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Mid-Atlantic $500,000 This Month

The Mid-Atlantic $500,000 is set to take place August 18-23 in Cape May, New Jersey and Ocean City, Maryland. Boats for boat, the Mid-Atlantic $500,000 is the richest marlin and tuna tournament in the world and last year nearly $1.6 million was awarded to the winners, including just over $667,000 to Robert Warder of Parkton, Maryland on his Reelentless who came within 65 pounds of the three heaviest white marlin of 79 pounds.

The tournament features an attractive prize structure which spreads the wealth among its winners. Last year over a dozen participants took home a piece of the nearly $1.6 million total cash purse, including 10 winners who received $15,000 or more. With a field of 125 boats the tournament purse of $500,000 is guaranteed.

However, it’s the side bets, also known as Calcuttas, which add to the pay-outs some participants receive and while optional to enter, these Calcuttas can boost the cash awards significantly for the winners. These side bets include the three traditional Calcuttas with $1000, $1500 and $2000 entry fees and each pays out a percentage to each of the three heaviest white marlin, three heaviest blue marlin and three heaviest tuna.

Additionally, the White Marlin Pro Jackpot has a $5000 entry fee and this winner-take-all award is for the single heaviest white marlin while the Sperry On The Board Reward has a $2000 entry fee and pays out each time a participant in this Calcutta has a fish in the white marlin, blue marlin or tuna category on the scoreboard at the official close of each day’s weigh-in.

The My Port Calcutta is new this year. With a $3000 entry fee this Calcutta will feature the same payout structure as the traditional Calcuttas for the three heaviest white marlin, blue marlin and tuna weighed in both Cape May and Ocean City during tournament week.

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“Centerpiece” Gun Control Bill Goes To Christie

by Bob Brunisholz

In a statement sent to the NJ Federated Sportsmen News, state Senator Stephen Sweeney (D-3) hailed bill S-2723 (“Revises statutes concerning firearms purchase identification cards and purchase permits; makes handgun purchase permit valid for four years”), and its Assembly counterpart, A-3668, as the “centerpiece” for all gun legislation introduced in New Jersey since the Sandy Hook School shootings, and a “model for the nation.”

Combined, the measures will revamped the state’s Firearms Identification (FID) card laws. The Assembly version was approved on June 27. A prior vote was held on June 6, but was halted during the voting process, eliciting strong protests from many firearms advocacy groups. The Assembly version, as well as additional bills concerning firearms and violence, were introduced on that same date.

Sweeney’s legislation calls for the “overhaul of the state’s firearms permitting process by creating a modern, electronic system for universal background checks that will include mental health records and cover private transactions,” according to his statement.

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Called were placed to the Governor’s office in an effort to determine if the govern- or was leaning toward signing this bill into law, or vetoing it. The only response obtained was from Colin Reed in the gov- ernor’s office, who simply indicated via email, “We’ll be looking at all legislative proposals and will consider them within the usual time allotted for review in the Governor’s Office.”

Speaking on behalf of Senator Sweeney, his press spokesman Chris Donnelly responded to all questions in a timely manner. When asked how the pro- posed ID card system would function as opposed to the present one, Donnelly said, “Under the bill, the Attorney General will decide on either of those options within seven months of enactment.”

In addition, Donnelly also addressed one of the key provisions of the bill that has many sportmen and women concerned, fearing that the new FID card will allow those with a license to hunt in New Jersey, without a license to purchase the firearm of their choice. “The information (on the FID card) will not be available to a police officer or a firearm manufacturer,” he stated.

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There were six bills included on the table that would have extended the seas- son by an average of eleven days. Representatives from the NJ Beach Buggy Association, NJ Outdoor Alliance, NJ State Council of Sportsmen’s Clubs, and Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) were among those who spoke in favor of extending the season by eleven days.

Though a clear majority favored that option, other groups and individuals urged the council to take a more conser- vative approach and increase the season by only six days. Additionally, those on the fluke advisory panel had also recom- mended an increase in coverage.

Ultimately, Councilwoman Eleanor Bochenek made a surprise motion to extend the season by eight days, an option that had not been on the table. “Making the change now is consistent with our advice,” she said as her motion passed by a narrow 5-4 margin. (From a JCAA report.)

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Who Drives the Lawmaking?

Dark side. Light side. Jim Zumbo. Gun control. Erosion of civil liberties and Bill of Rights provisions. Political battles, maneuvering, and hijinks in general. I hope that by the time you’re reading this, we have it all behind us. I hope our Second Amendment rights remaining to us.

