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The committee passed bills that would require a background check as a precondition to owning firearms, and private sales, replace the FID and handgun permits with a privacy-preserving data strip on all firearms licenses, electronically record long gun purchases and ammunition sales to the State Police, suspend Second Amendment rights of persons whose name appears on secret government lists, restrict sales to keyless firearms, and inner-city “assault” firearm law for 180 days. S2720 allows total numbers of FID cards and handgun purchase permits to be publicly disclosed.

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- Reinstating a seven-day “cooling-off” period. When someone qualifies for a permit, the person would have at least seven days before buying the gun. The original package of bills would have removed the seven-day waiting period.
- Currently, New Jersey residents have 90 days to buy a gun after applying for a permit. The bill would cut that period to 45 days, and changes were made to make it easier for law enforcement to revoke the permit.
- Residents who apply for permits would be compensated for their time.
- All sales of ammunition online would be electronically sent to the State Police.
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The Centenary College Environmental Science Center Opens At Hayford Hatchery

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection announced last month that the New Jersey Centenary College Environmental Science Center at the Charles O. Hayford Fish Hatchery in Hackettstown, which will serve as an experimental learning facility for the school’s environmental studies curriculum.

“The way we look forward to a long and successful relationship with Centenary College and its students, who may be future environmental leaders here in New Jersey,” said DEP Commissioner Bob Martin. “This is also a continuation of partnerships and education and research exchanges we have with many colleges and universities in our state, which benefits the DEP and the students and the people of New Jersey.”

“With this win-win experience for all involved and will provide students in our newly launched Environmental Science program with state-of-the-art resources where they can gain valuable hands-on experience,” said Centenary College President Dr. Barbara-Jayne Loewthaler, Centenary College’s Environmental Science major focuses on the relationship between the environment and our daily lives, with particular emphasis on environmental quality, stewardship of the land, human health, and how local actions impact the global community.

The new Environmental Science Center, situated in a building leased from the DEP, features an innovative laboratory, classroom and faculty offices, a space that is designed to provide students with the opportunity to utilize collection and analysis tools, complete biodiversity surveys of local plants and animals; do soil, water and air testing; and track growth rate and water quality of fish within the complex, among many possibilities.

This facility greatly enhances what has already been a tremendous partnership between Centenary College and the Hatchettstown Hatchery,“ said Division of Fish and Wildlife Director Dave Chanda. “Centenary students have interned or volunteered at the Hatchery for a long time and made great contributions in wildlife management. This facility on our grounds will further help facilitate the education of the students.”

The Hackettstown Hatchery, located along the banks of the Musconetcong River, raises and distributes more than 2 million fish annually. It is comprised of a large cage fish raising facility, an education center and a series of earthen ponds distributed across the hatchery’s 52-acre property. The main water supply is spring water that naturally bubbles out of the ground on the site. For more information visit www.njfishandwildlife.com/hackettstown.htm.

Centenary College’s main campus is located in Hackettstown, with an equestrian and field course of the same name located in Parsippany, Edison, and at corporate sites throughout New Jersey. For more information on Centenary College, please visit www.centenarycollege.edu.
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- Square Circle Sportsmen Club: 97 Clementon Rd., Gibbstown, NJ
- Menasco Gun Club: 6014 James Way Rd., Boyertown, PA
- Sportsmen’s Center: US Highway 130 N., Bordentown, NJ
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**Letters to the Editor**

May be sent by U.S. Mail (to 28 Hemlock Road, Livingston, NJ 07039), or email (olshapiroinnj@gmail.com). Please include your town of residence, and club or organization affiliation (if any).
Sometimes, it’s tough to know what’s best to discuss, and that usually means either of two things: first, there’s too much going on; and second, there’s very little going on.

Would that the latter were the case. It seems that we are fated to be victims of the putative Chinese curse “may you live in interesting times” (although, further examining the sources I have consulted, this is not a Chinese curse or saying at all). The topic to which I keep returning is the current assault on our ability to legitimately have use firearms, but there are a couple of problems with that.

I fear that most, perhaps all, of us are simply saturated with all the news, both in and out of New Jersey, regarding the ongoing legislative activity intended to essentially disarm the Federation membership’s individual or even collective personas, but it is still second to none in terms of the importance of these events.

So far for now I will satisfy myself to merely two statements on this.

