

# THE ARROW

## SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER

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### From the Editor

Since our last issue, early August found a substantial number of our traditional shooters conquering the rugged terrain on the challenging courses of the Muzzy Annual Stump Shoot, then 3 weeks later, several Suffolk Archers members made their annual pilgrimage to Denton Hill.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Make-up Work Day went very well, with all established goals met. **Thank You** to all 12 members who gave 110% to get the job done.

Our **Hunter's 3D Shoot** conducted on August 26<sup>th</sup> drew 70 plus shooters, both young and old. The weather held out, and there was lots of activity, including multiple shootouts to determine our top compound shooters. Our 50/50 Winner walked away with *almost* enough to pay his next year's dues, while 5 additional shooters won archery accessories provided by C&B Archery. Congratulations to **Brian Boyle** our Compound Winner, to **Tony Bertalino** our Traditional Winner.

The **Silver Arrow 3D Shoot** on September 9, 2007 drew 100+ shooters and was a tremendous success thanks to the coordination and efforts of **Bob Watterson, Jack Digeralamo, Bob Scarfo,** and **ALL** of their crew. We had Vendors, SA Accessories Shop, Tree Stand Safety Seminar, 50/50, "Nail the DOT", and the 1<sup>st</sup> pig roasted in our newly purchased "Cuban Box".



Guest "Grille Meister" **Warren Busch** provided our attendees with a meal that would be hard to equal, and much, much harder to beat! **Brian Boyle** took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Compound Division as well as "Nailed the Dot", **Pat Governale** took 1<sup>st</sup> in the Traditional Division, and **Scott Norelius** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Youth Division.

Stay safe, and shoot straight,  
Mike Jones

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### President's Message

Well, hunting season is here again and people are heading to the range to final tune their setup and practice. The 3D targets are there for your shooting pleasure, and most of the shot-up targets on the course have been replaced, or are in the process of being replaced. While inspecting the 3D targets we found that someone has been shooting broadheads at our brand new Rinehart targets! I want to think this was a trespasser, but for a refresher, **BROADHEADS ARE PROHIBITED ON THE COURSE AT ALL TIMES.** They should not be in your quiver, or in your possession while you are shooting the range. Anyone found with broadheads in their possession on the course will be expelled from the club. If anyone sees someone shooting broadheads at the 3D targets please notify a board member immediately. They are ruining your targets and wasting your money! Another rule of the club is that **ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED ON CLUB PROPERTY.** If you want to drink please leave the club property, alcohol and shooting do not mix.

Exciting new things for our members are happening at Suffolk Archers. The Deer Management Committee has secured areas for us to hunt and help landowners manage their deer population. A tremendous amount of work, time, ingenuity and just pure determination made this happen. Please give a big Thank You to **Scott Raso, Bob Watterson, Robert Schaefer, and Mike Jones** for making this all happen. Another plus for Suffolk Members is that the Bowhunting Committee is back at Suffolk Archers. **Jack Di Girolamo** approached the Board about reviving the committee, and based on his great ideas and enthusiasm he was appointed Chairman of the committee. Jack and the Bowhunting Committee will be a valuable resource for all of our members, so please feel free to contact the Bowhunting Committee with any questions about bowhunting.

Can you help your Club? Many members have approached me at the range complimenting the appearance of the club, 3D shoots, and the many new things happening at the club, etc. I have been extremely lucky as President. I have a great Board to work with, and every Board Member works very hard for the Club. We are also very lucky to have some very hardworking members that are always willing to pitch in and help out when we need them most. If you can help your club and in the process earn credits against your dues, please contact the Board. We can always use your help. Have a **SAFE** hunting season!

Shoot straight (and often!), Jeff

## From the VP

As you all know, an organization is only as strong as the participation of its membership. It is the members of Suffolk Archers who maintain this beautiful property that we are all blessed with. Effort is required of us all. After many years of service, past Board of Directors member **George Thies** continues to help our club in anyway possible. George recently expedited some materials for the club that were needed to complete an improvement project. With his effort and contribution, the project was completed smoothly and efficiently. Thanks George.