I had an extraordinarily unsettling epiphany. It’s not that I am concerned— to put it mildly— about the place in which the United States is right now, and where it’s going in the future. Some laws without a doubt talk about the uncertain future of Western civilization as a system, or about an end nearing, or that’s a different discussion.) We see more and more laws, regulations, and policies put into law that are intended as sportsmen and outdoorsmen. What I am lamenting is the current manner in which lawmakers pass this or that other innane bill, purely for the purpose of appearing to their constituents that they are doing something, anything, that’s going to make a difference. All in response to what the bad guys keep doing... and will continue to keep doing, no matter how many laws are passed. Ever since the First Family (I’m talking Genesis here, folks), criminal activity has been a part of human existence. It can’t simply be legislated away to, or that we can legislate away the rising sun. And it all has a dear bearing on our actions as sportsmen and outdoorsmen. Talk to Mr. Aitkin. Talk to Mr. Everson.

Oliver Shapiro, Editor

From Your Federation

Upcoming NJTJA Activities

The officers of the New Jersey Trappers Association would like to invite all sportsmen and women to our annual convention scheduled for October 29, 2013 at the Toms River Municipal Complex which opens at 9 am and runs until about noon.

The pork dinner and general membership meeting follows. This is a great place to pick up some extra equipment for all outdoor pursuits.

We also will be at “Wild Outdoors” in September, and the “Deer Classic” in January, for two exciting shows of bound furs for display and sale at these shows.

For more information, call 973-697-2981. (Report from Jim DeStefano.)

NWTF Chapter Activities

The Tri County Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, member of the Atlantic Chapter, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, and also member of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) through the State Chapter of the NWTF, will be hosting their 3rd Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet on Saturday, August 24, 2013.

In the past year, the Chapter has raised funds for wildlife conservation efforts. Last fall, we held a JAKES day at Giberson’s Sporting Clays, where we mentored 57 new shooters to Firearm Safety and Outdoor education. For the Thanksgiving holiday, our chapter provided meals for 50 families in need, spreading the meals to a number of different food pantries and charities in South Jersey.

We also have awarded 3,000 scholarships to special needs children. Our chapter policies promote the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife with transportation boxes for wild turkey trapping and transplanting, as well as volunteers to support the project.

We conducted outdoor and wild turkey education classes and our annual third consecutive year at the Atlantic County 4-H fair, and will be supporting a kid’s day in August where 200 kids will participate in many activities related to the outdoors.

The banquet takes place at the Westgate Fire Hall, 7372 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, NJ 08330. Tickets cost $65 for a single, $90 for couples, and $285 for a family dinner and a 1-year membership to the NWTF. Sponsor memberships cost $285 and include all the above plus $100 in raffle tickets and bonus tickets.

Ticket information may be found online at njnwtf.org, or from chapter President Lou Gambale, 609-350-3134; lousgd56@gmail.com. A great meal, good stories, and fellowship for a great cause. See you there! (Report from Tony Zarchy.)

Square Circle Sportsmen and the Hunters Helping Heroes

Most of you have heard of the Wounded Warrior Program. We now have Operationa hero-calls, aka the Hunters Helping Heroes, a not-for-profit organization founded by NJ resident Ryan Miller.

The purpose of this group is to host our service members, police officers, and fire fighters on a day of hunting or fishing.

Three of our Square Circle members, Mike McGuire, Scott Smith, and Will King provided two trips hunting geese this past season. Both trips were successful and enjoyed by our heroes.

On June 22, the Square Circle Sportsmen had their annual Saltwater Fishing Tournament. Smith had his boat entered and decided to take out his friend Will King and invite three service men from McGuire Air Force Base in a day of fishing.

The following was written by Scott Smith:

“My buddy Will King and I had a great day with some of the best weather and sea conditions you could ask for. We took three active-duty USAF Servicemen out on the water to fish for a day of fishing. The men signed us through the Hunters Helping Heroes program. The servicemen and their families were treated like royalty back at the club weigh-in. All three are stationed at McGuire AFB and are active traffic controllers on the base.

