The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has announced the winners of the 2013 Skillful Angler Awards Program. The program honors anglers who catch both freshwater and marine fish. The awards recognize those who demonstrate proficient angling skills, even though they are not large enough to have tested the angler’s skill and be worthy of recognition.

The NJ Articulate Angler program highlights the great fishing opportunities found in New Jersey, and anglers of all ages and skill levels participate. The 2014 year 133 applications representing 24 different species of freshwater and saltwater fish were officially processed. Since the program’s modest beginning (31 applicants in 1983), the Division of Fish and Wildlife has increased the Skillful Angler status to 3,552 anglers.

The Skillful Angler Awards Program implements the original objective of lobbying the New Jersey State Record Fish Program. In 2014, the program allows for minor changes including a change in name to the Skillful Angler Recognition Program, and a two-category requirement. Significant changes will be coming in 2015.

The program is a fun challenge entered annually by skillful anglers in 2013 (adult, junior, and catch-and-release categories combined) for largemouth bass and rainbow trout, with 14 applications each, followed by sunfish with 12, and crappie with 10 applications.

The following is a breakdown of applications and species received per species. Freshwater: large-mouth bass (14), rainbow trout (14), sunfish (12), and crappie (10). Saltwater: striped bass (14), bluefish (12), fluke (3), and sea bass (3).

The NJ Articulate Angler program recognizes those who qualify for the striped bass/bass group. Zach Merchant won the New Jersey State Record Fish Program in 2014. The program allows for minor changes including a change in name to the Skillful Angler Recognition Program, and a two-category requirement. Significant changes will be coming in 2015.

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The Catch and Release category has the most applications with 148 applications followed by the adult category with 36 applications and the juniors with 15 applications.


The NJ Articulate Angler Awards are as follows:

- Adult Category Freshwater Species
  - Catchfish - 17 lbs. 1 oz. caught by Gary Bruezard of Oak Ridge on September 28, 2013. Gary was fishing from boat on Lake Hopatcong when he landed carp, northern pike, and rainbow trout. The fish was approximately 24 inches long and 2 pounds 8 ounces.

- Adult Category Saltwater Species
  - Catchfish - 7 lbs. 15 oz. caught by Gary Bruezard of Oak Ridge on September 28, 2013. Gary was fishing from boat on Lake Hopatcong when he landed

The fictional character Forrest Gump is renowned for saying, “Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.”

Much can be the same said for recovering a banded bird while hunting. After many years of hunting and several successful hunts, many hunters have been fortunate enough to take a banded goose, usually to find it was a Resident Population or local Canada Goose banded within a mile of the recovery location.

However, using the chocolate analogy, goose hunter Joe Benerato was about to get the most decadent chocolate ever when he hefted a dozen decoys during the mid-morning of February 13, 2014 and plodded out into the snow. After having spent the pre-dawn and early morning hours plowing snow, a common event this past winter, Benerato knew time was running out with the end of the goose season looming on February 15, to take a crack at the 30- 40 goslings that he was seeing regularly in the cover crop field of his Hammonton farm.

After settling in for only 20 minutes, he spotted one as soon as possible to maximize its survival. Holding the bird by the water and “walk” the fish so that water gets into the mouth and gills. Release the fish when it starts to swim.

The use of livewells and other devices adds to the stress levels of the fish. The theory is that the fish stay in the circu-
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If you don’t have a smartphone, don’t even bother to go fishing or any more.

That might be an exaggeration, but not by much. The same way that manufacturers used to presume that everyone had a telephone, then a computer, then internet access, manufacturers with few exceptions assume that all consumers have a smartphone. More to the point, the assumption is that consumers use it for a lot more than just calling, texting, and checking email. Even a casual exploration will show that the number of smartphone apps now available is nothing short of mind-boggling, and for many – perhaps most – the smartphone is THE indispensable, don’t-leave-home-without-it tool in today’s culture.

The truth of this was reflected in a great many of the products I saw at the Sands Convention Hall in Las Vegas this year’s Shooting, Hunting, and Outdoor Trade (SHOT) Show this past January. Some companies had produced one that directly, others rely on a smartphone or similar to make the product realize its potential. A number of products were simply accessories for the smartphone itself, either as or is as a bridge between two functions.

Another happenstance that solidified this even more firmly in my mind was some recent YouTube surfing. With hardly any effort at all, one can find plenty of nice, sometimes even great, home video footage of a huge variety of fishing excursions. (helps hunters and shooters locate FFL and ammunition, need repairs…), *Legends of the Fall RangeFinder* (a shot drop compensator that is optimized for bow or gun hunters shooting from an elevated position, across semi-level terrain at distances under 60 yards; helps compute target data to compensate for wind increase height above the target, which tends to cause shots to be placed high), and *Shooting Hours* (calculates sunrise and sunset, and shooting hours, for turkey, deer, duck, or goose hunting or any activity where sunrise and sunset times are important; can notify you of the opening of shooting hours and again when the day’s hunt comes to a close).

