May 20, 2013. The New Jersey Assembly passes four gun bills, as follows:

A3796: Requires NJ State Police to disclose confidential ATF trace data in apparent violation of federal law. This bill now moves to the Governor’s desk.

A3796: Reopens “assault” firearms compliance window for only 180 days to allow compliance for prohibited magazines and ammunition. This bill now moves to the Governor’s desk.

A3583: Creates school security task force. This bill now moves to the Governor’s desk.

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“Our work is far from done,” Assemblyman Blake O’Hill stated in a floor statement, as reported by Star-Ledger. “And I look forward to giving final legislative process. This bill is amended today and will have to be reconsidered by the full Senate.”

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I call them “assault” rifles, which means some people. Excuse may be I’m a traditionalist, but I see no place for these weapons among our hunting fraternity. I say so far as to call them “terrorist” rifles... Sorry, folks, in my humble opinion, these things have no place in hunting. We don’t want to jump into the group of people who terrorize the world with them, which is a great danger... As hunters, we don’t need the image of walking around the woods carrying one of these weapons. To most of the public, an assault rifle is a terrifying thing. Let’s divorce ourselves from them.

Thinking of Jim Zumbo

The minutes of the previous meeting were sent to the N.J. Waterfowlers to put a ban on their severing the ear of a ruffed grouse prior to their being registered as harvest.

Dear Oliver,

The regular meeting of the Middlesex County Federation of Sportmen was called to order on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:45 p.m. in the Middlesex County Federation of Sportmen’s Club House at 500 Church Lane, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

The Treasurer’s report was given. Shaul Crouse (NJ Division of Fish and Game) was present. He gave an informative presentation on freshwater fisheries in New Jersey and pending changes to the fish laws.

Fish and Game Council report: The 2014-2015 Fish Code had been adopted and highlighted recommendations include: Artificial lures only on the Big Flat Brook for a 4.2 mile stretch, and the Ken Lockwood Gorge would be catch and release only.

An increase in bear activity has been seen and deer have been browsing on new growth.

New freshwater fisheries conducted opening day surveys at 35 lakes and ponds with 1714 anglers contacted. Fewer fish were reported due to cold-water temperatures and fewer overall fisheries.

Joe Messeroll expressed his his and that of the Middlesex County Federation’s support of the Fish Code including proposed changes to no longer stock Lanza was a “military weapon” and had no place in the hands of private citizens.

Martin leaned over to me and murmured, “That’s true; Lanza was using a military grade weapon.”

This took me aback a bit. Martin is usually intelliuent and it is among the best-informed people I’ve ever met, at least on most political matters. But here he was clearly off base, and I told him so immediately.

“Martin, you don’t know what you’re talking about. The Bushmaster rifle he used is semi-automatic, and can’t fire on full auto or in bursts.” He looked at me in some disbelief. “You don’t know what modern sporting rifles do; and/or who are completely unaware of what modern sporting rifles (and oftentimes current firearms in general) are or do, and/or who is completely unaware of the so-called “assault weapons” that they believe they want banned have actually been; that after a number I tried already. And these are the people who, in aggregate, have a very strong say in how gun legislation will move forward.

I lay the blame for these skewed perceptions squarely on the fault of American media, both the reporting and entertain ment media. On the reporting side, it is desperately easy to find reports, articles, and updates that mention firearms and are either just flat-out wrong or frighteningly misleading. On the entertainment side, films and television shows have done an outstanding job of portraying firearms and violence in an unrealistic and irresponsible manner, and it should come as no surprise that most Americans have internalized these images and messages. Propaganda, intentional or not, really does work.

Jim, you were wrong in what you wrote six years ago. But it nevertheless behooves us to listen to the thinking that motivated it. If we fail to do so, and therefore fail to understand and try to address the misconceptions which are unfortunately, all too prevalent. It is thus clear why the future will look quite bleak.

Oliver Shapiro, Editor

Middlesex County Meeting Minutes

Central Region Meeting Minutes

New Business: New pending gun laws were discussed again at length. The major ity is against putting your firearms ID on an individual’s driver’s license.