With the flounder fishing in the Cape May area being kind of me, I decided to target sea bass on some local rocks. Our tournament had a first, second, and third place for flounder and a first, second, and third place for sea bass, weakfish, bluefish and spring fish. Kyle Margeson, USAF hooked up in the first two minutes with a nice sea bass that won him second place and $100. Later that day, Kyle also caught the second largest as well. USAF Cole May and Kyle Margeson hooked up in the first two minutes with a nice sea bass that won him second place and $100. Later that day, Kyle also caught the second largest as well. USAF Cole May and Kyle Margeson hooked up in the first two minutes with a nice sea bass that won him second place and $100. Later that day, Kyle also caught the second largest as well. USAF Cole May and Kyle Margeson hooked up in the first two minutes with a nice sea bass that won him second place and $100. Later that day, Kyle also caught the second largest as well. USAF Cole May and Kyle Margeson hooked up in the first two minutes with a nice sea bass that won him second place and $100. Later that day, Kyle also caught the second largest as well. USAF Cole May...
Stainless steel clip to which the lead sinker crab will readily assault the bait to remove herring, and mackerel. When those baits anything, as they’re considered the bottom and piece of fresh bait are all you’ll need. For starters, you’ll find crabs in residence around most piers, bulkheads, and docks, as well as the open waters of bays and rivers, with water depths ranging from six to ten feet ideal. Just ease your baited sinker into the water and let it settle to the bottom. Then it’s just a matter of waiting until a crab lines in on the bait and begins to dine. Rest assured that the crabs are feisty and will often tightly secure their claws to the bait, and at times there may even be a pair of them dining on a single crab.

To check on what’s going on down on the bottom, just lift back gently on the line. While resting on the bottom the crab and the resistance it offers. Take care and begin slowly retrieving the handle hand over hand. If you pull too fast or yank on the handle, it will often result in the crab dropping the bait. Remember, there’s no hook, just the crab using its claws holding onto the bait as it is. As you draw the crab to the surface, grasp the long handled net quietly and slip it under the water and slip it under the crab. That’s all there is to it.

Now the fun begins, as the crab will begin to move very slowly. It also has a pair of strong claws, which can inflict serious injury if you’re careless in handling it. Ideally, you can just flip the net on the five-gallon bucket or cooler, and the crab will drop freely. However, if the crab’s stubborn and won’t let go of the net, you mesh, you can carefully use a pair of crab pliers to secure and remove the crab. If you don’t have pliers you may use your thumb and forefinger to slowly hold onto the Swim fins located along the lower back of the crab. When properly held in this manner the crab cannot reach around claws to secure you hand. But take care in doing so, as the crab can inflict extreme pain should it secure its claw onto your hand or finger.

While many believe handling is the most fun, there are small crabs traps that are extremely effective when attempting to catch a couple of dozen of these tasty crás- tracians. Some traps are pyramid shaped, while others are square, and both have sides that collapse when lowered to the bottom. While resting on the bottom the crabs enter the trap to feed on the food enclosed in a screened compartment. When the handleline holding the sides of the trap is pulled upwards, the sides of the trap close, capturing the crabs (often three or four at a time) and then you can simply retrieve the trap, adding its contents to your bucket/catch.

The crabs should be kept secure and cool in a bucket or cooler, out of the sun, and they will stay alive out of the water for several hours. The live crabs are then best boiled or steamed. While the fun is in the catching, the results are a tasty treat that will motivate you to keep your boats and crabbing equipment at the ready throughout summer and right through until October, after which the colorful blue claw crabs will retire into the mud to spend the winter.

Crabbing a Summertime Delight

By Craig Lemons, Hatcerry

The 2013 spring trapping season kicked off the second week of March just as it has many times before. With the ice melted off of Budd Lake, the hatchery crew set three trapnets on March 12. The two South Dakota-style nets and one Pennsylvania-style net were set along the shore to capture northern pike broodfish to transport back to the hatchery for spawning. The nets were fished from March 12 through March 27. Fourteen days later, on May 4 in five days compared to 114 in 10 days of fishing in 2012. The 164 pike in five days of fishing equaled 33 pike per day, the second highest total (first was 41 pike per day in 1999) the hatchery crew has captured since trapnetting began in 1996. This year’s catch consisted of 115 males and 49 females. The Budd Lake water temperatures ranged from 34 - 42 degrees. The Budd net used 1,100 feet of chain with the following species: white perch (3,450), black crappie (1,725), sunfish (671); and yellow perch (120), with northern chain pickerel being captured including 11 largemouth bass, 34 chain pickerel, and two smallmouth bass. The male pike averaged 3.2 pounds and 24.4 inches, ranging from 0.6-5.88 pounds and 14.3-30 inches long. The females averaged 4.54 pounds and 26.3 inches long, ranging from 0.6-2.9-0.5 pounds and 14.3-22.6 inches long. Of the 49 females, five arrived at the hatchery ript. 34 reaped and were spawned while at the hatchery, and only three came in spent compared to 15 spent in 2012. The 34 females produced 580,000 northern chain pickerel eggs, and 270,000 eggs for tiger muskellunge, averaging about 33,825 eggs per female. The hatch rate was 56%.

