

## **BOW HUNTER PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION**

Participation in the September 28th lottery for a 2010 Blenheim-Gilboa Power Project Hunt permit requires the applicant to have demonstrated shooting proficiency. Proficiency demonstration is a one time requirement. Previous proficiency certifications are acceptable.

Proficiency may be certified by a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Certified Bow Hunter Education Instructor, using International Bow Hunter Education Foundation (IBEF) guidelines. Applicants in possession of a Bow hunter Education Certification card issued prior to 2002 will find a proficiency certification on the back of their original Bow hunter Certification card. Proficiency Certification can be conducted by contacting any NYS Bow hunter Training Instructor. The proficiency certification form is not included on Bow Hunter education cards issued after 2002, however, and is reported on a form specifically developed for this lottery program. Blenheim-Gilboa Visitor Center (Lansing Manor),

To simplify this process, instructors will be available to conduct proficiency testing:

- Thursday, September 2; 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club, Middlefort Road, Middleburgh
- Thursday, September 9; 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM, New York Power Authority's Blenheim-Gilboa Visitors Center (Lansing Manor), 1378 State Route 30, North Blenheim

Contact John Osinski at 518 433-6742 for an appointment or the visitors center at 1-800 724-0309.

The IBEF proficiency test only takes a couple of minutes to complete. It requires the applicant to place three out of five arrows into a vital area of deer-sized targets located at random distances between 10 and 30 yards.

In the event that a bow hunter cannot produce his original Bow Training Certificate, and wishes to participate in the September 28th lottery, the IBEF proficiency test can be taken at either of the above locations by producing a valid New York State hunting license endorsed for bow hunting.