

BERGEN BOWMEN, INC.

A Bergen County, New Jersey Archery Club

Since 1953

Jack Dewar, President
Kathy Bombace, Treasurer

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Daniel Lombardo, Secretary

To the NJ Archery Community:

Two former Bergen Bowmen members are misleading the public. Our club is not under attack by Joel Riotto or any other current member as claimed by Joe and Joann Mills on Facebook and on 'their website for the Bowmen'. In fact, Joel and other long term members such as Danny Lombardo and Kathy Bombace are assisting the club in every manner possible to recover and re-build after the sabotage efforts of these two former officers.

You may wonder what were those sabotaging efforts? Well consider the following facts:

- They were instrumental in the club being out of money, basically being broke, at the end of 2015.
- They were instrumental in the Bergen Bowmen, Inc. being non-compliant with our NJ Charities Registration for 2014 and 2015. If you question about the NJ Charities Registration compliance problem, feel free to OPRA request the proper documents for our NJ Charities Registration. As a charity and a non-profit corporation those documents are public records.
- Illegally changing our name to Bergen Bowmen Archery Club of NJ as has been posted on various internet sites. Our legal name is still Bergen Bowmen, Inc.
- Also their claims that the Bergen Bowmen, Inc. website, www.bergenbowmen.com, was pirated is absolutely false it is being run by same person since the website was created several years back.

All of this was done because they were upset that the membership had enough lack of meeting procedure(yes they eliminated any formal meeting structure), the mismanagement of the club funds along with the lack of treasurer reports and the lack of meeting minutes from the current officers. The membership had to demand the annual election in December 2015 (as per our club constitution as every member knows) even though the officers refused to allow for it as they claimed they were not "stepping down". The fact is the club officer election process, which they are very well aware of, has never been changed in the history of the club. The results of the election were that they were not re-elected and new officers were for the offices that they held. Ask yourself would you have re-elected officers who did harm to the organization in the manner as described above, I think not.

The truth is Bergen Bowmen, Inc. owe a debt of gratitude to Joel and these long term members for their efforts in rebuilding and restoring a transparent leadership. They have gone about fixing the damage done and restoring the honor to our name which has been not an easy task, but because they are dedicated members, they have gone above and beyond to make it so. They are undeniably assets to us and deserve our utmost respect and thanks.

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