Pike eggs hatch in 10 days and the fry swim up looking to feed in another five days. By mid-July, the pike have grown to their targeted size of 6 - 7 inches, and are ready to move into the mud to spend the winter from the mouth of Neldon Brook. Having collected enough northern chain pickerel eggs, the crew would normally pick up the egg-catching gear and head north to the County Line Lake in search of walleye broodfish. Watching the weather, staff let a couple of cold fronts pass through before taking a boat out on Swiftswood Lake on March 22. They removed debris resulting from Sandy and the winter from the mouth of Neldon Hackettstown State Fish Hatchery 2013 Broodstock Collection Spicy Garlic Crab Sauce

This recipe for my blue claw crab sauce really comes from my mother. As a small boy, I would watch her make the sauce from crabs my father and uncles would bring back from trips to New York Bay. That was back in the mid-1940s, when I suspect no one bothered to clean, edit, or proofread the ship channels. But we all survived. In fact, my mother and father lived to their early 100s. I can’t say the crab sauce had anything to do with their longevity, but I do enjoy it in Barnegat Bay and I enjoy making a batch of crab sauce for the family. It’s a mess in the kitchen, but the aroma and production is worth it. My crab sauce is admittedly a bit hotter, for many reasons; it’s not as bland or spicy enough for me. I fixed the problem by introducing massive doses of garlic and Old Bay seasoning. My ingredients are on the plentiful side. My wife, Betty, and I have four children and eight grandchildren. I’m sure you’ll find for smaller groups, cut ingredients proportionately. My recipe will feed 10 to 12 people.

12 to 15 blue claw crabs, cleaned*
3-8 ounce cans whole tomatoes
2-8 ounce cans crushed tomatoes
1-8 ounce can diced tomato paste
1 Old Bay Seasoning
12 cloves chopped fresh garlic
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 tbs. oregano
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. black pepper
1/2 cup virgin olive oil

In a large pot, fry the garlic, oregano, salt, and pepper in olive oil. When the garlic is translucent, add tomato paste and blend with a wood- en spoon. Stir continuously to keep paste from sticking to the bottom of the pot. Next, add crushed tomatoes and whole tomatoes. It may be messy, but the best way to add the tomato products is over the pot and crush them with your hands. Stir until everything is thoroughly mixed, and sauce is on the brink of simmering.

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In a large pot, fry the garlic, oregano, salt, and pepper in olive oil. When the garlic is translucent, add tomato paste and blend with a wooden spoon. Stir continuously to keep paste from sticking to the bottom of the pot. Next, add crushed tomatoes and whole tomatoes. It may be messy, but the best way to add the tomato products is over the pot and crush them with your hands. Stir until everything is thoroughly mixed, and sauce is on the brink of simmering.

Garnishes come an important part. Add the Old Bay seasoning. How much? How much can you stand? I stir in Old Bay until I can taste it in the sauce, about half a can. But I must caution you; this is usually too much.

Finally, add the crabs and simmer for three hours. Pour the sauce over a pound of linguine and break up the crab. Serve garnished with fresh parsley and a nice Chianti.

*Crabs can be killed quickly by pouring boiling water over them. Once they’re dead, rinse with cold water to stop cooking process. Next, break off the backs and rinse clean with cold water. The sauce will have more crab flavor if you use broken bodies instead of whole and keep the bodies in half before putting them in the sauce.
Anyone who has been a fly-fish-er and understands the time and effort put into the idea of developing a fly pattern that brings his activity to a new whole level. He, or she, and even those who aren't, might have even played with the idea of developing a pattern that could not only move him himself to achieve fly-ting immortality. I recently adapted one of fly-fishing’s standard patterns, the Black Nose Dace, to create a version of the fly that for me and many of my fishing buddies regular-ly was more effective than the standard Black Nose Dace.

While I enjoy fishing with all kinds of flies, I especially enjoy fly-fishing where there is no doubt about the strike, such as when catching minnows or smaller fish. I have also found that fishing streamers more often than many fly-fish-er men do.

It wasn’t unusual for me to be on the Internet looking for pictures of barfis so I could ensure my flies closely resembled the target prey. When I came upon pictures of the blacknose dace, I was sur-prised at how different in appearance the actual fish was from the fly pattern.

