State NASP Participants Excel at National Tournament

Six New Jersey schools sent 63 archers to Louisville, Kentucky, May 8-10 to compete in the NASP National Tournament. The schools participate in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) which teaches international-style target archery in 4th and 6th grades and is aligned to National Physical Education Standards. The program is sponsored by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife and covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental preparation, and self-improvement.

The competition was held in Louisville Kentucky with a total of 10,443 students competing, with a shooting line more than 1/2 mile long it is the largest archery competition on earth.

With an extremely tight competition, New Jersey archers represented themselves very well. The state's top team results were:

- Oxford Central School (middle school division): team score of 2363, ranking 25 out of 197 schools.
- Angelo L. Tomaso Elementary School (elementary school division) team score of 2998, ranking 45 out of 114 schools.
- The top shooter from New Jersey was Sara Quigley from Oxford Central School with a score of 286. This placed her seventh out of 740 7th-grade girls, and 23rd out of 2024 middle school girls.

In New Jersey, teachers in more than 130 schools have been trained to conduct NASP archery in physical education classes. This year the state had its largest turnout at a National Tournament with teams from the following six schools:

- Angelo L. Tomaso Elementary School in Warren, Somerset County (21 archers), Community Park Elementary School in Princeton, Mercer County (two archers), Oxford Central School in Oxford, Warren County (24 archers), Harmony Township School in Harmony Township, Warren County (four archers), Warren Middle School in Warren, Somerset County (nine archers), and Warren Hills High School in Warren, Warren County (three archers).

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The author shared boat decks, streams, deer and turkey stands, and trampolines for decades with his outdoor partner Rob (1916-1982) seen here tallying muskrat pelts and getting them ready for the bi-annual auction. The secret to the longevity of their friendship was a common bond of the love of the outdoors and sharing the same strict code of ethics.

Bob Brunisholz photo.
Wrangling Walleyes

by Lou Martinez

In the early 1900’s there were references to a naturally reproducing walleye population in Lake Hopatcong; these reports ended around the time of the Great Depression. In 1968 the Division of Fish and Wildlife determined that the cold, deep waters of the newly constructed Monksville Reservoir would be just the right place to begin a healthy, sustainable, walleye fishery. Two million walleye fry were released into the reservoir, and these voracious feeders grew so quickly, that within eight years, one, 10-pound fish were being documented.

In 1991, Lake Hopatcong received 10,000 walleye fingerlings by the Division and the members of the Knee Deep Club. Then, Greenwood Lake was stocked in 1992. This effort was followed by another Division stocking program in 1995, releasing fingerlings into Canister Reservoir (part of the Newark Watershed, which requires a permit for fishing).

Bottom line? Garden State anglers no longer have to leave the state for a great walleye experience, as everything you could possibly want is right here, probably within a couple of hours’ drive.

Research by the “Old Western” cowboy movies of the ‘50s and ‘60s, today’s walleyes utilize similar tactics to herd and corral the available forage, in New Jersey’s lakes, rivers, and reservoirs. Driving their prey towards the shallows, you can hear the constant “bloosh bloosh” sounds, as a band of hungry ‘eyes pick off their favorite food: herring.

As a walleye experience, as everything you may be more than your body can handle. Cold water, huddle together to preserve body heat.

One of Capt. Dave’s very happy customers hoists a nice 8-pound walleye. Lou Martinez photo.

by Vin T. Sparano

Most fishermen have had their boats in the water since before warm summer temperatures took hold. The season and launch for those early spring species, and persist well into autumn.

One truth that is hard to accept is that many of the seasoned, dedicated boatmen. Fishermen are usually interested more in fishing than boating… and this can mean a potential danger to themselves and their passengers.

One distinct danger is falling overboard into cold water. Even if you are a good swimmer, the effects of cold water may be more than your body can handle. Cold water can rob your body of heat faster than cold air temperatures. When your body temperature drops, hypothermia becomes a very real threat to life.

