The Northern Bobwhite Restoration Initiative, led by New Jersey Audubon (NJA), realized the second of three scheduled releases of wild Northern Bobwhite quail in early May at two sites in eastern New Jersey that were captured in Georgia, by project collaborator Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservation. They were successfully translocated to, and released, at the Pine Island Cranberry study site.

After receiving health screening testing and attaching leg bands and radio-tagging collars to each bird, a total eighty-one birds, (37 females and 44 males) were released in groups at the Pine Island Cranberry study site by NJ Audubon and initiative partners, Pine Island Cranberry, the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and the University of Delaware.

The northern bobwhite gets another chance at populate parts of the New Jersey landscape. Photo courtesy wikipedia.com.

We did not have that luxury last choices, nesting area selection and predation, in their cover and foraging and attaching leg ID bands and radio-telemetry, students, contracted by NJ Audubon for the project, monitored the birds and were able to confirm 15 nests, 127 eggs laid, and 66 chicks hatched in 2015. The birds were tracked throughout the breeding season, paired with low site mortality, and confirmed to have overwintered successfully at the study site. It was noted that the quail were utilizing the young pine regeneration growth areas for cover throughout the entire winter season. Those young pine areas were the result of vegetation regeneration in areas that had been harvested previously as part of forest stewardship activities performed by Pine Island Cranberry to improve overall watershed and forest health.

“With the lack of quality habitat being the most important limiting factor for quail survival, the Pine Island Cranberry study site provides proof that active management is the key to species recovery,” said, Jimmy Sloan, Upland Habitat and Wildlife Biologist with NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.

The newly released birds, as well as last year’s quail, will be tracked via radio telemetry in the field to determine movements, predation, site fidelity, habitat use and nesting by the graduate students from the University of Delaware. “I have always been rooting for the quail and the overall success of the project, but year one turned out even better than I expected. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with these hearty, little, birds. Last year’s juvenile recruitment into this year’s breeding season, paired with low site mortality, adds to the support of this project being successful as years progress. The second release of translocated individuals brings another round of excitement for the quail crew here at the University of Delaware. We are eager to see which the birds have to teach us this season,” said Kadi Stevens, University of Delaware Researcher on the project.

The Pine Island site in New Jersey is located on the western side of Mount Hope Pond, in Morris County, where there are 200-300 acres of upland areas with increased numbers of Sassafras and Dogwood trees. These habitat characteristics are similar to those found in the Pine Island site in New Jersey in 2013. Habitat planning for this site is ongoing and will be used to enhance the overall habitat quality of the site.

“Southern New Jersey” by Bruce Edward Litton

Bass in the Sticks

Inspired by Oliver Chaplin’s book Fishing New Jersey: A Guide for Freshwater Anglers, a few years ago I visited Mount Hope Pond in Morris County. After weeks of virtually always catching one or two largemouths better than 2-1/2 pounds, I decided to cross over the little spillway to try the western side. There I passed a fellow angler, asking him how the fishing went.

“Just a little sunfish,” he replied.

“If you get back in the sticks and pitch plastic worms, you can catch bass,” I offered.

“Only early and late,” he said. His face suggested a tense air of authority.

“I always come at noon,” I said, “and get them every time.”

“Ah,” he dismissed me, “I'll get them in Florida and avoid the ticks.”

This happened years ago, and yet represents a perennial attitude that ensures bass will always be around for the sport. I sometimes see, while out fishing, ecology and economy merge. The bass on the eco-logical end of the spectrum, the attitudes of angler on the opposite side. Who among anglers wants to make strenuous efforts (you can even get bedridden as a result) unless you’re the kind who enjoys the rewards of a challenge? Such an angler can always brush off the abundant ticks from

In the sticks, I use a 3-3/0 worm hook buried in the plastic, but instead of using a fluorocarbon leader (which sinks) I suggest 15-pound-test monofilament (which doesn’t). In any case, I consider a

Skincare: Be Careful

by John Toth

Last year, I got skin cancer on my left hand and I had to get it surgically removed, requiring several trips to the dermatologist. While there, I put up a flyer on skin cancer and I have summarized ways of protecting others from contracting it.

Our fishing season is kicking into high gear, and you will be on the water, especially during the hot summer months when the sun really beats down on us. The hot sun also raises the possibility of getting skin cancer, and a number of us have had parts of their ears, nose, and other areas of their skin removed. It is important to understand the types of rays that can harm us.

