ask anyone who was there. We



look forward to an even bigger success this year.

The cost for tickets with a cash bar is \$40 for members and immediate family, and \$45 for non-members. For the variety of dishes that will be served, this is a true bargain. In addition, there will be many door prizes, raffle prizes and a 50/50, fun for all. However, seating is limited to 150 people, first come first served. At least 25 people have already bought tickets--act fast!

Please consider donating any game meat or fish to help make the evening even more memorable. Go get some geese, stripers, shark or wood chuck, the more exotic the better. We have some venison, boar and bear but could use more of a variety. SADMC, we have a place for all that venison! For any information and tickets, contact Bob Barbieri, Sal Greco, Karen Kucherick 631-681-7842, Josh Pierno grnknight94@yahoo.com, Rob Schaefer 516-873-8898, or Tommy C. 516-922-1848





## Hunter's Pot

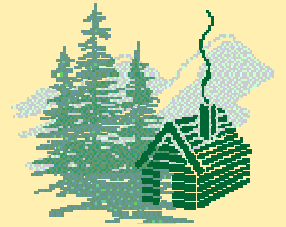
### Scrumptious Squirrel Meat Pie

*Arlene Bardo, Bloomsburg, PA*

- ◆ 2 cups cooked squirrel meat, chopped (save broth)
  - ◆ 2 medium potatoes, diced
  - ◆ (1) single crust pie dough (9 or 10" pie)
  - ◆ 1 medium onion, chopped
  - ◆ 1-2 stalks celery, chopped
  - ◆ First Choice salt
  - ◆ McCormick pepper
1. Cook potatoes, onion and celery in a small amount of water for 10 minutes.
  2. Add squirrel meat and continue cooking 3-4 more minutes.
  3. Pour into ungreased glass pie pan or 8" square dish.
  4. Cover with pie crust while ingredients are hot.
  5. Seal crust around edges and cut 4-5 splits in crust.
  6. Bake in 375 degree oven for 30-35 minutes. Serve with pan gravy.

#### PAN GRAVY

- ◆ 2 1/2 cups squirrel broth (add water or chicken broth if necessary)
  - ◆ 1 tsp. chicken bouillon granules
  - ◆ First Choice salt
  - ◆ McCormick pepper to taste
1. Heat to boiling and thicken with flour and water.
  2. Serve hot over squirrel meat pie.



## The Hunters Lair

It's time to start getting everything together for the upcoming Bow Hunting season. "YES it's time!"

Get those orders in for the new gear that you need, get over to your favorite pro shop to get your bow checked out. Sharpen those broad heads, and get your brain in gear.

Your Bow Hunting Committee (BHC) is going to do something different this year. The BOW HUNTER RENDOVOUS of the past is going to be a little up close and personal this time. I have found out over the years that new bow hunters are a little standoffish, shy and afraid to ask questions. So the BHC is going to take different approach.

Starting on August 27th, we will have mini groups to walk you newbie's through our great sport of bow hunting. This is not going to be a "bow hunting safety course" (even though we will stress safety).

We are going to cover deferent topics and try to "ENLIGHTEN" you on how to master these skills, known as "THE BASICS." There will be videos and exercises to show you what you need to know to get started. This program is primarily for members, BUT if you have a hunting buddy that does not belong to Suffolk Archers, bring him or her along and let them see what SA is all about.

#### Here are the dates for this program:

- ◆ SATURDAY, AUG 27, 2011 9:00 AM  
INTRODUCTION TO BOW HUNTING AND  
TREESTAND SAFETY
- ◆ SATURDAY, SEPT 10, 2011 9:00 AM  
BLOOD TRAILING AND SHOT  
PLACEMENT

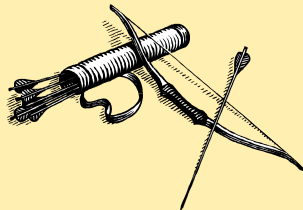
- ♦ SATURDAY, SEPT 17, 2011 9:00 AM THE RUT/DEER SIGN AND SCENT AND SCENT CONTROL
- ♦ SATURDAY, SEPT 24, 2011 9:00 AM WHITETAIL BEHAVIOR PLUS CALLING AND RATTLING

So, mark your calendar, get your “honey-do” lists done beforehand, and remember to ASK that question — don’t be shy! We all had a first day in the autumn woods with a bow and arrow.

Of course, we need help (!!!!) so if there are any experienced bow hunters that would like to bring their knowledge and experience to the program, please let me know when and where you can help.

“IT’S TIME”

**Jack DiGirolamo, BHCC**  
 (516)754-3549 jackdee@aol.com



## Tackle Tips

Hey folks!  
 Hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer and taking the time to do some shooting at our range to keep those up your skills. Remember the practice you put in now will give you a better chance in the field. This is also a great time to be checking over your equipment making sure everything is safe and in working order. If you have gear that needs to be waterproofed now would be a good time to do it before the upcoming deer season. Hope to see you out there on the course and as always be safe and have fun.

*Use your head, and stay safe!*  
 — Fletch

## 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.

**BOW FOR SALE.** BOWTECH DIAMOND RAZOR EDGE. CURRENTLY SET AT 40# AND DRAW LENGTH SET AT 27", 4 PIN APEX SIGHT, WRIST SLING, AND STABILIZER. USED FOR APP. 1 YEAR. ASKING \$350. **CONTACT KAREN AT (631) 661-8622.**

**ARROWS FOR SALE.** PROLINE: RADIAL WEAVE CARBON FORCE ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE ARROWS 200 (45# TO 60#) GRAIN WT: 7.5 INCLUDES INSERTS AND KNOCKS. PRICE: \$60.00 **CONTACT CONNIE IF INTERESTED AT (516) 318-2626**

**BOW FOR SALE** MARTIN VISION FOR SALE- LNIB THE BOW IS 66" AND 55# @ 28" PRICE \$350. **CALL JACK AT (516) 732-1176**

**HELP WANTED** WON'T YOU CONSIDER JOINING THE STAFF OF "THE ARROW"? THE ARROW IS AN IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY FUNCTION OF SUFFOLK ARCHERS. IT HERALDS UPCOMING EVENTS AND KEEPS MEMBERS INFORMED. **IF INTERESTED CONTACT: TOMMY CARRELLA [CIRCOFILE@AOL.COM](mailto:CIRCOFILE@AOL.COM). 516-922-1848** **JOSH PIERNO [GRNKNIGHT94@YAHOO.COM](mailto:GRNKNIGHT94@YAHOO.COM)**

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**Don't miss our next**  
**SA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**SUFFOLK ARCHERS LODGE**  
**AUGUST 17th, 8pm**

## The Arrow

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*Don't miss our next Members Meeting on August 17th!*

### UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

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|---------------------|---|
| <b>Sun. Aug 7</b>   | <b>Field Shoot #9</b>   |
| <b>Sun. Aug 14</b>  | <b>Field Shoot #10</b>  |
| <b>Sat. Aug 28</b>  | <b>Hunter Style Shoot</b>   |
| <b>Sat. Sept 10</b> | <b>Game Dinner</b>  |
| <b>Sun. Sept 11</b> | <b>Silver Arrow 3-D Shoot</b>   |
| <b>Sun. Sept 18</b> | <b>Club Championship</b>  |
| <b>Sat. Sept 24</b> | <b>Raccoon Shoot</b>  |
| <b>Sun. Sept 25</b> | <b>THIRD WORK DAY.</b> <i>Range may be closed until 5 PM for the safety of the work crew.</i> |