Don’t be misled into believing that water has to be 35 degrees to be dangerous to someone falling overboard. Cold water, at least for our purposes here, is anything under 70 degrees. When water temperature drops to as low as 35, survival is usually based on the physical condition of the victim.

Panic and shock are the first and most dangerous hazards to a fisherman falling overboard. Cold water can shock the body and sometimes induce cardiac arrest. Remember, hypothermia is taken by you when you dive into a pool? The same reaction happens when you fall head first into

Vollenweider of the Live to Fish Guide Service, fires off a cast with his 7-foot, medium-action rod, coupled with a medium-sized spinning reel loaded with 6- to 8-pound-test monofilament line. He engages the reel, and starts a steady retrieve, working in a few pauses and erratic motions. This allows the following predators to get worked up, and when these hungry ‘eyes slam into the plug, watch out! “cause they’ll do their best to rip that rod right out of your grasp!”

Capt. Dave’s specialty is hunting these voracious feeders at night. He arrives at his chosen body of water after most boaters have already headed home. As the lake begins to calm down between 9 and 10 pm, Vollenweider listens for sounds of feeding fish, keeping an eye in constant contact with his sonar fish-finding unit. He looks for rising schools of zooplankton, as these balls of plankton rise, they are close by followed by the herring that feed upon them, and the walleyes are not far behind. Herding their prey towards the shallows, the telltale “bloosh” sounds signal that the time is right to start casting.

Capt. Dave’s most productive lures are floating stick bait plugs. He favors an arsenal consisting of Smithwick Rogues, Sebile Koolie Minnows, Reef Runners, Rapala Tail Dancers, Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnows, and Rapala F-10s.

Live Target’s Threadfin Shads including their Yellow Perch Floating models are also favored by seasoned anglers, as their trigger-provoking action and vibration can bring on vicious strikes. As walleyes possess phenomenal night vision, Capt. Dave believes that the dark of the moon period is a prime technique.

Strongly advocate CPR (catch, photo, release), but this is my personal exception. Walleyes are an exceptionally tasty fish, particularly when the fillets are dipped in an egg bath, floured, and rolled in some Panko breadcrumb crumbs, and lightly fried in corn or canola oil. The course adherence to all size and retention limits is a must, and even there some restraint is well advised.

Walleye can be caught in the Delaware River, Greenwood Lake, Monksville Reservoir, Lake Hopatcong, Canister Reservoir, and Swartswood Lake. All of these bodies of water were again stocked in 2013. Have a Wally good fishing day!

To contact Live to Fish Guide Service, call 882-884-5145 or visit www.livetofishguideservice.com.

Record Walleye A-Waiting…

In 1993, George Fundell set the state record by catching a giant ‘eye, tipping the scales at a whopping 13 pounds and 9 ounces. This behemoth was caught in the Delaware River Division employ harvests. As a bonus you caught a big one in Swartswood that equalled that weight that was several years ago. Wonder what it weights now? There’s only one way to find out, and if you’re one lucky one, send your photos over to us.

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If you’re in a position to assist someone recently extracted from the water, there is a number of steps you can take to bear in mind, and treatment of cold-water victims varies. First stage of hypothermia are intense shivering, loss of coordination, mental confusion, blue skin, weak pulse, irregular heartbeat, and enlarged pupils. If the victim is cold and only shivering, dry clothes and blankets may be all that is necessary.

If the victim is semi-conscious, move him (or her) to a warm place and into dry clothes. Make him lie down on his back slightly lower than the rest of his body, which will cause more blood flow to the brain. You can also warm the victim with warm towels to the head, neck, chest, and groin.

Of course, it’s always easier to avoid problems by taking a few simple precautions. Wear several layers of wool for insulation. Wool, even when wet, will retain body heat.

If you suddenly find yourself in the water, make sure your life jacket is snug. Keep clothing buttoned up. The water trapped in your clothes will be warmed by your body heat and help to keep you warm.