There are two types of ultraviolet rays, and they are UVB and UVA rays. The UVB rays penetrate the outer layer of skin, causing damage to skin cells and it is the primary cause of skin cancer. The UVA part can even pass through glass and penetrate deep into the layers of skin, contributing to premature aging of skin, wrinkles, and of course cancer.

It is very important to have the right protection and sun blocks that have an SPF (sun protection factor) rating that you need to look out for. Applying a sunscreen with a SPF of 15 for example means that it will take 15 times longer for your skin to burn. However, SPF measures the protection on skin cancer caused mainly by UVB rays, but it does not measure the protection from UVA rays. Therefore, it is important to select a sunscreen that has a UVA protection.

So use a sunscreen that has a SPF of at least 15 or higher. Also, don’t forget to apply a lip balm since your lips also receive these dangerous rays.

In addition to using sun blocks, always wear a hat to give your head protection from the sun. Wear one that has a wide brim to give you extra protection.

It is very important to have the right sunglasses to protect your eyes from sun glare are also important, and you can get the needed protection from sunglasses that cost $15 to $300 or more in price. Berkeley sells sunglasses that are very reasonably priced and provide you with the right protection from these harmful rays.

Enjoy your fishing, but protect yourself from sun and sun glare.

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The ABCDE’s of Melanoma

Moles, brown spots and growths on the skin are usually harmless — but not always. Anyone who has more than 100 moles is at greater risk for melanoma. The first signs can appear in one or more atypical moles. That’s why it’s so important...
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**Is your club holding a special event? Celebrating a landmark anniversary? Let the State Federation know! Send your news to the Editor of this paper (contact information on this page).**
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I was very pleased to see the report and learn of this program. Introductions, and reintroductions, of various wildlife species into the fields, forests, and waters of New Jersey have effectively transformed the state into a variety of ecological niches that are surprisingly rich in wildlife. This of course helps the sportsmen and women in the Garden State, but naturally it benefits everybody, including campers, hikers, birdwatchers, and more. Even those citizens who do not regularly participate in outdoors activities are more often than not delighted when they get a chance to see any of these species on the occasional basis.

Of these avian species that have been the attention of such activities, the wild turkey is perhaps the poster child for the potential success of such re-introductions. Native to New Jersey and environs, conditions that prevailed up until the middle of the 20th century eradicated this majestic bird, Ben Franklin’s choice for our national symbol. Careful efforts that began in the 1970s, and continuing until recent years, have reestablished the turkey’s populations to such an extent that some wild urban areas they can sometimes border on nuisances.

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Vin T. Sparano has been an outdoor editor and writer for more than 50 years. He is editor emeritus of Outdoor Life and has written and edited more than 15 books about the outdoors. In 2013 he was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame.
With one of my shooting buddies, Pete Oriente, I recently had the enlightening pleasure of visiting CJN Casting in Toms River, New Jersey. Carl Nunn, the sole owner of this company, makes custom made hard cast bullets. CJN Casting, formerly known as TSM Casting, has been in business for nearly 20 years.

Unless we really know what we’re doing, casting match-grade bullets will be a mystery to most of us. I’ve been a target shooter all my life, but unfortunately my experience in casting anything has been limited to melting lead on my kitchen stove and making sinkers for fluke and sea bass fishing.

According to Carl, his bullets are made with a 6 percent antimony and 2 percent silver (Brisnel Hardness Number, where the Brinell scale is used to measure the indentation hardness of a material). Hardness isn’t too soft, not too hard, and gives the right seal without a lot of barrel leading.

by David Burke, Acting Chairman

The regular Council meeting was held at the Central Region Office in Robbinsville. Eight Council members were present, with one member voting in absentia. The first order of business was a review of select meeting highlights and Bureau reports. (Information presented is not in the minutes, as we had a camera person present.) Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Division website after approval at the next meeting.

Director Chanda reported that the current year’s budgeted expenses are running on balance which allowed for the purchase of several much-needed vehicles including a new trout stocking truck which typically lasts more than 20 years. A new tractor is also being purchased for Lands Management. The Director anticipates the cost of employee benefits to go up in the next fiscal year which will have a big impact on the budget. The Director also recommended a copy of the Division budget.

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By Vin T. Sperano

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The Waterfowl Stamp Advisory Committee must choose five detailed models as duck stamp prints which would be displayed at the Pheasant Natural Resources Education Center and that the committee would pay for the display case(s). The decoys were made by prominent NJ carvers and had been in storage.

