



THE ARROW



SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER

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From the Vice President

Let me start with the obvious: LI Hunting Season is here! Sharpen your broadheads, pick a spot, STAY SAFE, and good luck!

Quite a few significant events have transpired at the club during the months of August and September. All of our scheduled events were well attended, our new pavilion is now actually "under construction", our range renovations are almost complete, and several Suffolk Archers members have well represented our club "off campus." These things don't just happen. Our Committees and individual club members have done one heck of a job making Suffolk Archers the enjoyable and successful organization that it is.

As we move right along, the foundation of our new pavilion has been poured and construction is expected to be complete in just about one month's time. Our ranges are sporting a new look, and we have new target butts as well. Please diversify your target placement to help in increasing "butt life" by not "shooting out" the centers. And lastly, a new inventory of 3D targets has been placed on the course. Enjoy them!

Nominations for Club Officers and Board of Directors will be taken at the October 21st General Membership Meeting for Club Elections to be held at our December Meeting. **Joe Lupo** will be stepping down to a Board Member position as required by completion of his 2 year tenure as our President. It is my intention to run for **President** and Board Member **Tommy Carrella** to run for my position as **Vice President**. Incumbents **Pete O'Malley-Secretary**, **Jeff Milano-Treasurer**, and **Board Members Bob Watterson, Rob Schaefer, Nick Menrath, and John Mara** will run for their current respective positions.

All have dedicated much time and energy to run your club effectively, efficiently and successfully. We all wish to continue to do so, and request your support.

Stay safe,
Mike Jones

From the Editor

The growing crispness of the air at dawn, accompanied by the smell of wood smoke, herald the approach of fall. As our hunters tune their gear and scout their favorite spots in anticipation of the first of October, we encourage all of our fellow archers to get outside and enjoy the changing season and vibrant foliage. There is also nothing like a deep breath of fresh fall air to rejuvenate even the staunchest couch potato.

If you recently visited the range, you will have seen some drastic changes underway; the Pavilion construction has begun in earnest. The previous structure was demolished on September 14th. The new structure should be up prior to Halloween and will feature a larger footprint, running water, electricity, and movable walls to block out the elements. This project has been the culmination of months of concerted effort on the parts of our hardworking Board members; be sure to thank them!

Our August **Annual General Membership Meeting** featured *Shooting the Stickbow* author **Tony Camera**, who held a discourse on the theory of effective shooting form. The meeting was well attended by 40+ members. As always, we thank Board Member **Rob Schaefer** for the time, energy and thoughtful planning that goes into arranging for our meeting's informational entertainment.

It's fast approaching that time of year — nominations for the 2010 Officers and Board will take place at our next **Membership Meeting on Wednesday October 21st.**

Despite a damp start to the weekend, the turnout to our 2nd Annual Hunters

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NEXT MEMBER MEETING IS OCTOBER 21ST. NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR 2010 OFFICERS AND BOARD.

Rendezvous was steady, thanks to the numerous vendors who trekked their way to the range and the amazing culinary talent of our chefs, including **Arte Stein, Joe Turano, Mike Anderson, Jack Di Girolamo, George Wiemann, and Tommy Brewer**, who transformed an opportune donation of SADMC deer into a delicious feast. Members and guests enjoyed viewing the wares of Suffolk Archers-supporting vendors that came to the Rendezvous, and many spent the day walking through the educational stations that were set up through the range. Attendance was lower than expected, but our best turnout yet despite the weather. A special thank you to all the volunteers and the workers for their contribution to this event and the Silver Arrow.

Our Club Championship took place on August 3rd. Congratulations to our new Club Champions in all categories. For a detailed list of the winners for all recent shoots, please visit the *Hunters Lair Section* in this issue.

Outside the range, Suffolk Archers members have also been busy donating their time to the community. Club members **Mike Jones, Tony Mora, Joe Turano, Peter Antonicelli, Josh & Stephanie Pierno, and Bill Lorusso** provided support for the archery and other activities offered during the Women's Outdoor Adventure Weekend conducted at Camp DeWolfe September 11-13th, which numerous SA members also attended.

SADMC is also earning quite a reputation for itself (and our club) by aggressively assisting Columbia County farm personnel in protecting their livelihood. Great job; WELL DONE!

Don't forget that we still have several club events on the calendar before the first snowfall, including our **Final Work Day of 2009** on December 6th. I hope that many of you are also able to make it to the last two Member Meetings of this year, on October 21st and December 9th.

Stay focused; stay on target!
Jill Goeckner

The Board Room

FROM THE TABLE

In addition to all the activity and changes currently being made physically at the club, the Board has aggressively been addressing policy, procedures and general business as well. Many hours during the past few months have been devoted to updating and revising our Constitution and By-Laws. The resulting/suggested changes will be open for

discussion at the October General Membership Meeting.

With the construction of our new pavilion under way, members are reminded to exercise due caution and cooperate with the contractor. Do not block the construction site when parking your vehicle. As at all times, SAFETY is paramount at our facility. Infringement on your range usage should be minimal if any, and construction/renovation will soon be completed.

