Assembly Committee Pushes Through Anti-Gun Bills

After a chaotic and disorganized seven-hour hearing of the Assembly Law & Public Safety Committee on February 13, Deputy Leader Littell McHose and Amendment leaders called the NJ Second Amendment leaders and gun owners gave impassioned and enlightening testimony, but the hearing rules changed several times, as gun owners debated the initial rules which would have provided for testimony to be taken after voting had taken place. The hearing rules evolved into a fairer process in which testimony was taken prior to voting. However, the final outcome can be heard online at http://tinyurl.com/assembly/record (scroll to Feb. 13 and click "listen.")

There was significant media coverage of the hearing. According to one report in The Record, a representative of CampfireNJ testified that the lower magazine capacity "would make it more difficult for shooters to inflict maximum damage in the shortest period of time." In another response, Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose (R-Sussex) responded, "I think you have no clue what you're talking about."

A quote from 101.5 radio quoted Assemblyman Sean Kean as saying, "For us to try to cut through all of these important issues here today and try to come up with responsible public policy is just not really how we do things. I don't believe that these important issues deserve to be fully vetted and should not be pushed through."

The Asbury Park Press reported that Sen. Lettera, Majority Leader Loretta Weinberm spoke, and called the Newtown shootings "the last straw."

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Drag is what keeps a fish from breaking your line. That sounds simple, but fishermen sometimes lose big fish because they do not know or understand a few basic facts about the drag on their reel.

Many anglers, for example, tighten their drag when their big fish makes a long run and strips off a lot of line. This is wrong. This reaction, to tighten the drag and stop the fish, often results in a lost trophy. The drag should actually be tightened, because a lot of line in the water as well as a smaller spool diameter will increase the drag.

Drag washers come in a variety of sizes, materials, and thicknesses in order to fine-tune the friction on the reel spool. Photo courtesy John Strenk (of The Reel Tech, thereelttech.com).

Drag washers were made of metal (stainless steel, aluminum, or brass) and compressed between cotton, rubber, plastic, or fiber. The washers were stacked, alternating metal and composition, and the friction between the surface areas of the washers creates the resistance, or drag. When an angler tightens the drag on his reel, he compresses these washers, creates more friction, and increases drag. Conversely, when he backs off the drag, he lessens friction and lightens drag.

If the size of a fish was the only factor in setting drag, the job would be easy. But there are other considerations, such as the friction of the line against the rod guides, the resistance of the line being pulled through the water, and the amount of line remaining on the spool after a long run.

In addition, not all drag settings are created equal. They should be smooth, but many are sticky and jerky. In fact, it often takes as much as double the force of the drag setting to get the drag moving. For example, a drag setting at five pounds may actually take up to 10 pounds of pull before the drag starts moving. It follows, therefore, that if you’re using 8-pound-test line, you should double the force of the drag setting to get the drag started.

There will be other factors increasing your drag beyond this simply setting, including as rod angle, spool diameter, and amount of line in water. Maximum drag means the heaviest setting you should use while fighting a fish. Never go beyond the maximum for your line class.

Dragging settings are given in pounds for “starting your drag.”

The amount of line on your spool is another factor affecting drag. When the outside diameter of line on your spool is reduced by half, the drag tension is doubled. For example, if your drag is set at two pounds with a full spool, it will be increased to four pounds when a fish makes a long run and strips off half your line.

Long, fast runs will also generate friction and heat between drag washers. This will frequently tighten a drag and add to your problems.

It’s also important to remember that a rod held at about 45 degrees will have less than 10 percent to the drag you get, compared to rod pointed directly at the fish. This increased drag is due to friction between your line and the rod guides. If the rod is held at about 90 degrees, drag will increase about three times.

It’s why it is important to fight the line and, when possible, point the rod at the fish when it is about to be netted or gaffed. If you hold your rod high and keep a tight drag, a sudden lunge by a fish could break your line. But point the rod tip at the fish, and the line will run off the spool more easily, even with the same drag setting.

This technique of lowering the rod is also important when fighting a small to medium-sized jumping fish, such as tarpon and marlin. Lowering the rod will lighten tension and “cushion” the line from the shock of a jumping fish. This is called “bowing.” It’s part of the technique that makes it possible to land 10-pound tarpon on 10-pound line.