Can you even imagine having the year’s membership fee is $100 per

For more information, email tom@hunterdonlandtrust.org with “Natural Resource Management Team” as a subject. Please send the following information: Name, email, phone number, hunting license number, seasons you participate in (for example, fall bow, muzzleloader, etc.) and number of days hunted last season. I will send qualified respondents a link with more information including links to online sources for selected hunters can choose one. If you would like to make an additional donation to one of the projects below, please check box to activate donation!

Dear Oliver,

The Bay View Club is proud to have had three of its past members being part of the founding of the State Federation of Sportmen’s Clubs. The Bay View Club has been a member of the Middlesex County Federation since its founding in 1929 and became incorporated in 1932. Its clubhouse and meeting place is located on South Pine Avenue, Sayreville, NJ. The club also has a Junior Rifle Team run by NRA-certified coaches that over the years has had its members (both boys and girls) win national awards. The Club is very proud of its Junior Rifle team’s accomplishments over the years.

Edward J. Karczyk Sr. Club Historian, BYVGC

Hunterned Land Trust

Looking for Members

Dear Oliver,

I am writing to inform you of an opportunity for conservation-minded hunters to join the Hunterned Land Trust’s Natural Resource Management Team. The Last Fall hunting season was a very good one for the rural character and natural resources of Hunterdon County. The club not only had an abundance of turkeys but also an antlerless deer on a regular basis in an effort to help rehabilitate our declining whitetails.

Participants must attend at least two events and attend at least two stewardship events during the year. The 2014 membership fee is $100 per

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Dear Oliver,

On March 15, we held our annual Youth’s Sporting Clays Day at Red Wings Sporting Clay’s Port Republic, NJ. I think this event was the biggest shooting sports clay event for children on the east coast. This annual event is free of charge and features several preserves that will be available for deer hunting on an annual basis. This program is only recruiting this summer, become a volunteer on the Hunterdon County Division, in conjunction with Red Wings Sporting Clays of Port Republic, NJ, hosted this event for youths aged 10-16 along with their parents. All of the youths received a sporting clay trophy and a T-shirt with a “Hooked on Sporting Clays” logo. The NRA also chipped in with some money for the shells and safety equipment.

East Jersey TU to Hold Event

The Port Republic Gunning Club provided a lunch for children and parents. For more information about this successful event, contact Butch Conover at 609-652-8342.

Butch Conover, Youth Shoot Chairman, Atlantic County Federation of Sportmen’s Clubs

Dear Oliver,

Every year, on a Saturday in June, EJTU, in conjunction with teachers from Ramapo College, holds Ramapo River Day. This year it will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 1PM until 1 PM – no rain or shine.

This is a free event for children in grades 4 to 12 at which they will learn about the bugs in the river, water chemistry, and plants near the river, they also taught the rudiments of fly casting.

Participants are grouped according to age into groups of 10 – 15 children each. The groups move together to each activity...
Few of us got our start patrolling the edges of farm ponds and local park lakes with the simplest of lures, a small Rapture or any permits, but did pursue a firearm within a safety zone. This hunter has been previously convicted of shooting across a road and discharging a firearm within a safety zone. Lt. Lacroix observed three individuals hunting geese out of season. Two days later, Lt. Lacriox received a complaint of three individuals hunting geese out of season at the same location. She responded and watched the hunters until they unloaded at sunset. Upon inspection, she found that it was two of the hunters from the previous Saturday and one additional juvenile. Of the three summons, and two written warnings were issued for hunting Canada geese out of season.

Northern Region Highlights

Officer Holmes, Captain Panico and Lieutenant Appleget investigated a non-target impact that happened in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, on the Sunday before the opening day of early muzzledloader deer season. The victim heard the muzzleloader bullet enter the house through a rear door and travel across the living room at 11:00 am. As the victim contacted the New Jersey State Police, he also called the tenant on the farm where the shot came from. The police encountered the tenant just after the shot was fired from a tree stand, and the tenant was the main suspect. When contact was made, he admitted that he had fired the muzzleloader, and that it had gone through the house and lodged on the farm after being called by the victim.

The suspect refused to return to the scene because he has multiple outstanding warrants, including over $113,000 in child support warrants. He was arrested on all counts, and the gun, along with five recently killed, antlered deer heads; four antlered deer heads; and an entire antlerless deer were seized. This suspect does not have a firearm license or any permits, but did pursue a firearm within a safety zone. This hunter has been previously convicted of shooting across a road and discharging a firearm within a safety zone.