Old Business: Convention was dis covered. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Ed Karecki, Sr. Spotswood, NJ

Election of Officers: No contested positions among them; a motion by Michael (Lloyd), seconded by Ocean (Larry) to have secretary cast a ballot for the current officers was made and approved. The 2013-14 Officers are Ray Spindon President, 1st VP Dave McCready, 2nd VP Bill Martien, Sec./Treas. John Messeroll, 2-year term Boss of Directors for Ocean. Return your renewal with the eDelivered box checked and by entering your email address twice in the boxes provided. Please check box to activate eDelivery!
that can dissuade other states from attack.

I interviewed executives at Connecticut's major gun makers (Colt, Mossberg, and Stag Arms) for Forbes and wondered if they should consider voting, joining gun-rights organizations and calling and writing their legislators? For example, after its passage, Matthew Lyon, a Vermont congressman and the editor of the newspaper The Scourge of Aristocracy, was fined $1,000 and sentenced to four months in prison for criticizing the Adams administration. And I spoke to Tom Gresham, the host of Gun Talk Radio, about his stand, and to John Adam, a middle-school teacher who runs Camp Compass, a program that teaches inner-city kids to be good adults through hunting and responsible gun handling.

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All right, see you later. This was definitely a successful approach for me. Despite my willingness to fish anytime and anywhere, I had never yet found a place that wasn’t offensive to the action. I felt that I had missed out on such an experience as a kid, and no doubt it was like finding a treasure. It was almost intoxicating, and even though I knew it’s impossible to go back to one’s youth, I eagerly returned to the pond.

I tossed my gear and worms into the car and headed back to the pond. I parked at the side of the road, fetched my bait and equipment, and went to the bridge over the pond. I saw a number of cords dangling into the water, tied to some of the brush on the shore: somebody was evidently attempting to catch some earthworms for the crappies.

Within a few seconds he was holding up a perch, and grinning proudly at her. He handed me the box of worms. “I think you believe in: Too many Americans today...”

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Another pause. He turned away and walked away thoughtfully, and went back to his folks.

As this of them headed towards their car, Michael’s folks politely thanked me and said good-bye, and I received a resounding “Good-bye, Wes!” from my friend.

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It has been a long, rough road since April 19, 1775 when the “shot heard round the world” rang out, triggering this once-great nation’s independence from a Monarchy that had become at the least, burdensome; and at worst, totalitarian.

On that day, General Thomas Gage, the commander of British troops in Boston, faced a dilemma. Knowing the unrest in the colonies (specifically, but not limited to the back-country), he either confronted what was at the time called the Minutemen before their move, or he could await reinforcements while with each passing day, the Minutemen would grow in numbers and their cutting would increase and their armaments reinforced.

Gage gambled. He decided to move immediately on Concord, a small town less than 20 miles outside of Boston. His gamble was based on intelligence indicating that these bothersome rebels had a rather large stock of flour and corn stored in the town. Additionally, he intended to put a halt to all the meddling by these aggra- vating colonists by sending troops to Lexington with orders to arrest two young firebrands, Samuel Adams and John Hancock. Gage knew, too, that such a move would inspire much of the strife.

Historians are divided as to, whom or what made Gage change his mind after seven minutes of being fired upon. There is no definitive way of knowing which side pulled the trigger that sent a ball on its way for the “shot heard round the world.”

The dark of night on April 18, 1775, Gage sent 1,000 troops from Boston to march “up the road by way of Lexington and Concord. The British troops encamped at the munitions stored in Concord, as well as at those in Charlestown. As the troops moved toward Lexington, as well as capture Adams and Hancock, all would be well, and the victory would be a feather in his cap. Gage almost got that feather.

The warning shots of Revere and two accompanying, as well as the first volley of shots, led to what most Americans call Independence Day. Unhappily, to most young folks of college age or younger, it is simply the Fourth of July, a day at the beach, hot dogs, ball games, and barbe- cue.