Joe :upo  
Vice President

## The Board Room

### New Members

Welcome to our new members who have joined the club since our last issue. Participate and enjoy the club!  
Richard **Abrams**, Chris **Bausano**, Abdon **Bolivar**, Matthew **Carrara**, Christopher H. **French**, Joseph **Giannasco**, David and Jill **Goeckner**, Phil and Chris **Grucci**, Paul **Iannotta**, Peter **Lasdin**, Brian **Messemer**, Joseph **Montanes**, Michael J. **Morsch Sr**, Joseph **Pace**, Alex **Rosier**, Matthew **Schamroth**, Mick **Seymour**, Tim **Simone**, Daniel **Stroehlein**, Eddie **Teran**, Robert **Wiest**, and Gary **Zupan**.

### The Treasurer's Vault

Our club membership stood at 218 members on September 26<sup>th</sup>. That's 94 new members in the last 12 months, a 63% increase! Twenty-two families joined our club within the last 2 months. **To our Experienced Members:** I ask you to seek out newer members on the range, introduce yourself, and spend some time with them and even help them navigate the course. **To Our Newer Members: Welcome!** Do not be afraid to ask questions. Explore the course, make new friends, and enjoy. As Fall and Winter approach, opportunities for completing your work commitment become exceedingly rare. My records show quite a number of individuals who had committed to performing work at the club, but have not yet delivered on that commitment. Per Suffolk Archers policy, during the next year's membership renewal period, we will be billing each member who has taken a dues credit during the 4/07-3/08 year but did not completed their work commitment.

**Take the initiative, and seek out Range Captains Joe Lupu (bonedaddy76@aol.com) or Glenn DiGiorgio (dewy125@yahoo.com) by October 15<sup>th</sup> if you need to get your work done.**

If you have any questions about the budget or finances of **YOUR** Suffolk Archers, please feel free to call me at (516)449-8656.

See you at the club,  
Scott Raso

## SADMC IS OFF AND RUNNING

For the forty-plus members of the Suffolk Archers Deer Management Committee ("SADMC") Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> was a day of celebration. SADMC members demonstrated great patience while the Committee Chair, Scott Raso, worked his way through the web of paperwork, meetings, rules, regulations, politics and presentations. But, on September 15<sup>th</sup>, SADMC members started hunting on a 200+ acre farm (the first of four properties already in the SADMC program). The second property -- over 600 acres -- has given approval, and hunting will begin with the October 1<sup>st</sup> Season.

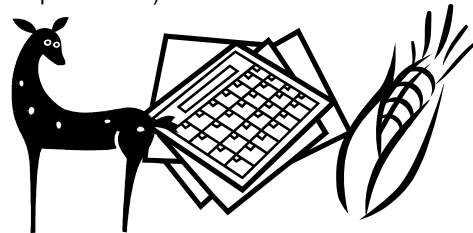
Your Suffolk Archers Board has worked hard to provide these Long Island hunting opportunities for our members. We will continue to promote SADMC as the most ethical, responsible and qualified organization to reduce deer depredation on Long Island.

A special thanks to all the members of SADMC for their promises to provide their time and energy to help Long Island farmers reduce its deer depredation problems.

### SADMC CONTEST

From information posted in log books during every SADMC hunt, we will compile records and provide special recognition to the SADMC hunters who in 2007

- 1 Hunted the most days
- 2 Hunted the most hours
- 3 Took the most deer (and therefore helped farmers protect their crops the most)



It is possible that three different SADMC members could qualify for one each of these awards, or they could all be won by the same member.

### The Hunters Den

#### New Bow Hunting Committee

Dear Fellow Archers and Bow Hunters,

With the full support of the Suffolk Archers board of directors, I am pleased to announce that a Bow Hunting Committee has been established.

The Bow Hunting Committee's (BHC) mission is to inform, educate, and help any member, new or old, get into the bow hunting aspect of the sport of archery.