Southern Region Highlights

CO Kille received information from a local trapper about untagged snages in Mantua Township, Gloucester County. The CO found three snares that had been set, and after the trapper had thrown them, he looked for the trap and discovered it was set in a safety zone.

Marine Region Highlights

CO Kille was patrolling the Burlington Wetlands MWA on Burlington Township, Cumberland County on the opening day of six-day firearm season. CO Kille encountered a man and a younger woman who had just begun to walk away from their vehicle to check on a group of snages that the man had covered up in the without his required hunter’s orange and stopped for an inspection. Because the man was no more than 30 yards from his vehicle and believed to have honestly forgot to put his orange on a verbal warning was issued. The man was not charged with utilizing untagged snares and trespassing.

Shortly after the inspection, CO Kille consulted with other CO’s that frequent the area and was quickly advised that the man was a repeat offender. It was also brought to the CO’s attention that despite having a permit, he had probably removed his orange following the inspection. CO Kille and James Redmond were heading toward the same area when they received a call that a man was observed wearing a cap and not wearing his orange and will subsequently be revoked if convicted.

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Coarse bass keep on producing...
Sandworms, Bunkers, and Clams = May Stripers

by Milto Rosko

It seems like only yesterday when as a teenager I sat on the rocks adjacent to the old Highlands Bridge spanning the Shrewsbury River. It was a sunny day, and the current was not very fast, and the flood and the current had slowed consider- ably. It was dark and the setting had an aura that I vividly recall to this day. I patiently held my split bamboo surf rod and sat on Shrewsbury Island with Cuttyhunk hank line, with its terminal rig resting on the bottom, baited with a fat tub of sandworms.

The strike I received was something I had only dreamed of; the rod pulled down sharply, as a line of water was parted. I let set the hook, while the drag immediately began to relinquish line as a striped bass headed towards Sea Bright. It was give and take, but I prevailed and soon had my first fish. I was on sand rocks, thanks to the tubworm resting on the sandy bottom. It was the middle of May.

The medium-weight challenge of targeting striped bass, and during the span of years that I have been seen stripers- sulfate, echoed several times. Plum- just met as often, much to the consterna- tion of recreational fishermen everywhere. But the one thing that has remained unchanged is that I have been able to score with both methods of fishing a natural bait on the bottom. Inasmuch as the tubworm isn’t readily available in an abundant supply, the passage of time I’ve moved on to sand- worms, bunkers, and clams as my choices. And I think that it’s the best way to do it. While bottom fishing with natural bait dur- ing the summer, I’ve found the most rewarding, exciting techniques I’ve ever employed while seeking this great gamefish. I’ve found that because of the current of a river, the quiet expanse of our coastal bays, or the surf that ranges from flat calm to a roaring torrent, the baits usually sitting on the sand or rocks, with no other angler around, have the best chance of the remaining beauty of the surrounding outdoors.

Today’s tackle is so superior to that of the past when we used to spool our 8 or 10-foot long fiberglass or graphite rod more than adequate for most shore-casting situations. Nearly every angler goes to sea with two or three rods. It’s a pity that they don’t use them. The qualities of such rods emphasize the beauty of the outdoors. It may take some time, but a hungry striper’s bound to happen by some thin line that trails out over the water. Make your casts to position the bait in the depths of the cut, or shorter casts in the shallows. But when the fish are slacking in the surf, the strips often congregate on the calm water surface. The baits are obvious, and the fish are obvious, and the fish are obvious, and the fish are obvious, and the fish are obvious.

You’ll note that the current will flow to your left towards a cut, or to the right, towards the beach. Make casts to position the bait in the depths of the cut, or shallows.

Selecting a spot to fish is certainly important, but I would remind you to remember the location of the bottom and where it is located. It’s important, but I would remind you that I stay that way.

Along the surf it’s also wise to visit a beachside tackle shop and look for a choice rod and reel for the job. You will find that the baitome is never far away.

The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) added an All Tackle division to the previous classes in 1968. A serious angler will have a choice of many excellent rods and reels. The rod is the key, and the reel is the heart of any tackle setup. The reel should have a wide range of gear ratios and be capable of handling the line class up to 60 kg (130 lb). The IGFA also recommends “trapping release hooks on crankbaits, lipped top waters, top waters, top waters, top waters or spoons with single hooks to facilitate easy deep-hooping and faster release of fish” (IGFA 2011).
Travel: Hone Your Skills at Resica Falls

by Bob Romano

A few years back, I decided to play hokey from the office. We’d had little snow that winter. Powdering 30-50 on a rain that spring. Although it was only the third week of April, the temperature had risen to east coast 70’s as I rolled past Resica Falls, pulling into the fisherman’s parking lot after 1:00 on a Wednesday afternoon.