Taking all the above factors into consideration, here’s what an angler sets his drag so that he or she can feel reasonably secure when fighting a fish. People report catching fewer fish, and this agrees with the official numbers. For example, where tarpon used to land a good 100-pound tarpon on 10-pound line.

Drag-setting industries will continue to suffer.” In 2012 we received 812 responses to our annual survey,” indicates the N.F.W.C. website. “647, or 80% of the respondents, said they use a line class.

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Island Beach State Park is currently patterned for partial to open fishing, and four-wheel driving after cleanup from damages caused by Superstorm Sandy.

Public access to Island Beach State Park is now possible with the recent reopening of Route 35 in Seaside Park. Entry to the park during this initial reopening phase is free.

Ocean Bathing Area 1 is now open for swimming and yes, you are allowed to leave your vehicle. However, dumping of debris and cleanup of the beach, which has been going on for days, must turn- at the mouth of the Long Branch River, which is the most popular areas at Island Beach, is located four miles south of the Inlet. The Ocean Beach Area 1, South Jetty, and the Inlet. The Ocean Beach Area 1.

Four-wheel drive vehicles with parked permits may now enter the beach at Ocean Bathing Area 1 or at Gillikin’s Road, which is 1.2 miles north of Ocean Bathing Area 1.

All points south of Ocean Bathing Area 1 - including Ocean Bathing Area 2, which is adjacent to the Ocean Nature Center, and access points to Seaside Island - will reopen as cleanup and restora- tion progress.

While restroom facilities are not yet fully open, additionally, portable comfort stations are available in the Ocean Bathing Area 1 parking lot. Additional four-wheel drive vehicles are also operable at the Park as well.

Due to the closure of Island Beach State Park, the New Jersey Division of Forestry has extended the 2012 Island Beach State Park Mobile Sport Fishing Permit until March 31, 2013. The 2013 Mobile Sport Fishing Permits cannot cur- rently be purchased at Island Beach State Park. They can be secured via mail or at the Trenton Central Office of the State Park Service.
Collecting Cartridges

by Bob Brunisholz

“Bob, wait ‘til you see these.”

That comment had become routine, and always brought a smile to my face. I’d developed a habit of arriving just a shade early at what I call my “home” trap grounds at Pocono State Belt Trapshooting Club. The early arrival gave me a few extra minutes to get on the squad I wanted, plus enter the names of several of my cronies before they arrived, thus assuring we’d shoot on the same squad. That, however, wasn’t the primary reason for arriving early. Had I arrived a little later, those same cronies would have listed my name on their squad.

The reason I arrived early was to enable me to back the ol’ jeep into a slot directly behind whichever number trap Bill Resch happened to be pulling that day. Bill is an excellent trapshooter, but he’s also one of the club’s official scorekeepers as well as an avid cartridge collector. Routinely, as soon as he’d see me pull into the lot, he’d head my way with his hand digging into one or both of his jacket pockets to retrieve whatever nuggets he’d mined from the latest gun or sports show. Many were standard, and typical of the size and shape rifle ammo to which we all become accustomed, while others ranged somewhere between weird and bizarre, like the old pinfire cartridges. Sometimes his travels, travels, and odysseys into a world foreign to me produced a mere one or two cartridges or shells, while at other times he’d apparently hit the mother lode and would be toting a small, cloth bag (of the sort that many elders like to remember as the type we once kept our prize marbles in) and the bag would be loaded with old ammo.

(Yeah, I know, kids don’t play marbles today. They’re too infatuated with iPads or pods or whatever you call ‘em, Smartphones, or gimmicks so alien to me they might as well be teleportation devices from a “Star Wars”... or is that “Trek?”... move. And almost all youngsters today have strange devices surgically attached to their upper appendages and they stare at them as though in a Steven King-like trance while walking, running, and sometimes even driving. I wonder whether any of them would know what a Mib is, or perhaps an Aggie, or what the term Bombsies means? Marbles indeed. Am I showing my age, or what? But I digress....)

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Each spring, as our waters warm to the 50-degree mark, hungry striped bass swing up the bay system. But, after a long fishing trip, I would set the anchor, bait my hooks with fresh clam, and pull out 12- to 20-pound schoolies. The fishing was not stop, but I wanted to catch bigger fish.