On one side, I personally find the progress that these misguided (and in some cases, apparently illegal) attempts to restrict our firearms rights are making to be downright horrifying; and…

On two, If you feel as I do, I urge you to continue your polite but firm requests of your state legislators to stand down on these gun control measures (although, further strengthening in close touch with groups like the Association of NJ Rifle and Pistol Clubs and NJ Second Amendment Society to see how else you can assist their efforts.

It’s mid-May as I write this, and there’s something about the advent of spring, with its beautiful weather and attendant fishing opportunities that acts as a nearly miraculous balm on the system. My best advice? Avoid yourself it. Don’t just try; actually do it. It’s only when we immerse ourselves in the outdoors that we truly appreciate it, and in turn this can motivate us to fight that much harder to keep those opportunities available. Me, I just finalized a bluefishing trip for later this month with one of my sons and a close friend of the family, something we haven’t had a chance to do in a couple of years. (To say that it’s high time is to put it very mildly.)

If doing the leg work isn’t for you, let somebody else do it for you. A perfect example of that is the annual Warren County fluke outing, scheduled for next month (Thursday, July 25). They’ve put all the details together, so you have to do is contact them (call 908-879-6321), send in your fee (a bargain at $75, which includes the trip, use of rod and reel, bait, and tips for the mates), show up, and enjoy the day.

And there’s no shortage of other outings like this; we’ll try to list as many as are sent in to us. (Trip organizers: you gotta tell us about it ASAP.)

Enjoy your spring and summer, keep those lines tight, and I hope to hear news and announcements from as many of you as possible.

Oliver Shapiro, Editor

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Middlesex County Meeting Minutes

Dear Oliver,

The regular meeting of the Middlesex County Meeting of Sportsman Club was called to order on April 3, 2013 at 7:45 pm by President Jeff Wenz. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as read.

FISH AND GAME COUNCIL. This year will be a very tight budget the Division of Fish and Wildlife is closely monitoring hours related to the game code out going to Sandy in hope of reimbursement from FEMA.

The Council would like to have a presentation of the new archery park in Clinton at a future meeting.

A new education center will be built at the Pohatcong Reservation by the trout management pond.

The 60-day public comment period on the game code will open on April 16. ENSAC will vote on moving the horseshoe from the endangered list to threatened status.

Turkey stocking changes for 2014-2015 code. Farrington, Takanase and Shadow Lakes will be discontinued and Lawrence Brook will have its boundaries redefined. Franklin, Manalapan and Nomahegan Lakes will be added.

Helicopter surveys of debris from Sandy will be done. Area of wet debris and areas not easily accessed will be brought to the attention of FEMA.

DIVISION REPORT. Leftover Turkey Permits are currently on sale. April 20 is youth day for Turkey Hunting.

April 6 is opening day of Trout Season.

June 15-16 are free fishing days starting at the Central Region.

CENTRAL REGION REPORT. 4F Club put up 70 duck boxes. Suggestions were made to local Earn-A-Buck requirements.

A discount for permits for those over 70 years of age was discussed.

Central Region is for Sunday gun hunting on private property. All counties in Central Region need to present a set of By-Laws to the Central Region Committee.

STATE REPORT. A great concern over Chronic Wasting Disease may trigger new harvesting and scent regulations. Trout Unlimited reported that they had over 900 women join their organization.

The fluke regulations have been approved.

A grant-writing workshop is going to take place on May 28 and June 15 in Byram.

NEW BUSINESS. A Chronic Wasting Disease committee is being formed. There is no further business for the evening, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Ed Karecki, Sec.
Sportsmen, NJ

Central Region Meeting Minutes

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The New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen’s Central Region met on April 8, 2013. Ray Szpond opened the session at 7:40 pm. Counties present: Middlesex (John Messeroll), Monmouth (Lloyd Davis), Union (Raj Spod), Ocean (Larry Ceby), Mercer (Chris Scherholz), and Somerset (Steve Cecadry).

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The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and Fish and Game Council proposed tentative 2013-14 migratory bird hunting season dates at their May 14 meeting.

The Division and Fish and Game Council are responsible for adopting migratory bird seasons within the framework prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

The status of migratory birds is annually measured through the completion of numerous, continent-wide population monitoring surveys. Following review of these surveys, regulation changes and consultation with the four Flyway Councils, hunting season frameworks for migratory birds are annually published by this service. Hunting season frameworks include season length, bag limits, and opening and closing dates for a particular season.