A short drive through the Delaware Water Gap (falls located at the start of the Big Bushkill River that flows through a Boy Scout Reservation located in the northern Pennsylvania’s Pocono Mountains. The stretch of stream that flows through Reservation lands is Fly Fishing only. Perhaps it’s the appeal of realistically imitating their catch. Fishing is permitted year round and quite good during March, April, and May.

The spray and white pine along the river, as do wet flies and even streamers, the river has consistently good hatches, which is very much part of its charm. Skating a black stonefly imitation across a ledge can be particularly tough as the season progresses.

Although nymphs work well all year long, there have been many times when I’ve found a good hatch on one section of the river with nothing happening upstream or down. For this reason, I tend to move around between the two principal access points if the fishing isn’t working at any one location.

Traveling on Route 80 west through the Gap on that summer afternoon, I took the first exit on the Pennsylvania side. Although traffic can jam the road on the weekend, it took only ten minutes to complete the short ride to the town of Marshalls Creek. Another five or six minutes up Route 402 brought me to Firestone Road. Turning left and continuing for a few miles, the road held over. The stocked river is mostly brown, and by mid-April they have already added more bass and whitefish, but it’s possible to find a single mayfly, either in the air or on the water. The water was especially low, and narrowed my tippet did trout consistently rise to my fly. By remaining flexible I was able to break the code on this particular afternoon.

To paraphrase Larry David, matching the situation is a blessing and a curse. Deciphering this puzzle is one of the great pleasures of fishing with flies, although the task can appear to be daunting when you expect the unexpected and don’t hesitate to improvise.

In addition to a PA fishing license, the Boy Scouts have their own permit for which they request a donation. Although I’ve obtained this permit each year as far back as the seventies, no one has ever checked it. Nevertheless, the Boy Scouts have opened their land to fly fishers and the least we can do is to contribute a donation. Information about the permit can be obtained at the Scouts Headquarters located above the parking lot or by contacting Captain Bob Romano on RD 3, 1485 Valley Forge Road Wayne, PA.

The author tussling with a typical Resica Falls trout. Bob Romano photo.

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pointed in his shooting ability when he whipped at his chance to take an additional bird out of the trio. His disappointment turned to excitement when the bird he picked up sported a leg band which read, ZOOLOG MUSEUM COPENHAGEN, DENMARK (see photo inset on map). Several phone calls later, and with some help from Division Wildlife Control Representative George Garbarace, Berenato called my office.

I sent the band recovery inquiry to Dr. Tony Fox at Aarhus University in Roskildeseland since he has published several papers on the status of Canada geese in Greenland. The particular Canada goose shot by Berenato was recovered by Dr. Fox in an area west Greenland (67.1208 N 50.6200W) known as Isanngua, which is relatively close to the town of Kangerlussuaq.

The straight line distance between the Isanngua location and Hammonton, NJ is about 2,100 miles (see illustration). The goose was banded as a gosling on July 19, 1997, making this individual bird 16 years old. The bird sported a Danish leg band, since Greenland is an autonomous country within the Kingdom of Denmark.

According to Dr. Fox’s research, Canada goose sub-fossil remains dates back to about 1000-1400 A.D. in Greenland, and study skins dating back to 1864 are stored at the Zoological Museum of the University of Copenhagen. Although previous evidence suggest that Canada geese have been on Greenland for quite some time, the number of Canada goose breeding there has increased dramatically only during the past 30 years.

Genealogical evidence suggests that these geese may have expanded into Greenland from the Ungava Bay region of northern Quebec. Leg band recoveries and sightings of Canada geese marked with neck collars by Dr. Fox and his colleagues indicate that Canada geese breeding in Greenland have migrated through the Maritime Provinces and Quebec, with many of these geese continuing in the Atlantic Flyway from Maine to Maryland.

Congratulations to Joe Berenato on this unique band recovery. In addition, Berenato deserves special thanks from the scientific community for his persistence in reporting this band. Images courtesy NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.
Greetings, fellow felons in New Jersey. What's the big problem, one might ask? Can't you live in New Jersey and lawfully own a firearm that takes a 10-round magazine without violating any law? If you can, then why not six or seven, or five? Why not zero? Bach replied. I got the point, but the legislation could easily criminalize possession of all magazines by those who own firearms that had 10 rounds or less.