Our membership has recently stabilized at the 350 "Active" Member mark. Accolades to our Membership Chairman **Rob Schaefer**, and welcome aboard to all of our new members. With not only new members in mind, the Board would like to remind **ALL** members that they are responsible as Safety Officers on the facility. Trash should be deposited in the proper receptacles, damaged/broken arrows deposited **ONLY** in the designated receptacle on the 30 yard range, and **NO ONE** should ever "walk back" to a prior target point. Members should also be aware that the lighting on the 30 yard range is timer controlled, can be turned on at dark, and will automatically shut off no later than our 11:00 PM light curfew when renovations are completed.

Our 4th and **final** Work Day for 2009 will be held on December 6 at 8:00 AM. Those members needing to fill their work commitment should contact Joe Lupo at (516) 526-2661. There will be much work to be done finishing off our current projects and performing general maintenance. For members not in need of work hours, your assistance at the Work Day would still be greatly appreciated.

Club News

The "**Get It Done With One**" Charity Shoot will make its debut on December 20th, 2009 at 9:00 am. It will be a 3D shoot, with all proceeds to be donated to charity. The shoot will be open to both members and non members. This will be a great way to wind down at the end of the season, as well as show the community that Suffolk Archers cares. Admission/Donation will be \$20 per person, \$10 age 16 and under. Come on out and enjoy a fun shoot! There will be some shooting games conducted at the event, and food will be available.



*Broken arrow country —
4 wheel drive or quad
highly recommended*



The Hunter's Pot

CHEDDAR CHIVE BISCUITS

These flavorful melt-in-your-mouth biscuits, which go great with your favorite game recipe, have a secret ingredient which you will never guess! Be sure to stir gently and only enough to moisten the dry ingredients — overstirring results in tough biscuits! This drop biscuit also eliminates the time consuming process of rolling and cutting — just “drop” the biscuits by the spoonful on your cookie sheet and pop them in the oven!



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 1/4 cups plain yogurt
- 1 cup cheddar cheese - shredded
- 1/4 cup fresh chives - chopped

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 450°F. Grease cookie sheets.
2. In large bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt; blend well.
3. Using pastry blender or fork, cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
4. Add yogurt, cheese, and chives; stir just until moistened.
5. Drop dough by generous tablespoons onto greased cookie sheets.
6. Bake at 450°F for 9 to 12 minutes or until light golden brown. Serve warm.

The Hunters Lair

Hunting Season is upon us again . It seems as though it arrives faster each year, but then again time seems to go by so fast these days!

The Bowhunters Rendezvous was a washout in terms of the weather, but those who attended had a good time, and boy, did we have a lot of laughs! I want to thank the Bowhunting Committee for all of their efforts and especially **Master Chef Arte Stein**, who made lunch and dinner a dining experience . You guys make it all worth while! We'll give it a go next year again.

Our land lease is in place, and the 16 members that are part of it have been going up and doing some scouting. Some deer tracks and a lot of turkeys have been spotted. At the present time there are 16 members on the waiting list to move forward on our next lease. It is located in the town of Stamford, New York, not far from lease “A”. The B lease is 544 acres, with a cabin, that sleeps 8-10 (please note, it is very RUSTIC) so if you are interested in getting in, let me know as soon as possible.

Our SADMC venture to Columbia County's GREEN ACRES FARM is doing great! As of this date, we have taken 10 deer off the farm, and the farmer is very happy. If anyone is interested in participating, contact **Scott Raso** for details about the application process. Every one of the hunters that have been up to the farm have shown that we SUFFOLK ARCHERS are a group of dedicated ,responsible, safe hunters. I'm sure other doors will open up for us as well. Keep up the good work!

Check out our Bowhunting Committee page on our web site for all the contest rules, swap hunts, and don't forget the BOW HUNTER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

If you have any questions please contact me or any other member of the Bowhunters Committee.

SHOOT STRAIGHT AND SHOOT BETWEEN THE HEART BEATS. HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE SEASON!

Safety 1st,
Jack D.

SA Bowhunting Committee

2009 FIELD ARCHERY SEASON COMES TO AN END

The field archery season at Suffolk Archers ended on Sunday, September 6th. This was another fun-filled and exciting series of 12 shoots throughout the Spring and Summer. Our Club Championship was held on August 16th. The winners will receive their special award trophies at our general meeting in October.

SUFFOLK ARCHERS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Traditional Bow Archers

- 1st - Ron Iocca (Club Champion)
- 2nd - Artie Lipinski
- 3rd - Joe Anderson

Compound Bow Archers — Green Stakes

- 1st - Wai Ng (Club Champion)
- 2nd - Mike Armstrong
- 3rd - Stan Lutz

Free Style Compound Archers

- 1st - Jim Fream (Club Champion)
- 2nd - Lew Barbera
- 3rd - Joe Pace

Bow Hunter Free Style Archers

- 1st - Jimmy King (Club Champion)
- 2nd - George Thies
- 3rd - Tony DiDio

Our thanks go out to all who participated. Special thanks to those parents 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.