The tentative 2013-14 New Jersey migratory bird hunting seasons follow. Although these regulation selections are expected to be within the frameworks proposed by the four Flyway Councils, they will be formally finalized through the Federal Register process until the conclusion of the public comment period in late September.

This year’s season selections include framework date changes for duck seasons in both the South and Coastal Zones. These changes were implemented in response to a duck hunter survey that the Division recently conducted which indicated hunters’ preference to hunt later into January in these zones. Season dates for the Regular (November to January period) Canada goose season are yet to be determined, pending results of surveys of Atlantic Canada’s. Conservation Order Canada geese in northern Quebec that are conducted in June. The Migratory Bird Regulations will be available on the Division’s web site by August and paper copies will be available at Division offices, license agents and sporting goods stores throughout the state in September.

Although the following selections are expected to be within the frameworks proposed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, they will not be formally finalized through the Federal Register process until the conclusion of the public comment period in September 2013.

Gulls: Nov. 9 – 30
Coastal Zone: Feb. 24 – 28
Scaup (107 days)

- Scaup: 30 days with 2-bird bag limit
- Brant: 20 days with 2-bird bag limit
- Snipe: 20 days with 2-bird bag limit

Sea Dogs: Sept. 24 – 25

These special regulation only apply to the light gun-verified duck season.

Woodcock (36 days)

Sea Dogs: Sea Duck Area Only (107 days)

South Zone

- Brant: Nov. 2 – 12, Nov. 16 – Dec. 25
- Canada Goose: To be determined Youth days: Oct. 12 – Dec. 25

Conservation Order

- Statewide: Feb. 17 – Apr. 5
- Daily bag limit: None; includes greater and lesser snow goose and Ross’s goose

- The following special regulations apply: 1. Electronic calls permitted
- 2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than 7 shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
- 3. Hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

- These special regulations only apply to the light gun-verified duck season.

- Woodcock (36 days)
- North Zone: Oct. 9 – Nov. 23
- 2013-14 Migratory Bird Season Dates Set
- Sept. 9 – Oct. 30
- Dec. 19 – Jan. 1

- Daily bag limit: 3
- Oystercatchers
- Sea Ducks
- Scaup (5 days)
- Barrow’s Goldeneye
- Black Scoter
- Common Eider
- Common Goldeneye
- Common Scoter
- Hooded Merganser
- Ring-necked Duck
- Ruddy Duck
- Snow Goose
- Scaup
- Ross’s Goose
- Greater Snow Goose
- Lesser Snow Goose

- October 17 – February 15
- Daily bag limit: 25
- Scaup
- Scaup (107 days)
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The term “trolling motor” is something of a misnomer. The oddly-shaped eggbeater on the front of most bass boats is more of an “electric positioning motor,” but that term is not only confusing but also prone to evolution.

The two major brands of electrics, Motorguide and Minn Kota, both make quality products, far better than the occasionally unreliable motors of yesteryear. whose steering cables often snapped or whose circuit boards occasionally fried (www.eriesedgeguideservice.com/our_products.asp) allows you to achieve the same results on the fly. Most modern trolling motors allow you to adjust on the fly, but it takes substantial effort to loosen a thumbcrew or other tensioning device. The Quickship (www.electricguideservice.com/our_projects.asp) allows you to achieve the same result in a matter of seconds.

Any aftermarket weed cutters that can be attached to any brand motor. Anglers who regularly traverse rough water need to keep their motors from bouncing into the fiberglass caps of their boats or, even worse, coming free. Some come from the factory with a “bounce buster” or a Velcro strap. If yours doesn’t, add one.

Another bugaboo of serious anglers is pulling ropes that break at inopportune times. You may have the tournament-winning catch in your livewell with a scant five minutes left to get back to weigh-in, but when you go to lift the motor the rope breaks and you have to get out tools to get the motor stowed – a great catch wasted. For years, some anglers have hand-crafted unbreakable solutions out of metal cable, but now there are several inexpensive ready-made versions available like T-H Marine’s G-Force handle (http://tinyurl.com/cqs67tj).

There are other inexpensive products that will maximize your time on the water. Troll Perfect (www.trollperfect.com) makes a small sleeve you can easily clamp over your trolling motor shaft bearing, that allows you to infinitely adjust the tension on your steering. As a result, your trolling motor will not kick from side to side and your pedal will have less “slop.” It will fatigue you less, and also allow you to focus on fishing instead of fighting the wind, waves, and current.