Nevertheless, here's a brief summary of the group's position:

1. A2006 fails to make any distinction between criminals and law abiding citizens, between criminals and law abiding citizens.
2. It is own a firearm that is currently considered a felon: Lawful gun owners in New Jersey can take a page out of Australia's book on gun control, and in Australia, when criminals know with reasonable certainty that their targeted victims are armed, they unbend.
3. That, of course, is called confiscation.
4. New Jersey already has a ban on magazines over 10 rounds.
5. The only thing this bill will do is make a felon out of New Jersey's lawful firearms owners will automatically become felons.
6. Some of New Jersey's lawful firearms owners will be destroyed.
7. Lawful gun owners in New Jersey can take a page out of Australia's book on gun control. That's why New Jersey's so-called 'assault' firearms law in the early 1990s, gun owners were promised that a 15-round limit would be sufficient to ensure public safety and that there would never be a need to revisit the limit. With A2006, that promise has been broken, and there's no assurance that the legislation will be back in the future with an even lower restriction.

That pretty much sums up what this bill is all about.

Well, quite not, you see. When I thought Bach was merely being facetious when he rhetorically asked, “Why not six of five rounds, or none,” he was alluding to a measure authored by Assemblyman Joseph Cryan (D-Dist.20). During a March 20 debate on the Assembly floor, Assemblyman Michael Patrick Carroll (R-25) tore into A-2006, calling it “a public relations stunt” and mentioned that fellow Assemblyman Cryan already had a bill calling for a five-round measure:

“New Jersey already has a ban on magazines over 15 rounds. When this ban was first implemented together with New Jersey's so-called ‘assault’ firearms law in the early 1990s, gun owners were promised that a 15-round limit would be sufficient to ensure public safety and that there would never be a need to revisit the limit. With A2006, that promise has been broken, and there's no assurance that the legislation won't be back in the future with an even lower restriction.”

If your common sense dictates that a measure calling for a five-round limit defies logic and you’d have to see it for yourself, here’s the URL address to witness Carroll’s response to A-2006 as well as his comments about Cryan’s proposed five-round measure: http://tinyurl.com/o8eqspv. Regardless of how one packages A-2006, it is nothing more than a lofty and ambitious gun grab by the Left’s desire to strip all law-abiding citizens of their second amendment rights while doing little or nothing at all in the arena of thwarting the state’s thugs, drug dealers, and gang members, all of whom would not obey any law restricting guns or magazines in any event.

The California incident does illustrate the hypocrisy and duplicity behind gun laws that have no effect whatsoever on criminals. For that illustration, I leave this little tidbit: If you haven’t yet heard of him, Google California State Sen. Leland Yee, an outspoken anti-gun advocate and strong supporter of magazine bans. Go ahead, Google his name. You’ll see what I’m talking about.
A Boatload of Crime Scene Memories

The fish at 8:30 am. Eight-pound test was used with a spinning rod and Penn reel. A worm served as bait. The fish measured 33 inches in length and had a 13-inch girth.

Crappie - 3 lbs., 5 oz. caught by Bob Tillo of Wantage on May 13. 17. Bob was fishing from a boat on Stone Tavern Lake when he landed the fish at 8:15 am. Seventy-pound test was used with a 10 foot rod and a spinning reel. A fathead served as the lure. The fish measured 14.25 inches in length and had a 10.5-inch girth.

Northern Pike - 13 lbs., 1 oz. caught by Patrick Moy of Millington on September 5. Patrick was fishing from the shore at right by 4:00 pm. The fish landed at the fish at 4:00 am. Fifteen-pound test was used with a Lamiglass rod and a spinning reel. A nightcrawler served as the bait. The fish measured 21 inches in length with a 13-inch girth.

Lake Trout - 18 lbs., 12 oz. caught by Shawn Dornblass of Phillipsburg on April 6. Shawn was on a boat on Merritt Creek Reservoir when he landed the fish at 10:00 am. Ten-pound test was used with a Daiwa rod and reel. A nightcrawler was the bait. The fish measured 21 inches in length with a 13-inch girth.

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**The Sporting View**

**by Marty Boa**

“‘That’s what you say?’ ‘Excuse me, could you repeat that please? I didn’t hear you?’ ‘Sorry!’ Those and other similar expressions that most of us don’t like to hear, but sometimes have to use, may indicate hearing loss.

A good sense of hearing is an important faculty for all individuals. Our sense of hearing should always be valued and protected and never taken for granted. Even a temporary hearing impairment puts a person at a disadvantage, while permanent hearing loss takes place when delicate components of the human hearing system cease to function properly due to damage or deterioration. This is often related to the breakdown of the microscopic hair (stereocilia) borne by cells deep within the ear that detect and transfer sound impulses to the brain. These cells can become disabled from injury or disease and may die naturally from aging, resulting in sensorineural hearing loss, the most common form of hearing disability. The two most common causes of such hearing loss are exposure to damage from excessive noise, and presbycusis which is age related and aging process. Unfortunately, gunfire causes the type and intensity of noise that can damage hearing.