Get into the H.E.L.P. (heat escape lessening posture) and stay as motionless as possible until you are rescued. Don’t try to swim unless there is no chance of a rescue.

Keep these pieces of advice in mind when boating; nobody wants that expedition to be his or her last one.
mind that bathrooms and toilets are some-
what of a very big deal in resales, not to men-
tion that indoor plumbing is almost, not quite, as important at deer camp as olives for the marines.

America has enough problems, such as too many ladders, but what about my own life with have in sufficient numbers are bathrooms. Specifi-
cally, there seems to be an inade-
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sary facilities for women.

This is why my poor, burdened broth-
er emailed from Vermont to report how
mother-in-law was moving in and he ned-
ed an additional bathroom. What he really
that he obviously has two problems, the
former spawning the latter.

He was correct, making one of the “pro-
ject,” which means destroying what once
was a perfectly practical basement for stor-
ing roots and salted hams for the winter
and handling laundry chores, into a sepa-
rate living quarters complete with personal
potty. I have yet to ask just who might be
living in the cellar.

My brother said there was a family of
eight living in his rather small house when
he bought it and they seemed to do just
fine with only one bathroom. Well, per-
haps not; they did sell the joint.

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- Fishing the Great Lakes of New York, by Spider Rybak. Subtitled “A Guide to Lakes Erie and Ontario, their Tributaries, and the Thousand Islands,” this book comes to print just in time to plan your trip this summer to this magical region of North America’s fisheries. The Great Lakes offers, as anybody who has sampled it already knows, fishing opportunities to
to almost anywhere on the planet.

“Thirty-pound Chinook salmon, small-
mouths over five pounds, 20 something-
pound northern pike, 10-inch walleyes,
steelhead, brown trout and lake trout
stretching over three feet long; four-foot
muskies and trophy landlocked Atlantic
salmon are all available in sufficient quan-
tities to make the chances of catching one
reasonable goal on every fishing trip – if
you know where to begin, which is the pur-
purpose of this book,” says the back
cover blurb.

Although the subtitle gives a good flavor
of what may be found within its pages, it falls far short of preparing the
reader for the wealth of information contained
within its pages. The two major sections of the book correspond on the respect-
ive Great Lakes; each sec-
ton is broken down to com-
ponent areas to make the
entire enterprise easily man-
ageable.

For a given spot or area, plenty of useful informa-
tion is provided: how to get
there, what equipment to use, a
descriptive rundown of
characteristics, what kind of parking facilities are there, tips on how to fish the species properly, how to
get there and have a real expectation of
fishing into something memorable.

The book is published by Burford Books, and lists for $26.95. It is available at
bookstores, online retailers, sports

- Complete Outdoors Encyclopedia (5th Edition), by Vin T. Sparano. This venerable tome, appearing in its first edition in 1972, represents
what may be the best single-volume
resource for outdoors sports and information. I have a clear memory
of picking up my first one (that was
long after the third edition came out
in the late 1980s) as a young man,
when my own outdoors library was
still in its formative stages, and it has
remained one of my premier go-to
references ever since.

Perhaps the most notable change
from the previous edition (16 years ago) is
the new use of eye-catching, clear,
and attractive images in photographs and
drawings. The use of color accomplishes a
lot more than just looking pretty; much of
that resultant detail is much clearer than it
can be in black-and-white (the new spread
“on how to fillet a fish” is a prime example of
this).

And of course there are lots of new
topics that few of us could have imagined
even as recently as 1998 (4th edition),
and much less in 1975. Sparano has updated
this edition to include important
new topics like GPS usage, the
new crop of non-toxic alterna-
tives to lead shot, and lots more.
And there’s an entirely new sec-
tion on wilderness survival,
with discussions on planning ahead,
compiling a survival kit, medical care, making fire,
and lots more.