The color scheme was wrong, espe-cially the black, brown, and white colors of the fly displays. Even though there are some pictures of the Dace with the traditional black, white, and brown coloration, the black or brown is missing the flash, the sparkle of the true Dace when its scales reflect the light. Obviously, I was adapting a wrong fly pattern.

Convinced I could improve on the traditional pattern, and with the whole new array of fly tying materials on the market, I have decided to try out the new materials for the supplies of my new pattern. Looking at things from the bare hook up, Dace, I have decided to go with the brown top, so I started with 10 to 15 wraps of leader. The leader size and number of wraps based on the hook size and desired depth.

Next came the fly tying. I developed two ver-sions here. The first used a one-inch layer of silver tinsel covered with wraps of oval silk, which was closely followed on the traditional pattern. The second used a different wrap out for a simpler hook shank, Mylar tinsel, which more closely follows the belly and underside of the Dace.

In one place, I wanted something that, when fished, might better approximate the movement and sparkle of the true Dace. I used a material from DNA Fly Tying Materials called “Holo Fusion.” This material in both white has the right sparkle and movement, and is somewhat translucent in the water. I tied the fly with a short section of “Holo Fusion”.

To build up the color scheme of the Dace, I started with more Holo Fusion tied in at the head to create the lower side. I lowed by several strands of lime krystal flash, then olive krystal flash, and topped it off with black rhodlon, stacked up in that order.

The final touch to create true authen-tications. The fly patters fins. For this, I tied in either pale orange goose down for the belly, or pale orange hen feathers. These coated with head cement and stroked them with my fingers until they were the right size and shape. I tied these in at the head. Several coats of head cement created the desired head shape.

I liked the result a lot. Visually, it seemed to be a big improvement over the Black Nose Dace. But would the trout find it appealing? I didn’t have to wait long for my answer.

I cast this fly in a lake night after night, and even in the summer while I was fishing the Musconetcong River Trout Conservation Area at Point Mountain, in Hackettstown. On my third night, I was below a small waterfall, I had a strike and landed a nice brookie. Things were look-ing up. I caught one or two more in that place and then moved up river.

I tied the first three places I fished, I caught a trout within five minutes: brookies, browns, and a nice rainbow. Now things really needed to happen. So I flew the Musconetcong that day, but was it just luck? To find out, I needed to repeat that test over other rivers in other conditions. So I tied in the Musconetcong that day, but was it just luck? To find out, I needed to repeat that test over other rivers in other conditions. So the condition of the first two trout was that I fish the fly in several other rivers with great success on one or more occasions.

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“Don’t even go there with me,” he said. “Obtaining a handgun permit to pur-chase involves a lot more red tape than do firearms ID cards, which are supposed to be a simpler way for gun owners to receive the necessary paperwork. But I have clients who are still waiting for a permit to purchase a handgun. I have been waiting for two years, and in one instance has taken longer than two years. So what makes any-one think the same abuses won’t occur with handgun permits?” Nappen asked rhetorically.

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Tying Instructions

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Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: White Holo Fusion

Body: Danville’s White pearl

Mylar Tinsel Size 10

Body sides: White Holo Fusion on bottom

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Seed In Your Pictures!

Assemble your glowing fly pattern. The J/F/S Fly is looking for readers’ pictures of tro-phy, interesting, or simply noteworthy catches, kills, or sights seen while hunt-ing, fishing, hunting, or fishing. Digital images are preferred (email to olshapiroinny@gmail.com), or send prints to the editor (along with return postage). The J/F/S Fly reserves the right to publish or not publish any picture it receives, at its discretion. Include your name, hometown, contact information (in case we have questions) and details of the picture’s contents.
by Capt. Fred Everson

My story begins in 1966, the first year I hunted with my own license in New Jersey, 15 years after I lost my New York license. I was an inhabitant of an old family that has been here since 1680. We were clam diggers, in a very literal sense. My grandmother grew up on Chinnagora Creek about a quarter mile from the Raritan Bay, and the bay was big salt marsh. We caught crabs, eels, and killies in the creek, strippers, blues, fluke, and weakfish in the bay. In the fall we would get the rock pile behind US. A long finger that extends about a thousand feet out into the bay between Union Beach and Keansburg. I left New Jersey in 1979 and pursued a career in the outdoors as a writer and photographer. Normally, the hatchery would split

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target species such as alewives and shiners, sunfish, crappies, yellow perch, and largemouth and smallmouth bass. Water temperatures rise in the early months of the year, and the lake trout and landlocked salmon hatch in April. Between the two lakes, a total of 24 female muskies were spawned, producing about 2 million eggs. The eggs hatched at a rate of 31%, which is below average. The 630,000 fry then went through a 7-10 period where they were feeding off their yolk sacs. They are then (cont. next page)
Kevin Hawk, winner of the 2010 Forrest Wood Cup and now a competitor on the Bassmaster Elite Series, is known for his quality on good knots for his livelihood. With his Cup victory he earned $600,000. Had his line- to-line break not been so minimal, the result could have been one less victory and a much leaner bank account.