Juvenile striped bass actively feed on sand fleas, clams, sandworms, and small baitfish. These fish food sources are similar in size, are typically found in protected waters, and can be quickly diminishing to safety. As striper sizes increase, the formula is to increase the size of the fish you are targeting and feeding on adult bunker in open water. Livelining is a method used by many anglers to provide a high-quality live bait. Livelining is not a new concept by any means, but it is a tactic used specifically for striped bass. This technique is used with adult bunker, however, is the absolute best way to land trophy-sized striped bass.

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Shallow Water Anchoring Systems

by Pete Robbins

Less than a decade ago, bass boats all over the country started to sprout oddly shaped appendages from their transoms. The mania then spread to every other corner of the country. Anglers who stopped at gas stations to fuel up would be accosted by strangers. “Are those rocket launchers you’ve got on your boat?”

“No, they’re called Power Poles; they’re a shallow water anchoring system,” they’d reply, pressing a button to deploy them toward the ground. Some observers left, convinced that they needed to get one or two of these new add-ons. Others decided that a traditional anchor would serve them just as well. It seems that the former group was larger than the latter, though, because the popularity of the Power Poles has increased exponentially, even spawning an imitator, the Minn Kota Talon.

They’re not cheap – between $1,000 and $2,000 each, with most anglers electing to get two… but they’re for more than just sight-fishing. Originally, that’s what they were advertised for. Find a fish on a foot or so away from the dock before and after you launch, preventing the boat from slamming into the structure as boat wakes or waves push it inward. If you catch a fish, you can put them down and continue to ply the area with casts. If you need to retie a lure or cull a fish, you can put them quickly down to prevent yourself from getting blown down the bank. In a 30-mph wind or a heavy current, you can put them down and pick apart a piece of cover, such as a thick laydown or a grass mat, without moving an inch. Unlike a traditional anchor, the mechanisms can be dropped or raised at the touch of a button and don’t come back into the boat with pounds of muck and grass.

Depending on the model you choose, these shallow-water anchoring systems can have a range of six, eight, or ten feet. The Power Pole runs off a hydraulic pump; the Talon is completely electric. Both are quiet and dependable. Both can be operated with a switch on either the transom or the front deck of your boat, or with a remote control worn on a lanyard. (Be careful not to keep the remote in your pocket as you drive down the highway – a few anglers have ground their anchoring spikes to a nub as they headed to the lake.)

There’s even a deep-water application: Power Pole has come out with “drift paddles” that can slow you down as your boat is blown down a grass flat or across a shoal on the Great Lakes.

Today, most anglers opt for two of these anchoring systems if possible. One will do fine, but if there’s a very heavy wind or current the boat will spin a bit on the axis. With two, you’re locked in place. Some people like oversize weed guards, and Bassmaster pro Gerald Swindle calls them his “crawdad stubbers.”

Even if you’d like to have one or two of these mechanical anchors, not everyone can or will spend the money to get them. All hope is not lost, however. Several companies, like “Dig-In,” make a much lower-cost version that does a yeoman’s job of keeping the boat in place. Essentially they consist of a metal tube at the bow and/or aft of the boat through which you poke a pointed spike to hold the boat in place. It’s a low-tech solution to the same problem, but far less expensive, to be sure.

After tricking out your boat, motor and prop to ensure maximum speed and performance while running down the lake, it may seem a little odd to spend more money to find a way to stop your boat in its tracks, but these solutions will help you catch more fish in less time. “Power-Pole” has become a generic term for an entire category, like “Kleenex” or “Band-Aid,” and with good reason – anglers have found out that staying in place pays big dividends. I laughed at a close friend when he invested his “crawdad stabbers.”

Bassmaster pro Gerald Swindle calls them “rocket launchers you’ve got on your boat.”

It may look unusual to those not yet accustomed to seeing it, but the new crop of shallow anchoring systems provide a whole new approach to probing those shallow water areas. Photo courtesy power-pole.com.
What Will Happen to the Harrisburg Show?

The ten-day nationally known outdoor show that draws for its 8,000 vendors and a quarter-million attendees set to run early last month? Didn’t happen? But you undoubtedly know that by now.

The fanfare and shocking news of the sudden cancellation and subsequent fallout continues and the fate of future shows may well depend on promises made on what they will allow to be exhibited.

