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Are You Ready For Turkeys?

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: The election, and inauguration of President Obama, and the overall gains of the

Democratic party in both Houses of the Federal legislature, has created an ammunition shortage.

Manufacturers are unable to keep stores stocked since the stores sell out every shipment within a few days of receipt; wonder why?

Just a reminder that we have received a couple of grants for youth shooting as well as new shooters. If any members know of anyone that would be interested in a program have them contact me so I can set up some dates for our grant funds to be used.

POSTING WORK PARTY

by Jon Wilder

Saturday, April 25th; meet at the lower clubhouse, Railroad Avenue at 8:30AM. We're going to be posting and painting boundary lines: bring a hammer and anything else that you think might be helpful.

Give Jon Wilder a call with any questions you might have, 851-9153.

TROUT STOCKING SCHEDULE

by Tom Miglio

Trout are being stocked in accordance with the following schedule: 4/2 Kinderhook Creek; 4/10 RoeJan;

4/16 Clavarack Creek; and 4/23 Quichy Lake.

CAPITAL DISTRICT TRAP LEAGUE

by Charlie MacGowan

Philmont Rod and Gun Club has entered the Capital District Trap League. The league consists of eight clubs in four counties; Columbia, Rensselaer, Albany and Greene. Columbia has Philmont; Rensselaer has Nassau; Albany County has A&R, Bethlehem, Onesquethaw, Ravina-Coeymans(R-C) and Turnpike; and Greene County has Coxsackie. The shoots are Sunday mornings.

You shoot once at each club over the course of the summer (this year Apr 26th to Aug 2nd).

Directions are provided by each club. Some PR&G members car pool.

The host club has breakfast and other refreshments as the day goes on. At the end of the summer, there is an awards dinner.

The awards are for individual performance and Club performance. PR&G finished 3rd last year.

Class are as follows:

AA 23.5 to 25 Average

A 22 to 23.49999

B 20.5 to 21.9999

C 19 to 20.9999

D 18.99 and below

Ladies

Juniors

As you can see, there are classes for all types of shooters, Beginner to expert.

Anyone who is interested in shooting for your club, or just wants more information, can contact any member of the trap committee. Dale Rowe, Doug Cropper, Tom Masina, Dave Siter or Charlie Mac Gowan,

Remember, Trap nights will be open starting 4/17/09 at 5pm; then every Tuesday and Friday evening all summer and as always Sunday morning at 9:00am.

Come out and shoot.

ICE FISHING PARTY

by Doug Cropper

We had 5 members show up for the ice fishing party on March 2; Tom Messina, Dale Rowe, Julie Veronezi, Charles Winters with his son, and me, and 5 non- members as guests. We had a good time setting up tip-ups, jigging, cooking, eating, and enjoying the fire. The first fish

was caught by Julie Veronezi, and the biggest fish, a toothy monster at 24", was caught by Charles Winters' son Spencer. Dale had the heaviest catch. He caught fifty pounds of ice and then nearly drowned that evening trying to cook it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due to space constraints only Committees having reports will be shown!

This space is for Committee Chairs to report ongoing, or planned, activities for their respective committees. It is hoped this will give members who are signed up for committees the information they need to become more involved in Committee and Club activities.

Deer Management: Chairman - Ken Keeler

No report.

Archery: Chairman – Nikon Zasorin: The 1st shoot is scheduled for Aug 16th. The range needs a lot of work and

we would really like to get this shoot publicized. This is a great opportunity to get a work party done.

Land Owners: Chairman - Jon Wilder: It appears that Burr's property has been sold and that some one else may

have already approached the new owners about hunting permission.

Legislative: Chairman - Steve May, 378-8405: 2009 is going to see the start of some significant efforts to further

curtail, or eliminate, the fair purchase, ownership and use of personally owned firearms.

Here are some examples of legislation that is already on the floor:

Next week the Assembly Codes Committee will take up various anti-gun bills in an attempt to further their divisive agenda. The following anti-gun bills have been placed on the agenda for Monday, April 6:

Assembly Bill 1093, sponsored by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-88), would impose new requirements on firearm retailers and require that they obtain insurance to cover criminal acts committed after the legal sale of a firearm. The companion bill to AB 1093, is Senate Bill 1715, sponsored by State Senator Eric Schneiderman (D-31).

Assembly Bill 1326, sponsored by Assemblyman Steve Englebright (D-4), would mandate handguns be equipped with technology which would prevent them from being operated by children.

Assembly Bill 2881, sponsored by State Assemblyman David Koon (D-135), would ban the possession and use of "frangible" ammunition. The companion bill for AB 2881 is Senate Bill 2379, sponsored by State Senator Frank Padavan (R-11).

Assembly Bill 2882, sponsored by State Assemblyman David Koon (D-135) would provide for the submission of expended projectiles and shell casings and guns to the state police pistol and revolver ballistic identification electronic databank

Assembly Bill 5844, sponsored by State Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg (D-20), would enact the "children's weapon accident prevention act" and creates crimes of failure to store a weapon safely and negligent storage. The companion bill for AB 5844 is Senate Bill 3098, sponsored by State Senator Eric Schneiderman (D-31).

