Trenton, NJ – Encouraging young New Jerseyans to avoid the dangers of drug use by engaging in positive, safe and healthy building group activities, Governor Chris Christie signed A-638, creating the “Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs” Program across the state.

The program will provide students with access to extracurricular outlets that utilize New Jersey’s outdoor recreational assets. Established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife, the statewide implementation of the “Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs” Program will also be funded through an appropriation of $200,000 from the Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction Fund and provide students with the opportunity to embrace positive life skills as an alternative to the pitfalls of drug abuse.

“We have a responsibility to guide young New Jerseyans away from the dangers of drug use and other illicit activities that too easily take hold of lives and tear apart our families,” said Governor Christie. “The ‘Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs’ Program will help steer young men and women away from the pitfalls of drug abuse by utilizing our great outdoors to create educational, recreational and mentorship opportunities.”

I thank the sponsors of this legislation for investing in the future of New Jersey’s children and youth adults, as well as the Department of Environmental Protection for helping move forward with this important priority.

Established within the Division of Fish and Wildlife, the “Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs” Program is based on a national program developed by the Future Fisherman Foundation, and will use Division staff support to assist school districts and extracurricular organizations in implementing the program throughout the state.

To improve and maintain the effectiveness of the program, the Division will collect and maintain the operation of the program. The Division of Fish and Wildlife will also work with educational, public safety and environmental groups, including sportsman groups and local merchants, to promote volunteerism in the form of mentoring young adults within the program and to encourage the donation of technical, material and financial assistance to the program.

Primary sponsors of the legislation include: Assemblies members Brian E. Rumpf (R-Burlington and Ocean), Herb Conway, Jr. (D-Burlington), Dianne C. Gove (R-Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean), and Nelson T. Albano (D-Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland).

Christie Signs HOFNOD Into Law

Survey Says: Hunter & Angler Numbers Are Up

Washington, D.C. - A coalition of hunting and angling groups and the outdoor industry briefed members of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus recently on the rise in hunting and fishing participation in this country. The groups, led by the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Cabella’s, Safari Club International, American Sportfishing Association and National Marine Manufacturers Association, shared data from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (Service) 2011 National Survey on Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation to compare hunting and fishing participation and expenditures to mainstream industries.

“To put it in perspective, the 37 million sportmen and women over the age of 16 in America is the same as the population of the state of California, and the $90 billion they spent in 2011 is the same as the global sales of Apple’s iPad and iPhone in the same year,” commented Jeff Crane, president of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation. “Hunting and fishing have been, and clearly continue to be, important elements of our country’s outdoor heritage and they are critically important to our nation’s economy — partic- ularly in the small businesses that sup- port quality hunting and fishing opportuni- ties.”

The participation and economic data shows a nine percent increase in hunters and an 8 percent increase in anglers compared to the 2006 survey. The important thing to note is that these numbers are just accounting for sportmen and women age 16 and older, so actual participation is likely higher when adding in youth. Most notable, however, is that hunters and anglers continued their strong spending habits. From equipment expenditures ($8.2 billion for hunters, $6.2 billion for anglers) to special equipment ($52 billion towards ATVs and other such vehicles) to trip-related expenses totaling over $32 billion, sportmen and women continue to direct their discretionary income toward their outdoor pursuits.

Our industry has continued to have strong returns, even during this lagging economy, and the reason is the commitment of hunters and shooters to their out- door activities,” said Steve Sanetti, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation. “The economic impact of hunting and fishing is profound in South Dakota and across the country,” noted US Senator John Thune (R-SD), Republican Senate Co-Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus, at the briefing. “It’s important that we have policies that pro- mote hunting and fishing and support the outdoor industries.”

“People don’t think about hunting and fishing in terms of economic growth,” stated US Senator Jon Tester (D-MT), Democratic Senate Co-Chair of the CSC, to the participants. “The statistics in the new economic impact report are great and will go a long way to telling the public just how important hunting and fishing are in this country.”

One of the statistics I learned today is that the $6 billion that hunters spent in 2011 on guns, ammunition, and archery equipment is comparable to the sales of bicycles in the United States,” said US Representative Bob Latta (R-OH), Republican House Vice-Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus. “This is particularly important because most of those gun and ammunition companies are based right here in this country, meaning sportmen’s dollars support American jobs and American workers.”