The 2013 Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg, PA was labeled as being “postponed” at first. With no future date set and the logistics of staging such an event, figure “postponed” as meaning “dead,” at least for 2013.

After 47 years in the tabletop gamer game, including covering cops and politics, no matter what, but this development did. The Pennsy extravaganza is not 20 guys setting up card tables to peddle their wares at the local antique rental hall; this event is the major leagues.

Known to most as simply “the Harrisburg Show,” it’s an event that often filled two busloads of sports for the trip run by the Mercer County Chapter of the NJ Federation of Sportsmen Clubs.

The show has been put on hold due to vendors built out in droves. It started as a trickle of angry vendors deciding to bolt, until the number approached 200, including such influential outfitters as Cabela’s, the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen, major manufacturers, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

What triggered the massive exodus was the show promoter’s refusal to allow modern sporting rifles to be displayed at the event.

“Modern sporting rifles” in this case means a firearm that looks like any other nature such as the AR-15, or any image of what is perceived as an “assault weapon.”

In other words, guns that look nasty and can fire a boatload of bullets very quickly and have been linked to some, not all, of the tragic mass shootings in this country.

“AR” is simply a designation of a firearm developed by the ArmaLite Company (AR simply stands for ArmaLite rifle) and became the M-16 used in Vietnam. The AR-15 is made by Colt for civilian use, mostly by target shooters.

Since this was legal (depending on where you are and it can get confusing) sporting arms, many of the vendors took it as an assault on Second Amendment rights to ban them from the show.

It should be noted that “traditional” appearing rifles and shotguns would be shown at the event.

At first, the outfit running the show (Reed Exhibitions) stonewalled it, saying the boycott didn’t matter and the event would go on. Reed finally caved, in a land slide of negative publicity and has since become a contentious event with dis- pleased vendors and folks that did attend.

A statement by Reed Exhibitions said in part, “Our original decision not to include certain products (at the show) was made to preserve the historical focus on the hunting and fishing traditions enjoyed by American families. In the current cli- mate we felt the presence of MSR’s would distract from the theme… disrupting the break and experience that the show provides.”

Reed Exhibitions is a global outfit with headquarters in the UK, but its US office location is in Connecticut, the state where the recent tragic school shootings took place.

According to Harrisburg tourism, the state capital area is taking a huge hit with the show pullout, to the tune of an estimated $44 million in lost revenue.

The event locked up 12,000 room reservations in 22 local hotels, and the say the dollar figure is “conservative,” since it doesn’t factor in money from park- ing, food and beverage, service and rental fees, not the lost room tax revenue.

OK, sorry about that Harrisburg, but the larger issue is the gun policy of pro- moters. How much clout do vendors have, and will potential attendees shun a show over the issue? It’s not necessarily a good thing that a sportsmen’s show was done in by sportsmen rather than anti-gun fanatics, who

must be spasmodic with glee over the development.

We have been familiar with the Keystone State Capital’s business world, and wished to be unnamed, said, “This (show) will not happen in 2013. The logistics to get every- one open for a new date and even finding an open date for the venue will make this impossible for a ‘postponed’ title. When we saw this, we knew it was a ‘cancelled’ spin.”

He added that “this could be the death of this event company from what I’m reading.”

As to the fate of the mega show, Rick Dunlap, Director of PR Communications for the Hershey-Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau, emailed me to say, “We have yet to hear from the promoter on plans to hold this show in 2013, or their long-term plans to return in 2014. Whatever their decision may be, the vis- itors bureau and our partners are committed to making sure this 62-year-old tradition takes place at the Farm Show & Expo Complex in 2014.”

He added that a new show producer is a possibility “if Reed doesn’t return.”

It would be disappointing if Reed drops it because they have always been a very good client,” Dunlap said, “but the tradition of this event and the overwhelm- ing support from the estimated 250,000 attendees and 1,400 vendors annually will clearly make finding a solution to this year’s uncertainty for our bureau and the venue in 2014.