Barbara Stoff (licensing and permits) reported on the license sales report which were down by 1.9% and that 2,500 boudi licenses had been issued. She also reported that she is working with Wal-Mart representatives to fix license issuance problems. (Note: the next time you go to Wal-Mart, request a copy of the Division budget.

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by Pete Robbins

New Jersey bass pro Adrian Avena was bathing cleanup, and he came through in the clutch.

During a media event at a Georgia fish factory earlier this spring, the assembl- ed Haasouls Master Elite Series pros located a nearly 9-pound bass in the shallows of a backyard pond. The fish was clearly relat- ing to a bed, but it wouldn’t stay put, cir- cling a small area, diving in and out, and chasing bluegills away whenever they came too close.

One by one, the three other profes- sionals stepped to the plate, trying to tempt the big girl with a variety of traditional plastics, small swimbaits, and jigs. They all struck out. The fish barely looked at them or their offerings. After allowing her to rest, Avena came to the plate armed with a rod that looked suited foradrohs and a lure that appeared big enough to feed a small family – a Roman Made Negatori swimbait. One cast, and as the lure eased past the spot where he assumed the bed to be, the big fish attacked. Thirty seconds later, she was in his grasp.

The wooden Negatori is seven inches long and 2 ounces. Despite a hefty price tag of nearly 100 dol- lars (it’s a big brother, the 12-inch Roman Made Mother – with two joints instead of one – commands over $400… if you can get one!), obsessed anglers snap them up as soon as they hit the shelves because these big baits often work when traditional fare doesn’t. Anglers in California lined up and camped out overnight to claim a Deps Glide Swimmer 250 of their own, despite a price tag of nearly $50.

If that’s too rich for your blood, there are smaller offerings. The Jointed Claw, and the River2Sea S-Waver.

Big bait, big bass. And then some. This happy angler shows us the truth of the methodology. Pete Robbins photo.

They’re not all gigantic. For example, the S-Waver comes in a 4½” version. Nevertheless, it’s the big ones that give the attri- bution, and knowledgeable anglers carry them not just in Texas, Georgia, California, and Alabama, but wherever they trav- el. These single-jointed lures, with their seductive “S” curve action on the retrieve, instigate vicious territorial strikes when bass are in a feeding mood.

They’re best in relatively clear water. While the larger sizes displace a lot of water, the grace- ful gliding action which gives them their name is best when you can see them. You can pop your rod tip and make them move like a dog, they’re usually best when you don’t overwork them. Just retrieve slowly and steadily, with occasional pauses and subsequent increases in speed. While they can’t be worked as hard as a lure with a cover due to their multiple treble hooks, they’re exceptional on light and medium light rods, and in the shade cover created by large dock structures.

These lures produce just as many fol- lowers as strikes. Some of those curious conservation officers reported a total of 7377.7 hours of duty. During patrols, officers were able to identify and cite 12 hunters who hit the road with the shotgun, set up very close to hous- es, and “inter- ference with the duties of a CO.”

CO Haasmann and Lt Applegate were conducting a field inspection on the opening day of the Deer-Firearm season in Hardwick Township, Warren County, when a shot was heard coming from a neighboring property, which sounded very close by.

The officers drove to the next farm and found a truck in the woods with the doors open and the vehicle run- ning. When they approached in the truck, there were two uncased guns on the back seat and a spent shell on the rear floor- board. As they searched in the woods next to the truck. Neither man was wearing any hunting orange, and one man appeared to be a registered truck driver being conducted by a hunting club across the street.

He claimed that he had shot from outside of the truck, but had ejected the shell from the bolt action shotgun into the back seat of the truck when placing the gun there. Summonses were issued for “uncased firearms in a motor vehicle,” “no orange,” and “no rifle permit.”

CO Holmes and Captain Panico were patrolling the woods near a hunting camp in Warren County, during the Six-Day Firearm season. They heard shots being fired from a truck driving being conducted by a hunting club that had generated trespassing complaints earlier in the week.

The officers right away saw two hunters with shotguns that were very close to the woods, talking. A thorough- inspection of the rest of the group at the conclusion of the drive yielded an additional violation, an untagged big shot- gun.

Summonses were issued for “Possession of a loaded shotgun in a safety zone,” and “Possession of an untagged wat- erfowl.”

CO Holmes and CO Tomlin were patrolling the woods near Oldwick Township, Hunterdon County, on the last day of the Six-Day Firearm season, when they saw a hunter with a shotgun, set up very close to hous- es, and “interference with the duties of a CO.”