Regardless of what July 4th means to specific individuals, a committee of now-forbidden congressional delegates on the Declaration of Independence on June 10, 1776, signed on May 29, 1790, it was the final adoption of the U.S. Constitution. It was an easy choice. Beginning in the late 1770s, ideas, proposals and theories were argued, often in the heat of the moment, on an oft- spon, a fight or two. But on July 2, 1787, constitutional delegates established a government that would consist of one dele- gate from each state, with Benjamin Franklin serving as chairman. Finally, on September 17, 1787, when Article 1 of the Bill of Rights was signed, it was the final adoption of the U.S. Constitution. It was an easy choice.

Independence had, indeed, been a long toil of war, but the battle is far from finished. Even today, some 222 years from the adoption of the nation’s Constitution and the Bill of Rights, there are factions of the American people who claim to be the guardians of our Constitution. These individuals are the so-called “purists” who claim that they alone will interpret our Constitution as the Founding Fathers of our country didn’t call for this new nation to be well armed and not only with small arms, but collectively with artillery,” the two his- torians explain. “The first of the Founders’ History of the United States. The book outlines the drivers of the Constitution for Independence Day, usually attributed to Patrick Henry. “The Constitution is not a license to the individual to restrain the people; it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government - lest it run wild,” Henry said. “Every man must look to the groundwork of this long-awaited project.”

Ramiro Trascoso, Chairman of the Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency (SEERA), also expressed pleasure in bringing the complex to Luxury Point at Sayreville. “Bass Pro Shops will be the first store to be located at Luxury Point and will act as the gateway to the project. SEERA welcomes Bass Pro Shops to the community. This looks like a long-term investment of a long-term mutual beneficial relation- ship.”

“A city was born on the Fresh Meadow from a Monarchy that had become at the least, burdensome; and at worst, totalitarian. Brave men were born to save the nation, without fail, leads to tyranny. A man who will not defend his country, and in such a way, is worthy of the name of American. I say to you, that the time for action is at hand.”

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“Since this is a major milestone in the development of the former National Naval Ordnance Station, we are delighted to see this project move forward.”

The project is part of a two-month insertion, payable in full by the purchaser. The charge is $15 for a single membership, $25 for a family, or any number of memberships. The charge is $30 for a single membership, $50 for a family, or any number of memberships.
In 2007, when Texas-based bass pro Ben Matsubu won a Bassmaster Elite Series tournament on Florida’s shallow Lake Toho, he attributed much of his success to a single piece of equipment. It wasn’t a push pole, a weedless trolling motor, or some other skinny-water oriented device. Instead, it was a new sonar unit from Humminbird.

“It was what I was looking for,” he said.

He used it to find not only scattered clumps of grass, but also points and other irregularities in the longer grass beds, enabling him to target specific holding spots with pinpoint accuracy. It was simply a game changer.

Six years later, if you’re looking for an edge on any fishing trip, you travel, side-imaging sonar (Lowrance calls their technology “Side Scan”) can open up worlds that you didn’t know existed. The value of it on new lakes is undeniable, the transition from flasher-style sonars, to downward-looking LCDS, to side-imaging has now even been complemented by Humminbird’s new 360-degree technology which paints a picture of what is around the boat on your very periphery.

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Both the porogies and sea bass generally average from a half pound to two in weight, which makes them ideal catches. Either fish is most often in water seldom over 30 feet deep. They are very noticeable if you snare or casting a net is coated suitably is just thus, thus, making the enjoyment, as both are species are noted for their aggressiveness.

While the tackle has changed since those early days, this product of years I’ve forged using sinkers when targeting them. Instead of a two- or three-quarter-ounce sinker, I now enjoy a lighter weight bucktail jig with a 1/2-size hook or a Lucanus jig with an offset of small.