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by Rick Methot

ON THE ROAD

by Joe Bilby

POWDER NOTES

I love side-by-side, double-barreled shotguns… so much so that I have five of them: a 12-gauge LC Smith, a 16-gauge Beretta, a 20-gauge Merkel, a duo of Turkish-made guns with interchangeable chokes that shoot buckshot like a rifle, and a Remington in 12 gauge that I use as a tackle of angry vendors deciding to bolt, until the number approached 200, including such influential outfitters as Cabela’s, the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen, major manufacturers, and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

New Book on Old Ammunition

As I have noted on a number of occa- sions, the history of powder shooting was conspicuous by its absence. The com- manders who instituted it were notable by their discretion from the norm. It appears that this was not necessarily the case in an earlier civil conflict, as David F. Harding explains in his new book, The English Civil War: A Radical Study (Foresight Books, 2012).

Harding, a former Gurkha officer and editor in London, is author of the definitive four-volume series, The History of the British East India Company, 1600- 1856 (Foresight Books, 1999). This is an invaluable asset to students of British arms for the classic campaign of the era, many of which were also used in North America through the era of our own Revolution, and is not only a meticulous scholar, but has also been

Double Guns, Old Ammunition, Brownell’s New Website

Blast from the past: Hunters from the Highlands but photographed somewhere in the New Jersey Pine Barrens on November 23, 1909, are, left to right, Dick Burch, Reuben Parker, and Tunis H. Lane. Photo courtesy Russell Card, Historical Society of Highlands

Brownells Unveils New, Faster, More User-Friendly Website

Brownells is indeed, as the company claims of the world’s largest supplier of firearms accessories and gunsmithing tools. The company website, Brownells.com, has a fresh new look and improvements intended to make a cus- tomer’s experience better, faster, and more intuitive.

The reorganized site centralizes shooting and brownell’s home page introduces an oversize drop-down menus that enable customers to find the specific product they’re looking for in just seconds. In addi- tion, a streamlined “Shopping Cart” fea- ture facilitates quicker and smoother trans- actions.

The new “Learn” tab organizes and instinctively guides consumers through Brownells’ extensive information archive, including product videos and project arti- cles contained in the “GunTech” section.

Browsers seeking the popular firearms schematics area will appreciate the new, easy-to-find “Schematics tab.”

The new site helps us reinforce our commitment to providing customers with the best value in the firearms industry,” according to Pete Brownell, President/CEO of Brownells. “With more than 75,000 items and thousands of videos, articles, and how-tos available to our cus- tomers, we wanted to update the way in which products and information are found and displayed. By making this information easier to locate, our customers are better able to make informed purchase decisions.”

Customers are encouraged to visit the tutorial area to familiarize themselves with the new features offered by the website. In addition to the current improvements, Brownells promises that further refine- ments in the organization of product cate- gories and the site search engine are forth- coming. To place an order, or for more information, call 800-741-0015 or visit www.brownells.com.

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Piling On: Unfortunately, Not a Game That Can End Well

Talk about piling on. In the aftermath of the horrific shootings at an elementary school in Connecticut that have enraged us as a state legislature, as well as at the federal level, couldn’t wait to begin taking advantage of any vulnerability, no matter how small. Some are even choosing to pile on by attempting to introduce legislation that would further restrict gun ownership in New Jersey. The print and electronic media have been awash with proposals to regulate gun ownership, and this company’s new gun production, and this company’s new

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Non-Safe Home? Could the Asbestos in Your New Jersey Home Be Killing Your Family?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral that has been used for centuries for its insulating and fireproofing properties. However, it is now known that asbestos can cause serious health problems, including lung cancer and mesothelioma. New Jersey has a long history of asbestos usage, with many older buildings and homes containing asbestos in various forms. In fact, New Jersey was one of the first states to ban the use of asbestos in building materials.

The primary source of asbestos in New Jersey is the formerly mining town of Libby, Montana. The town is known for its asbestos mine, which was operational from 1910 to 1971. Asbestos was mined at the Libby mine and shipped to various states, including New Jersey, where it was used in various industries, including construction.

Asbestos fibers are small, lightweight, and heat-resistant, which makes them ideal for insulation and fireproofing. However, when asbestos fibers are disturbed, they can become airborne and be inhaled by humans.

The consequences of asbestos exposure can be serious, including lung cancer, mesothelioma, and asbestosis. Asbestosis is a lung disease caused by the inhalation of asbestos fibers. It can cause scarring of the lungs, shortness of breath, and coughing.

Mesothelioma is a rare but deadly cancer that affects the lining of the lungs, chest, and abdomen. It can cause pain, shortness of breath, and a persistent cough.