The officers stepped to inspect the hunter and found out that she was part of a small group doing a deer drive. When all of the hunters were found, three of them had no licenses and one of the unlicensed hunters had killed an antlerless deer with- out having a permit.

Summonses were issued for “hunting without a license,” “possession of a loaded firearm in a safety zone,” and “killing an antlerless deer without possessing a valid permit.”

CO Paey and CO Ocampo responded to a complaint that a resident of Readington Township, Hunterdon County, that he had shot pass through the streets, a deer had been brushed by hunting Club across the street.

The Officers were able to locate all of the shotgun shells and components from the incident, tracked down two hunters who were hunting in that field at the time of the incident, and conducted a very thor- ough reconstruction of the incident which determined that both hunters had shot across the road towards the houses.

Summonses were issued to both hunters for “shooting across a roadway,” CO Kuechler assisted with the investiga-

Central Region Highlights

During a routine search of the Automated Harvest Report System, CO Mascio noticed a hunter had checked in a 24-point buck during the permit bow sea- son in Pemberton, Burlington Co.

The hunter was familiar to Officer Mascio because he had just charged the man with an antelope in a New Jersey deer when he had in fact been taken at a “high fence farm” in Pennsylvania. The hunter then entered the deer in a big buck contest at Fort Dix.

Officers Mascio and Riviello went to the hunter’s residence to check the deer within the 48-hour time period. The hunter stated that he no longer had the deer because he had mailed the head and antlers to a taxidermist in Arkansas. He was very eager to get his deer mounted and state- ing and stated that he had thrown the rest of the deer in the trash. Officer Mascio also determined that the hunter never filled out the harvest tag.

CO Mascio contacted the taxidermist who agreed to contact CO Mascio when the package arrived. CO Mascio received a call a week later from the taxidermist stat- ing that the box arrived from Arkansas. CO Mas- cio was notified by personnel from Lands and Wildlife Service. The high-profile waterfowl stamp with officers from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The high-profile waterfowl patrol covered areas from Pennington Bay in Ocean County to Great Bay in Atlantic County.

During the course of the day a total of 31 vessels and 78 waterfowl hunters were inspected. A total of eight summonses were issued for unsigned Federal Waterfowl Stamps. One summons was for failing to display a hunting license, and one summons was issued for unsigned Federal Waterfowl Stamp in possession, four summonses were issued for unlimited hunting and one summons was issued for NJ Waterfowl Stamp in possession. One writ- ing was issued for a violation for no Federal Waterfowl Stamp in possession and another for an unsigned Federal Waterfowl Stamp.

Officers from the Central Region were notified by personnel from Lands and Management that they had observed several individuals hunting in the area off the roads in Colliers Mills after stock- ing. Officers began conducting patrols during the stocking nights to catch anyone trying to steal pests.

During one patrol, (cont. next page)
Kicking off the spring fishing season to target striped bass means wearing heavy clothes and donning waders. But as the surf’s relatively calm, there’s no need for any of those heavy clothes and waders. My favorite attire for summertime fishing is either a bathing suit or a pair of shorts, with a generous coating of sunblock on my still-sensitive exposed shoulders.

Most of the fish you’re apt to catch will be in the pound to 3-pound class, so there’s really no need for a heavy outfit. A one-handed spinning outfit with a lightweight reel loaded with 30-pound braided line will last just fine, as it will be capable of casting a 1½- to 2-ounce bucktail jig and its accompanying trekking fluorescent leader.

I tie up a rig using a 3-foot-long piece of 18-pound-test fluorescent fluorocarbon leader material. I begin by snelling a 3/0 Beak, Claw, or Gamakatsu style hook to the end of the line, then attach a 2/0 hook two to three inches ahead of the first. This pair of hooks enables me to use a 4- to 6-inch piece of linen or mono line to attach the strip to the smaller hook and slipping the larger hook through the center of the bait, which is the hook that most often actually hooks the fish. The author’s wife, June, enjoys catching barefoot in the Jersey surf, where she’s regularly rewarded with fluke like this beauty. Using a cast-and-twitch approach, with a strip of squid or other strip baits will bring strikes from fluke that are positioned beneath the breakers as they wait for a meal to come within range. Milly Rosko photo.

Strip baits consist of squid for the most part, although at times I’ve used Gulp! Synthetic bait strips, strips of mack- erel or herring, or other forage species. Regard in this manner, you’re ready to proceed. As you cast out, permit the rig to settle to the bottom, then with your rod tip up and line out, begin to twitch the retrieve. This will result in the back- tail jig moving along the sandy bottom with its strip fluttering, while the long trailing hook moves along the sandy bottom.