Trolling Motor: MinnKota - Endura Max, Transom Mount, 12 V, 45-lb. thrust, 36-in. shaft, 36-in. cable, $170 or best offer. (www.eriesedgeguideservice.com/our_products.asp) allows you to achieve the same result in a matter of seconds.

The Sussex Federation would like to thank those members and friends who volunteered their time to work the fishing derby. We would also like to thank the local businesses selling sporting goods stores for their donations: Andover Hunt & Fish, Garden State Bow & Reel, Simon Peter Sports, Mastodon Ammo. The Federation would like to thank those members and friends who volunteered their time to work the fishing derby. We would also like to thank the local businesses.

Dick Strobel, for the Sussex County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs
Dry Flies... for Cats

by Bob Brunholz

“Whoa,” I said. “Go back, back to what you just said. You’re telling me you catch what on dry flies?”

That was a portion of a conversation I had with a friend and colleague who just happened to work for Pennsylvania’s Fish and Boat Commission. Admittedly, the conversation took place more than a decade ago.

As in all conversations, our conversation soon devolved from business into general lies about our independent, albeit recent, fishing experiences. That’s when I asked him to restate what he’d just told me. I also told him I believed him. I was adding, “I also believe the earth is flat, and that has at least some muddy bottom, you’ll probably notice something making that path is a catfish. They tend to swim just a few inches under the surface of the hundreds of spent flies littering the water. Literally, you’re dragging up a muddy bottom, then vacuums up the spent bodies into their guts.”

My friend said it was on one of his “secret” Pennsylvania streams where he’d discovered this phenomenon, and added it that he takes a bit of luck combined with good observational skills to locate the proper stream on which such feeding catfish can be found. That stream will need a sufficient flow of clear, fresh water to support good, heavy butches, that the slower the flow the better to aid in placing your fly. That’s half the key to the path of the feeding catfish.

Still, I took his tidbit of information that supposedly would open up a whole new world of fly fishing, with a bit of skepticism. Consequently, I placed the scenario of catching a big, dry fly-feeding catfish on my mind, to be brought forth sometime in the distant future should I ever stumble upon the unlikely scenario of catching one. That time never came, until five or six years later, I happened to be talking to a friend, who was the Chief of Police in a town bordering the long island which was where I’ve been employed at the local cop shop. He told me his uncle had a cabin on the upper reaches of the Delaware, near Hancock, New York, and there was some excellent trout fishing there. Would I be interested in accompanying him on a fishing expedition to his uncle’s hideaway? (He may have as well asked if I’d like to take a free, two-week trip to South Dakota for pheasant.)

About two weeks later I was hip-deep in the Big D, which didn’t look at all like the Delaware with which we’re familiar with down here in Jersey. While actively whipping the water to a froth with nothing much to show for my efforts, a fat lip of recreational fisherman and canoeists came through, putting the kibosh on any further prospect for the day. There was a whole passel of them, so I waded toward the bank and took a seat on a blowdown that was partially sticking out in the water. My intention was merely to wait them out, and then resume fishing. But as they were passing, I noticed something peculiar.

I’m used to fishing streams like the South Branch of the Raritan, the Big Flat Brook, and other similar waterways, and I’ve been there where there was nothing much to see. I considered to be reasonable large hatches of one kind or another, but I’d never seen anything like this. It was a hatch of mayflies that were more beige/yellow than the typical and was quite at least a hunch like I’ve never seen. It did, as my friend from Pennsylvania said, look like it was moving. Thousands upon thousands of them fluttering upward, then mating and eventually ending up doing the backstroke on the water’s surface. That’s when I saw something just below the surface was making a tiny wave through the carpet of mayflies lying on the surface, and I remembered what my friend had told me. To top things off, it wasn’t just one subsurface “thing” doing this. There was perhaps a half dozen or so tiny wakes.

After tying on a pale spinner, I found that this was one class of flies that my friend had failed to mention. One needs at least some proficiency at pinpoint casting to get a fly directly in front of what I was hoping were feeding catfish. In my case, it was more than chance, and I did manage to strike a few times, with a slight flip of a modified dry fly and a perfectly timed cast, to get the fly in the path of my quarry. Twice I hooked up, with one of them being a land-locked sea-run brownie. So, one might wonder, even if the monster catfish is the one you’re after, is it worth the time or the effort to tie into a bullhead?