“In today’s world, we are talking about economics and jobs — those are the main drivers in most policy discussions,” commented US Senator Jim Risch (R-ID), Republican Senate Vice Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus. “It is so important to see how strong the sports- men’s community is and what they are doing to support the American economy so they have a voice in those discussions.”

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Dear Friend:

I wanted to personally share the good news that I recently signed legislation establishing the “Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs” program within the Department of Environmental Protection. The legislation also appropriates $90,000 in funding to support the implementation of the program, this is an essential issue to our shared dedication to our community and the lives of New Jersey’s youth.

The “Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs” program addresses the root causes of drug abuse and seeks to reach and connect with our youth before a substance abuse problem develops. Students are not only learning how to fish, but also developing an enduring respect for nature, for themselves and for others. By utilizing our outdoor recreational and mentorship opportunities, we are helping young men and women embrace positive life skills as an alternative to the pitfalls of drug abuse.

As Governor, I firmly believe that everyone deserves a second chance — with the statewide implementation of “Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs.”

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Finding Those Fall Flocks
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Okay, I admit it. Although spring turkey season may be the most classic of the fall suits, the fall season! Well, not so much.

A much of what I’ve learned about fall turkey hunting (and the term the tacking to differentiate between taking a bird with a bow and black powder) has come to me through osmosis. That is, I’ve absorbed what scant knowledge I have about the fall turkey season by way of constantly rubbing elbows and clinking coffee cups with my cronies, some of whom would rather hunt turkey than turkey hunting. I’ve been in my attempts to change the subject... despite describing how fantastic goose hunting was decades ago, when a quick, two-hour morning hunt would yield six to eight.

“But can’t you guys talk about something else, like trout fishing, woodcock hunting, or the upcoming week. Officer Sutton responds dead jake turkeys while scouting for the this magnificent bird back to its once-prosperous population here in the so-called Garden of Eden we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. Yer precious leest we hae turkey tae hunt. 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Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge, December 10, 1987 - A caravan of vehicles rolls up Pleasant Plains Road to the entrance of the refuge. Long angry, cursing protesters make their way over to the south gate. They are met by Great Swamp personnel who get them to assemble peacefully within the area designated as protest zone. Their purpose: to protect the necessary annual deer hunt and hurl insults at the hunters.

GSWR manager Bill Koch has installed a 4 foot orange cyclone fence in an attempt to keep the angry, cursing protesters from getting on the road, as they’ve done in past years.

In very short order, the fence is smashed into the ground. The police are called in an attempt to restore order.

United Bowhunters of NJ representa- tive Jim McCall of Bridgewater, who is on the Koch’s office as these details come over the radio, Koch and his group of trained personnel are attempting to contain the violent crowd control. Within ten minutes the pro- testers are dispersed. Koch’s office is now in the designated area. Loud. Boisterous. Unruly.

Charlie and I dressed in business suits, as the United States Sportsmen’s Alliance), the NJ State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, the New Jersey Bowhunter’s Association, and the Associated Bowhunters (unlike the crayon mark-ups used by the anti-hunters). He will also videotape the event. Charlie Bachanes is in charge of setting up and managing the “Protect What’s Right” booth. John Clements, our Vice President, is laid up with a broken back, so a full staff of staff is needed. John is not participate. He wishes us well. Dick Slocum and Al Klenk, our Central Region reps, will handle any potential problems. Dan Lombardo, our Education and Safety officer, will screen all participants and issue official name tags. Joe Bachanes will handle refreshments. The Shongum Sportsmen will cook venison chops, steaks, and burgers on site to offer them to reporters.

Our Coalition Speaker, Bill Hoboken, will be one of our speakers. Our attorney, Stuart Aldersey, is called upon to be available in case of any unforeseen problems. The assistance of professional outdoor writer and photographer Ron Jacobsen is enlisted. His photos and arti- cles will help capture this moment in sport hunting history.

Mike Grossman, President of the NJ State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, will speak on their behalf. The NJ Wild Turkey Federation sends their president John Kimball to join us. A & M Archery, Bill’s Bow’s & Arrows, will provide the archery component.

The Shongum Sportsmen fire up the barbecue. The media arrives. I then proceed to make a five-minute presentation, point- ing out that New Jersey’s and America’s wildlife is thriving, and that sport hunting is our country’s greatest conservators. I note that we pay for areas like the Great Swamp. Our wildlife is thriving because of the tremendous efforts of gun hunters, fishermen, and trappers. I report that the vast majority of New Jersey ci- tizens support the sport hunting and trapp- ing.