The hunters observed a sublegal deer go past their vehicle as evidence and issued a summons for hunting the posted property. Lt. Batten and CO Trembley conducted a search of the vehicle and recovered a freezer with facts of the investigation.

The hunter, who has been charged and convicted by several Conservation Officers in the past, confessed to trespassing on the neighbor’s property, discharging a weapon within a safety zone, and shooting a whitetail deer after legal hours. Lt. Batten issued the three summonses.

CO’s Tomlin investigated complaints from local vessel operators of numerous conch pots unlawfully placed in the channel. CO Tomlin inspected the conch pot fisherman, James Howell, who was ticketed with respect to ponded fish in his possession were under the legal size limit of 5 inches. CO Tomlin issued the fisherman a summons for 87 undersized conch and warned the fisherman not to resist striking too aggressively. When you feel the strike, set the hook, and then begin reeling. Most often the fluke will be hooked on the trail- ing hook, or in the trailing hook pair of hooks on the leader.

The author used this technique from Cape May to Sandy Hook, casting from beaches with steep drop-offs to beaches with sand bars and deep cuts between the bars, and shallow beaches as well. At high tide I’m forced to cast from the sand, but at low tide I’ll often walk out on the sand bar if the water inside the bar isn’t too deep. I just make a few casts out or two, walk to the end of the strip on the bottom hoping for a meal to come by. Every strike comes as a surprise and often no two are alike. It’s just a matter of working a nice sandy beach when condi- tions are right. You’ll catch most when westerly winds prevail and the surf is relatively calm.

“Tank full” of undersized live tautog

The following day, COs Hendon and DeSantis investigated a complaint in the legal limit and secured the pheasants as evidence.

Complaints of commercial clamming power while participating in the depuration program in Monmouth County continue to be received. In response to the most recent report filed on December 9, 2015, COs Hendon and DeSantis were able to observe and record an individ- ular put his hands up at which time he saw that the man was hiding a pheasant inside his jack- eter the adult to a small 3-way swivel. To one of the remaining eyes of the (from prev. page) CO Martiak observed a motorist who had driven on the wrong side of the road and the rear passenger door open. The officer observed numerous pheasants in the roadways during this time.

The man stated that he was moving the pheasants from utilizing a motor vehicle to pursue wildlife, possession of a pheasant on a

The man was issued three summonses, one for hunting without a valid pheasant stamp, one for hunting the posted property. The property is posted in accordance with state law.

The hunter was issued a warning last year for trespass for the purpose of hunting. This year, he apprehended the same hunter during the permit archery season while hunting不经意。During the field inspection, the hunter also did not have a valid archery permit to hunt deer. CO Trembley issued to two summonses, one for trespass for the purpose of hunting and the other for hunting deer without a valid archery permit.

CO Trembley responded to a complaint in the Gunreet Corner Wildlife Management Area in showroom Township, Ocean County. A hunter observed a sublegal deer go past him early on the opening day of firearm season. The hunter stated he had a shot at the deer, but could not include. He stated he had fired the deer several days later.

He was charged with two counts of possession of untagged deer parts, fail to notify the township animal control officer, and fail to tag a deer immediately upon harvest.

CO McManus investigated a com- plaint at the Gumtree Corner Wildlife Management Area in showroom Township. Ocean County. The eagles had been feeding on a dead deer which had been euthanized by a town- ship animal control officer. The deer carcass had been left in the field in violation of ACO policy. The eagles ingested the meat of the deer con- taining the sedative and became incapacitated.
I am not really a “reality show” fan. The fact that these shows are, to a greater or lesser degree, scripted, is a bit of a put-off, but what irks me most is watching a bunch of buffoons arguing and insulting each other over the pin stripping in a grotesque “restoration” of a 1960s Cadillac.

Having said that, some of these shows amuse me, especially when odd artifacts show up. I am well aware that many of the objects allegedly offered for sale on “Pawn Stars” are the result of staged events, but I do find it amusing when one of the firearms “experts” or stars makes a gross mistake on identification or interpretation of the use of a historical weapon. I am also entertained by the bizarre boundaries explored as “collectors” on “American Pickers,” although people with whom I have spoken who have met the makers in person say they are nice guys.