As in all things fishing, however, our luck ran out, and as if you were looking for any small twitching catfish like this bruiser on a dry fly is not impossible, you just have to find the right conditions. Photo courtesy of FreeStateFlyFishers.com.

During 2012, several species yielded higher than normal catches. The Atlantic croaker and spot numbers were welcome increases, while the others could be a result of numbers caught in 2011.

When Hurricane Irene struck New Jersey in August of 2011, sampling was impacted for over 3 weeks. This and other weather-related setbacks yielded only 291 hauls during the 2011 sampling season. This was almost 30 less hauls, most during the fall months, than completed in 2012. It’s during this time that large numbers of banded killifish, hogchoker, and mummichogs are typically caught. With all 320 stations being sampled during 2012 this could explain the jump in total number caught.

Additionally, the dry summer of 2012 may have impacted catches of certain species, such as American shad, whose numbers were much greater, in taking efforts from the non-tidal portion of the Delaware River.

The table below lists the species with the most significant decreases:

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Additional species, which were not caught during the previous year, included: striped and white mullet (27 fish) as well as Northern and Southern kingfish (10 fish).

All water-quality parameters for 2012 were within tolerable ranges. Temperature ranges from 3.5 to 30.1 degrees Celsius. Dissolved oxygen levels remained above 3.5 mg per liter. Salinity values ranged from 0.8 parts per thousand.

As of this writing, Sandy, the largest Atlantic hurricane on record, made landfall in New Jersey on October 29, 2012. Sandy measured 525 miles in diameter, as a post-tropical cyclone with hurricane-force winds. Damage from the winds and flood waters is still being evaluated in the inland areas near the Delaware River.

Debris could be found in all nearby waterways. The Division’s sampling schedule was not impacted; however, this year’s Superstart/Sandhill Fin sampling will be delayed.

Dr. N. E. Eckenrode, DEP's Chief of Water Quality, and her Division staff have worked closely with the Delaware River Basin Commission to make sure appropriate sampling methods are used when sampling downstream of Sandy. Sampling results will be available in the spring of 2013.
The 1st Annual Joint Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ and NJ State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs Conference was held April 26-28 at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel of Eatontown, NJ, and by all accounts was an unqualified success.

The program consisted of two days of educational presentations and seminars, hosted jointly by the two sponsoring organizations.

Friday’s activities consisted of a buffet breakfast, followed by morning sessions (Bring Nature Back, Wildlife Diseases). A sumptuous lunch was followed by the afternoon presentations (Politics & Policy, Invasive Species, Getting the Word Out, and NJ’s Forests). After dinner, the NJSFSC Monthly Meeting was convened.

Saturday’s activities included another breakfast, a morning presentation on NJ Black Bear Management, lunch, and the afternoon sessions: Marine Fish Seminar (in three parts) and a Wild Turkey seminar.

After a brief recess, all attendees enjoyed a cocktail hour, followed by the Awards banquet. Pictured above are:

1. Director of the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) Dave Chanda addresses the crowd on Friday morning.
2. Executive Director of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ David Wheeler addresses the crowd on Friday morning.
3. Tony Petrongolo of the DFW acts as facilitator at the seminar Bring Nature Back, which discussed habitat remediation and restoration projects and efforts.
4. Ed Markowski of the NJSFSC and NJ Outdoors Alliance acts as facilitator at the seminar Politics & Policy, which discussed how environmental policies and initiatives interact with the existing political process and structure.
5. Al Ivany of the DFW acts as facilitator at the seminar Getting the Word Out, which discussed a variety of programs and efforts to improve public education of natural resources management.

6. The discussion panel for Getting the Word Out included (left to right) Michele Smith (DFW), Laurie Pettigrew (DFW), Keith Griglak (DFW), Pola Galue (Natural Resource Education Foundation of NJ), and Maria Grace (CWFNJ).

7-10. NJSFSC President Frank Virgilio presents awards to the 2013 recipients: Oliver Shapiro (Frank Valgents Award, photo 7), Jerry Natale (Keith Griffiths Memorial Award, photo 8), Bill Schemel (George Howard Award, photo 9), Pat Blizer (Jeannette A. Vreeland Women’s Award, photo 10).