Lung cancer is the most common cancer worldwide, and smoking is the leading cause. However, asbestos exposure is also a risk factor, and people who have been exposed to asbestos have a higher risk of developing lung cancer.

The symptoms of asbestos-related diseases can be similar to other conditions, such as pneumonia or bronchitis. If you or someone you know is exposed to asbestos, it is important to seek medical attention and to be monitored for symptoms of disease.

Asbestos exposure can also affect the unborn child, with studies showing a higher risk of spontaneous abortion and low birth weight in babies born to women who were exposed to asbestos during pregnancy.

There is no cure for asbestos-related diseases, but early detection and treatment can improve outcomes. Treatment options may include surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy.

If you think you have been exposed to asbestos, it is important to get tested. A chest X-ray or CT scan can help diagnose asbestos-related diseases, and a biopsy may be necessary to confirm the diagnosis.

In the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has strict regulations for handling and disposing of asbestos. If you are involved in a construction or remodeling project, it is important to follow these regulations to protect yourself and others from asbestos exposure.

New Jersey has its own regulations for asbestos, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has a program to help you identify and abate asbestos in your home. You can contact the NJDEP for more information on asbestos and how to protect yourself.

In summary, asbestos can be a serious health risk. If you think you or someone you know may have been exposed, it is important to get tested and to follow the regulations to protect yourself and others. You can contact the NJDEP for more information on asbestos and how to protect yourself.

**Need To Sell Something?**

Try placing a Classified Ad in the NJ Federated Sportsmen News. The News reaches your target audience of dedicated sportsmen and women throughout New Jersey - contact the Editor for more information.

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The primary source of asbestos in New Jersey is the formerly mining town of Libby, Montana. The town is known for its asbestos mine, which was operational from 1910 to 1971. Asbestos was mined at the Libby mine and shipped to various states, including New Jersey, where it was used in various industries, including construction.

Asbestos fibers are small, lightweight, and heat-resistant, which makes them ideal for insulation and fireproofing. However, when asbestos fibers are disturbed, they can become airborne and be inhaled by humans.

The consequences of asbestos exposure can be serious, including lung cancer, mesothelioma, and asbestosis. Asbestosis is a lung disease caused by the inhalation of asbestos fibers. It can cause scarring of the lungs, shortness of breath, and coughing.

Mesothelioma is a rare but deadly cancer that affects the lining of the lungs, chest, and abdomen. It can cause pain, shortness of breath, and a persistent cough.

Lung cancer is the most common cancer worldwide, and smoking is the leading cause. However, asbestos exposure is also a risk factor, and people who have been exposed to asbestos have a higher risk of developing lung cancer.

The symptoms of asbestos-related diseases can be similar to other conditions, such as pneumonia or bronchitis. If you or someone you know is exposed to asbestos, it is important to seek medical attention and to be monitored for symptoms of disease.

Asbestos exposure can also affect the unborn child, with studies showing a higher risk of spontaneous abortion and low birth weight in babies born to women who were exposed to asbestos during pregnancy.

There is no cure for asbestos-related diseases, but early detection and treatment can improve outcomes. Treatment options may include surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy.

If you think you have been exposed to asbestos, it is important to get tested. A chest X-ray or CT scan can help diagnose asbestos-related diseases, and a biopsy may be necessary to confirm the diagnosis.

In the United States, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has strict regulations for handling and disposing of asbestos. If you are involved in a construction or remodeling project, it is important to follow these regulations to protect yourself and others from asbestos exposure.

New Jersey has its own regulations for asbestos, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has a program to help you identify and abate asbestos in your home. You can contact the NJDEP for more information on asbestos and how to protect yourself.

In summary, asbestos can be a serious health risk. If you think you or someone you know may have been exposed, it is important to get tested and to follow the regulations to protect yourself and others. You can contact the NJDEP for more information on asbestos and how to protect yourself.