We make the point that there are over 73 million sportsmen in America; we also point out that there are 914 species of endangered wildlife that are similarly entitled to harvest our state’s renewable natural resources. This in turn prevents overpopulation, starvation, dis- ease, and depredation by dogs; it also helps keep our wildlife in abundance.

The information that we relat- ed to the media. To their credit, they in turn translate this information to the general public.

The anti-hunters are visibly upset by the polished, professional demonstration we put on. We billed it “the Celebration of Liberty, the Great Swamp.” During the course of our presen- tation, Ewe Kramer, president of DEER Inc. (a group that tried to disrupt the proceedings)

I offer her a venison hamburger. She refuses, and Nina Auburn-Ant, a representative of the Humane Society, looks dumbfounded. She claims we are there in fear of her groups. This is nonsense; we’re simply sick and tired of listening to their anti-hunting drib- ble and mindless rhetoric. We now take the education of the non-hunting public to be our single most important goal. When the facts are presented, both the facts and the public will support us, our programs, and our activities. Ms. Kramer started to melt down, the fluff was flying, and said “I’ll compete for your groups. Is she in for a education? We’ve only just begun to fight back.

Our efforts in NJ will not cease. We are on the front lines, on the very cutting edge. With support we can and will contin- ued to fight the battle; bravely, aggressively, and professionally. And we are not alone. We have the sorely needed information to the gener- al non- hunting public using the “Protect What’s Right” program.

As my friend Charles Bachanes succinctly put it, “it’s time to put a Ban on the Antis.” Together, united, we’ll do just that.

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It’s Deep Drop Time for Sea Bass & Porgies

by Mit Rosko

The roar of the engines being idled back was a wake-up call for those of us who had been tucked in our sleeping bags and blankets, as the Jamaica made the 2-hour trek eastward. The bunk room emptied quickly as everyone bunched up and headed for the deck, where darkness still prevailed and the thermometer hovered in the 40s. The mates were busy, as they set first one and then a second anchor to precisely secure our position above a wreck that was located on the bottom more than 200 feet below.

Everyone on board was rigged and ready, most with a high-low rig and a pair of snelled 2/0 Lazer Sharp-style hooks baited with small (always better than large clumps) pieces of clam, and a 10-ounce bank-style sinker to take the rig to the bottom.

When Capt. Howard Bogan, Jr blew the whistle, signaling that anchoring was complete and we could cast, the scene on deck looked like a rehearsed operation, as everyone simultaneously sent their rig to the bottom. It seemed to take an eternity for the rig to get there, but the sinker eventually touched down, some 230 feet below our position. With equal precision, the rods along the rail began to be pulled sharply downward, and anglers responding by lifting upward to set their hooks.

So began an exciting day of what I’ve come to expect while deep-drop fishing for sea bass and porgies, especially during November and December. The bite in the dark before sunrise was hectic, to put it mildly, with sea bass and porgies during November and December. The bite in the dark before sunrise was hectic, to put it mildly, with sea bass and porgies during November and December.

According to Oliver Shapiro, “It is a perfect holiday gift for those who love watching the sea angling and fishing enzymes and its effects. As you’ll be rewarded with plenty of deli-cious fish in the freezer for next winter.”

Although we’ve already experienced quite a bit of success, there are still many more stops to be made and more big fish to be caught. So keep your eyes peeled for these amazing deep-drop fishing trips and make sure to get your copy of Breakfast by Moonlight before they’re gone.
Sighting in a rifle or a 20- or 12-gauge slug gun, especially a new rifle and scope, is easy. It can, however, be time-consuming unless you follow a few preliminary steps.

Your first step is to bore-sight your rifle, which means lining up your bore and your scope’s crosshairs. Bore-sighting is best done at 25 yards. This is especially important with a new rifle and scope, because it will almost always not line up your first bullet on the paper. With that first bullet on the paper, you can easily adjust for windage and elevation, and line-up your sights for any range you choose.

To bore-sight your rifle or action use. Use a bench rest, or a card-board box with notches cut at both ends. Remove the bolt and move your rifle and rest the rifle securely on the rest (or in the notches of the box). Look down the bore, and move the rifle and rest until the target is centered in the bore at 25 yards. Then look through your scope and see where the crosshairs intersect the target’s X-ring, move the elevation and windage until they do. When both the crosshairs and bore are perfectly centered upon your target, you’re ready for your first shot. Remember that this is a coarse adjustment, designed only to get you on the paper.

