



THE ARROW



SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER

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From the Editor-in-Chief

The months of July, August, and September provided our members with many activities, both local and “out of town.” Once again, our club was well represented at the Traditional Archers pilgrimage to Denton Hill, PA and the Muzzy Invitational Stump Shoot near Lexington, NY. Member and friend **David John** and I were very fortunate to be invited by Mike Barber on a VERY successful bow-fishing trip while traveling upstate in August. For those of you have not met him, Mike is our very own Bowfishing Guru!

Our first Hunters Rendezvous held on August 17th was a tremendous success on all counts. The extensive planning and coordination done by **Jack Di Girolamo** and the Bowhunting Committee, Board Member **Rob Schaefer**, and the support and generous donations for our raffles given by Smith Point, ProLine, C&B, and Island Wide Archery made it possible. The skills demonstrated by OUR hunters and craftsmen, and the information that they shared made it all happen!

The Hunters Shoot held on August 24th was blessed with beautiful weather and drew 71 shooters. **Jim Fream** took 1st Place in the Compound Division, and **Artie Lapinski** took 1st in the Traditional Division.

The Silver Arrow upheld its reputation as a challenging shoot and final preparation for the upcoming hunting season. 100 plus shooters roamed the woods of Suffolk Archers launching their arrows at realistically positioned 3D targets. **Bob Watterson** and his band of “Merry Men” endured all that Mother Nature could throw at them to make it happen. Congratulations to **Brian Boyle** who took 1st Place Compound, **Ron Iocca** 1st Place Traditional and **Anthony Agnese** 1st Place Youth Division. All shooters were invited to partake in a feast prepared by guest chef **Warren Busch**, which consisted of a Roast Pig and all the fixen’s. Quality...Great Job!

Following the Silver Arrow, several of our members volunteered their time and skills to support the archery events conducted at the Women’s Outdoor Adventure conducted at Wading River September 12th through 14th. Our guys did a great job of instructing and promoting our sport, and the club will be sponsoring an event at our range for the women on November 8th. Thanks for a job well done, guys!

Our 2nd Raccoon Shoot of the year held on September 20th was another Suffolk Archers event enjoyed by young

and old. **Chris Jones** placed 1st Over-all with his Compound, and **Josh Pierno** 1st in the Traditional category. Thank you **Kevin and Terry Droogan** and all of your Assistants, as well as **Rob Schaefer** and his wife **Darlene**, for making this a memorable event.

Long time member **Don Pecora** is currently recovering from surgery. With Don’s drive and love of our sport, I’m sure that he will quickly be roving our woods again with his longbow. Get well Don!

Nominations for 2009 Club Officers and Board Members will be made at the October 15th General Membership Meeting at Amityville. New members should check our website for directions.

On a final note, congratulations to **Andy Deangelis** on harvesting the first two deer at the SADMC “Farm” on September 20th.

Stay Safe,
Mike Jones, Editor-in-Chief

President’s Message

Those of us who get up early have been feeling the familiar coolness in the air that signals a new season is upon us. In fact, on Monday, September 22, we officially said goodbye to summer at 11:44 a.m. and ushered in Autumn, with its whole new schedule for Suffolk Archers. Those of us who hunt the big game of Fall can feel the stirrings deep within us. It is indeed a magical time.

Our woods will also be changing soon, as the trees put on their colorful display, creating the visual riot that we enjoy every year. Whether you roam the trails stalking the many foam species that inhabit our woods or guide your arrows to bulls eyes on target butts, it is good to be a member of Suffolk Archers. This is my favorite time of the year.

Suffolk Archers is unique in many ways. It is the premier outdoor archery facility on Long Island and the five boroughs of New York City. Its 20 acres of woodland is a sportsmens’ oasis in the midst of suburbia in western Suffolk county. Our members enjoy a full NFAA 28 target field course with shooting stations from 10 to 80 yards. These provide fun, excitement and a yardstick for measuring the abilities of archers at every skill level. There are no less than 32 full-bodied 3D animal targets on our trails, with new targets being added on a regular basis. In fact,

look for the new Velociraptor that will be roaming the woods shortly. There will soon be a genuinely ferocious looking new Grizzly bear that – were it real – would be hunting us. The Knock-A-Block course has been reconditioned, with new blocks and backstops reinforced for your pleasure, as well.

