

# Bergen Bowmen Bulletin

**March**

**2017**

## 2017 Meeting Dates

The following is a tentative schedule for the meeting dates of the Bergen Bowmen. They should remain as listed barring any unforeseen events or situations, in which case you will be notified via the Bulletin. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm at the Paramus Elks Lodge located behind Raymore and Flanningan at 200 Rt. 17 North, Paramus, NJ 07562.

March 6

April 3

May 8

June 5

July 10

August 7

September 11

October 2

November 6

December 11

## Looking for Submissions for the Bulletin

If you have found a great book, hunting item, hunting guild, etc... why not let others in the Bergen Bowmen know.

We all benefit when we share knowledge and experience.

If any member has questions or needs help with their turkey calling for the coming spring turkey season you can reach out to fellow member Scott Hill at [turkeyhouse@aol.com](mailto:turkeyhouse@aol.com) or 973-839-7939. He has many years of experience hunting turkeys and calling as well as giving calling demonstrations.

Thanks Scott for offering to help our turkey hunting members.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

We are in need of ideas for guest speakers. If you know of someone who would come to speak at one of the meeting please let us know. Talk to Danny Lombardo or Jack Dewar.

### From Probationary to Regular Membership

The Following Members are or will become due to become Regular Members within the Bergen Bowmen, Inc. As with you initially joining a Probationary Member you have to attend a meeting, so too is it with becoming a Regular Member. Please see Membership Chair Felix Rodriguez at the regular scheduled meeting about making it happen. Remember that with Regular membership, you become eligible to vote for officers at election time and to hold office if you wish too.

### Overdue for Regular Membership

Elvis Rivera  
Gene Spitzer

### Due for Regular Membership as of 2/2017

E. Terrance Bautista  
Michael Cappellano  
Brian Hiebert  
Neil Hart

### Due for Regular Membership as of 3/2017

Mark Marino  
Nicholas Marino  
Jeffery Mockel  
William Mockel  
Christopher Obsuth  
Ming-Yeuan Kung  
Po-Lung Kung  
Tina Liu

## 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As per our By-Laws, membership must be renewed annually with the new year. All members have until the end of the March meeting to pay dues and stay current with membership status. If you cannot make a meeting to pay your dues, checks can be sent to the club treasurer.

Adult membership fee \$25.00

Jr. membership fee \$5.00

Spouse membership fee is \$5.00

Please address envelope as follows:

Bergen Bowmen, Inc.  
Kathy Bombace Surlak, Treasurer  
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Checks should be written out to Bergen Bowmen, Inc. and please put **membership renewal** in the memo section of the check.

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## Tennessee Hunter's 47-Point Deer Breaks World Record

By VICTOR MATHER

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Stephen Tucker, a 27-year-old farmer from Tennessee, with the record-breaking antlers. Credit Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

On the first day of deer hunting season, Stephen Tucker, a 27-year-old farmer in Tennessee, shouldered his muzzleloader and aimed at a whitetail with an extraordinary rack, one so big that it would be a world record if his aim was true.

The antlers, a spectacular protrusion of bones that splayed into dozens of points, were the stuff of hunting lore. The buck had clearly lived long and lived well.

"I've never ever seen anything like that," Tucker said.

He pulled the trigger.

"When I squeezed, all that went off was the primer cap," he said. The deer fled.

Two days later, though, on Nov. 7, Tucker got another chance when he spotted the deer at dawn. This time,

he got his buck. It was big, but how big? "I thought maybe a state record, but not a world record," he said.

Deer are judged by a complicated method that includes measurements of numerous aspects of the antlers, including the length of each point; the length, width and circumference of the main beams; and the width of the whole rack.

Tucker's whitetail had an amazing 47 points, but its final score and whether it qualified for a record would have to wait until this month. Antlers shrink as they dry, so official measurements are not taken for 60 days.

On Jan. 9, a team of five judges convened at the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's headquarters in Nashville to determine the buck's score. They took measurements with a flexible steel tape over several hours. "It was pretty exciting," Tucker said. "It felt like forever waiting on them."

The final score is expressed as a single number. "Anything over 200 people get excited about," said Barry Cross, the information and education coordinator at the state agency.

After half of the rack had been measured, one of the judges exclaimed, "Holy cow, I'm up over 150!" Cross said.

When the full rack was scored, the total was 312  $\frac{3}{8}$  inches. That made it the highest-scoring buck ever shot by a hunter. The previous record, 307  $\frac{5}{8}$ , was set in Iowa in 2003 by 15-year-old Tony Lovstuen, also with a

muzzleloader.

The biggest rack ever measured was 333  $\frac{7}{8}$  on a deer in Missouri, but that was a pickup, or found deer, not one shot by a hunter. Tucker's kill is the "deer story of 2016 — and maybe the deer story of the decade," Field & Stream proclaimed.

Tucker first spotted the deer before rifle season began, on land his family leases to farm in Gallatin, northeast of Nashville. "When I first saw him, I said I wanted to hunt it," he said. "I was blown away."

Big bucks are not common in Tennessee. "It's a great state to hunt deer in; we have liberal limits and a long season," Cross said. But, he added, "Tennessee has never been known as a big buck state." Cross said that Midwestern states like Illinois, Iowa and Kansas would be more likely spots for a 300-inch deer.

A 300-incher in Tennessee? "For deer hunters, you hear things like that and go, naaaah," Cross said.

There will be further measurements of Tucker's deer in 2019, at the regular meeting of the Boone and Crockett Club, the most renowned group of record keepers. "The score might change a bit, but this young man will hold the world record," Cross said. "Unless he drops it and something breaks off."

That's not likely. The antlers "are in a very safe place, and they are not on display," Tucker said.



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