How do you bore-sight a 12- or 20-gauge slug gun, a lever-action, pump gun, or autoloader? You will have to use a bore-sighter, a mechanical or laser device that helps you align both scope and iron sights with your bore. Like the scope, the bore-sighter needs to be lined up to the bore. You can beg, buy, or borrow one from your local gun shop. Buying a bore-sighter is a good investment, as you can use it to check your sights after some hard knocks on a plane or in a deer camp.

When your bore is sighted at 25 yards, squeeze off three shots at the center of the target. Note the location of your three-shot group, and aim at the center of the target. Only, this time, you are not shooting to the target.

Holding your crosshairs as steady as possible on the center of the target, move the crosshairs both vertically and horizontally until they are centered on your sight group. Once you have done this, you have effectively put your sights where the rifle is shooting. Three more rounds should confirm that you are sighted in at 25 yards, or very close to it.

Why 25 yards? First, shooting at such close range, especially after bore-sighting, is certain to ensure that your bullets will hit the paper. Second, the typical centerfire rifle sighted in at 25 yards will also be sighted in at 200 yards because of the bullet’s trajectory, and about two or three inches high at 100 yards, which is just about perfect for most deer hunters.

Trajectory and point of impact will vary slightly, depending on the ammunition and bullet weight you select. When you decide on a brand of ammunition and bullet weight, and you’re happy with the results, stick with that combination. Switching brands and bullet weights will change your point of impact.

The final step in sighting is to shoot aiming at 100 and 200 yards to confirm actual point of impact and make your final click adjustments. Sight in and knowing where your bullets will strike may well be the most important factor in big-game hunting.

Vin T. Sparano of New Jersey was recently inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. Sparano has been an outdoor editor and writer for more than 40 years. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from New York University. Sparano is Editor Emeritus of Outdoor Life magazine. Having served as Editor-in-Chief from 1990 to 1995 and previously as the Executive Editor for four years, he has written and edited 18 books, including Tales of Woods and Waters, The American Fisherman’s Fresh and Saltwater Guide, The Greatest Hunting Stories Ever Told, Classic Hunting Tales, The Northeast and Southeast Guides to Saltwater Fishing and Boating, Hunting Dangerous Game, and Game Birds and Gun Dogs.

Sparano’s revised and expanded Complete Outdoor Encyclopedia is in its fourth edition of publication. As Content Director for Maptech, Sparano also produced a series of CD’s focusing exclusively on fishing techniques and hotspots through the use of navigational charts and satellite photos. He is listed in Who’s Who in America.

In 1996, Sparano was awarded the United States Department of the Interior Conservation Service’s Centennial Award in recognition of the Interior Bruce Babbitt. Sparano is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Metropolitan Outdoor Press Association for his accomplishments and contributions to outdoor journalism, conservation and children’s fishing programs.

How To Sight In Your Rifle at 25 Yards

Follow the author’s easy advice to help get the maximum accuracy from your firearm. Photo courtesy howardcommunications.com.

Black Powder Notes

by Joe Bilby

Garden State Black Powder Association
Plus T/C and Dixie News

Member Dave Dave Dagenais, president, and Rosenthal chair, have created the Black Powder Association (GSBPA) as a “mercy band of brothers and sisters.” The GSBPA, which does indeed boast a significant number of women shooters as active members, is definitely the largest organized group of black-powder shooters in New Jersey. The club is a member organization of the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs (ANJRPC) and shoots at the association’s Cherry Ridge range twice a year, in March and October. Dave and other members of the GSBPA also act as volunteer instructors at ANJRPC events like E-Day.

The GSBPA also holds a unique handgun shooting event using black-powder guns and SMGs, with Rosenthal as Match Director. The course of fire at the August 2012 match was ten shots on an NRA-regulation, B-6 Slow-Fire, 50-yard pistol target set at25 yards, and an additional ten shots at any combination of three steel gongs with varying point values. A large buffalo was worth four points, a static steel plate six points, and a slim, singing steel popper ten. Each shooter was allowed to choose his or her targets, with a maximum score for that stage of the match of 100 points for ten hits on the popper. which two contestants accomplished. The maximum total aggregate score for the entire match was 200 points.