Your Club also offers off-site advantages. Members who qualify have a minimum of 600 acres of farm and woodland for hunting deer on Long Island. Congratulations **Andy Deangelis**, for taking the first two does of this season on our hunting property. Well done. Suffolk Archers offers its members guided bowfishing in upstate New York. Our very own **Mike Jones** and **David John** took advantage of this service last month and knocked the socks off the Carp up there.

This year we added several new events to our calendar of club activities. Back in June we held our first Raccoon Shoot, which took place in the evening after our general membership meeting. It was such a big hit that we held a second Coon shoot in September. A barbeque was held in the hours leading up to dark when the shoot began. Suffolk Archers offered its first ever Bowhunter Rendezvous this year. This is an educational event held on half the club property while a 3D event was being held on the other half. All aspects of bowhunting and woodsmanship were presented by experienced members who shared their knowledge with attending members and guests.

I can write a book about the advantages of Club membership, but the editor of this newsletter is coming at me right now with the hook to get me off my soapbox. Enjoy your club and the advantages it offers.

Joe Lupo, *President*

The Board Room

REMINDER: The SA fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31st. Keep this in mind when getting your work credits in for the year. Our last workday of calendar year 2008 will be Sunday, December 7th, but more work opportunities will be available for the current membership year through March 2009.

FROM THE TABLE

Hunting season is upon us and we wish everyone a safe and successful season. One thing that we cannot stress enough is the use of a full-body safety harness at all times when using a tree stand. Today, with the new vest type harnesses, you can be ready to go in less than a minute. That one minute is a small price to pay if you take a fall! **REMEMBER – ALWAYS** climb past your tree stand, and step down into it, as opposed to using the stand as a final step. **ALWAYS** use a linemans belt/rig while climbing, and always maintain three points of contact while ascending. After a successful shot make sure to **CALM DOWN**. Never rush going down, even though you have a linesman belt on. Once again, **STAY SAFE**, and good luck.

Jeff Milano, *Board Member*

SADMC NEWS

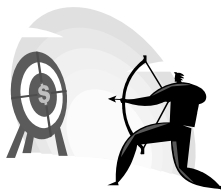
Due to the undying efforts of our **SADMC** personnel there are now seven ladder treestands in place at our Nuisance Site available for use by our authorized hunters, and clearance has been granted. A special note of thanks to **Andy Deangelis** for his donation of time, energy, and expertise in preparing the area for our SADMC Members. **Let's Hunt!**

Club News

The **Field Archery** season at Suffolk Archers came to a close on August 3. We are very pleased to say that we had a 25% increase in attendance this year throughout the 9 shoots that were held. We averaged 24 shooters with a high of 42 shooters at the first event held on April 13. Congratulations to our **Club Champions** for the year 2008. Our **Traditional Champions** are 1- **Val Jackson** 2 - **Ron Iocca** 3- **Don Pecora**. The Club **Compound Champions** are, 1- **Lew Barbera** 2- **Jim King** 3- **George Thies**. These accomplished archers will receive their special award plaques at one of our upcoming general meetings.

Our thanks go out to all who participated. Special thanks to those husband and wife teams and those who brought children to the events. Let's make archery more of a family activity at Suffolk Archers. We look forward to seeing you all next year

Shoot straight,
The Field Committee



FALL GREETINGS FROM THE FAMILY COMMITTEE

The members of the SA Family Committee would like to thank the SA Board of Directors and the general SA membership again for the privilege of adding another voice to represent the Club with the formation of this committee (formerly known as the Women's Committee). We have enjoyed our first months of inception and look forward to bringing some positive, family oriented suggestions and feedback to our wonderful club, including improved toilet and hand sanitation facilities and an ongoing effort to reduce the mosquito population at the range through environmentally conscious means. Thank you again for allowing us to help serve your interests – as always, we welcome any and all suggestions and look forward to seeing you at the range!