11. NJSFSC Treasurer Gary Wolff addresses the crowd.

12. The banquet capped off a great weekend of education and enjoyment. Pictured at their table here are: Far left: Tom Surlak. Far right: John Rogalo. Front, l to r: Don Frasier, Pat Frasier, Jeanette Vreeland Rear, l to r: Frank Daru, Phil Romano, Bill Englehardt, Jim Cosmano. Photos by Bill Schemel (7-12) and Oliver Shapiro (1-6).
Flukin’ Time Again

by Vin T. Sparano

The technique of chumming for fish is not new to most New Jersey fishermen, but here’s a new productive twist that comes from the inshore waters of Florida where chumming is the most popular technique for catching yellowtail snappers, groupers, and many other species that live in patches of coral reefs. Captain Skip Nielsen, a charter cap-

Florida Bait Bomb

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Talk about anglers chafing at the bit. Yes, that’s what was happening just prior to the fluke (summer flounder) season which opened on May 18. Surprisingly, and much to everyone’s delight, the season will continue through September 27, more than four months for fishermen who probe Jersey’s 125 miles of coastal waters. With a 17½-inch minimum size and a four-fish bag limit, it augurs well for a fun-filled season targeting this tasty bottom feeder that takes up residence in our revered coastal bays and rivers, and especially in the open reaches of the Atlantic, which is where most of the keepers are found.

But it’s not so easy to score with keep-

This is why it’s only wise to hold bottom, and anglers failing to adapt to the conditions end up with their rigs and bait 20 or more feet above the bottom. I’ve used a variety of FLUOROCARBON hooks, which require just half the power to handle a heavy bottom rig, and are just a third the weight, yet with sufficient rigging. The key when working this type of rig over rough, rocky, and debris-ridden bottom is to maintain your line as nearly perpendicular to the bottom as possible, as this gives you more control and you’re less apt to get hung up on the bottom. Remember, the fluke are not on the rough sea, but here’s a new productive twist that comes from the inshore waters of Florida where chumming is the most popular technique for catching yellowtail snappers, groupers, and many other species that live in patches of coral reefs. Captain Skip Nielsen, a charter cap-

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Happiness is fishing aboard the Big Mohawk III and sending a jig and strip bait combo to the bottom, and having a doormat fluke like this beauty walk it. The key is always using a sufficiently heavy jig to keep it bouncing along the bottom, where a hungry flatfish will spot it. Vin T. Sparano photo.

while fluke often skirt the bottom by using a small strip of squid which is so heavy, as I’m prepared with a couple of the vintage baitcasting outfits I’ve used for largemouth bass fishing. Often I’ll slip a green soft plastic squid or Lucanus style jig is snapped onto the tail strip attached to it.

Aboard party boats, from which I do much of my fluke fishing, I’ll always have one backup outfit, somewhat heavier than the one just described. I’ve a few friends that actually board with four varied, fully rigged outfits. The key when working this type of rig over rough, rocky, and debris-ridden bottom is to maintain your line as nearly perpendicular to the bottom as possible, as this gives you more control and you’re less apt to get hung up on the bottom. Remember, the fluke are not on the rough sea, but here’s a new productive twist that comes from the inshore waters of Florida where chumming is the most popular technique for catching yellowtail snappers, groupers, and many other species that live in patches of coral reefs. Captain Skip Nielsen, a charter cap-

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Recreational Black Sea Bass and Commercial Winter Flounder Regulation Change

The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife is informing commercial and recreational sea bass and flounder fishermen that season and bag limit changes for black sea bass and possession limits for the commercial winter flounder fishery have taken effect as of this writing.

In February 2013, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMC) adopted regulation changes for the black sea bass fishery. Initially, the Board approved ad hoc regulations for the 2013 season allowing black sea bass to be harvested for sport and commercial purposes. These regulations were proposed for a 30-day public comment period and went into effect on May 2, 2013.

In March 2013, the state approved the 2014 season regulations for fishers in New Jersey. These include bag limits and possession limits for black sea bass and commercial flounder and fluke seasons.