Three out of a possible four handgun divisions were represented, with only rifled flintlocks absent. Nineteen registered shooters, firing 13 revolvers, three single-shot rifled percussion pistols, and three flint smoothbores, competed. Several shooters arrived at the range early.

The top scorer for the day was Rich Dagenais, shooting a custom percussion single-shot pistol, with a 196. Dave Rosenthal came in second with a 185 and won the revolver division, while Ray Parris, with a 168, took third overall and placed second in the single-shot percussion division.

The GSBPA also created a Historical Encampment representing the 1740-1840 era at the recent Collier’s Mills Outdoor Expo. Club members demonstrated traditional crafts, including blacksmithing, sewing, soap-making, gun-making, and cooking, and supervised hands-on activities like tomahawk throwing and primitive longbow shooting for visitors, as well as providing muzzle-loading small arms and artillery firing demonstrations.

Black-powder traditional shooting enthusiasts with a safe working knowledge of traditional side lock rifles (patched round ball only) are invited to join the GSBPA, or attend shoots and participate as visitors. Non-members are required to fill out a standard insurance waiver and pay a $10 walk-on fee to shoot in the organization’s monthly rifle match. Preregistration is highly recommended so that the shoot committee knows how many targets are needed for the day. For further information on joining the club or attending shoots, see the organization’s website at http://gsbpa.webs.com. GSBPA president Doug Sidenberg may be reached at skytop-doug@comcast.net.

T/C Fall Rebate

Thompson/Center Arms has announced a fall rebate program on two of its best-known models: the MOA guaranteed T/C Venture bolt-action rifle and the Triumph Bone Collector muzzle-loader. The mail-in rebate program will be available to consumers who purchase any new T/C Venture or Triumph Bone Collector model from now through November 30, 2012 in the United States or Canada.

During the fall promotion, purchasers of one of the specified rifles will be eligible for a $50 mail-in rebate. The rebate is applicable to any rifle in 16 different calibers in the Venture lineup or one of the two top-of-the-line Triumph Bone Collector muzzle-loaders. Both guns are made in America. For more information about the fall rebates and how to qualify for them, visit www.tcarms.com.

Dixie Gun Works Catalog

Dixie Gun Works, one of the oldest names in the post World War II muzzle-loading revival, has announced the publication of its 2013 catalog. The new edition has a Civil War theme, in keeping with the ongoing sesquicentennial commemoration of the conflict. As ever, Dixie has an expansive line of reproduction firearms, accessories, and other gear for the Civil War-era shooter or re-enactor, and serves as a sourcebook full of 10,000 items designed to fulfill all kinds of black-powder enthusiasts’ needs and hobbies, and who like the feel of a book in your hand may purchase the catalog by sending a request to Dixie Gun Works, Union City, TN. Less tradition-bound customers may download a catalog online at www.dixiegunworks.com.

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A trip to the shooting range isn’t a simple task such as going out to the garden and picking a few tomatoes. Whether it’s for sighting-in, serious target practice, informal plinking, or competitive match shooting, shooting at a range involves advanced planning with organization and safety in mind.

A conscientious, well-organized shooting sportsman or woman will take the time to organize his/her equipment and bring the necessary items to the range. Central to organizing and transporting the needed implements is the range bag, or shooting duffle. This important piece of range gear is typically made of a durable bag made of heavy man-made material such as Cordura. A good shooting bag will have carry handles and a shoulder strap (preferably padded) and good number of pockets to help the owner organize his or her gear and keep it safe.

The best, safest, and most legally compliant way to transport firearms is to have them unloaded and cased or securely wrapped, and tied and stowed in the trunk or area of a vehicle that is inaccessible from the passenger compartment. Stay on the safe and legal side of things by securing handguns, unloaded in a locked container, and ammunition secured in a separate lockbox.

Be sure to follow all federal firearm laws as well as all regulations necessary to transport firearms originating from the state you are coming from and those that you will travel through on the way to the range.

Most shooting ranges operate by a membership club, or one that is open to the public, and that is in compliance with local, county, state, and federal regulations. A best bet is a club range where you can participate as a member or guest. When shooting in New Jersey, utilizing a range operated by a club affiliated with the New Jersey Shooting Sports Foundation is a good move.

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Beagle Chronicles: Lost and Found

By Cathy Blumig

It was the most muted of jingles that had rung from our home about our remote training collars, as I removed them from their chargers. Two little “clinks” were all that it took, but in less than three seconds our beagles Ginger and Penny had rushed to where the collars were kept in the utility room.