I have spoken with many club members at the range who shoot 3D, knock-a-block or field archery, but don't bow hunt. Some have no desire to hunt and we certainly respect their choice. We are here for them if and when they want to dip their toes in the bow hunting water. Some members really want to hunt, but are total newbies to the sport. Others have hunted for years, but not with the bow

and arrow and are eager to learn how. This is where your Bow Hunting Committee comes into play.

There are over 100 years of bow hunting experience on this committee, and we're all here to help our fellow Suffolk Archers members learn more about bow hunting. If you are curious and want to know more, our motto is just ASK. If you need help, ASK. If you have a question, any question, ASK. No question is a dumb question. We were all new at this once. Don't hesitate to contact your BHC with any and all questions you might have.

Your BHC contains both old and new members. This is your committee:

**Jack Di Girolamo -- Chairman • Tony Bertolino • Nick Domingo • Jeff Dunn • Harry Lang • Mike Papsidaro • Bill Tuthill • Jordan Vogel**

Members of the BHC are working hard on a few projects for this upcoming hunting season. We will keep you posted on what they are as well as our progress in the coming days and weeks.

All bow hunters are welcome to be active in the BHC. We are currently forming sub committees, and your help and input will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me to learn more about how you can get involved.

Be successful and safe this season and may your arrows fly true and hit their mark.

Sincerely,

Jack Di Girolamo

BHC Chairman

PH: 516-781-6710 Cell: 516-754-3549



## **Suffolk Archers 2007-08**

# **Whitetail Deer Contest**

## **Rules & requirements**

### **ALL DEER MUST BE:**

- 1- Harvested only in **New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Vermont, or Massachusetts.**
- 2- Legal and properly tagged archery kills made by a member (in good standing) of Suffolk Archers (deer taken under a nuisance permit are not eligible).
- 3- Taken under all POPE & YOUNG Fair Chase Rules
- 4- Officially entered by providing the bow hunting committee with:
  - a) Picture of the hunter, the bow used, and the deer together in a natural setting
  - b) Photocopy of the completed deer tag
- 5- Entered by FEBRUARY 15 or NO AWARD can be given. By that date the Bow Hunting Committee must have photo and complete information.

### **DEER ENTERED IN THE BIG BUCK CONTEST WILL BE:**

- 1- Ranked according to the POPE & YOUNG CLUB's antler measuring system in order of each deer's point score ----- EXCEPT a NON-TYPICAL rack must exceed the score of the TYPICAL by more than 25 points to be ranked higher in our contest
- 2- Scored by the "Bow Hunting Committee (BHC) of Suffolk Archers" WHO WILL BE THE FINAL

AUTHORITY in determining the contest winner. The BHC will accept scoring done by official scorers from the POPE & YOUNG, BOONE & CROCKET and NEW YORK BIG BUCK CLUBS should your antlers not be available for the BHC to measure during the contest time period

- 3- Most likely to have antlers which, for our contest, will be scored in less than 60 days since harvesting the buck (green scored). This is acceptable in our contest.

### **DEER ENTERED IN OUR BIG DOE CONTEST WILL BE:**

- 1- A DOE -- (no antlerless bucks) 2- Completely field dressed before weighing 3- Ranked by WEIGHT— HEAVIEST doe WINS

### **HOW TO ENTER YOUR DEER IN OUR ANNUAL CONTEST:**

- 1- To enter a Big Buck, you DO NOT need to bring the entire deer to be checked since only the antlers will be measured! Your taxidermist will keep your antlers while the cape is being tanned before mounting your deer's head. If he is an official scorer, have him measure your antlers and submit the score on his form to the bow hunting committee. If he is not an official scorer, borrow your rack and arrange with the Bow Hunting Committee to have it scored. If you do not plan to have the head mounted, cut the top of the skull off with the antlers attached. DO NOT DETACH, SLIT OR SEPARATE the antlers from the skull plate because they will not be accepted for measurement as "the spread" is one of the scoring factors. In any event, contact the bow hunting Committee Chairman to make arrangements for scoring and entering your buck
- 2- To enter a BIG DOE you may submit a weight slip from a taxidermist, butcher shop, weigh station, etc. The slip should include the date, your tag number, and name and telephone number of the person who weighed your doe. If you cannot get your doe weighed, contact the Bow Hunting Committee.