This book belongs on a
prominent shelf in any
sportsmen’s library, whether a
previous edition is already there or not.
Published by Universe Publishing and
containing 640 pages with 1,300 photos
and illustrations, the new edition of the
Complete Outdoors Encyclopedia lists
for $35 and is available in bookstores and
from online sources.
Stupid Gun Laws, Buyers’ Preferences and the National Civil War Museum

On the “I can’t believe this nonsense” front, I have learned that on March 26, 2014, the trial of a man named Mark Witaschek in Washington, DC, the grounds of possession of – get this – a shotgun shell took a turn for the worse. When the defense introduced the shotgun, the prosecuting attorney was shocked to learn that it was hollow-point. They are not musket bullets. They look like bullets. They are quoted as saying “I am persuaded these are bullets, or projectiles, not cartridges, and thus the charge resulted in a 30-man jury verdict indicating it was somewhat important (41 %) or very important (54 %) for sportsmen to buy products made in this country.

Price, however, apparently plays as much a role, if not a bigger one, in making purchase decisions than where an item is made. Asked if two competing products had the same quality and functional benefits, but one was made in the U.S.A. and the other was not, how much more would the “Made in U.S. A.” product have to cost before the person preferred the other product? The results were telling. If the product was up to 5% more expensive, more than 12% of those polled said they would buy the cheaper product. If the American made product was 10% to 15% more expensive, another 16% indicated they would choose the foreign-made product. More than 10% to 20% of the respondents would purchase the foreign product. The survey results merely escalate by another 23% and it steadily climbs after that.

Some Trapper Stats

A 2012-13 New Jersey Trapper Harvest Survey was mailed to 1195 licensed trappers requesting harvest, recreational and socio-economic information for the 2012-13 trapping season. Seventy-two percent (72%) were returned by the 11th of March. A total of 37 (13%) respondents provided harvest and recreational estimates, and 20 respondents provided equal footing with foreign competitors and underscore the importance of American companies to be able to compete on an equal footing with foreign competitors whose manufacturers are not held to the same standards. These numbers are equal at the cash register, most sportsmen will opt for the American-made products.

Black Powder Notes

by Joe Bilby

Special report on the Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament held last weekend.

Island Beach State Park hosted the 23rd annual Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament on May 18, marking the first time in the competition’s storied history that it was held in the spring.

“We look forward to having anglers from New Jersey and neighboring states compete for our beautiful beaches, Island Beach State Park, which has fully recovered from the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy,” said Terri Lamanno, Assistant Commissioner of Environmental Protection (DEP). “We welcome anglers of all ages and experience to enjoy a great day of fishing with family and friends, and help kick off the start of the summer season at the Jersey Shore.”

The annual Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament, which has long been an October staple, was moved to May this year to get a jumpstart on the summer tourism season and to allow for increased participation in the event.

“We are anticipating some improved surf fishing opportunities and a bigger variety of surf species both for experienced anglers and youths, which should make for a lot of fun on Sunday,” said the Director of Fish and Wildlife, Dave Chanda before the event occurred. “Anglers will have an opportunity to land some striped bass, surf fishing instruction programs and equipment, and marine education and restoration projects. Everything is coming together at the right time for a really enjoyable tournament on Sunday,” remarked Paul Smith, President of the New Jersey Anglers Association. “The weather is getting warmer and Island Beach surf anglers are now catching some good size striped bass, large bluefish, and even some topjaw and topnotch surf fishing opportunities on Sunday for some early season fishing action.”

The move to May is already paying off, with pre-registration numbers up over last year’s twenty-five percent,” said Tim Burden, president of the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association. “They are in for a treat,” added Burden. The New Jersey Beach Buggy Association is one of the tournament sponsors. Their members volunteered to be judges and drive their vehicles along the beach to weigh in the fish as outlined in the tournament rules.