REMINDER:
BROADHEADS are **NOT PERMITTED**
on our Course OR Practice Range
AT ANY TIME
(except at the broadhead pit)

The **MEMBERS of Suffok Archers** greet and welcome all of you who have joined with us, and have become our brothers and sisters of the Arrow. Enjoy **YOUR** club, participate, and take an active role in **OUR** events and activities throughout the year at our one-of-a-kind, unparalleled archery park. We now introduce you to your fellow members:

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| Rocco J. Barbuto | Kenneth Janousek |
| Jon Brooks | Kevin Karwoski |
| Anthony Bruno | George G. Koppmann |
| Casey Bruno | Mike LaPorta |
| Joseph Bruno | Damon Licari |
| Joe Campanelli | James Longo |
| Robert Chancellor | James Lowe |
| Victor Cipriano | Joseph Misiakiewicz |
| Edward Cosentino | Steven Misiakiewicz |
| Walter Cummings | Matthew Murfitt |
| Peter DiNuzzo | Kenneth F. O'Brien |
| Kevin Fox | Michael Russo |
| Gaston Galarza | Michael F. Sciame |
| Jamet Galantino | Angelo Vecchio |
| Angel L. Garcia | Andrew Walsh |
| Daniel W. Gregg | Bruce Wolinetz |



From left to right:
Chris Jones, Josh Pierno, Wai Ng, Brooke Holder, Franklin Bujans, Liza Wolsky.

Not pictured:
Casey Bruno

SATURDAY NIGHT 'COON SHOOT PROVED THAT A DOZEN AND A HALF RACCOONS ARE MORE FUN THAN A BARREL OF MONKEYS

On Saturday, September 20th, 27 members of Suffolk Archers and 3 guests laughed their way through the second Raccoon Shoot of the year. Free hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni salad, soda, coffee and cake kept bellies full from 6 p.m. until the final scores were counted at 11 p.m. The laughter did not stop with the last arrow flung into the darkness at the 18 elusive paper raccoons placed every which way on the target butts. In fact the laughter turned into howling fun as six shooters won their unexpected prizes for achieving "raccoon glory." They were lined up under the lights at 11:15 p.m. where a raccoon cap was placed on each of six heads, making them the official Suffolk Archers Raccoon Rangers, with instructions that they are to, forever more, wear this badge of raccoon courage honorably on their heads whenever they shoot in our Archery Park (like that will ever happen).

Safety was once again maintained by the use of different color light sticks to identify shooters, trails, shooting points and target butts. It was eerie to see the green and yellow circles worn by each archer – one in front, one in back – floating through the night.

Special thanks to all those who helped make this shoot possible: **Kevin and Terry Droogan** for taking point, setting up the course, and seeing to it that every detail was attended to; **Andrew Walsh** volunteering (unsolicited) to set up the kitchen, cook and serve; **Franklin Bujans** and **Wai Ng** for assisting in so many ways, and our Board members who always manager to appear as if by osmosis to lend a hand.

When the last arrow was shot, and the 'coon caps awarded, and the laughter subsided, the question was asked; "Should we do this again next year?" The resounding answer from all present was **YES!**

HUNTER'S SHOOT RESULTS

71 shooters competed on Sunday August 24th.

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Traditional</u>
1st Place Jim Fream 262 (0 wounds)*	1 st Place Artie Lipinski 162
2nd Place Brian Boyle 262 (1 wound)	2 nd Place Ronald Iocca 160
3rd Place Paul Humbert 252	3 rd Place Josh Pierno 128

*Jim won the tie since he had no wounds and Brian had one.

SILVER ARROW SHOOT RESULTS

This competition took place on Sunday September 7th.