### **MAIL ALL ENTRIES TO:**

Jack Di Girolamo, Bow Hunting Committee, 884 Columbus Ave., N. Bellmore, NY 11710 PH: 516-781-6710 or Cell 516-754-3549

### **BOW HUNTING COMMITTEE CONTACTS:**

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Harry Lang	PH: 516-593-0470	Cell: 914-497-3934
Mike Papsidaro	PH: 516-671-6019	Cell: 516-241-8114
Bill Tuthill		Cell: 516-375-1075
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May your arrows fly true and hit their mark, be successful and safe. GOOD LUCK,

Jack DiGirolamo, BHC Chairman

## Field Archery 8 Shoots, 11,000 Arrows

Another year of Field Archery is behind us. We were blessed with excellent weather this year, having only one rain-out. We successfully ran 8 shoots from April through August. There were 36 archers who participated and launched almost 11,000 arrows.

We are pleased to announce the 2007 club champions for Field Archery. For compound shooters, **Dan Zingale** took first place, followed by **Jim Fream** in second and **Lew Barbera** in third. For Traditional archers, Ron Iocca was best followed by **Don Pecora** and **John Lachky**. Our most improved archer was **Terry Droogan**.

Congratulations to the winners. Thanks to all those who participated to make another successful Field Archery season. **Awards will be presented at the October meeting.**

The Field Archery Committee

## DEC Briefing

Our club members were thoroughly updated by the DEC at the last General Meeting held on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Amityville Club. Our special guest was Michael Clark, the Region 1 DEC Deer Biologist. Mike discussed the state of the deer herd in Suffolk County and elsewhere in New York, hunting opportunities on Long Island, existing regulations, anticipated changes to regulations in the future, CWD issues and prevention, and various other items of interest. His slide show was informative, and he answered club members' questions. Thanks, Mike, for a job well done!

## IMPORTANT!!!

Please join us at the next General Meeting 8:00 PM October 10, 2007 (at the Amityville Club (131 Merrick Road, Amityville, about 100 yards west of route 110 on the south side). Nominations will be made for our **December Elections. This is your chance to nominate the President, Vice President and Board members that will run your club for calendar year 2008. Make your voice be heard! Be there!**

## Club Schedule (All start 8 PM)

10/3 Board Meeting Hicksville, Kof C  
10/10 General Meeting/Nominations, Amityville  
11/14 Board Meeting, Hicksville Kof C  
12/5 Board Meeting, Hicksville Kof C  
12/12 General Meeting/Elections, Amityville

## Club News 3 Make SA Proud

August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, found three members of Suffolk Archers slugging their way to the finals of the Field Archery competition at Sugar Hill in Watkins Glen, NY. **Jimmy King, Lew Barbera, and Tony Didio** matched their skills against those of other archers from numerous New York State clubs. **Jim** took **1<sup>st</sup> Place** in Bowhunter Freestyle Class, and named New York State Style Champ. **Tony** took **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** in the Senior Bowhunter Freestyle Limited Class, after a dogfight-like battle to the last target, winning it on score, but not accumulating enough points. **Lew** took **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** in the Senior Freestyle A Class.

**Reminder to SA Field Archers** – The 2008 Mid Atlantic event will be held at Watkins Glen on the last week-end in June. If you plan to attend, **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY**

## Hunter 3D Shoot Winners

**Traditional Hunter**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place **Tony Bertalino**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Ron Iocca**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Carl Moller**  
4<sup>th</sup> Place **Bob Kommel**  
5<sup>th</sup> Place **Art Lipinski**  
6<sup>th</sup> Place **Roger Bornion**

**Compound Hunter**  
1<sup>st</sup> Place **Brian Boyle**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Anthony B\***  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place **Tom Carroll**  
4<sup>th</sup> Place **Jim Fream**  
5<sup>th</sup> Place **Harry Lang**  
6<sup>th</sup> Place **Scott Raso**

*\*Sorry Tony. Couldn't read your name on the scorecard.*



John Marra oversees "Shoot Off" at Hunter 3D Shoot

## Trading Post

This space is ALWAYS available for any announcements or news from club members.