On the day of the tournament, a nice bluefish blitz had tournament anglers on the move up and down the beach as they tried to keep up with the fish. Chris Follmer of Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, took the grand prize and NJ Governor’s Cup with a 36-inch bluefish, which he and his rig went on to receive the rod-and-reel combinations and a plaque, and will have his name engraved on the tournament’s trophy, which is sponsored by the National Civil War Museum.”

On Saturday, the Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament is sponsored by the Division of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry, the New Jersey State Parks and Forestry, the New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection, and the New Jersey Sportsman’s Association, the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, and the National Civil War Museum.”

National Civil War Museum

I am almost ashamed to say that I had not visited the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA until I spoke there on “The Guns of 1864,” a presentation I made several years ago. I have learned that on March 26, 2014, the trial of a man named Mark Witaschek in Washington, DC was held in the museum’s spring lecture. Despite the rainy weather, we had an excellent turnout of folks who were really interested in the Civil War, including several readers of this column, and I had a chance to handle some of the museum’s pieces collection, including an original Henry rifle presented to a Kansas lieutenant during the Civil War, curated by Curator of Collections Brett E. Kelley.

The National Civil War Museum itself is quite impressive, and features displays narrating the chronology of the war, including topographical studies, weaponry, and equipment, and Camp Curtin, the large and resourceful and processing center for the Union Army, which is open to the public. The museum also hosts annual lecture series focusing on Civil War-related topics; living history presentations, and temporary exhibitions and has a well-stocked gift shop and bookstore.

It is well worth a visit and easily accessible from New Jersey; just zip out of Philadelphia, down Route 76 and make a right at the Pennsylvania Turnpike or down Route 287. A 2-hour drive will give you plenty of time to see the museum’s website at: www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org.

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There is no doubt about it; outdoor sportspersons need "stuff." Hunters, anglers, campers, hikers, and others need to own and maintain an inventory of activity-specific equipment in order to remain successful. Without it, one would be repairing old gear and buying new equipment for replacement or upgrade goes with the territory, and for longer than any of us can remember the catalog-based mail order business has been in the forefront. The catalogs have been in the important role of "supply support" for the sporting community, thus enabling the continuance of our American outdoor sporting traditions.

Many folks enjoy poring over a printed catalog, leaning forward in the chair to get a better look at it. The catalogs included pictures of most of the advertised products. The catalogs were interesting and enjoyable to read. The use of descriptive words and phrases with a dash of advertising skills and a flair for writing. He authored a number of books, some quite national albeit unusual marketing and advertising-oriented company history visit gunsmith factory, game call factory, and a gunsmith shop. Herter's business and made the company name for 40 years.

After serving in World War II, Herter made the move into catalog sales, and eventually transformed the operation into a mammoth dry goods business circa 1937, and started the mail order business for outdoor sporting goods that online catalogs have their advantages, enabling the continuance of our American tradition, and despite the fact that online catalogs have their advantages, thereby eliminating the mail-order firearms delivery which played a part in the eventual downfall of the company. Herter's catalogs are sold on eBay, and have found nothing concrete to substantiate their claims. Herter's catalogs, noticing that the company was in possession of the tools, dies, and list of desirables. One is the belief that the company's reputation is based on the old Herter's brand name. The research also shows that the old Herter's company has quite a following today. The fairly large number of blogs, how-to websites, and sites relating the history of the company and the desire on the part of the outdoors enthusiasts to own original Herter's products that some of the old stuff has been, or is, being manufactured and reissued. However, as of this writing I see nothing to support this theory. Some with rather strange-sounding names. Herter's also sold a Broadhead Action Knife. The term "Bull Cook" is applied to a typical Bowie knife and has a thick oversize handle that provides a good grip, and in the catalog for 1979 (No.79) featured a section on duck and goose decoys. The author's collection.