The following anti-gun bill is scheduled to be heard by the Assembly Tourism Committee on Tuesday,

April 7:

Assembly Bill 7183, sponsored by State Assemblyman Steve Englebright (D-4), prohibits the possession of concealed firearms in any park, campground or other recreation area.

Status of previously reported Legislation:

A801 - Requires the renewal of firearms' licenses after five years and the taking of a safety course outside the city of New York; sets a date for expiration and provides for a schedule for recertification to be developed by the commissioner of criminal justice services.

Note it says firearms and does not specify “handguns” only: Why so ambiguous? There is also a sister bill now in the State Senate. This bill is still active and is currently in Codes.

A3076 - Establishes a three-hour safety course, developed by the municipal police training council, which shall be completed by an applicant prior to the issuance of a license to possess a pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun; provides that a license for a firearm shall not be issued until a certificate of participation in such course is submitted to the licensing agency or officer.

Note how this might connect to A801! This bill is still active and is currently in Codes.

A3561 - Requires the submission of proof of personal liability insurance prior to the issuance or renewal of a license to carry a firearm. This bill is still active and is currently in Codes.

Note that this is another bill that talks about the generic “licensing” of a “firearm”. Some NYC legislators want the NYC requirements adopted State wide.

Please call your lawmakers TODAY and urge them to oppose all of the above listed bills. State Assembly Members can be reached by phone at (518) 455-4100. Your State Senator can be contacted through the Senate switchboard at (518) 455-2800.

Editor Note: More detailed content and a list of sponsors and supporters of these bills can be found at:

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/>

You can either type in the bill number if you know, or just type in firearms if you want to see a full list of pending bills.

Lower House: Chairman – Ice storm damage has been estimated and

Nomination: Chairman – Ray LeFever: No report

Pheasant: Chairman –Brad Bielefeldt: No report

Posting: Chairman – Jon Wilder: There is a small amount of posting needed and Jon will be setting up a date.

This is a great opportunity for new members to get work time and learn property lines.

Range: Chairman – Range rules are being reviewed and revised and will be published soon. In the interim all

members are reminded that there is no shooting before 9am.

Sporting Clays: Chairman – Ted Kunuth: There is a projection for 4 scheduled events with dates to be announced.

Trap: Co-Chairmen - Dale Rowe/Doug Cropper/Dave Siter/Charlie McGowan: Trap shoots are still being held

every Sunday morning starting at about 9am and will begin the summer shooting program with an evening shoot on Friday April 17th at 5pm. The summer program will then continue on Tuesday's and Friday's for the rest of the season. The committee would like to see more members participating. The Capital District Trap League program is addressed in an article earlier in this newsletter.

Upper Club: Chairman - No report

MEETING NOTES:

Board of Directors: The Board reviewed the Calendar of Events for 2009 and reconfirmed some of the dates. These

dates are listed later in this Newsletter.

General Membership: February and March

---Cody Campeta and Amy Elliott were selected to attend this year's DEC Camps. Congratulations.

---New members voted in were Nick Selby and Chris Laslovicka (I apologize for spelling errors). Welcome

---Pending applications: Justin Warner of Copake and Jay Meyers of Philmont

---Reminder: As Committees meet and schedule events please contact John Ohlerich or Dave Siter so these

events can be placed on the Calendar.

CLUB RENTAL

The Lower Clubhouse is available for rental for personal events. It can be rented by Club members or by members of the community. There are different rates for members versus non-members.

The point of contact for information and bookings is Dave Carl and he can be reached at 672-4855.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events in **bold** type are opportunities for work parties. If you want to schedule an event please contact:

Dave Carl at 672-4855.

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Regular shooting events:

There are TRAP Shoots every Sunday morning starting at 9:00am. If you would like to shoot, just show up, Dale and the others will gladly get you into the swing of things.

Apr 18 Spring Clean-up Clubhouse **Work Party Opportunity**

Apr 25 Open House Shooter's Sports Valatie
Posting Detail Clubhouse **Work Party Opportunity**

May 9 Chappaqua Boy Scouts Clubhouse **Work Party Opportunity**

Chappaqua Boy Scouts will be at the Club for a day of introduction to the shooting sports.

Many of these young men have no experience with firearms and this is an opportunity to show them that firearms can be safe and fun if used properly.

Jun 6 Fishing Derby Clubhouse **Work Party Opportunity** Donations welcome

Jun 13 Annual Game Dinner Clubhouse **Work Party Opportunity** Wild game donations welcome

Aug 15 Annual Club cookout Clubhouse

Aug 16 3D Archery Shoot Clubhouse **Work Party Opportunity**

Aug 22 Youth Day Clubhouse **Work Party Opportunity**

TBA Hunter Safety Course Clubhouse