Sound intensity is measured in decibels (db) on a scale from 0 dB, which is the faintest sound detectable by humans, to 180 dB which is the sound a rocket makes during launch. Experts usually consider noise at levels of 85 dB and above to be dangerous with the potential of leading to permanent hearing loss. Noise from motorcycles, headphones, lawnmowers, and crying babies are major factors in hearing loss.

In some instances permanent hearing loss can take place in as little as 15 minutes with earplugs to certain sounds, and almost instantly with unprotected exposure generated from firearms and certain power tools.

The use of hearing protection is a no-brainer, and you should protect your hearing by wearing protective earmuffs, earplugs, or by avoiding loud noises altogether. Once hearing loss gets a foothold it can’t be reversed.

Anytime you plug in an iPod or other MP3 player you should set the volume at or below a quiet place where you can still hear sounds around you or continue on. Use headphones when you leave the house or go outside, and consider noise cancelling earphones that let you cut out street noise thus allowing you the need to turn up the volume so as to hear music comfortably.

Untreated hearing loss comes with side effects such as anxiety and feelings of isolation. Research has also demonstrated that unattended hearing loss can cause fatigue due to the extra effort needed to concentrate and communicate in order to participate in conversations.

Impaired hearing can cause loss of earning power. Studies conducted by the Better Hearing Institute indicate that people with untreated hearing loss lose up to $30,000 annually, depending on the severity of hearing loss.

Hearing loss can also contribute to dementia. A Johns Hopkins study reportedly shows that seniors with hearing loss are more likely to develop dementia over time than those who retain their hearing.

Today, through advances in hearing science technology, the adverse effect that hearing loss can have on a person have been greatly reduced. Let’s take a look at the various ways you can protect your hearing.

For more information on hearing health, call or visit the following: 866-619-5889, www.nrrahearingbenefits.com, or www.soundgearhearing.com.

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**The most common types of hearing protection include:**

- earplugs/muff (headset) (top) and earplugs (bottom), with case at right.

Marty Boa photo.
Origins of “Sharpshooter,” Hi-lux ‘Scope, Turnbull 1911, Gettysburg

Some folks think that the term “sharpshooter” has its origins in the Christian Sharps-designed, breech-loading rifles carried by Colonel Hiram Berdan’s Union army 1st and 2nd US Sharpshooter Battalions in the Civil War. My friend Fred Ray, a shooter and author of the groundbreaking and definitive study Shock Troops of the Confederacy: The Sharpshooter Battalions of the Army of Northern Virginia, has begun collecting historical references to the term “sharpshooter,” which his research indicates appears to have its roots in the German language.

Fred believes, and has some good documentation, that the word entered English usage by way of the German mercury rifles hired by the British in the 18th Century. He has traced its documented use in print in this country back to 1817: “Col. Forsyth, so celebrated in the last war [War of 1812], as a commander of a band of sharp shooters who harassed the enemy so much, happened in a scout- ing party to capture a British officer. He brought him to his camp and treated him with every respect due to his rank – happening to enter on a conversation on the subject of sharp shooters, the British officer observed that Forsyth’s men were a terror to the British Camp – that as far as they could see they could select the officer from the private, who of course fell a sacrifice to their precise shooting.”

Some rifles were issued to selected New Jersey militiamen on three-month coastal guard duty during the War of 1812, but there is no evidence of them shooting anyone or anything with them, save perhaps taking a potshot at a seagull.

Hi-Lux ‘Scope For Modern Muzzleloaders

Recall produced by a large-bore “modern” muzzle-loading rifle stocked with hefty hunting loads can be more punishing to a riflescope than that produced by many centerfire big game rifles. Toby Bridges of the North American Muzzleloader Hunting Association, who fires between 3,000 and 4,000 test rounds each year at the range, advised that his modern muzzleloader hunting scope of choice is, unsurprisingly, one he helped Hi-Lux Optics develop with this use in mind: the multi-reticle 3-9 x 40mm PR-ML model. According to Toby, a reliable informant, in less than four years his Hi-Lux scope has been mounted on guns that have fired more than 11,000 hunting power loads – 110-grains of Blackhorn powder, a 299 primer and a saboted Harvester Muzzleloading 300-grain Scorpion PT Gold bullet. For more on Bridges’ testing of this scope, visit the North American Muzzleloader Hunting Association website at www.namlhunt.com. More technical information on the scope and others in the Hi-Lux line can be found on the company website at www.hi-luxoptics.com.

