



THE ARROW



SUFFOLK ARCHERS AND BOWHUNTERS NEWS LETTER

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From the President

December is upon us, marking the end of another calendar year. For me it is a period of mixed emotions, as it means an end to my time serving our club as president. The demands of this job have been rigorous as our club enjoys the growth and prosperity that we have experienced in these past few years. The many improvement projects have kept us all working hard and burning the midnight oil to make the club that we love the best it can be. So, from that perspective, I am pleased to hand over the reins of office to someone else. In fact I am looking forward to quietly enjoying the rolling hills and trails of our beautiful property as a simple member and archer.

The improvement projects that I mentioned above were no small undertaking, and they could not have been accomplished without the tireless efforts of the members themselves. We are enjoying brand new target butts and frames on our practice ranges that were expertly built to last for many years to come by our multi-talented member **Artie Stein** (many of you remember the wonderful dishes he cooked for us at the Snowflake League two years ago). His cooking skills are only surpassed by his expert carpentry skills. Thank you Artie and your crew, **Joe Turano**, **Richie Mastrodomenico** and **Dennis Damiani**. **Joe Muno** did an expert job in excavating with his back hoe to set the new target frames and lift the very heavy new target butts into place. New member, **Dan Krsnak** lent his expertise by installing the shingles on the new target frame roofs. Thanks to everyone who assisted with this club improvement project. No doubt I have missed naming some who have contributed a great deal to our Club and to this building project. Please know that this is only because of my failing memory and not for lack of appreciation for all you have done.

As many of you already know, the new Suffolk Archers lodge that has been almost two years in dreaming and planning is now a reality. It is a structure that inspires awe in all who see it, as it surpasses all of our expectations. No longer will we

have to endure the inadequacies of the old structure that was built during a time when we had far fewer members in our club. We now have a real clubhouse that will accommodate our members in comfort for decades to come. This structure was professionally built by our very able new member/contractor **Mike Matteo**, who took great personal pride in building us the best structure we could have hoped for. Many of our rank and file members were helpful and instrumental in the preparation for the construction to begin. **Donna Pipia** brought her surveyor's transit and expertly laid out the exact spot and elevation where our new building would be erected. **Charlie Rogers** gave and gave with his building expertise and materials, ensuring that our new building would be strong and safe in any weather condition. **Andrew Walsh**, our resident master electrician, gave his services in electrifying and lighting our new home. These are just a few of the many members who helped to make this much needed improvement a reality. I thank you all.

It needs to be said by me that the success and growth that Suffolk Archers has enjoyed during my tenure as president would not have happened without the tireless work and support of the Board of Directors. The dedication and effort these men put into their jobs is nothing short of remarkable. They made me look good. It has been my honor to serve with these dynamic men. My vice president, **Mike Jones** has served at my side tirelessly for these two

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**CALLING ALL MEMBERS: THE LAST WORK DAY OF 2009 IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 8AM.
THIS IS YOUR FINAL CHANCE TO COMPLETE YOUR WORK COMMITMENT FOR THIS YEAR!
CLUB ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD DURING OUR HOLIDAY MEMBER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.**

years. He has proven himself time and again to be the caliber of man who can take this post and lead our club into the future. **Rob Schaefer** is a dynamo that any executive would be lucky to have on his team. He is the driving force behind the growth in our membership that has made us the largest archery club in the tri-state area. His ideas, planning and ceaseless efforts have proven to be priceless to us all. **Nick Menrath** and immediate past-president **Jeff Milano** have both served with me on previous Boards in one capacity or another for many years. Their effort and support have always been invaluable assets. **Pete O'Malley, John Marra, Tom Carrella, and Bob Waterson**, I thank you all and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future. **Scott Raso** must be thanked for the fabulous job he did in setting us up with totally professional financial controls. Although Scott retired from the Board a year ago, his contribution was outstanding and continues to be an essential component of our rapid growth.

And so, it is with a mixed sense of pride in accomplishment, great gratitude to the men who served with me, and to you, the members of Suffolk Archers, that I bid farewell as president. I thank you for the opportunity to allow me to serve in this capacity and I look forward to many years of your friendship and camaraderie as we enjoy together all that Suffolk Archers has to offer.

