

THE ARROW

SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER

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From the Editor

Well folks, another year has just about finished up, and a fresh, new one is just over the horizon. We as a whole, have enjoyed a very positive and successful year, marked by an influx of new members, individual members taking trophies in various competitions, the establishment and continuation of an interesting/informative Guest Speaker Program, and increased attendance at meetings to mention a few indicators.

As the year ends, please make every effort to attend our December General Membership Meeting on December 14, 2006 at 8:00 PM at the Amityville Club and cast your ballot in the Club Elections. The club intends to make next year even better kicking off with the 2nd Annual Snow Flake League run by Tommy Carella and crew.

Congratulations to all of you successful hunters, and best of luck for those who's arrow has not yet found it's mark this season.

Get your voting done and enjoy a "Hunk of Hero", some salad and beverage, and get into the Holiday Spirit at the December Meeting.

My personal apology to Patrick McKendry for misspelling his name 1 out of 2 times being welcomed as a new member in the last issue, and to Flo Droogan for only listing her husband Kevin as a new member.

Have a Happy and SAFE Holiday Season!

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The contents of this column may not be expressly supported by the elected officials of the club.

Mike Jones

President's Message

Jeff

The Board Room

From The Table:

A Hearty Welcome to **Kevin Shea**, our newest member.

Many new ideas as well as "lessons learned," were tossed on the table during the November Board Meeting. We are looking to continue with our very successful "Guest Speaker program, sponsor a Club Hunting Trip, possibly sponsor a Youth Program, establish ties with Deer Search, to mention a few items, and conduct the February General Membership Meeting at C&B Archery followed by Club sponsored Shooting Time. Join us at the Election Meeting at the Amityville Club in December 13, 2006 at 8:00PM to discuss ou future plans.

Election Committee:

As a result of the nominations rendered during the October General Membership Meeting, there are NO candidates running for positions unopposed. Procedurally, there MUST be an election, and the formality will be conducted as scheduled at the December General Membership Meeting. At the time the election is conducted, there will be the opportunity afforded for a "Write-In" candidate to be submitted for each position being voted for.

For those not able to attend the meeting, there is an Absentee Ballot within this issue, to be completed (to include any "Write-in"), and mailed to: The Arrow PO Box 8087 Hicksville, NY 11802-8087. Your Absentee Ballot MUST be Received NLT 12/12/06!

The Treasurer's Vault:

Bill Lorusso has retired as Suffolk Archers' Treasurer this past month. Bill has been a member for many years, and is a past Board Member and President. His service and dedication to the club have gone far beyond what anyone could expect from a member. His voluntary contribution of countless days, nights and weekends to Suffolk Archers should serve as inspiration to us all. Join me in wishing Bill the best as he pursues his new professional responsibilities, and when you see him next at the club or at a General Meeting, consider how much a simple "Thanks, Bill" would mean to him.

I've been asked to take on the Treasurer's position from Bill, and I will perform those duties to the best of my ability.

See you at the club,
Scott Raso

Future Club Events

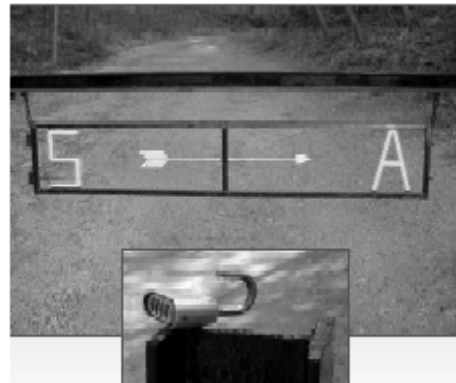
1/10	Board Meeting Hicksville KofC	8:00 PM
1/28	1 st Snowflake Shoot –Range	9:00 AM
2/4	2 nd Snowflake Shoot – Range	9:00 AM
2/11	3 rd Snowflake Shoot –Range	9:00 AM

2/14 Board Meeting Hicksville KofC 8:00 PM

2/21 Gen Member Meeting Amityville 8:00 PM

Club News

The lock is out of the box !



Ever wonder why the front gate lock was trapped inside a steel box? Did it seem to be over-kill? Especially in the dark, when your car headlights could not illuminate the box. How many times have you cursed while trying to fit your big fingers in that little space while struggling to see the lock combination through the slot?

Actually the box has been cut off; the lock is where its always been; but now you can get at it easily. **One more small step towards improving your Suffolk Archers experience.**

If there are other things you would like the club to consider, that would make Suffolk Archers better for you, please tell us at the next general meeting.

2007 SNOWFLAKE LEAGUE

Suffolk Archers has the cure for cabin fever. It's six weeks of mid-winter archery called the **Snowflake League**. Intrepid sportsmen brave the elements for a chance to hone their skills and spend time with friends. While the SFL may be an ongoing tournament, the emphasis is on fun. Camaraderie and sportsmanship are the hallmarks of this tournament - - not perfect scores.

SPECIAL FEATURES of the SFL: **One-time entry fee of \$20 pays for everything** (it's a bargain). This is a **members only** shoot. Shoot starts at 9:00am. Breakfast is served each week (hot coffee, bagels & doughnuts). Teams will be lottery drawn, and are for **TOTAL TEAM SCORE Only!** You may shoot with whom ever you wish, Compound/Traditional has no bearing on team standings, but **INDIVIDUALS** may compete by category. Trophy & certificate awards for best individual score(s), best team score and most improved archer. Six weeks of competition Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18, Feb 25 and Mar 4. Award ceremony and BBQ after final shoot. So give your couch a break - - get in on the fun!

Any questions will be answered during the December "General Membership" meeting.

Tommy Carrella



Scott Raso got his first coyote on early Sunday morning, November 26th, while it was "on-the-run" with his Browning A-Bolt 30-'06 on his cousin's property in New Paltz, NY. Scott really likes his 30-'06, but he **LOVES** his bow...

Why do we love Field Archery?* Let us count the ways:

1. A chance to shoot outdoors in excellent weather
2. A chance to meet with archery friends and make new ones
3. Good preparation for hunting by practicing distance estimation
4. An opportunity to shoot targets from 6 to 80 yards
5. A chance to shoot with the best shooters in the club and learn from them
6. **IT'S FREE** – the board has agreed to allow all club members to Shoot the field shoots for free for the 2007 season

The Field Committee

** Our next Field Archery season begins in April, 2007.*

This space is ALWAYS available for any announcements or news to be contributed by club members.

The Hunter's Pot

Buck Balls – Mike Jones

3 lbs ground venison	1 large onion, grated
Salt and pepper	Garlic powder
¼ cup water	1 14oz bottle catsup
1 12oz can beer	

Combine meat and seasonings; form into bite sized (1/2-3/4") meatballs. Heat water, catsup and beer in a saucepan. Carefully drop meat balls in the liquid and boil **SLOWLY** for 1 hour. Serve Buck Balls and sauce in a chafing dish.

(Serves 8-10)

Trading Post

3rd/Final Notice FOUND – 1 "very charismatic" bow square, during clean-up following the Long Island Traditional. Mike Jones (516)735-6085 or bnco55@aol.com.

C&B Archery announces \$25 off on ALL 2006 model bows. Come on down and check on future League opportunities and Tournaments.

Suffolk Archers Logo Hats, Jackets, Zip-Poly, and Vests are still available. Orders are on a first come, first serve basis. Call or e-mail Bill Lorusso to order yours today.

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Tackle Tips

We would like to have a photo of your 2006 harvest for a future issue. We have heard about a few Member success stories, please share them with the Membership.

Have a **Happy and SAFE New Year,**
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