Nevertheless, I always check out a new show, and there is one on the History Channel that is, so far, quite good. It is called “Iron and Fire” and the main protagonist is a traditional gun maker and blacksmith in Arkansas. To begin with he is a mild mannered and articulate guy (a relief in a genre often dominated by blowhards), and he does have some excellent skills. The first two episodes involved, among other things, repairing an original 1840s rifle in which some goof hadxpathed the trigger, building a traditional Carolina-style rifle and making a copy of the original Bowie knife, which involved a trip to a museum to take measurements of the original. The scripting appears to be minimal and unobtrusive, and I sincerely hope this show continues in the tone of the first couple of episodes, and does not devolve into silliness as others have.

Big Bucks ‘86

With the 150th anniversary of the introduction of the first Winchester rifle upon us, everyone seems to be getting into the act, producing expensive commemorative replicas of nineteenth century black-powder-era Winchester products. Turnbull Restoration and Manufacturing Company of Bloomfield, New York, the internationally known high-end firearms restoration company, is making four variants on the Model 1886 Winchester, rather than the 1866s. But others, including Winchester, are doing.

Each Turnbull ‘86 variant will feature extra fancy American black walnut furniture, a 26-inch full octagon blued barrel, and a shotgun butt pad. Brand New, the receiver can be finished in the customer’s choice of charcoal blue or Turnbull’s high-quality case hardening for a choice of charcoal blue or Turnbull’s high-quality case hardening finish. The lock plate can’t be read though a 4-inch front of the eagle. The date at the rear of the barrel indicates state ownership, “NJ” on the barrel indicates state ownership, and “NJ” on the rear of the lock plate (top). The number 7 is embossed between this F and the butt plate. The date 1864 is on the top of the barrel in front of the tang. NJ is on the left side of the barrel near the breech. It says U.S. over TRENTON on the lock plate below the cone in front of the eagle. The date at the rear of the lock plate can’t be read though a 4-inch front of the eagle. The date at the rear of the lock plate can’t be read through a 4-inch front of the eagle.

My answer was that the gun he has is one of those purchased by the state of New Jersey in 1863-1864. Several thousand rifle muskets, Model 1861s by Trenton and Savage and Colt “Special Model” 1861s, were intended for use by the New Jersey Militia and New Jersey Rifle Corps, a sort of elite militia. They were also carried later by members of the National Guard, founded in 1869 to combine and supersede the earlier organizations. The Guard did not receive breech loading Springfield rifles until 1875.

Contrary to folklore, these “NJ” marked guns never left the state of New Jersey during the Civil War. After the issue of breech loaders, they went into storage in the Trenton arsenal. Some were issued to GAR veteran groups and other fraternal organizations and the remainder were sold off, I believe to Bannerman’s in New York City, in the early twentieth century. The “NJ” on the barrel indicates state ownership. There should be an “NP” on the stock just below it. If there is not, then the stock may have been sanded down and refinished at some point or it might be a replacement stock. The other markings are no doubt “rack marks” applied to designate to whom the firearm was assigned, since rifle muskets did not have serial numbers. How it got to the boarding school I cannot say.

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The Sporting View
by Marty Boa

Shooting Range News: Division Announces Agenda for Improvement, Development and Maintenance

Outdoor writers attending the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (NJDFW) Outdoor Writer’s Workshop on March 31 were presented with a variety of informative reports that included updates on a number of topics of importance to the outdoor community. The workshop was held at the Division’s Central Region office on the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area in Robbinsville and included presentations on the following topics: opening remarks and NJDFW updates by Division Director Dave Chanda, keynote speaker address by NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin, black bear management-October bow season, Sparta Mountain WMA Forest Stewardship Plan, native bees – role and conservation needs, outdoor shooting range development, freshwater fisheries research/bass sampling in South Jersey, and a regulatory update and program overview from the Marine Fisheries Administration.

The information included in the presentation on outdoor shooting range development delivered by Division Range Coordinator Trevor Anderson is of special interest to shooting sportmen. Hunters, target shooters and other legal gun owners need places to shoot. Shooting is part of America’s sporting heritage, and safe, well-maintained, accessible ranges are an important and necessary place for individuals to practice, and teach the accuracy skills that are so important to their sport. Whether practicing for a sport or competition or just for fun, the NJDFW operates and maintains a number of outdoor firearm and archery ranges. Division ranges are located on designated Wildlife Management Areas (WMA’s) and exist in three types: archery range, shotgun range, and muzzleloading rifle range. Basically, the shotgun/trap ranges are for shooting shotguns at clay bird targets and for pattern testing, using fine shot only (no buckshot or ruffled slugs). Archery ranges are for bow and arrow shooting with practice tips only, no broadheads. Muzzleloading/rifle ranges are for firing muzzleloading firearms, shotguns with ruffled slugs, or buckshot and modern rimfire rifles, both .177 caliber and 22 caliber, and air guns legal hunting calibers. No handguns or centerfire rifles permitted.