Herter's catalogs are some 1,000 pages long. With a little respite during that quiet time spent in the hospital cafeteria with some of the staff. Herter came over and handed me a Herter's catalog for a special event. Celebrating a landmark anniversary? Let the rest of the Federation know! Send your news to the Editor of this paper. The Sporting View. Herter's catalog was a landmark anniversary? Let the rest of the Federation know! Send your news to the Editor of this paper. The Sporting View. Herter's catalog was a landmark anniversary? Let the rest of the Federation know! Send your news to the Editor of this paper. The Sporting View.
**Beavers in NJ**

The following was excerpted from the Spring 2014 edition of the New Jersey Furbear Management Newsletter.

The beaver (Castor canadensis) has been an important part in New Jersey’s and the nation’s early history. The pelts of this one animal played a great part in the economic base for the trade and eventual growth of New Jersey’s earliest settle- ments, especially along the banks of the Delaware River. The beaver’s range prior to European colonization was through the forested areas from all North America from Alaska through Canada and south to Mexico.

Beavers were plentiful at the time when over 4,000,000 acres of New Jersey were forested. Trade in the mid-1600s was reported to be 9,000 to 10,000 pelts per season in the areas along the Delaware near the New Jersey border. Beaver skins and wampum (shell beads) were the currency in the early years of settle- ment by the people along the river. Traders purchased the pelts from the Indians, paying for them with wampum. The sellers then used the pelts to purchase the supplies and services that the settle- ments required. In addition, New Jersey was worth about seven florins or two dollars each. Historical reports tell of members of the tribe “swimming in the night” on a trade trip to Manhattan in 1643 to purchase ani- mals to work the fields. In Manhattan, the lead of the nostrils was cut off and the pelts were sold for oxen for 124 pelts, one cow for 22 pelts, and 75 bales of hay for 32 pelts. Trade continued on the hoof.

New Jersey had a flourishing beaver-hat trade with Portugal and the West Indies. This trade apparently died out prior to the Revolutionary War period. The combina- tion of overhunting and the uncontrolled demand for beaver pelts and the extensive deforestation and cultivation of the land and pastures for livestock made the population greatly reduced the beaver numbers as the eighteenth century came to a close. These same factors led to the near extinction of the beaver in most of the country. However, New Jersey was greatly acceler- ated in the northeast because the human popula- tion was greatest in that area.

By the early 1800’s the beaver had almost disappeared from Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Mercer, and Burlington counties then to the west into the central and southern parts of the state. Some of the last sites with active beaver today are still in Cumberland, Burlington, Mercer and Ocean counties. Several of the last sites with active beaver today are still in the central and southern parts of the state. Some of the last sites with active beaver in the state are 'swimming in the night' on a trade trip to Manhattan in 1643 to purchase ani- mals to work the fields. In Manhattan, the lead of the nostrils was cut off and the pelts were sold for oxen for 124 pelts, one cow for 22 pelts, and 75 bales of hay for 32 pelts. Trade continued on the hoof.

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A beaver's front teeth are always growing; a beaver must gnaw continually throughout its life to keep them worn down. The lower and upper incisors are the primary cutters. The lips of the beaver seal tightly behind the incisors and the tongue fits tightly against the roof of the mouth to prevent water from leaking out. The beaver has a split double toenail that allows the foot to fit tightly against the roof of the mouth to prevent water from leaking out. The beaver has a split double toenail that allows the foot to force water underwater. Each fall in New Jersey, a colony of beavers that have not been disturbed will build new dams and stockpiles of food. These stockpiles are called a cache. These caches enable the beavers to contin- uously feed themselves in another area.