For most of his pro career, he’s come to rely on a limited number of knots, but before learning any of them he says that one key to tying any of them is to “take your time and do it properly.”

“If, when you cinch it down, two line ends pull free, then you’ve cinched it too little,” he said. “So take it real slow, be sure to lubricate your line, and cinch it down evenly.”

Like many bass anglers, he started off with the Improved Clinch knot, a simple knot to learn and one that’s quickly completed on the water. Unfortunately, he experienced breakdown problems at inopportune times. For the most part he now uses a Palomar knot, which is considered to have near-100 percent strength when tied together. It requires that you make a loop and pass the end of that loop through your hook eye, then tie an overhand knot. With a loose overhand knot, pass the loop over the hook, and then slide the loop down to the eye and cinch it shut.

As regards tying off and flipping, however, the Palomar may be strong, but it doesn’t angle the hook correctly on a hookset, and it’s not as versatile. Here, a Snell can be the right approach.

With a Snell knot, Hawk said, “when you had your fish on and you tied it off and released it, it would pull up like a scorpion’s tail. You generally hook them in the top of the mouth. It’s a lot bit tougher than the Palomar, and uses the hook more directly in the process. Its steps involve passing the end of the line through the hook’s eye, then forming a loop in the same direction. With a loop formed, the tag end is then wrapped around the combination shank/loop five or six times, tightly in succession before pulling the line tight to form the knot.”

“arly” with the Snell knot is to leave myself some slack in the tag end,” he added. “When you make that final cinch, the tag seems to shrink.”

The final member of Hawk’s three most used knots is the Modified Albright (known in some corners as the Alberto Knot). Hawk is a known wizard with spinning tackle, owing to his west coast finesse roots. Indeed, light wire was responsible for approximately half of his catch when 40-pound leader was too heavy. He said, “a tag end that is too heavy spinning rod he usually uses a braided line main line with a fluorocarbon leader. The combination of these two lines requires a knot that is adept at connecting lines of different diameters.”

“I used to use the Double Uni knot and I had too many problems,” he said. “I’d get snagged and it would break at the knot. This knot is a little tougher, and it may be frustrating at first, but after you’ve practiced a few times it’ll be like second nature. It casts extremely well and doesn’t cut into itself.”

The Modified Albright is formed by making a loop with the thicker line and inserting the thinner line through the middle of the loop, then wrapping it six to ten times. Follow by looping the smaller diameter line back toward the starting point, and then pulling all four lines evenly. Cut the two loose tag ends, and you should have a small, strong knot.

According to Hawk, the Modified Albright relies on Seaguar lines for all of his fishing. He likes their Kanzen braid for all of his braided line applications, and generally splits his fluorocarbon needs between two different models: Invix for pitching and flipping, when he needs lines in the 20- to 35-pound class; and, Tatsu, which he said is a “little bit softer,” for reaction baits and soft plastics where he relies on 10- to 15-pound test. He said that the Seaguar lines are uniform and dependable, and seem to maximize the strength and consistency of his knots.

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**How to Be a Crappie Expert**

by Vin T. Sparano

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Location is the key to productive crappie fishing. When you’re working a shoreline, look for brush piles or downed trees, especially those with a lot of roots. Your deepest water, so much the better. Pilings and docks are also hotspots for crappies, as they can typically attract bass.

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Each area has its own personalities, so it helps to know which line is best for the season. For example, crappies are often found in lower water temperatures, so you’ll want to fish baits and jigs slower and deeper. Crappies will convert a high percentage of muskie fry into muskie when you stock to a couple of breeding marines to see how they would grow.

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Another non-natural bait option is to try a small jig. Crappies seem to be more color sensitive than other species, so keep changing jig colors until you find one that works consistently. The jig should weigh 1/4 ounce, and don’t use anything heavier than 6-pound-test line. Four- or even two-pound line is too light.