**For Sale:** Hoyt "Ultratec," 60#, 31-32" draw, \$350. Contact **Nick Menrath** (516)433-0150

**Keep the carpet coming!** Thank you, to all those who have already dropped some off. Anyone wishing to dispose of any more, please deposit ROLLED carpet along side of trailers.

**Suffolk Archers** is still looking for donations of serviceable archery equipment and tackle to be packaged and delivered to our **TROOPS in the Middle East**. Your contribution just might make the little "downtime" they get enjoyable.

## **Calling All Women Members needed to form the Suffolk Archers Women's Action Committee (SAWAC)**

In case you haven't noticed, we see more women and girls shooting at Suffolk Archers than ever before.

A recent survey showed that we have approximately 45 females who have indicated their interest in shooting. Some are primary members; others are spouses or daughters of members.

With the increase in Club activity by women, it came to the attention of the Board of Directors that there are issues, circumstances and opportunities that may be of special interest...things which, if properly addressed have the potential to improve the archery experience for female members. (Remember, the spouse and all minor children of members are automatically "official members" of Suffolk Archers.)

Paraphrased below are parts of the motion that was passed at the Board meeting:

*We believe that the formation of the Suffolk Archers Women's Action Committee is a reasonable first step to address many issues that will benefit women*

### **Objectives**

1. *Make membership and participation more attractive to women and girls*
2. *Provide a means for addressing issues that effect their participation*
3. *Establish a uniform, direct channel for their input to the BOD*

4. *Enable them to have a voice in the operation of Suffolk Archers*

### **Possible Committee Operation**

1. *Have a woman as Committee Chair*
2. *Begin with 3-5 Committee Members, including the Chair (this forms the core start-up group)*
3. *Let core group recommend SAWAC goals, rules and function to the BOD*

### **Hypothetical examples of possible SAWAC topics**

1. *Outhouse facility improvement for constituents*
  - Sanitary • Aesthetic
2. *Finding other women with whom to shoot*
3. *Personal safety*
4. *Women's events*
5. *On-range, member-supplied child care to enable more range time*

The above is simply an idea put on the table by your all-male Board of Directors (who are at least smart enough to admit how little they really know about the needs of women). Upon approving the motion to make provision for a Suffolk Archers Women's Action Committee, Board members also agreed that, in order for SAWAC to be successful, a number of women are going to have to take the initiative and volunteer to manage this committee. So, ladies, if you have gender-related issues that you want the club to address, here's your chance.

To volunteer to Chair or serve on the Suffolk Archers Women's Action Committee, please call Robert Schaefer at 516 873-8898 or email him at [robert@robertschaefer.com](mailto:robert@robertschaefer.com).

### **Tackle Tips**

Bow Season is now upon us. All of your efforts, maintenance, and practice should pay off when that shot presents itself. Dress for the weather, and **KEEP THOSE BROADHEADS RAZOR SHARP!**

Stay safe, Fletch

## **Suffolk Archers logo clothing is available now for the chilly days ahead.**

**Fleece jackets and Microfiber jackets sporting the club logo can keep you warm and show that you are a proud member of the Club.**

**View and order these at [www.suffolkarchers.com](http://www.suffolkarchers.com)**

**Also available: Caps, Tee Shirts and Denim Shirts**

**Did you know that Suffolk Archers makes these logo garments available to members at cost -- without profit for the Club other than the pride we see on the faces of those who wear our "Club Colors."**

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## **IMPORTANT MEETING**

The General Meeting on October 10, 2007 will include nominations for Officers and Board Members for 2008.

We urge you to attend.  
See inside for details