Yours in Service,
Joseph Lupo

Featured Photo

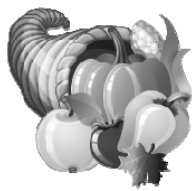
A First Look at our New Pavilion

For those of you who haven't had a chance to see the new Pavilion in person, here it is, in all its glory!



Photo courtesy of SA Member Stephanie Pierno

From the Editor



The holidays are here! The Editors would like to wish ALL of our fellow SA members a wonderful and safe holiday season. As the New Year fast approaches, we also want to take a moment to give thanks to the **2009 SA Board of Directors** and all

SA members and their families for their hard work and support of the club throughout the year. We have enjoyed many club events together and celebrate the countless improvements around the range, made possible through your dedicated efforts!

Reminder: Club Elections will take place at our next member meeting on December 16th, 8pm at the Amityville Club. We can't emphasize enough that the members are what make this club the dynamic organization that it is. This is YOUR opportunity to have a say in your club membership for the next year. In addition to the election, we will also celebrate the season with a festive holiday-themed meeting.

Due to time constraints, the **Charity Shoot** that was originally planned for this December will be postponed to next spring. Stay tuned to the SA website and this publication for details. In the meantime, there will still be a December shoot, but it will be a regular club shoot. We hope that you will still come out to join us for this, the last shoot of 2009, which will take place on **Sunday, December 20th.**

Again, Suffolk Archers for the third time hosted Women in the Outdoors, which, as usual, was a great success. Thanks to all the members who supported it! It resulted in the acquisition of 2 new members.

Even though the cold weather may tempt some to put up their bows, don't forget the **Snowflake League** kicks off the beginning of each New Year! What better way is there to ring in 2010 than to spend a crisp winter's day traipsing through the pristine snow-covered paths of our range? While you hone your archery skills, you can look forward to ending the day's adventures with a hearty lunch carefully prepared by one of our master chefs. The last day of the **Snowflake League** also features a bountiful menu for our dedicated archers. Just because the temperature gauge has dropped, doesn't mean you have to put an end to your archery season! For some, the **Snowflake League** is their favorite time of year, absent the heat,

humidity, and pesky critters. But one thing's for certain—those that poke their heads out into the wintery weather prove their dedication many times over to the fun and camaraderie that are the hallmarks of this sport and our club membership.

Stay focused; stay on target!
Jill Goeckner

The Board Room

FROM THE TABLE

By now you should have received your "Election/Constitution/By-Law package. Many hours during the past few months have been devoted to updating and revising our Constitution and By-Laws. It is now up to each of you to approve or reject the changes as presented and discussed at the October General Membership Meeting and vote for Club Officers and Board for 2010. If you will not be able to attend the December meeting, be sure to follow the directions in "the package" and insure that your "mail in" vote is received/postmarked prior to the election.

Club News

The following letter was received as a result of our supporting the local Cub Scout Pack. A special thanks to all of our members who made this a successful program.

Cub Scout Pack 423 • Plainview/Old Bethpage
 23 Nautilus Avenue, Plainview NY 11803



To The Suffolk Archers,

Pack 423 Webelos 1 would like to thank you for welcoming us to your club. We had a great time and we enjoyed our visit. We are so happy you took the time to teach us all about Archery. We enjoyed getting to shoot and learning about your club.

We would like to send a special thank you to all the men who helped with our event and to thank them for the nice lunch they provided, we really appreciate all they did.

Your friends from Pack 423 in Plainview:

Yotam Granov	Alec Lupo
Matthew Pelter	Jack Stone
Kevin Lynch	Jonathan Temkin
Henry Lumerman	Aaron Waltzer
Christopher Czajkowski	Christian Sciarone
Ian O'Neill	Kevin Mertz

RUNNING FOR OFFICE

Dear fellow Suffolk Archer Members:

My name is Josh Pierno and I am running for a position member of our Board of Directors. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I graduated from Hofstra University with a BA in Business Administration, where I learned the necessary skills required to implement new ideas and successfully work within an organizational committee. I am currently the Facilities Manager at Nationwide Printing in Farmingdale. I started shooting a bow about 5 years ago and found a large community of great people both willing and eager to share their knowledge — I became one of them. Currently I am a Bowhunter Safety Instructor Apprentice, as well as volunteer archery instructor at numerous local outdoor shooting activities and functions. It is in this same spirit of sharing information that I plan to bring to the club. We have a large membership with a wealth of knowledge on archery, hunting, equipment and techniques. I would like to implement a program where members can share information on new equipment, ask and answer questions, and help new archers gain the skills and confidence to enjoy our great sport.