Range users are required to abide by all WMA regulations as well as any additional rules posted on range signage. At least one member of any shooting party utilizing a WMA range must have a current, valid New Jersey hunting license in possession. Facility features and regulations and accommodations may vary from range to range.

Trevor Anderson’s report focused on the Division’s efforts to continue providing effective and sustainable range facilities. The Division’s overall outdoor range agenda addresses current and ongoing projects related to renovations to existing trap, archery, and rifle ranges. Future and potential projects include a number of items including lead abatement plans and the inclusion of associated Eagle Scout projects.

The plan encompasses three phases for the renovation of archery ranges, trap ranges, and rifle ranges based on cost efficiency and ease of project. A key element in the plan is the fact that the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife received a federal grant from the Wildlife Restoration Act with funds to be allocated towards the existing shooting ranges in New Jersey.

As part of the archery range renovation phase plan, over 100 Morrel outdoor range targets have been ordered and are to be distributed evenly throughout the state. With regard to trap range improvements, users surveys from hunters and target shooters were conducted to determine needs and wants. Survey results indicated that covered shooting stations will not be considered, but designated shooting positions, concrete pads to stand on, new benches and tables, gun racks, and the posting of corrected and additional signs will be, and at some ranges have been, included as part of the renovations.

Plans for a number of future projects are also in the works including Eagle Scout projects at the archery and rifle ranges at the Collier’s Mills WMA and the archery range at the Clinton WMA. The cost of new firing line enclosures at existing rifle/muzzleloader ranges is currently being researched as related to the last phase of the existing range grant. Future lead abatement projects include liming, soil testing, and characterization studies on ranges.

Ranges have been installed and are currently present on the following WMA’s:

NORTHERN REGION
Hunterdon County
Clinton WMA – Shotgun, archery, muzzleloader
Morris County
Black River WMA – Archery, shotgun
Sussex County
Flathbrook WMA – Shotgun, archery, muzzleloader
Warren County
Pequest WMA – Archery

CENTRAL REGION
Monmouth County
Assunpink WMA – Archery, shotgun (restricted to non-toxic shot only)
Turkey Swamp Park – Archery (special regulations, call 732-842-4000)
Ocean County
Colliers Mills WMA – Archery, (shotgun range is closed)

SOUTHERN REGION
Atlantic County
Makepeace Lake WMA – Shotgun, muzzleloader
Gloucester County
Winslow WMA – Archery, (shotgun and muzzleloader ranges are closed)
Cape May County
Tuckahoe WMA – Archery, (shotgun range is closed)
Cumberland County
Millville WMA – Shotgun, archery, muzzleloader

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NEW JERSEY FEDERATED SPORTSMEN NEWS Page 9
It was high-heat time in late June, the willows were weeping in the noon sizzle, and the other trees were looking for shade. Dogs were flopped on their sides on old bottle caps. The poison ivy was doing knee high, but the poison ivy was doing knee high. Corn was a few weeks away from being harvested. It was not like I was trying to sell the sewage discharge pipes. It was high-heat time in late June, the willows were weeping in the noon sizzle, and the other trees were looking for shade.

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The deadline for submitting all applications is October 31, 2016 and applications postmarked after the deadline will not be processed.
Heading 'em Off at the Pass

The newest method by which to play poli...ture's wildlife resources isn't new at all.

In fact, it's so old one might think they had a seat at the table when black-and-white cowboy action film as Roy, Gene, or Tonto gallop along with a posse and yells, "You chase 'em into the canyon, I'll head 'em off at the pass." And "head 'em off at the pass" is precisely what New Jersey Assemblyman Tim Eustace (D-Dist. 38) is trying to do with the introduction of his bill (A-3527), calling for a ban on all snares. Eustace also authored A-427 which reads: "No person shall store food waste or other bear attracting refuse outdoors on public or private property in any municipality identified as being located in New Jersey occupied by bears," reads the bill.

Ostensibly Eustace's bear bill is a heady call for future generation to counter the previously failed anti-hunter/anti- 

It also seems as though Eustace wants to be certain all of his bases are covered, so he authored A-432, calling for a ban on them if it means what he wants. Eustace also authored A-427 which reads: "No person shall store food waste or other bear attracting refuse outdoors on public or private property in any municipality identified as being located in New Jersey occupied by bears," reads the bill.