A beaver’s vision is weak, although its hearing and sense of smell are very keen. Its sense of smell is heightened during grooming to waterproof it fur. The tail which secrete an oil which is used to waterproof the tail which secrete an oil which is used to protect itself but also waterfowl, muskrat, and other land dwelling animals. But, the beaver alters the existing area by flooding large areas which depending on the indi- individual and their perception of the situation can be either wonderful or terrible. The beavers alter the existing area by flooding roads and property that are close to them. They can remove trees and make a man-made watercourse is completely covered by a layer of ice. The beaver eats about 1.5 to 2 pounds of food each day. Beaver will utilize the bark of birch, poplar, maple, willow, cherry, hazelnut, viburnum and alder, beech, ash, dogwood, pine and hemlock. Beavers will also cut grasses, sedges and roots such as cattail or water lily in the spring and sum- mer. Breeding occurs in January and February. It is assumed that the male and female beavers form a pair bond for life. The young, usually 1 to 5 in number (depending on the quality of the food) are born about 3 ½ months later. Beaver are born about 3 ½ months later. The female has about one to six kits which are fully furred at birth and weigh between 1 and 1½ pounds and have been known to reach over 60 pounds in weight and age in excess of 75 bushels of rye for 32 pelts. Trade in the mid-1600s was reported to be 9,000 to 10,000 pelts per season in the areas along the Delaware near the New Jersey border. Beaver skins and wampum (shell beads) were the currency in the early years of settle- ment by the people along the river. The beaver forms a roughly conical struc- ture for the beaver – Castor). These sacs produce medicines and perfumes. Beavers also have two other glands at the base of the tail which secrete an oil which is used to waterproof the fur.

Beavers in NJ

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A Hard Look at the HSUS

Here is the release issued by HSUS:

"A Hugh (sic) thank you (emphasis theirs) goes out to all who attended the Annual Humane Lobby Day in Trenton yesterday—it was far our most successful day ever!"

"It was amazing to see how many first time attendees there were who took the time off from work to spend hours learning about the issues, speaking with state representatives, and meeting like-minded advocates from their districts."

"We were also very lucky to have 15 students from the Lawton High School Pets and the animal club from the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School. They are future leaders in our community or lobbying politicians."

"Our sincerest appreciation also goes out to four legislators that were honored yesterday. Senator Raymond Lensink, Senator Tom Kean Jr., Senator Kip Bateman and Senator Diane Allen, we thank you for your unwavering support for animal welfare in the state of New Jersey."

"When you make a difference, a change is inevitable. California is one of the states joining the suit, and if you’ve been paying attention, HSUS has already done substantial damage to the sportsmen of the Golden State."

"In my view, it is understandable that California would ream the tainted harvest of HSUS since many of their politicians have the same unscrupulous traits as the HSUS or even many, New Jersey legislators. But recent news should have warned some of the suits at HSUS that while it’s feasible to file legislation on left-leaning issues, don’t you mess with farmers and ranchers."

"Why do I single out California and/or New Jersey? Let’s look at another easy target or coops used to house egg-laying hens, our most active cage-free group recently held a “Lobby Day” in Trenton on Wednesday.

"The closer this bill is that is being written in Trenton to end certain types of farming practices, the more difficult it will be to pass in the Garden State of New Jersey. This is the group that is going to your towns in an effort to stop deer hunting."

"Mauro commented.

Tight Lines and Straightaway Shots®

By Robert Bruniholz

The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has announced that Conservation Officer Wesley Kille was presented with the National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Officer of the Year Award for 2014. This award is presented only once each year to recognize the outstanding efforts of a Wisconsin Conservation Officer. Officer Wesley Kille has been an officer with the Bureau of Law Enforcement since 2002. He is a graduate of Rowan University with a degree in Criminal Justice. Wesley Kille represents the Gloucester County Police Academy. His assigned patrol area is Gloucester County working out of the Deptford Township Police Station.

During the spring of 2012 CO Kille spent a considerable amount of time scouting and investigating potential turkey hunting violations. His diligent efforts resulted in the apprehension of 13 illegal turkey hunters.

Seven hunters were charged and convicted for hunting turkeys with the aid of bait, three for hunting without the proper turkey permits, two for possession of untangleable one of, if not the, most insidious groups to ever foist themselves on a well-intentioned public, and they don’t let the truth get in their way when it comes to advertisements, soliciting funds or smear- ing those politicians who support their agenda.

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