Turnbull 1911 Heritage

The 1911 Colt .45 is not a black powder gun, of course, although there were plenty of black powder guns still in use when it was introduced in the early 20th century, so I am going to call it close. I am a big 1911 fan – and a World War I-era Colt 1911 is my “modern” hand-gun. Turnbull Manufacturing, the company that restores and re-creates classic firearms of the black powder and early smokeless eras, has announced that it is adding the 1911 to its growing family of highly finished versions of classic era firearms.

The charcoal-black Heritage has a five-inch barrel with a carbon steel frame, slide, trigger, hammer, and grip safety. It comes in .45 ACP with a standard seven-round single-stack magazine. The frame in color case hardened using Turnbull’s traditional bone and charcoal method for the best color and strength. The pins, screws, trigger, slide stop, and safety lever are nite-blue while the remaining parts are charcoal-blue.

It is a beautiful gun, although the finish on original military issue 1911s in World War I, by 1918, a plain-Jane dull heat blue. The Turnbull 1911 has a retail price of $1,995 and is currently being built to order. It can be ordered directly from Turnbull Mfg. Company. For more information, contact Turnbull at 585-657-6338 or via email through the company’s website at www.turnbullguns.com

New Gettysburg Book

Historian and professor Allen C. Guelzo was the winner, over a hundred nominated competitors, of the inaugural Guggenheim-Lehrman Prize in Military History, which carries a purse of $50,000. Guelzo won the prize for his book Gettysburg: The Last Invasion, which was released in hardcover by A.A. Knopf in 2013. He is the author of several other award-winning books and numerous articles, and is Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and Director of Civil War Era Studies at Gettysburg College.

I am proud to have been selected by Allen as a reader of the manuscript as he was working on it, and that I have my name in the acknowledgements. One would think that Gettysburg has been done to death, but Guelzo’s work provides a whole new perspective. If you are a Civil War buff you should definitely check out this book.
Most of my bass fishing trips many years ago ended the same way. After an early morning burst of energy, big bass would get frustrated with crappies and bluegills. I’d catch plenty of panfish, but never a braggart-size largemouth or smallmouth. My problem is a common one: I never fished with a plan.

The spring season can be the best time to fish for bass, but don’t think you can just go out, fling the water, and catch a big largemouth. It will take a bit more planning. Here’s the plan that has worked for me: it’s simple and it will work every spring.

First, don’t think spring is too cold for bass fishing. In fact, you can catch them all winter long, but they really turn on when the water temperatures hit the 50s. If it’s early in the spring, use spinterbaits and similar baits, and fish points and deep-shorelines before you get to the eight-to-10 foot deep. You will find bass here before they move into the shallows.

It’s also a good time to concentrate on the weather fronts during the spring months. The best day will be the last day before a cold front. Check your weather forecast and plan to fish just before a storm. Once the cold front passes, you may as well go home. You will not likely have good fishing until it warms up again.

A little wind is a welcome friend. You may occasionally catch a bass in 40-degree water, but you won’t get consistent action until water passes the 50-degree mark.

Author with a smallmouth bass that hit a gold spoon in shallow water
Vin Sparano photo.

Middlesex Federation Meeting
Dear Oliver,

The regular meeting on March 5, 2014 of the Middlesex County Federation was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Jeff Wren.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer report was accepted as read.

Under the CO Report, Woodbridge Township passed a “No Hunting” Ordinance hastily but is in the process of being rescinded after discussion with our CO’s and others.

A presentation was given by CO Shannon Martiak to discuss the proposed state of the art community archery range. The range will be built on the Clinton WMA and will be open to everybody. It will be large enough to hold State, Regional and National Events.

CO Shannon Martiak also discussed the furunculosis outbreak at the Pequest Hatchery. Trout were treated with antibiotics. Discussions are ongoing as to whether euthanize or stock the fish. Public Comments will be held on March 8.

Under the State Report, approval for the regional fluke regulations has taken place.

The NJ Trappers Association will be holding their state fur auction at Space Farms on March 22 for anyone interested in selling their furs.

Ad book applications are available for our upcoming NJ Wildlife and Conservation Conference. Please call Pola Garvey for more information.

Under the Fish and Game Council Report, Hunter Education has a plan to consolidate all firearms education into one class. You would no longer need to take a separate rifle/muzzleloader education course.

Preliminary deer harvest numbers have been published.

License sales are on track with last year.