(from prev. page) CO’s Riello, Mutone, and Lt. Risher investigated a hunting accident that occurred on the Assunpink WMA during the firearm season. A young hunter, a member of the clans, set up residence in Sandy Hook Bay, replacing the box holding blackfish waters warm, and both species move with

Captain Ryan Bogan and Rich Semmel with a hefty sea bass landed by the young angler as the Janan rig tied with 15-pound test mono, has a duo-lock snap for a sinker and a pair of loops spaced 12 to 18 inches apart. Nest, slip a No. 2 or Octopus, Sprat, or O’Shaughnessy style hook snelled to a foot of 15- or 20-pound test results are better when there isn’t a with wind. The key, whether you are anchored or drifting, is making certain your sink or jig is sufficiently heavy to hold bottom, as both species usually hug the bottom as they search for forage.

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It’s wise to remember that it can be rather hot on a summer day at sea, so make certain to bring along a cooler and ice. Promptly icing your catch will ensure it’s kept in perfect condition.

I prefer to fillet both species. I cut a fillet from each side of the fish, and then remove the rib bones and finally the skin. With sea bass I leave the fillet whole. In the case of porogies, you could cut a line of bones that parallels the fish’s later-al line. These can present a nuisance, as the larger porogies tend to roll, and it is too all the way through the fillet on each side of the fish. This will result in one large fillet from the top half of the fish and a smaller fillet from the bottom half. As long as you remember that you’re able eating, as you don’t have to worry about those pesky bones. Porogies are not generally very small, so take care when cooking them, as they’ll take only a few minutes if frying, and a mere few minutes in your microwave, as soon as it easily flakes it’s ready to serve, which will be a really great summer-time treat.

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Extracting That !*?! Broken Rifle Case

by Bob Brunisholz

Putting away his rifle after out-of-state deer hunts is the last thing on the mind of the avid rifle shooter. Traditionally, they travel to states such as Pennsylvania or New York, and often head west for whatever large game animal they favor, be it antelope, whitetail, blacktail, even elk, bear, or sheep. The one thing they rarely do is hang up their favorite centerfires when their seasons become history. In fact, most of these deer hunters will shoot their hunting guns, but also like to “foul around” with fun guns; firearms that are not necessarily used for hunting, but are just enjoyable to shoot, especially if one buys his or her own handloads. But that was only the first shot of the traditional three, so why work overtime to remove the spent casing, twist and turn the now-baseless cartridge, twist and turn the case stuck in the chamber as tight as a frog’s rear-end (and that, folks, is waterproof). You rest your rifle on a sandbag, and reach for one of your reloads. Your rifle does happen to be, say, a Remington rolling block for which you paid a king’s ransom. You insert a .22-20 reload, and by the way, you also paid a second ransom for those archaic, once fired cases, then you have that .22-King inhale deeply, slowly exhale about half of that breath, and slowly squeeze the trigger. Nice, the slug printed at 9 o’clock just a quick outside of center.

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Knee Deep Club Hosts Annual Junior Derby

by Tim Clancy

The Knee Deep Club Junior Derby Day was held Saturday, June 8 at Mead Creek Pond in Mt. Arlington. There were some very pleasant surprises for those in attendance. This event was held with the help of the 69-year-old, Lake Hopatcong-based fishing club known as the Knee Deep Club.

The first surprise came as the two straight days of heavy rain, that soaked the region and damper than more than two and a half inches of water, came to an abrupt end just before the start of this greatly anticipated event. The gathering of all the equipment from grills, tables and chairs, rods, reels and bait, food and drinks, ice, prizes and grab bag gifts, was made a little more difficult for the Knee Deep volunteers because of the weather.

But as the clouds parted, as if by design, the KDC volunteers sprang into action and quickly set up the registration area, staged all the equipment and got the barbecue pit all ready to go, just about 30 young fishing enthusiasts along with their families began showing up. They weren’t going to let some silly rain ruin their day of fishing fun.

As soon as kids registered, lines were cast, and fish were being reeled in fast and furious. The fishing was great, and it appeared that every child present caught some fish.

“I can’t remember the fish cooperating this well in all of the years I’ve attended this event,” said Gary. “You can’t beat that, good weather, great fishing and food, and most important that big smiles on every kid’s face.”