Eustace's bill is approved, the hunt would undoubtedly go hike their prices, and the trash removal firms are undoubtedly going to hike their prices, since they would be required to place a bear-proof container on "public" property… but their emotions are unrestrained. Ergo, they author what I call "feel-good" (think Smart Snackers of America) anti-hunting, unworkable, and ineffective measures that make them feel as though they have won the debate, but in reality, the fact that a critter can spread rabies statewide… or worse, kill someone, as family and friends of Darsh Fursin and his family, a bedding-packaging student, will attest.

But can Eustace, or any legislator, do with the tiny city of Cape May that's not how it reads, Assemblyman.

Don Chapman with his bonus fish caught on the Hunter Rules: Regulations allow one to under no circumstances hunt black bears, not legislators. The New Jersey Fish and Game Council's science-based bear management program has proven superior to any other method in managing the state's bear population. Without it, it would be much more difficult to control for New Jersey to control the number of human-bear conflicts while striving to maintain a sustainable and robust bear population.

If nothing else, Eustace is a busy legislator. He has authored A-432, calling for a ban on all snares. It was 1984 when New Jersey bit the bullet and removed one of the last methods of control for the population of a rather large predator. The fact that the council is answerable to the legislature. It's their job to head those professional wildlife managers off at the pass.

In September, 2014, Patel was hiking with a couple of friends in New Jersey's Ashpahave Preserve in Sussex County when they ran into a brown bear. Patel, a sophomore in October, 2015, Boy Scout leader, Christopher Petronino wanted to show his group of scouts a cave he'd recently discovered. Covered at Split Rock Reservoir in Morris County, the cave was almost 1,000 feet from the water. It was the kind of cave that bears often use. If you can't find a bear on a budget and surrendered to anti-hunters and animal rights groups by being one of the first to catch a bear with legal-sized traps. But trappers, being the inventive and resourceful group that they are, weren't about to be held down by this cage trap for furbers such as muskrats, raccoons, and some cool critters like raccoon, fox, and coyote.

Even now by conversation with other hunters, Eustace has taken better than malignant ones. Melanomas usually are larger in diameter than the eraser on your pencil tip (0.5 inch or 6 mm), but they may sometimes be smaller when first detected.

Eustace's complaint makes moles look the same over time. Be on the alert when a mole starts to evolve or change shape. When a mole is evolving, see a doctor. Any change in size, shape, color, elevation, or another trait, or any new symptom such as bleeding, itching, or crusting points to danger. From skincancer.org

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part of a multi-state initiative to re-establish Northern Bobwhite in the Mid-Atlantic States. New Jersey will have the initiative need of relocating (translocation) to the Pine Island Cranberry Property. Other aspects of the multi-state project include testing methods of raising and rearing captive breed parents. Such programs are already in the initiative, however no captive bred birds were afoot. "We're pleased with how this project has progressed; the first year went very well. We enjoy working with NJ Audubon and the other partners, and are looking for ward to another great year," said Bill Haines Jr., Owner and CEO of Pine Island Cranberry.

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Support for the bill, nevertheless, New Jersey's hunters should be aware of the potential threat to the present seasons and basics. Hunters should A-432, calling for a ban on all snares. Don Chapman with his bonus fish caught on the Hunter Rules: Regulations allow one to support the bill, nevertheless, New Jersey's hunters should be aware of the potential threat to the present seasons and basics. Hunters should particularly pro-hunt groups are also watching. Safari Club International, a worldwide group of conservationists/hunters. I mention the following e-mail: "Professional biologists need to continue to manage New Jersey's bear populations - not legislators. The New Jersey Fish and Game Council's science-based bear management program has proven superior to any other method in managing the state's bear population. Without it, it would be much more difficult to control for New Jersey to control the number of human-bear conflicts while striving to maintain a sustainable and robust bear population.

If nothing else, Eustace is a busy legislator. He has authored A-432, calling for a ban on all snares. It was 1984 when New Jersey bit the bullet and removed one of the last methods of control for the population of a rather large predator. The fact that the council is answerable to the legislature. It's their job to head those professional wildlife managers off at the pass.

"There shall be no open season for bears," reads the bill. "Yes, they do," Eustace said, "but the council is answerable to the legislature. It's their job to head those professional wildlife managers off at the pass."

Eustace, spokesmen for the state's Division of Fish and Wildlife. Hajna told me any bear-proof container can be purchased at large outlets like Loves and Costco. But for about $45 to $50, they don't last long, especially after a hun-

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