For more information, please visit the NJDEP website or contact the Office of Marine Fisheries Management.
I’d like to take a moment to congrat- ulate the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife on the successful tagging of a wild hog, taken this spring the old-fashioned way, with a cup-and-ball revolver. Not content to just go “old school” with a percussion six-gun, Rosey went “old school,” using his Uberti reproduction M1860 Sharps rifle with a 22″ round barrel. He then used the Vaqueiro loaded with .44 Special rounds. Thus, by default, Rosey became not only the modern day hunter, but the first man to ever hunt a wild hog with a cup-and-ball revolver, the only one with a handgun besides Rosey was his friend Gus Petkas, armed with a Ruger Vaquero in .44 Magnum. Gus was planning to buy a single action in .45 Colt caliber and use it with black-powder cartridges, but New Jersey’s convoluted pistol permit system stalled the process of his own handgun, so he used the Vaquero loaded with .44 Special rounds. Thus, by default, Rosey became not only the modern day hunter, but the only one using black powder. That, Rosey’s only minor concession to modernity was in his choice of projectile, a Lee-designed round ball cast for him by Lance Brunner, chairman of the Old Bridge club’s Black Powder League. Although the .22-caliber Lee bullet’s .56 diameter, is a modern design, it should be noted that in the 19th century the deep-penetrating conical bullet was, contrary to modern popular belief, preferred over the round ball for use in revolvers. All US army-issue cartridges for use in revolvers during the Civil War featured conical slugs.

Rosey poured 52 grains of FFg black powder behind each bullet in the cavernous Walker chambers, creating an extremely potent load. He had to chase his hog “through extensive thickets and felled trees,” as he described it, before he got a clear shot, but the Walker (a 19th century magnum if ever there was one) dropped it with a single lug shot at 20 yards (paced off, after the fact), Rosey happily reports that the meat is in his freezer.

“North American Muzzleloader Hunting”

The black-powder shooting and hunting annual magazine, a regular feature of the firearms and hunting journalism industry, a couple of decades ago is if you have not noticed, quite dead. The demise of the most prominent journal, the Dixie Gun Works Annual, for which I used to write on an annual basis some years back, signaled that an era had ended. Other publications, Black Powder Hunting, the Deer and Deer Hunting Loading Annual and Black Powder Guns and Hunting, to which I was an occasional contributor, are long gone as well. Today, everything – for better or worse – is online, and, on the downside, lacks the editorial vetting that used to be a feature of magazine work. To be fair through, on the plus side, information on a new product or service is disseminated much more rapidly under this system. One of the best and most reliable online locations for getting the latest updates is Toby Bridges’ “North American Muzzleloader Hunting” website. It features the most up-to-date muzzle-loading hunting information, including accuracy and performance tips, technical advice, historical background, product reviews, and simple how-to muzzle-loading techniques. During the 12-month period between April 14, 2012 and April 15, 2013, it received more than 2 million hits.

Toby, who earned his credibility in the old-time print sporting journalism era, has made the transition to the new electronic age well. His site is worth a visit, by both newcomers and experienced hands. Check it out at namlhunt.com.
Dog Nutrition: Some Foods that are Okay

Proper nutrition is an important part of pet care and is especially true for hunting dogs. In her report on the use of human foods in pet nutrition, Dr. Catherine Reid, DVM, writes for various issues in the Fall 2012 issue of Healthy Pet, emphasizes that pet owners should consult a veterinarian before making changes to their dog’s diet. Do not replace a nutritionally complete diet with occasional leftovers. However, there is no harm in adding a few treats or supplements as training tools instead of processed treats.

Carrots – Raw carrots make excellent treats for dogs and can be frozen and given to young pets that are teething. They are rich in beta-carotene, an antioxidant that protects cells from damage.

Yogurt – Yogurt can be a good choice for a pet’s diet, and preservatives are recommended. Many dogs balk at training exercises in the summer heat, and certain things have to be kept in mind if you plan a summer training and conditioning regimen.

More On Summer Dog Care

If hot weather has not yet arrived, as of this writing, it’s sure to be right around the corner. Summer heat wave is tough on dogs. Most field dogs are more comfortable in cool to cold temperatures than in the scorching heat and high humidity of summer’s “dog days.”

Dogs will try to escape the heat by seeking shade and water outside, and the cooler climate base ment, or air-conditioned areas of the home indoors. They may drink more and exert themselves less and can you blame them?

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As far as general care goes, you want to keep your dog as comfortable as possible for the palate.

Drink water or other liquids only at the same time of the day that your dog drinks water and an area of shade if pup is kept outside.

Proper maintenance of a dog’s coat is important. Keep your dog’s coat clean and medium coats should be cleaned and clipped, but shaving should be avoided. Even short coats should be kept clean and free from seeds, burrs, and other irritating debris.

Training and conditioning sessions should be kept short and take place during the cooler early morning and evening hours. Include some exercises that involve swimming. Most dogs like to cool off in water during hot weather. Water, including bathtubs, will help your dog stay cool.