Thanks for your time and I look forward to meeting you in person.

Josh Pierno



2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS

All Members are invited to attend. Meetings start at 8pm and will now be held at our new Pavilion in the New Year!

Wed. Feb 17	Member Meeting #1
Wed. Apr 21	Member Meeting #2
Wed. Jun 16	Member Meeting #3 (Range Shoot)
Wed. Aug 18	Member Meeting #4
Wed. Oct 20	Member Meeting #5 <i>Nominations for 2011 Officers & Board</i>
Wed. Dec 15	Member Meeting #6 <i>Club Elections</i>

WORKDAYS *At Range • Members Only • Start Time 8 am*

Sun. Mar 21	Range Work Day #1
Sun. Mar 28	Range Work Day #2
Sun. Aug 29	Range Work Day #3
Sun. Dec 5	Range Work Day #4

SNOWFLAKE LEAGUE

At Range • Members Only • Start Time 9am

Sun. Jan 24	
Sun. Jan 31	
Sun. Feb 7	
Sun. Feb 14	
Sun. Feb 21	
Sun. Feb 28	
Sun. Mar 7	BBQ
Sun. Mar 14	<i>Makeup for Shoot #7 (Only If Required)</i>

TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

At Range – Start Time 9 am

Sun. Mar 21	FIRST WORK DAY*
Sun. Mar 28	SECOND WORK DAY*
Sun. Apr 11	Field Shoot #1
Sun. Apr 18	Field Shoot #2
Sun. Apr 25	Turkey Shoot/Swap Meet
Sun. May 2	Field Shoot #3
Sun. May 16	Field Shoot #4
Sun. May 23	Charity Shoot
Sun. May 30	Field Shoot #5
Sun. Jun 6	The Long Island Traditional (Long Bows & Recurves Only)
Sun. Jun 13	Field Shoot #6
Sat. Jun 19	Raccoon Shoot at 5pm
Sun. Jun 27	Pavilion Dedication/Family Day
Sun. Jul 11	Knock-A-Block Stump Shoot
Sun. July 18	Field Shoot #7
Sun. July 25	Field Shoot #8
Sun. Aug 1	Field Shoot #9
Sun. Aug 8	Field Shoot #10
Sun. Aug 15	Club Championship
Sun. Aug 22	Hunter Shoot
Sun. Aug 29	THIRD WORK DAY*
Sat. Sept 11	Bowhunters/Rendezvous
Sun. Sept 12	Silver Arrow 3-D Shoot
Sat. Sept 25	Raccoon Shoot #2 at 5pm
Sun. Dec 5	FOURTH WORK DAY*

* NOTE:

On work days, range may be closed until 5 PM for the safety of the work crew.

DIRECTIONS

1. If you are cooking outdoors, start by lighting your charcoal briquettes. You will need approximately 24 total. If baking at home, preheat your oven to 350F.
2. Combine all of the ingredients for the apple mixture in a bowl. In another bowl, combine crust ingredients and then cut the butter into the dry mixture.
3. Grease your Dutch oven with cooking spray or oil. Spread the apple mixture in the bottom of Dutch oven. Top with your crust mixture.
4. You will need approximately 8 coals under your Dutch oven and 16 over the lid to reach the preferred baking temperature (about 350F). Cook until the crust is golden brown and the apples appear done (tender) when pierced with a fork.
5. Enjoy! If at home, top it with ice cream.



The Hunters Lair

We are coming to an end of another hunting season and I hope it has been a great season for all of you. With the close of the hunting season, it's time to think of those missed shots, what you should have done, and to focus on improving your skills in the off season.