When they hit the entrance of the utility room and caught me with the collars free from their chargers, they howled and danced with delight, while I hurried to connect them to our other four hounds to the utility room.

A rabbit run! We’ve been waiting for months to see the best thing ever in the whole, wide world.

I’ve seen other dogs cover at the sight of a rabbit, but they got not one bit of excitement from me. I’m a firm believer in using positive training methods as the most effective, long-lasting way to get a dog first instinct. In all my years of training, even if the dogs are not the best behavior, the training behavior had been the only thing that made them stop running off-game. We used them once, many years ago, and haven’t used them since. I believe that even if I did try training that didn’t use that reformulated alcoholism fall off the wagon every once in a while, when we always put the hounds back out for a run. That’s how our hounds were always so joyful to come into the door to be released to me that we haven’t abused their use.

Although all six of our hounds were bounding toward the door, I was careful to note that we would not have to take the three active hunters: April, Penny, and Ginger. One by one, my husband Len loaded the truck and were so excited that they nearly dislodged my arm from my shoulder. Then I opened the door. It looked like a truck and were so excited that they nearly dislodged my arm from my shoulder. Then I opened the door. It looked like a little machine, each of their howls sporting a little more muscle than they typically have been used to.

We watched the goldenrods for movement, and then, as I direct, we made our way to the hounds’ whereabouts. Then they started up. The rabbit they were running was moving slowly, and we hoped that the hounds would still make a good run, being the mild weather we had back in March when rabbits began to have their first litters of the breeding season. Our favorite way of affecting move the starting line fairly handily for about 20 minutes and then stopped.

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Few things are worse than “nothing” as a response to calling a hound. That I was quick to worry didn’t help. I thought back to an incident that happened to Len many years ago while he was hunting his namesake Penny. He said Penny was running back well, and then suddenly he was quiet. Len searched high and low for him for days, to no avail. It turned out he had been stolen. Happily, two months later he was able to get Penny back, but it just as easily could have gone the other way.

As we were hoping to get our other four hounds to the utility room. A minute later, I heard a little April’s “chop” mixed in with Penny’s “chop-ball” and Ginger’s “chop.” My mind started to imagine bad things.

More time passed and still no April. I hollered to Len again. “Have you seen April?”

“No.”

I was now berating myself with “should’ve, should’ve.” I should’ve put a bell on her collar so I could maybe hear where she was, or maybe gotten one of those pet-tracking systems that let you to know your pet’s whereabouts on a smartphone (which meant I needed to get a smartphone), or gotten a set of those new conditioning/training GPS/collars.

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So - How Did (or Will) the Election Turn Out?

Since one of the things I’m not is clairvoyant, I’m asking readers to cut some slack for you and columnists like this to the fact that I’m wandering in murky waters; sometime in the past between the first week in October and the future, after which the Presidential election on November will be history. Since these words were penned during the first week of October, wish me luck. In fact, consider my words a crystal ball.

Despite my pessimism, my one, fervent hope is that after (or if) I awaken on the morning of Nov.-unions for others will be referring to our Democratic equiv- alent of Inspector Jacques Clouseau as the “Vice President” or former Speaker of the House. Obama.

Quite candidly, the message about Obama leading the polls, especially in those important battleground states, merely confirms the elements in last month’s column about the number of people with their collective hands extended seeking government handouts (down in Foggy Bottom, they can’t strip the numbers that exceed the number of folks who are indepen- dent, industrious and want only for the government to leave them alone.

There are three types of voters who will enter (or have already entered) voting booths nationwide. The first is the socialist- style political person who believes that whoever is in charge is “in the interest of “fairness.” Next are the conservatives who want government out of their lives and are willing to work hard and earn whatever they put in the bank at the end of the week. The third category consists of voters Obama is counting on, and that is the muscly-brained college kid, youngsters or just plain young, who want everything, this tuition or tuition-to-day-bills be covered by the government, or they can’t get their daily dose of caffeine. The last category? Don’t ask me, he (or her) freak show, or the World Wrestling Federation, then all is well with them.

They are the people rallying around Obama and who, when stepped off the street, cannot identify a portrait-size photo of the Vice President or former Speaker of the House. Obama (you can tell if you can learn who’s in it) Pelosi, or any other prominent political figure. Not only do these “voters” walk among us today, they often procrete. God save us.