Lucky young anglers quickly made their way to the scales to see whose fish would take the three top prizes for the largest fish weighed in. While nearly every species of fish imaginable—from trout, perch, sunnies, bass, catfish, and more—seemed to be weighed in, it was the largemouth bass that ruled the day.

The top three fish that won trophies and nice rod-and-reel combos were all crappies, and only separated by three ounces in weight.

As the entries tallied and the kids along with their parents waited for the final results, C.J. Paschas with his one-pound, one-ounce fish took top honors, followed closely by Gavin Gardner and Asher Zwichel.

Thanks to the generous donations from the Rockaway Sportsmen’s Club and the Rockaway PBA, additional prizes were awarded for everything from the first fish caught, to the tiniest fish weighed in, and even prizes for individual species. All the while, the club’s barbecue pit was in full swing under the direction of Tommy Fernandez who came home from his culinary studies at Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island just for this year’s event. In addition to the food and prizes, every attendee was also given a grab bag of fishing goodies, compliments of the Knee Deep Club.

Another pleasant surprise for the club was the five-time KDC member and lifelong friend E.J. Wood of Hopatcong and Susan Field of Fair Haven, VT showed up with E.J.’s two grandkids Samantha and Brandon Wood of Ashbury, NJ to enjoy some KDC hospitality. Susan was visiting New Jersey for her 50th high school reunion.

It was a special treat to the Knee Deep Club’s officers and trustees because both E.J.’s and Susan’s dads were Knee Deep Club presidents in the earlier days of the club. E.J.’s dad, Steve Latn, served from 1968-72 and Susan’s dad, George Duttcher, was president in 1955-56. A lot of the great personal tradition of the Knee Deep Club was built from these two great ladies who had attended this event very well when they themselves were young kids, just like E.J.’s grandchilden were doing. Sue said she hoped to return next year to do another fishing event.

As the Junior Derby began to wind down, the volunteers on hand swung back into action, as the second event of the day was just about to begin. As in past years, the Knee Deep Club hosts the 14th Annual Memorial Handicapped Children’s Outing where special kids with special needs could join in the fun of fishing, swimming, fun, and food.

Tommy Fernandez and his crew sparked up the grills as about three dozen of the club’s guests arrived.

Every child present was well fed, and whether they were the lucky ones who caught some fish or not, each went home with a KDC T-shirt and a trophy acclaiming their participation. The Wood family from Ashbury, NJ won this most rewarding event is generously funded by grants from The William & Saddie Clark Fund and The Rockaway Sportsmen’s Club Summit Home for Children. While the club is aware how much our newfound friends from the Rockaway PBA, specifically reward for all the volunteers to be able to help make the day possible. A big thank-you goes out to all who attended and volunteered their time.

For more info about the Knee Deep Club by visiting www.kneedeepclub.org. Membership is open to anyone and you don’t have to own a boat to join. The club also supports various environmental efforts around the lake.

The Sporting View

by Marty Boa

It may seem a little unusual to report that a shotgun is celebrating a 50th birthday, however, that is just what happened this year with regard to the Remington 1100. Writing for American Hunter magazine, Marty Boa surprisingly recently reported that the 1100 was designed in 1963 using “primitive” computer technology that produced a recoil-reducing, self-cleaning, gas-operated mechanism that helped the 1100 to gain the honor of being the most popular autoloading shotgun in the U.S. at the 1966 U.S. Skeet Championships. Hunters also fell in love with the 1100, and after producing over four million over the years, it has become one of the most popular guns on the public lands I was hunting at the time.

This was prior to the era of choke tubes, so I purchased a 28-inch vent-ribbed barrel choked full, directly from Remington. I liked my 1100 so much that I wanted to use it as much as possible, and even tried it on ducks… but the 20 gauge just wasn’t enough for heavily feathered waterfowl, and I had the barrel re-bored to move it up another 400 yards.