If you did harvest an animal, enter it in our Big Buck, Biggest Doe, and Big Game contests! Bow Hunter of the Year is an award that you, the members, have to make happen. You do so by sending the BHC a letter of nomination for a Bow Hunter who has shown an interest in the growth of bow hunting and who has done something for others to get into the sport. Think of someone who has gone that extra mile to be a successful bow hunter. Keep in mind that he/she must also be a member in good standing.

Our members who belong to the broken arrow hunting club have seen deer and have had shots BUT nothing has been reported as of this date. I only hope that you all had a great time out there!

Again, congratulations to all you successful hunters who scored this season; for those of you that unfortunately did not, I hope it was still good fun!

Remember report that big buck, big doe and any other game you took during this past hunting season. Call me or e-mail me if you have any questions!



The Hunter's Pot

DUTCH OVEN APPLE CRISP

What holiday celebration would be complete without dessert to make that "sweet ending" for your guests? We take a traditional favorite featuring our quintessential fall fruit, the apple, and turn it into a holiday treat using the hunter's tried and true Dutch oven. Try this recipe the next time you're camping, over the open fire pit! Tip: Measure out and pack your dry ingredients in its own zip lock bag before your trip—that way, all you have to do is add the butter and slice the apples while you're waiting for the charcoal briquettes to ash over.

INGREDIENTS

Apple filling ingredients

- 10 cups apples (1 medium apple is roughly 1 cup sliced), cored and sliced thin
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup golden raisins (optional)

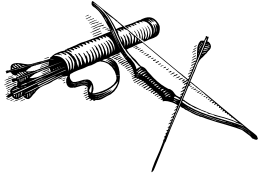
Crust ingredients

- 1 1/2 sticks butter
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups oats
- 4 tablespoons apple pie spice (available at Penzey's Spices)
- Vegetable oil or cooking spray



Safety 1st,

Jack D., SA Bowhunting Committee

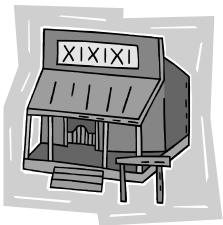


Tackle Tips

Now that the hunting season is coming to a close, many of you will be putting your equipment away until the spring. Whether you are a hunter or a field archer, now is the time to check your equipment for wear or damage incurred during the past year. Pay particular attention to limbs, settings, and strings for wear and serviceability.

Reminder: store your equipment in a cool, dry place and long bows and recurves should be stored lying flat. Ensure that all settings and screws are secured on compound bows. Following the above procedures should get you off on the right foot next season.

*Stay safe and shoot straight,
Fletch*



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. Suffolk Archers does not specifically endorse the products or hunting opportunities listed here.

- **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**

HUNTING LEASE

Who may participate in a land lease? Suffolk Archers does not endorse nor directly participate in any land lease programs. However, club members who are interested in participating in a land lease can speak with Jack D., who has successfully arranged a land lease this past hunting season, which many people chose to participate in, outside of their SA club membership. A separate fee is required for this program, and again, we specifically note that this is NOT a Suffolk Archers sponsored activity.

When is the best time to join a land lease? There has been a growing interest in the land lease program. We noticed that this past year, the highest number of inquiries peaked right before the hunting season opened. However, the fall is NOT the time to enter into a lease. We need sufficient time to scout out properties and to enter into the lengthy legal process involved in leasing land from private landowners.

For those of you who have called about being part of the lease program, **NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED!**

There will be a meeting on SATURDAY JAN. 16, 2010 at 9AM at the range with all members of the current lease and any other member who wants to be part of the NEW lease. "My goal is to let you all know NOW so you have time to make arrangements to attend. I know that the day after hunting season, we all start to think of the holidays and family. But there is currently a opportunity to acquire 1400 acres of land with a cabin, but we need the commitment of you, the members. Our first lease has been a huge success — ask the members who where part of it!" - Jack D.

Contact Jack D. 516 781-6710 (cell) for details and to participate.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE OCTOBER ISSUE LISTED THE DECEMBER MEETING INCORRECTLY AS DEC 9TH.

THE DECEMBER HOLIDAY & ELECTION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 16TH, 8PM AT THE AMITYVILLE CLUB.

The Arrow

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HOLIDAY/ELECTION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 16TH**



**Wishing everyone
a HAPPY & SAFE
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

— The Arrow Editors &
SA Board of Directors