In the meantime, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton recently indicated that she, and thus the President, are ready and willing to once again confirm a pro- cessual unit within that useless entity called the United Nations that would support the initial and Small Arms Treaty which places all lawful U.S. gun owners under regulations promulgated by UN, much against the impetus behind this latest effort, believe it or not in view of the recent Fast and Furious scandal, comes from the top. The way, if Obama and HRC ever pull this off, the measure would not require a vote in the U.S. Senate. All that would be needed is Obama’s signature.

Obama has already endorsed the lat- est version of UN gun ban treaty and has vowed to make the treaty “legally binding,” calling this latest version “a funda- mental policy commitment.” Own a sport- ing arm such as Remington’s model 1100 shotgun? Keep watch for any strange car that drive. It may contain several men who speak with foreign accents and wear blue helmets.

But the latest which clearly demon- strates the utter contempt in which Obama holds the citizens of this country was the recent killings of four honorable and brave American soldiers in Benghazi, Libya. KILLED were two U.S. Navy Seals, an ambassador’s aide, and Chris Stevens, the departure on October 16.)

Within 24 hours of the killings, intel- ligence sources definitely identified the acts as carried out by terrorists; this was verified by Egyptian President and leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, Mohamed Morsi. But for eight days, the administration continued to lie to the public and to this date (the first week in October), main- stream wire services continued to carry stories blaming the murders on the film. To any past president, including for- mer President William Clinton, the mur- ders (or was) reelected, during his next four years, he would have been the first to act of war. Instead, Obama’s answer was two- ter, if you’re reading this prior to elec- tion night, there isn’t much we can do. I, of course, intuitively knew the original story had been thrown at Obama’s face stock- ings. (Editor’s note: The truth of Bob’s statements here was brought into bright day-light at that second Presidential debate on October 16.)

And finally, here is a gun owner’s worst nightmares come true. If Obama is (or was) reelected, during his next four years he will get to appoint a minimum of ten more judges to our U.S. Supreme Court. Jus- tice that ought to make one or another of your circular muscles pucker. Daylight is it is so to do, in my worst nightmare, Obama is elected to a second term? If you’re reading this prior to elec- tion day, there is no more dangerous time for one, will pull every republican lever I can put my tiny fingers on, if only to erect some sort of firewall—checks and balances, our Founding Fathers called them—between Obama and his desire to transform this nation into a European-style socialist country, and the nation’s legisla- ture.

As it currently stands, conservatives (or for that matter, republicans residing in New Jersey) have virtually no voice in the U.S. Senate since each state is limited to only two Senate representatives. Currently (pre-election) they are: Sen. Frank Lautenberg, and Sen. Robert Menendez. You can’t go farther “left” than that duo.

But Menendez has (or had, depend- ing when you’re reading this) some competition from a republican by the name of Joe Kyrillos. Jr. I don’t know a heck of a lot about Kyrillos. He served two terms in the state Assembly and was elected to the state Senate in 1993 where he still serves.

A check with the NRA’s ratings for politicians as they apply to pro- or anti-gun measures and their support, or lack of same, indicates Menendez has an “F” rating. Translation: Kyrillos has what the gun owners in New Jersey call a “D” grade. The grade simply indicates that the candidate “may have a record or position on gun issues, or may have supported some pro-gun measures or supported anti- gun or restrictive legislation in other instances.”

Keep in mind, this column was penned on the first week of October. If you are reading it prior to the election, please keep my comments in mind, espe- cially those concerning the U.S. Supreme Court appointees. If you read these words after the election, well, we can only hope it turned right. At my present point in time, God only knows.

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In addition to the grand prize, 18 anglers received rod-and-reel combina- tions for their prize-winning fish in the various species categories. The anglers who caught the largest blackfish and blue- fish also received a $50 gift certificate to Orvis, also courtesy of the World Fishing Network.

Everyone who registered for the tour- nament was entered into a raffle drawing, which is a specially designed compressed- air cooling casting.

Overall fish length determined the grand prize winner, as well as place winners for each of the species categories. There were categories for children, teen, and adult anglers, including sub-categories for male and female anglers.

The event was sponsored by the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry, the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, and the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association.

More than $130,000 has been raised since the inception of the conservation and education projects and improved beach access.