Crappies are year-round fish. You can catch them right in the middle of football season, as long as you know which is a hard-core gridiron fan. As the calendar progresses, you’ll notice that the water’s temperature rises. For all of his braided line applications, and generally splits his fluorocarbon needs between two different models: Invix for pitching and flipping, when he needs lines in the 20- to 35-pound class; and, Tatsu, which he said is a “little bit softer,” for reaction baits and soft plastics where he relies on 10- to 15-pound test. He said that the Seaguar lines are uniform and dependable, and seem to maximize the strength and consistency of his knots.

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Skin Cancer? When in Doubt, Check It Out

by Rick Methot

OK, I get the needle, figuratively and literally.

In 1989 the real jabs at the surgeon’s office, then the “terrorist fisherman” jokes, stopped. Since then we have all been forewarned by President Frank Virgilio and resulted in a larger and more active membership. In 2013 Monmouth County attended in support of the Ocean County Federation. We have had our first pond clean up and there are more than doubles your risk of getting skin cancer is found.

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I’m not sure when it started, but the English language in these United States is dying a slow death due to the fact that it has been mutilated at an ever-increasing rate in recent years. Ordinary folks, news- casters, talking heads, politicians, celebrities, types, and others are using the wrong words in the wrong context and at the wrong time, on a consistent basis. In addition to buzzwords, overused catch phrases and the ever-present use of “ummm” in speech, poor word usage interferes with accurate communication between individuals and makes it increasingly difficult for audiences and readerships to understand exactly what is said or written. The incorrect use of specific terms in spoken, written, and electronic communication muddies the water even further and adds to the confusion.

Nowhere is the misuse of words more blatant, and in many respects dangerous, than when it is used by anti-gun politicians, members of the media, and other anti-Second Amendment zealots to promote a never-ending attack on law-abiding citizens who choose and have a constitutional right to legally purchase, own, and use firearms and ammunition.

Due to any of ignorance, bigotry, agenda-driven politics, or most likely all the above, political, media types, celebrities, and others toss firearm-related terms around without giving any thought to truth or accuracy, which of course serves to misinform and further confuse a general public or accuracy, which of course serves to misinform and further confuse a general public and make it increasingly difficult for audiences and readerships to understand what is said or written. The incorrect use of specific terms in spoken, written, and electronic communication muddies the water even further and adds to the confusion.

The Sporting View
by Marty Boa

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The American Rifleman staff is to be commended for composing “Gun Parts” as a service to anyone who wants to learn about firearms, novice and experienced shooter alike. American society needs more positive constructive efforts such as this to promote an understanding of firearms and real gun safety. Learning from this section allows one to learn how to “talk the talk” while preparing to, or actually, “walking the walk.”

What we need from our legislators, other elected officials, and the media is less criticism of guns and law-abiding gun owners and more efforts to support firearm education and hunter safety programs, as well as the building of more ranges where people can learn and practice marksmanship and gun safety in the correct environment.
More information is now available on the Kerr rifle barrel project I mentioned in my previous column. Bill Adams advised me that he received the first Bob Hoyt-crafted Kerr barrel. Bill quickly mounted a British military-type rear sight and a reproduction head front sight, which was, however, “too small and difficult to see” and, in an “unscientific” test fired ten rounds offhand at 50 yards, primarily just to check function. His immediate conclusion was that the barrel “has the potential to be extremely accurate.” The group, fired with two different bullet weights, was less than three inches from point of aim. A little later Bill conducted a somewhat more formal test, using 525-grain lubricated bullets in front of 70 grains of FFG and 65 grains of FFG Goex powder charges fired from a rest at 50 yards. He reported that the test was rushed and not as complete as he would have liked, as he was trying to sight in several rifles and carbines for the North-South Skirmish Association Spring National Matches at the same time. The accompanying picture shows some of the results, which, despite the limitations of the test, are impressive.

The group pulled somewhat to the right, which Bill attributes (to some degree) with the gun’s heavy trigger pull. Pressed for time, he did not adjust the dovetailed front sight or attempt to compensate for the simply shot for group size. His conclusion was that “the rifling system works.” In the future, less pressed for time, Bill intends to try paper-patched bullets from an original mold that casts 530 grain slugs. I will update on this as well as other aspects of this exciting new Civil War shooting project.