A few years later I found myself ordering it with a 26-inch plain barrel bored improved cylinder. This is a great, light, and quick-pointing gun for qual, woodcock, and rail birds, while the improved cylinder choke was adequate for pheasants at close range, but was not effective on them at the greatest range I expected on the public lands I was hunting at the time.

In celebration of the 1100’s 50th birthday, Remington has come out with a commemorative Model 1100 shotgun for 2013. The 1100 has a design reminiscent of the pattern used on the two-millionth 1100 produced in 1977 at the time of the gun’s peak in popularity. The left side of the receiver is adorned with gold-filled designs of a setter, a pheasant, and a woodcock along with a ribbon that reads “Remington 1100 1963-2013 50th Anniversary.” The right side features a backland that reads “1100” above a bobwhite quail.

All the 50th anniversary Model 1100’s come with a 12-gauge, 2-1/2-inch chambered barrel, and fitted with 28-inch barrels. The wood pattern is choice, with Remington’s 18-gauge walnut and sport a glossy finish. The barrel is fitted with Rem Cchoke tubes, and the gun comes with a hard plastic case.

Thus, in the 50th Anniversary Model 1100 we have an embellished, collector’s edition of a classic and long-time favorite that is as dependable in the duck blind or farm field as it is on the trap or skeet range, and has set the standard for the ideal field gun… perhaps forever.

When my beloved and esteemed uncle, the late Dr. James Kirby, joined a rather exclusive country club that had a trap-shooting component, he asked my advice on choosing an autoloading shotgun. I recommended the Remington 1100 with a rail on the bottom and took it up at a club shooting session, another supposed well-heeled member questioned his choice of gun and stated that the 11000’s were “bad guns.”

I told him that I was not yet well with the 1100. I told him that the other guy might be shooting a gun that was more expensive than the Remington, but not the impudent club member most likely had never taken his gun out to shoot from smokeless, black powder, or field, and probably never would.

“Just that gets you to show that “the proof of the pudding is in the eating.”
The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey in Sea Girt, where I serve as part-time assistant curator, reopened to the public at 10:00 am on Sunday, April 7. As readers know, we were closed as a result of damage sustained during Hurricane Sandy after five feet of water surged through the facility.

The completely renovated exhibit space provides a chronological view of the Garden State’s military history from the period of Dutch, Swedish, and British colonization through the War for Independence, Civil War, and World Wars I and II, to the present day. Particular attention is paid to the diversity of the New Jersey citizen soldier and his or her experiences, and the exhibits generate much use of uniformed mannequins, firearms, photographs, art, and artifacts. A new timeline details the activity of the New Jersey National Guard in the years since 9/11.

The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey in Sea Girt is now open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on every day of New Jersey state holidays. Admission, as always, is free.

Kerr Barrels

When people think of Civil War Confederate sharpshooters acting like modern long-range snipers (actual sharpshooters were, for the most part, trained to be sort of super skirmishers and the term “sniper” was not in general use), they envision armed with “scoped imported British Whitworth rifles.” Few are aware of another British rifle imported by the Confederacy and deployed like the Whitworth where long-range shooting accuracy was needed: the Kerr.

The Whitworth has been reproduced by several modern gun makers, and none have attempted to bring back the Kerr—until now, with the advent of the “Kerr Rifle Project,” by my friend Bill Adams and his British friend Pat Watson, who had an original Kerr, to allow its use as a pattern for a new-made barrel.