RESULTS

KINGFISH CATEGORY

Teen (Male)
First Place - Tyler Contento, Ewing, NJ 13 6/8 inches
Adult (Male)
Second Place - Ryan Woyack, Forked River, NJ 14 inches
Third Place - Terrance Hallowell, Ottoweile, PA 14 3/8 inches

BLACKFISH CATEGORY

Teen (Male)
First Place - Justin Subramanian, Pennington, NJ 16 5/8 inches
Adult (Male)
Second Place - Larry Maggillia, Thetills, NY 18 1/4 inches
Third Place - Robert Hook, Flemington, NJ 19 4/8 inches

BLUEFINFISH CATEGORY

Child (Male)
First Place - Jaden Ferry, Hamilton, NJ 13 6/8 inches
Second Place - Terry Demiduke, Pittman, NJ 11 1/2 inches
Third Place - Kyle Hunt, Atco, NJ 11 3/8 inches

Visit http://www.njfishandwildlife. com/TShirt.htm for NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife website for more information, including all winners since 1992, for the annual fishing tournament.
**On The Road**

**by Rick Methot**

**SHOWTIME! Deer Camp Follies on Tap**

It’s deer season right now. It’s on for six months of the year or so in New Jersey, where there are 300 different seasons the best of which you can tag an equal number of deer to turn into 10,000 pounds of Bambi burger and half a million slim sticks, and 20-30 new friends from the part that went over the fence last.

These numbers might be just slightly exaggerated, so check the regs.

Men and women hunters chasing white tails has been going on since September and will chug along until the middle of February in some of the 70 zones that chop up the state into those little colored pieces of deer pie areas that keep at least 130 state workers who don’t answer phones after 3 pm on Fridays in their buzzy jobs.

It’s a wonderful circle game of Economics 101.

Even with an ever-shrinking land base, thanks to reptilian developers, there are still some three-quarters of a million acres to hunt in New Jersey. Included are 70 areas of public land and five new tracts this season. Most hunters think of Wildlife Management Areas, but check out National Wildlife Refuges, state parks, municipal lands, Green Acres, and such for a spot to sit or stalk. Do your homework and you will, guaranteed, find a place to hunt. There’s still time before what some still stupid calls a “season” to find a deer.

This season, however, may be more of a “Glory Days” fading memory of good times.

Yet, there’s still time before what some still consider the Main Event, the six-day fall archery season. There’s still time before what some still think is the grand finale, the November 2012 fixed social media stuff, and end up see it sent slopping across a lake as a flat rock by camp old timers.

The latter is a situation where you stand, squat, sit, or golf course and wait for a deer to walk by and you shoot it. Case closed, done deal, and venison in the freezer.

You can ignore this helpful hint and read all the gobbledygook about loads, guns, tracking, sitting, standing, squatting, duck walking until your eyes glaze over, and it will take you 25 years to kill a deer, which will waddle on by while you have your nose in a book of instructions.

None of it matters if you’re not in the right place at the right time. Nothing much in life matters if you’re not in the right place at the right time. Work on it.

Just keep in mind that “still hunting” means you move, and on a deer “drive” you may find yourself not moving.

The latter is a situation where you stand, squat, sit, etc. where you’re told, and if you move a quarter inch to port, starboard, forward, or aft you are in the wrong spot and missed your deer because you didn’t follow directions. Thus, it’s all your fault for screwing up.

Give me a break. Look, to debunk about 2,000 books and all the gibberish and flapdoodle from outdoor columnists on the subject, there is nothing difficult about deer hunting. You sit in the woods, comford, small, silent and still and wait for a deer to walk by and you shoot it.

The place will feature six-dollar bottomless bottles of Bud, one bored dancer, and 200 hungry-eyed hunters.

The lucky hunter that bags a big buck will be congratulated, but not too much. The bozo that misses a monster buck will be unmercifully ragged on, and his shirt tails (see “tradition” above) cut off.

Cell phones, smart phones, gizmos named after berries or fruit, will be banned from camp.

Some will twit and texts and will bring a gizmo anyway that does that stupid social media stuff, and end up see it sent slopping across a lake like a flat rock by camp old timers.

The old timers will then take delight in telling the next that his gadgets wouldn’t work in camp anyway.

There will be a clear freak that insists on sweeping up and doing the dishes before heading out to deer stands.

Fortunately everybody ignores him.

Somebody will take the poker game too seriously.

As a public service, there are 25 truths a tyro to deer camp should know.

Check out the sidebar (above).

— Rick Methot

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**Events for November, 2012**

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