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Tight Lines and Straightaway Shots®

by Robert Brunisholz

Statewide Fluke Tourney On Tap

If you’re an avid saltwater angler, the 1960’s Fluke Tourney sponsored by the Jersey Coast Angler’s Association is a win-win-win situation, not to be lightly dismissed merely because you might think you don’t stand a chance of derring the largest flatfish over a rail. In fact, contest-ants in years past have come away empty-handed, or have partially satisfied themselves on the winner’s list. Slated for August 24, the tourney will kick off rain or shine, according to tournament director Paul Turi.

“Other than a hurricane, the tourna-ment will kick-off rain or shine,” Turi said. “Our event is touted as the largest, single-day freshwater tourney with fewer prizes hopefuls. That’s only $20 per angler, and of handling a team of a half-dozen or so

River, Long Beach Island and Ocean City. Barnegat Bay, Great Bay, Manasquan north, all the way south to Fortescue and it is held at 10 ports, from Sandy Hook in the one.”

That may need some explaining to anglers who are participating for the first time. Here’s what’s happening: The event is held at 10 ports, five for the state in the north, the all way south to Fortescue and Cape May. In addition to those three ports, the others are Atlantic City, Shark River, Barnegat Bay, Great Bay, Manasquan River, Long Beach Island and Ocean City.

At first blush, the entry fee may seem a bit pricey at $120 per boat, but it’s actually a bargain, considering that anglers usually team up with four or five others either in a six-packer or other craft capable of handling a half-dozen, or so hopefully. That’s only $20 per angler, and even a freshwater tourney with flatfish prices often get a lot more than 20 quid for an entrance fee. But the best part is that one needn’t even catch a fish to win, though going so always makes it more interesting as well as offering a shot at some really hefty prizes.

A note of warning, however: Don’t procrastinate about registering. If you fail to register prior to August 17, a late regis-teration fee will cost $150.

Late fees aside, winning without catching fish needs some elucidation. Once an angler is registered, and he or she catches a keeper flatfish, that flatfish will be in the running at whatever port the angler is registered, and the size of the fish, the number of entries, and entries’ weight are larger. For instance, suppose an angler catches a really humongous flatfish and it is quite the port prize. The first prize at each port for the largest fish is $1,200. And the next nine (10 in all) largest fish will get $500, and according to Turi, these are not shabby prizes.

“As just an example, we’ve had sponsors donate very expensive, high-end fishing glasses that would really put a dent in the cost to someone who’s purchasing them, real," said Turi. “There are plenty of others, sponsored by boat name fishing tackle manufacturers. Some of those sponsors are Penn Reels, Shakespeare, Minn Kota, Berkley, and others.

So far, so good, but how does one win the fails to catch a competition-size flatfish?

Once registered, each angler, whether she caught a fish or failed to drop a flattie in the livewell, is eligible for drawings held at the gala conclusion of the tourney. Slated to be held at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City on September 6 where there will be additional go door prizes for all, including those who may have gone fish- less on tourney day. And, whether you caught a fish or watched with only a day’s doormat while your bait went unnoticed, you can still win the Grand Prize: A hefty $5,000 in cold, cash. OK, maybe it will be in the form of a certified check, but you get the idea. You need not catch a fish to be eligible to win any of the door prizes or the Grand Prize in AC. A word of warn- ing, however: If you plan to attend the cer-e monies at the Golden Nugget, that’s great. But you must be in attendance to win. No exceptions.

Finally, it will be both remiss of me or anyone helping to spread the info about this tourney, if I failed to mention who the real winners are since even those anglers who fail to win a prize, catch a fish, or even go home with a jar of Berkley’s Gulp, are still winners merely by participating.

For decades, JCAA has been the ears, eyes, and voice of recreational anglers statewide. They work hard to pro- tect our marine resources. Of equal impor-tance, they also diligently hold the collec-tive feet of federal marine fisheries groups and organizations that often approve, or try to approve, legislation that is not always in the best interest of recreational anglers, firmly to the fire. It’s virtually impossible to overstate the importance of the work the JCAA accomplished on behalf of our salt-water-fisheries.

Aside from a fun day and all the goodies as well as cash, that’s why we should turn out in force to support JCA’s tourney on August 24. Not only are the participants in the tourney the real win-ners, we all are, thanks to JCA.

It’s becoming more and more evident that we need to figure out how to reconcile the idea that we want populations and habitats to thrive, while making sure that they don’t overcompensate. All-in-or-foul. You can’t really have it both ways.

Tournament participants have lots of options to participate, and some lucky anglers will experience scenes like this one. Photo courtesy Time Out Charters (timeoutfishingchar ters.com) in Absecon, Atlantic City, and Brigantine.