<u>Compound</u>	<u>Traditional</u>
1 st Place Brian Boyle	1 st Place Ron Iocca
2 nd Place Thomas Slawinski	2 nd Place Josh Pierno
3 rd Place Al Burkett	3 rd Place Carl Moller

Youth:

- 1st Place **Anthony Agnese**
- 2nd Place **Matthew Norelis,**
- 3rd Place **Ryan Jackson**

COON SHOOT RESULTS

Top 3 Compound Scorers: Chris Jones, Franklin Bojans, Wai Ng
Top 3 Traditional Scorers: Josh Pierno, Chris Abela, Mike Jones
Top Female Traditional: Liza Wolsky
Top Female Compound: Brooke Holder
Top Youth: Casey Bruno (*not pictured above*)



The Hunters' Pot

RED CABBAGE / ROTKOHLE MIT APFELN

Another surefire winner from chef Robert Schnorr. As the weather cools, this traditional German dish is fantastic served with roast pork chops.

Ingredients:

2 to 2 ½ lb. red cabbage
 2/3 cup red wine vinegar
 2 tablespoons sugar
 2 teaspoons salt
 5 slices of bacon cut into ½" pieces
 2 apples peeled, cut into ¼" wedges
 1 large onion minced
 1 small onion, peeled, and pierced
 5 cloves of garlic
 2 bay leaves
 ¼ cup dry red wine
 ¼ to ½ cup boiling water
 ¼ to ½ cup raisins

Cooking Instructions:

Wash cabbage in cold water, discard tough outer leaves, cut into quarters, core, slice into 1/8" slices. Place shredded cabbage in large bowl. Sprinkle with vinegar, sugar, and salt. Toss to coat evenly. In Dutch oven, cook bacon till done and remove. Reserve bacon. Add onions and apples to bacon fat and cook until lightly browned. Stir frequently to prevent burning. Add cabbage with all liquid, whole onion with cloves, bay leaves and raisins. Stir and pour in boiling water. Bring to a boil over high heat, stirring once or twice. Reduce heat to lowest simmer, cover and simmer for 1½ hrs. or until cabbage is tender. Check frequently — do not let it cook dry. Add water if necessary. Cook it less if you like it a little crunchy. When done there should be very little water left. Remove whole onion and bay leaves and taste for seasoning. Stir in wine, place in serving bowl and top with cooked bacon. Serves 4-8.



The Hunters Lair

As the hunting season nears, the excitement of the hunt explodes throughout the club. The range is buzzing with members sighting in their bows and exchanging stories of seasons past.

The hunting season starts here on Long Island on Oct 1st and ends Dec 31st. Below are the dates for the rest of the 2008 New York State bow hunting season.

Region	Start	End
Long Island	Oct 1	Dec 31
NYS — Northern Zone	Sept 27	Oct 17
NYS — Southern Zone	Oct 18	Nov 14
Late Bow	Dec 8	Dec 16
Westchester County	Oct 18	Dec 31

Many of you will take to the woods with great expectations. DON'T FORGET SAFETY! Take the time to check out your gear. And if you don't have a full-body tree stand harness, GET ONE AND USE IT!

This year we will be having our BIG GAME/BIG BUCK / BIG DOE CONTEST — be sure to check the club's web site under Bow Hunting Committee for the rules and how to send in your entry. Last year, we gave out many awards but no one entered any DOES — don't forget, they are considered trophies also! Send pictures of your harvested animals to the BHC so we can post them on our web site.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Club Officials, the Bow Hunting Committee members and the other SA members who worked so hard this past shooting season to make our new events a great success. None of this would have happened if it weren't for all of you! In addition, next year these events will be bigger and better thanks to your feedback — that's what has helped to make this club what it is today!

If you have any questions about the upcoming hunting season, please don't hesitate to contact the Bow Hunting Committee. REMEMBER, no question is a stupid question!

HAVE A GREAT HUNTING SEASON, BE SAFE AND MAY YOUR NEW EXPERIENCES BE AS GREAT AS YOUR OLD ONES. SHOOT STRAIGHT AND SHOOT BETWEEN THE HEARTBEATS! GOOD LUCK!