**Piling On: Unfortunately, Not a Game That Can End Well**

In the aftermath of the horrific shootings at an elementary school in Connecticut that have enraged us, our state legislature, as well as at the federal level, couldn’t wait to begin taking advantage of any vulnerability, no matter how small. Some are even choosing to pile on by attempting to introduce legislation that would further restrict gun ownership in New Jersey. The print and electronic media have been awash with proposals to regulate gun ownership, and this company’s new gun production, and this company’s new

arguably the subject of the examination, if not a home inspection inspection at the residence in which the gun will be kept. I’m helping ANJRPC build their member-base, and the hard-working and highly skilled lobbyist Nappen said. “They (ANJRPC) have a successful implementation of this para-

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The Sporting View
by Marty Boa

This original Model 1862 Springfield rifle-musket with its percussion ignition system lock and rifled barrel was one of the best muzzle-loading arms of the Civil War era and a big improvement over the flintlock marksmen that preceded it. Some Second Amendment foes suggest that the Second Amendment pertains only to muskets, forever and reality it does not exclude any advancement in firearm technology.

Marty Boa photo.

The right of the individual citizen to keep and bear arms. Additionally, dictionary definitions of the term militia use a variety of related wordings to explain that while militia can mean a military force it also refers to an “unorganized or reserve militia,” that portion of the militia not belonging to the National Guard or the Organized Reserves, or the Naval or Marine Reserves. Also, “a body of citizen soldiers as distinguished from professional soldiers.”

And further: “An army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers,” “a military force that is not part of a regular army and is subject to call for service in an emergency.” “The whole body of physically fit civilians eligible by law for military service.”

The照明子手柄excluded its protection to new innovations developed by the firearms industry, when it comes to small arms that an individual may need or desire.”

The recent Supreme Court decision regarding the Second Amendment affirmed the fact at it does apply to the right of the individual to keep and bear arms. Many shooting sportsmen enjoy target shooting and hunting with “primitive” firearms that are legally and successfully employed by an efficient modern firearm, is ludicrous. Gun banners have long attempted to twist the wording and thereby alter the intent of the Second Amendment by presenting the idea that we are not entitled to a Militia; it therefore applies to members of the armed forces only.

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A: You’re using spinning tackle. I would start with a spinner, such as a Mepps or Colorado, tipped with a worm or nightcrawler. Cast upstream and retrieve slowly to keep the blades spinning as the bait crawls and bamps along the bottom. I’ve also used this technique with a fly rod without the spinner, and adding just enough weight to get it to go deep. Use roll casts and don’t use this under the exigency of a critical pursuit!

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A: If you use open sights, forget about a cheekpiece. You don’t need it. The purpose of a cheekpiece, particularly a Monte Carlo design which has a raised comb, is to lift and support the shooter’s cheek and eye to bring it in line with a scope sight. A well-designed Monte Carlo cheekpiece and comb slopes slightly upward from the forearm by about an inch. By referring to an old fashioned design is clean with straight lines… which I prefer.

A: There are several designs, but the two most common are the Michigan Big Bore and the Toms River Big Bore. Experienced buyers prefer styles that offer maximum steel-to-wood contact, which means the Michigan. Some prefer a cheekpiece. A common camp stock should have a 36-inch handle and a 3-inch cheekpiece. If you prefer a wood handle, pick one with a straight grain running the entire length of the handle. Always inspect paint for any slight crack in the finish, it could be covering serious flaws.

Q: Where can I find that formula for estimating fish weight? Does it really work?

A: Hosing your rods and reels with fresh- water after a trip will help, but it’s still no cure. If you’re fishing in saltwater, you should wash your tackle with a bucket of soapy water, using one of those car wash mits. Any detergent will work fine. Never use a stream of water from a hose, which will force any residual salt into reels and guides. A fine spray is better to get the mess from your gear. After washing with WD-40, which will help protect reels, rods and even your line. I know one cap- tain who骷髅、rolling pins, gasoline after every trip and then coats them with light oil. Admittedly a lot of work, but he has had the best luck.

Q: How can I keep saltwater from corrod- ing the roller guides on my trolling rods? I hose them off after every trip, but the guides still show signs of fouling.

A: The formula you’re looking for is Weight = (Length x Diameter x Density) squared, divided by 800, equals Weight (pounds). This should get you within 10 percent of actual weight. –Matt Russell, Toms River, NJ.

A: If you had limited me to only freshwa- ter, I would have picked a silver spoon. For both fresh and saltwater, however, I would choose a white bucktail jig tipped with a curly tailed plastic worm. It can be fished effectively from top to bottom.
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