The Field Committee

IN THE WINNERS' CIRCLE

While many of our club activities are about fun and fellowship, were you also aware of the high caliber level of talent featured at Suffolk Archers? We are proud to note that SA members recently swept at state and national level competitions.

"The weekend of August 19 and 20, club members **Lew Barbera, George Thies, Jim King, Joe Pace and Tony DiDio** went to Gaun-Ho-Ha for the New York State Shoot. It was a hot and wet weekend! Jim King won the State shoot for Bowhunter

Freestyle Senior Class and Tony DiDio won the State shoot for Bowhunter Freestyle Limited Senior Class.

Back in July Jimmy King and Tony DiDio traveled to Pa. to Shoot the NFAA Nationals. [For those of you unfamiliar with that particular competition, it] was five days of shooting. Jim King placed Fifth in the Bowhunter Freestyle Senior Class and Tony DiDio Placed Third in the Bowhunter Freestyle Limited Senior Class.**

Congratulations to our club members on their success — it's an inspiration to all of us!



Hunter's Shoot

Traditional

- 1st Place Artie Lapinski
- 2nd Place Joe Turano
- 3rd Place Jeff Milano
- 4th Place Richie Giannocora

Compound

- 1st Place Tom Carroll
- 2nd Place Danny Zingale
- 3rd Place Jim Fream
- 4th Place Chris Smith



Silver Arrow

Traditional

- 1st Place Bob Chambers
- 2nd Place Jeff Milano
- 3rd Place Artie Lapinski

Compound

- 1 TBP
- 2 TBP
- 3 TBP



Raccoon Shoot #2

Traditional

- 1st Place Artie Lapinski
- 2nd Place Don Pecora
- 3rd Place Josh Pierno
- Youth Alishah Bahimani

Compound

- 1st Place Wai Ng
- 2nd Place Sean McFall
- 3rd Place Paul Picciano
- Youth Jacob Bruno

Featured Photos

This month's featured photos highlight the Pavilion construction project. Here we have our first "Before and After" photos of the demolition.



Rest in Piece, Old Pavillion.



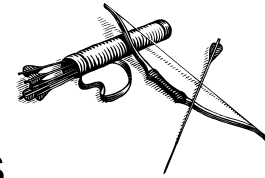
The new foundation is underway.



The practice range is also under renovation.



Our very temporary quarters

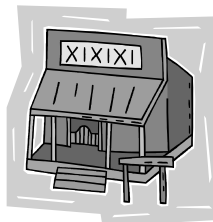


Tackle Tips

Did you know that statistics indicate that one in three tree stand hunters will take a fall? That those who fall while not wearing a restraint are looking at high odds of encountering serious physical injury or death? **WEAR A HARNESS** from the time you leave the ground. ALWAYS have 3 points of solid contact on the way up. Climb past the stand, then STEP DOWN into it. Tether to the tree when in the stand, with NO SLACK in the tether while in the sitting position. Then haul up your equipment with your tote line. When coming down (hopefully after a successful shot), reverse the procedure. Always remain attached to the tree with your harness and maintain 3 points of contact on the way down.

A FULL BODY HARNESS is the only way to go! There are many new models out there, with numerous new improvements and features. Find one that meets your fancy and budget. What's your life or future lifestyle worth? If you don't already have and wear one, get one and **WEAR IT!**

*Stay safe and shoot straight,
Fletcher*



The Trading Post

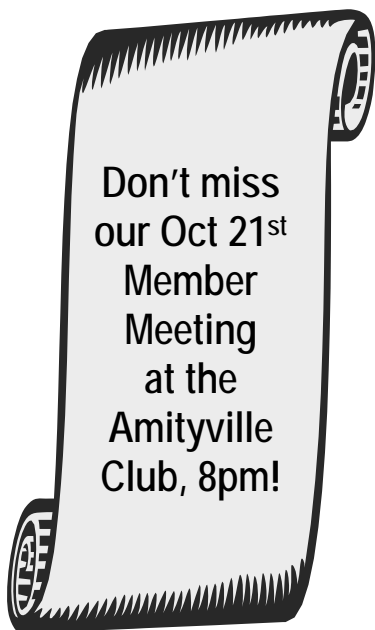
NOTICE TO MEMBERS: This space is always available for FREE to those members who wish to swap, trade, or sell their archery equipment and/or provide notice of upcoming hunts.

- **FOR SALE** P.S.E. Enforcer (60-70 lbs), 29" draw, Muzzy 0 drop-away rest, Tru-glow three pin sight, Quiver, SKB - Double bow hard case, \$400.00. Also selling API Grand Slam Super Star climbing tree stand with safety harness \$125.00 **Contact: Tom McCready 631 804-3396**
- Take advantage of fantastic hunting opportunity! Looking for a limited number of SA members to participate in hunting land lease program. **Contact Jack D. 516 781-6710 (cell)**

The Arrow

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REMINDER: FINAL WORK DAY OF 2009 IS ON DECEMBER 6TH

Wed. Oct 21 MEMBER MEETING #5

Sun. Dec 6 FOURTH WORK DAY

Wed. Dec 9 MEMBER MEETING #6
Club Elections

Sun Dec 20 CHARITY 3D SHOOT