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DON'T MISS OUR NEXT
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

WED, OCTOBER 15, 2008 8PM

Amityville Club, 131 Merrick Rd, Amityville

Guest Speaker, Food, Nominations for Club Officers
and Board Members for 2009



BOWFISHING, ROUND TWO

On September 3rd, SA members (**Mike Jones** and **David John**, pictured above) again challenged the carp in the North Country—and this time were undoubtedly victorious! **Rematch results:** 30 fish (average weight 25 lbs) in less than 3 hours! **Thanks to Mike Barber** for again taking the time to guide our members through another mid-night adventure!

Tackle Tips

Razor Sharp Broadheads harvest animals! Pick a **Spot. Smooth** release.

Stay safe and shoot straight,
Fletcher Stringman

The Trading Post

MEMBER-OWNED FIREARMS STORE

New member, **Bruce Wolinetz**, is the owner and operator of **Hunters Essentials**, a retail firearms store located at 900 Willis Avenue, Albertson, NY 11507, 516 741-5243. According to Bruce, "I look forward to providing superb firearms products and services to my fellow Suffolk Archers members. We carry a full line of long guns and hand guns for hunting and personal defense and are an authorized dealer for most brands of firearms and accessories."

Brands include Ruger, Remington, Bushmaster, Browning, DPMs, Scentblocker, and many more. Hunters Essentials will provide special discounted Club rates for Suffolk Archers members needing gun transfers from Internet or other purchases. Check out their web site at www.galleryofguns.com. Then click on RETAILER NEAR YOU and enter VIP Code 096777 where indicated. This will enable you to browse through a wide selection of firearms available from Hunters Essentials or quickly locate a specific make or model.

BOWFISHING

Experienced Bowfishing Guide available for outings in Northern Zone. Great waters, great fun, reasonable rates. There is nothing like having a 25-30 pound carp tugging on your arrow! Groups welcome. Call Mike Barber 518 587-1712, or visit <http://www.bowfishing.com>.

TWO SPOTS open for upcoming Taghkanic hunt Oct 21-26th. \$136 for whole week. Full-amenities cottage with linens and towels. Call Mike Jones at 516 456-5829.

BOWHUNTER SAFETY COURSE

Tuesday October 14th 6:00 -10:30 PM and Thursday October 16th 6:00 -10:30 PM. **C&B Archery** 11 Commercial St. Hicksville, NY. 516 933-2697. You must pre-register, and must attend BOTH sessions.



**SMITH POINT ARCHERY
WANTS TO REMIND YOU...**

Suffolk Archers members always receive special treatment at Smith Point Archery.

- **Free** shooting anytime
- **10% discount** on all merchandise
- **5% discount** on all bows

A current Suffolk Archers membership card is all that is required in order to enjoy these benefits year round. It pays to shop local. Smith Point Archery will meet any competitors price, plus give you the advice you need to make the correct purchase. Please see us for all this season's hunting needs. We stock a wide variety of bows, treestands, targets, and just about every accessory imaginable! Smith Point Archery is currently hosting a youth archery program every Saturday from 2-4 pm. Children over 7 are welcome to attend. This program is a great way to get your children into the sport. Please contact us at 631 289-3399, or visit us on the web at www.smithpointarchery.com for all your archery needs.

Featured Photo

Member Jon LaCorte and his Kentucky Buck herald the beginning of the 2008 fall deer season. Happy hunting and remember, SAFETY FIRST!



WANTED: Your pictures, whether they are of that once-in-a-lifetime harvest, or simply feature club members enjoying an afternoon outdoors. Send your digital photos and written description to info@suffolkarchers.com Photos will be selected at the Editors' discretion for the Arrow and our website.

The Arrow

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**YOUR ATTENDANCE AT OUR OCTOBER 15TH MEETING
MIGHT SAVE THE LIFE OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE!**

Familiarization with CPR and Defibrillators



Presented by Suffolk Archers Member
Robert Koch, EMT

This is not a certification course.



It is our goal to familiarize you with these important life saving techniques, so that you are better equipped to decide if you want to take a more in depth course to receive certification status. **THIS TOPIC IS SO IMPORTANT WE INVITE YOU TO BRING AS MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO THE OCTOBER 15TH MEETING AS YOU WISH.**

At this meeting we will also accept nominations for Club Officers
and Board Members for the 2009 calendar year.