There are many fish and game that are available in the region. The druders are avoided when the druders are available. To the left are black crappie, bluegill, crappie, and catfish, and then plop into the deep fryer… they’re passed around, these tasty and golden brown tidbits, to all meeting and picnic attendees. It is a highlight of the “bring a dish” event, and there are never – and I mean never any leftover panfish mushy sandwiches.

I have been halfway around the world fishing, among other things, to New Zealand, Ireland, Hawaii; from Maine to the Keys, and out West for allegedly great trout fishing. It’s better in New Zealand, where the water is not quite so lovely scenery, but here the salmon aren’t 60 miles apart.

Back to the druders part, I would go with tarpon out of Islamorada, but that’s not possible every other week. Thus the saltwater choice is a summer breeze, gen- tle drift with a good friend and our lucky meal, a brown trout. I enjoy the salmon - and I mean never any leftover panfish mushy sandwiches.

I sit in front of my shack on one of those fold-up chairs with cup-holder arms, and with a libation at hand and a mason jar of this I catch dinner more often than I eat.

Back in the day we hopped about the deep water, but that’s hard to do with slapdash streams. I simply fished for trout. No more. When I want to get out I hop the fly rod, it’s a two-weight and I toss tan- dem wet flies when the bluegills are spawning and close to shore. I have enough to put away for later meals in no time. In the catching.

I should mention that, ounce for ounce, the bluegill is a mighty fighting fish as it turns sideways in its tussle. Match the tackle to the fish, which is why my 2- ounce, an ultra light spin outfit is the way to go.

I wish the lake had more crappies. I believe they taste even better than bluegills.

But I’d probably get an argument on that.

The Sporting View

by Marty Boa

Some fresh “people foods” that are good for dogs. From left: carrots, yogurt, cooked egg. Top: Apple slices without seeds. Marty Boa photo.

Summer’s For Lazy Day Fishin’

A bunch of the boys were whoppi ng it at Legon Post 414 bar, and the talk was about fishing and the druders of the drinkers.

Druid types were tout ing the sport of striped bass angling; those with wampum and the time to travel extolled the adventure of leaping saltfish on trips to Costa Rica, or silver king tarpon bending heavy rods in the Florida Keys; the local water guys, Lord forbid, liked dodging up cod from deep waters of the Atlantic in the dead of winter.

One guy, into his third vodka and iced tea, piped up that trout sometimes was caught down from a stocked lake into a trick of a creek that ran behind a nearby hot dog stand, and chubs as well as the occasional largemouth bass occupied a few taps on maple trees as possible explosive devices. (I kid you not.)

Most agreed that walleye was the best tasting of the saltwater fish, and either fluke or mulimahi on the saltwater side. This, dear readers, is a subject that will soon end at the argument level, when the dish imbecil will inevitably declare to all who listen “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

I do believe this comment was made after I suggested that fluke or bluegills were as fine a tasting a fish as any of the usual suspects tosses about as para- chutes.

Fact is, there is a way to cook them that called “fluke tan.” I suggest that it’s pretty much a stretch, but deep- fried parnms are a lot tastier than stuffed trout. So, as far as I’m concerned, the pretzels are a welcome addition.

Every August at our end-of-the-sea- son picnic and annual lake association meeting, we have a fishing contest for kids: perch, catfish, bluegills, crappie, and the entire sunfish family of fins only, no volunteers. “If we can’t get a fish, we’ll catch a fish,” and even by returning the shade of parked vehicles.

Never leave a dog shut up in a car or truck on a hot day. If you have to run errands with stops where you can’t take a dog, leave her home where it’s cool.

Ice cubes and crushed ice are great treats for dogs during the summer heat. They can be mixed in the drinking water or fed as refrigerating chew.

Fleas, ticks, and other pests can cause additional stress on dogs during a heat wave. Make sure pest medications are up to date.

Dogs require a little extra care during hot weather. Take these simple but neces- sary steps to avoid the risk of losing your beloved and valuable hunting companion to heat-related stress.

On The Road

by Rick Methot

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proper nutrition is an important part of pet care and that is especially true for hunting dogs. In her report on the use of human foods in pet nutrition, Dr. Catherine Reid, DVM, writes for various issues in the Fall 2012 issue of Healthy Pet, emphasizes that pet owners should consult a veterinarian before making changes to their dog’s diet. Do not replace a nutritionally complete diet with occasional leftovers. However, there is no harm in adding a few treats or supplements as training tools instead of processed treats.
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