Proposed changes to the 2014 trout stocking program are available on line at the division’s website. Due to the furunculosis outbreak, trophy trout lakes, holdover trout lakes, and certain trout production streams will not be stocked this year. Other waters traditionally stocked that do not support trout year round, primarily lakes and ponds in the eastern, central, and southern areas will be allocated more trout than usual. Please check the division’s website for all updates.

Under New Business, there have been problems with ice fishing on Farrington Lake, both North Brunswick and East Brunswick Police have been telling fisherman that they are not allowed to be on the ice.

The Nominating Committee has been selected and consists of Roger Bartholomew, John Messersoll, and Ed Karecki.

A motion was made to place a full page ad in the convention ad book for Middlesex County.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Ed Karecki, Sr.
Spotswood, NJ

Disappointed with Division L/E Chief
Dear Oliver,

After reading the letter “More On Legal Gun Troubles” by Fred Denson, my first thought is that the policy of Union Beach must have nothing to do and just overreact when they do response to a call, but then on second thought, their reaction was probably more about being uneducated on game law regulations and projecting a show of force.

For largemouths, buzzbaits are especially effective. Cast around flooded timber, brush, and stumps. If it’s legal to fish for spawning bass in your
Woodbridge.

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Get a Plan for Bass
When water climbs to between 60 and 70 degrees, you will get some hot bass action. The key is to find the right water during spring. During summer, when water temperature rises, remember to use the reverse tactic; you will now have to look for cooler water.

There are other ways to find warmer water during spring. Fish the sunny side of the lake first, where water will warm up more quickly. You can also look for creek mouths, where the water running into a lake will sometimes be warmer.

If you’re picking a lake to fish, pick the smaller waters, which are likely to warm up first. It will also be easier to find the hotspots on a small lake where fishing pressure will probably be lighter.

Look for the right kind of bottom. If it’s legal to fish for spawning bass in your
state (catch and release only, here in NJ – Ed.), look for them on sandy or gravel bot- том. Spawning bass don’t spawn on soft muddy bottoms or solid rocks.

As the water warms up, you will start to find bass in the shallower. You should now begin to concentrate your fishing around flooded timber, brush, and stumps. If the bass are about to spawn, the big females will move into this kind of water first. Work the edges with spinnerbaits, weedless jigs, and plastic worms.

Remember to check your state regulations, however, before you take bass off the bed. If it’s legal to fish for spawning bass, use a catch and release philosophy. Replace your treble hooks with single hooks and pinch down the barbs. You will be able to easily release all bass without harm. This is not the time to use bait, which will likely be swallowed and inflict injury.

These tactics will work for both largemouth and smallmouth bass. On smallmouth bass, I’ve had good success with gold or silver spoons with a single hook. For largemouths, buzzbaits are especially effective. Cast them around cover and keep them moving.

Don’t wait until the temperature climbs and bass begin to get lethargic and finny. Fish them now, when they’re hungry.

By Vin T. Sparano

Activities are set up at six “stations.” Collection, Identification, Water Chemistry, Botany, Non-point Source Pollution and Fly Tying/Fly Casting.

Collection: Participants are given cups and tweezers so they can collect spec- imens from seines which have been used to catch them in the river. Our volunteers handled the seines in the river so all partic- ipants need not get into the water.

Identification: Using microscopes and reference books, participants identify the specimens they have collected.

College staff assist the participants.

Water Chemistry: Participants con- duct various experiments using water from the river to evaluate water quality. College staff is available to help.

Botany: College staff lead particip- ants on a short walk to identify vegetation which grows along the river. Plants are native, invasive, helpful, and harmful plants.

Non-point Source Pollution: Using a model designed to demonstrate pollution problems, participants learn about pollution caused by non-point sources like pet waste, lawn and garden chemicals, trash, chemi- cals leaking from vehicles, etc.

Fly Tying/Fly Casting: Volunteers tie flies which imitate the bugs the partici- pants have collected from the river. Participants are given basic instruction in fly casting with equipment provided for the event.

Guests spend about 20 – 25 minutes at each station and circulate together to each station. It is a hands-on program, so participants need to dress appropriately.

The area along the river is often wet so closed shoes or boots are recommended. Hats, insect repellent and sunscreen are suggested. Parents, scout leaders, and teachers should plan to circulate through the program with their children to help direct them from station to station.

Plan to arrive at the location, Halifax Road at the Ramapo River, 7:30 - 9:45 am. The program will begin at 10:00 am and end at about 12:30 pm.

The event is free but pre-registration is necessary. We usually have groups such as school groups and scouts, but individu- als are welcome.

For further information contact the EJTU organizer, Rich Malizia, at 973-304- 0789 or rmalizia@optonline.net.

Ray Cuppock
East Jersey Trout Unlimited

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