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Letters to the Editor

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Youth hunt builds for the future

I've been enjoying over the last few months or so the pictures in *New York Outdoor News* of the youth hunters and all those smiling faces. We have personal friends whose 13-year-old daughter shot a beautiful 8-point buck and know the pleasure their whole family experienced.

This is also a great way to build a core base of supporters for our sport, which we will need not too far down the road.

The point that we have to remember is that none of this would have been possible if the DEC had listened to the greedy New York Bowhunters, Inc., that has proved that its only agenda is to lim-

Online Opinions

This issue's question

How would you like to see DEC protect yearling bucks?

Antler Restrictions **One-Buck Reg**
Shorter Season **Education** **No Changes**

Online results from last issue's question

How would you describe your 2014 deer season
Excellent 16% **Good 18%**
Fair 25% **Poor 41%**

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it the people hunting that it sees as competition. There is no other reason that it objected to the youth hunt and the use of a crossbow.

No one can even look at a modern compound bow and say it is the same as a longbow or a recurve bow. Tell the New York Bowhunters that the compound bow and the crossbow will have the same restrictions on them and we will see how fast they are to get out the recurve bow.

The crossbow is considered the same as any other bow in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Eric Lohmeyer
Haskell, N.J.

Gun owners failed to show

In regard to your feel-good column titled, "Sportsmen, gun owners showed up on Nov. 4," this could not be further from the truth. Facts just don't support your comments.

Actions speak louder than words. The New York gun owner has spoken loud and clear in the

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last election. The vast majority support the Un-SAFE Act. They did so by not voting for the guy who ran on a platform to repeal the law, or they just didn't vote at all.

In the last gubernatorial election, fewer than four million people voted. That's fewer than the Paladino-Cuomo pre-SAFE Act election. Astorino received 1.4 votes; Cuomo 1.9 million for the win. There are at least 4.5 million gun owners in New York. Assuming all 1.4 million of Astorino's votes came from gun owners voting to repeal the un-SAFE Act, that still leaves three million plus whose actions showed they support the law. A two-to-one margin in favor. It was not New York City that did us in; it was simply a poor showing by gun owners overall. The numbers prove this without question. What a grave disappointment. You can't help those who won't help themselves.

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