The Kerr, invented by James Kerr and manufactured by the London Armory Company, was, like the Whitworth, one of a number of military-style target arms produced by British gun makers of the era. The Kerr’s bore was the same diameter as the .451 Whitworth, but reproducing its unique rifling pattern was a particularly daunting task, as it was “451 of an inch shape circular” with “six grooves, ratchet form, without angles.” The twist, a variant on the “gauze twist” found on original percussion revolvers, was particularly involved: “at the breech the grooves are nearly straight, increasing in twist until, at the middle of the barrel, they become the full spiral in 20 inches, which is thenceforward maintained at the same pitch to the muzzle.” The Kerr barrel was a conical .442 diameter slug weighing 530 grains and propelled by a charge of three drams (.825 grains) of “small bore powder” (Editor’s note: the quotes in this paragraph are from a variety of sources, including “London Armoury Company Kerr Rifle” by D.W. Bailey and J. B. Bell Vol 10, No 4, Guns Review magazine, April 1970, various period books and manuals from Adams’ collection; and measurements and impressions taken from Adams’ Kerr rifle). Serious black-power shooters here and abroad have expressed interest in buying a reproduction Kerr barrel. For a muzzle-loading rifle barrel made to those kinds of specifications, the guy to see is invariably Bobby Hoyt of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, a true master of the rifled bore. Over the years I have had an import of Kerr barrels lined by Hoyt, and friends have had him work on a variety of projects. His skills are always exceeded by his perfectionism.

The end result of the Kerr project is a barrel that will be “the best in the market and $400 covers the original twist specifications, and is an almost drop-in fit for original Kerr, P-33, L. C. Lee Arms Company, P-53 London Arms Company, and Royal Small Arms Factory Enfield, or Birmingham-made modern Parker-Hale stocks. Minor fitting may well be required on older stocks, especially around the tang or bolt of the bolt (due to the effects of climate on wood over 150 years), and some hammers may need to be “tweaked.” Since most shooters want a modern stock, Hoyt can soft-hammer customers’ old stocks, but Hoyt can soft-older customer’s old stock and replace it.

Due to variations, he will be drilling and reaming the breech having the same pitch to the muzzle, a process known as “gain twist” found on original period. The twist, a variant on the “gauze twist” found on original percussion revolvers, was particularly involved: “at the breech the grooves are nearly straight, increasing in twist until, at the middle of the barrel, they become the full spiral in 20 inches, which is thenceforward maintained at the same pitch to the muzzle.” The Kerr barrel was a conical .442 diameter slug weighing 530 grains and propelled by a charge of three drams (.825 grains) of “small bore powder” (Editor’s note: the quotes in this paragraph are from a variety of sources, including “London Armoury Company Kerr Rifle” by D.W. Bailey and J. B. Bell Vol 10, No 4, Guns Review magazine, April 1970, various period books and manuals from Adams’ collection; and measurements and impressions taken from Adams’ Kerr rifle).
We Need to be More OK with Shooting Deer

I love venison. For some people, it might be a bit gamey. But for me? The taste is utterly delicious.

Know what I don’t love? Not being able to easily get my hands on some. When I can, which is very rarely, the price is exorbitant. One might think that, with the overabundance of deer, that it would be much more easily obtained.

So why am I rambling about venison? Because of GonaCon. GonaCon, for those of you who may be unaware, is a drug that is used to reduce the amount of reproductive hormones in deer. The drug has only been approved for use in two states, New Jersey and Maryland. GonaCon is administered by hand, by wildlife management professionals, to deer that have been captured and sedated. After the deer are tagged, they are then released.

According to correspondence sent by New Jersey State Senator Samuel D. Thompson (R-12) and New Jersey State Assemblyman Timothy Eustace (D-38) to the US Department of Agriculture this past July 2013, “You would have to inoculate the entire deer population of New Jersey.”

Is the cost really worth it? If we achieve this program and done every deer, is the result worth the $200,000,000? Personally, I would say no. The letters written by state officials Thompson and Eustace, requesting that the drug no longer be administered by hand, also suggest that this change may be forthcoming regardless, and they would merely prefer to speed up the timetable.

The residents of New Jersey need to be more OK with shooting deer. Submitted for your approval, I would propose the following ideas. We make it a sport.

Take some GonaCon, put it in tranquilizer-esque rounds, and sell (give?) it to anyone with a deer-hunting license. Have the hunters do the work for you. In fact, this could theoretically increase interest in hunting, as proponents of non-lethal deer population control could join.

It could also be less wasteful than one might think, because a missed shot might mean a reusable round. Groups could organize events and contests; we could get kids started on shooting and hunting early, all the while making a concerted and citizen-staffed effort to keep the deer population under control using this method.
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