Hogs May Be Hunted in DMZ 25 and 65

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has issued a Special Wildlife Management Permit to control feral hogs in Deer Management Zones 25 and 65. Hunters do not need a separate permit to pursue hogs. They only need to have their muzzleloader license, valid for deer permits necessary to hunt deer during the applicable seasons. Feral hogs may be pursued during the season dates prescribed for Deer Management Zones 25 and 65 and may be harvested anywhere in those same zones. Sportsmen and sportswomen will be permitted to shoot free-ranging feral hogs of either gender and any age while deer hunting during all deer seasons in zones 25 and 65, provided they have not reached the season bag limit for deer. The bag limit for feral hogs is unlimited. Hogs compete with wildlife for available food sources, prey upon ground-nesting birds and small mammals, and may cause disease. The increase in the population of feral hogs has resulted in hogs utilizing golf courses, farm crops and forests in Gloucester County.

Feral hogs may be pursued during the season dates prescribed for Deer Management Zones 25 and 65 only. Sportsmen and sportswomen will be permitted to shoot free-ranging feral hogs while deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader, Permit Shotgun and Wildlife Management Permit seasons. Feral hogs may be hunted for archery in the program. Feral hogs may be taken with any legal archery equipment. Hogs may be harvested with any legal bow and arrow. Written permission must be obtained from the landowner to pursue hogs on private property.

The Sportsmen’s Outpost in Williamstown, New Jersey, will not be accepting orders for feral hogs as in past years. Sportsmen who harvest a feral hog must call the Division’s Southern Region Office at 856-629-7224 to schedule an appointment to check in their hogs. Feral hogs must be checked to be legally possessed. Harvested feral hogs may be retained for personal consumption. Sportsmen are responsible for the butchering and disposal of the carcass.

Hunters are advised that people can contract diseases from infected feral hogs. Plastic or rubber gloves should be used while field-dressing and butchering hogs. Unwanted entrails should be burned, buried, or disposed of to prevent access by animals. Work surfaces and utensils used to field-dress and butcher hogs should be cleaned and disinfected to prevent disease transmission. Hog meat should be thoroughly cooked before eating.

The special permit offers sportsmen and sportswomen a unique opportunity to help in protecting New Jersey’s natural resources and species biodiversity.

**National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) in New Jersey**

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) brings the sport of archery to millions of students in schools across the United States. Designed to teach international-style target archery in grades 4-12, the core content covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration, and self-improvement. The 2-week archery curriculum is aligned to National Physical Education Standards, and can be run safely in a school gymnasium. No prior archery experience is necessary for teachers or students.

Many of the activities in physical education classes favor the strongest, fastest, and most coordinated students. Archery is a life-long sport that circumvents traditional sports. It involves students of all genders, physical abilities, and backgrounds, even aiding participation in students with disabilities. Archery is a physical activity in which boys and girls participate equally and because of its nature, it is not a boys or girls sport.

Nearly every person can succeed at archery. Kids love archery, and archery helps kids excel. Statistics show that school archery programs improve school attendance, increase self-esteem, increase physical activity, relate to subject matter, appeal to all students, get kids off-outdoors, and can become an after-school activity.

The entire program can be implemented completely free of any costs. The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife provides training to schools free of charge, as well as training materials.

Standardized NASP equipment is required for participation in the program. Thanks to support from the archery industry, the $4,800 equipment ‘kits’ can be purchased by schools for approximately $3,000. Sometimes the cost of the required equipment has been an obstacle to schools interested in the program. That obstacle has been removed by a recent grant from the Easton Sports Development Foundation, which paid for NASP archery equipment sets for New Jersey. Since the fall of 2008, schools in every county have had access to a NASP equipment loaner kit free of charge. This excellent no-cost way for teachers to introduce archery into their physical education curriculum.

Archery’s safety record is better than that of every ball sport taught in schools. Equipment used is state-of-the-art and is a universal fit, so every student can safely use the same bows and arrows.

Every school participating in the National Archery in the Schools Program must have at least one certified Basic Archery Instructor (BAI). BAI courses are generally eight hours long, scheduled upon request at your convenience, and held at your school’s request.

Once a teacher has completed the BAI certification requirements, he or she receives a certification card with a unique personal BAI number. Using this number, that school is eligible to purchase equipment at a discounted rate from the National Archery in the Schools Program. This equipment is required to participate in the NASP program and state, national, and world tournaments. Certified Basic Archery Instructors also have access to the loaner equipment kits provided free of charge by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Any interested in getting his or school started can contact the Division of Fish and Wildlife via phone (908-735-7000) or email (Melissa.Woerner@dep.state.nj.us), or Wayne Tonnessen at Wayne.Tonnessen@dep.state.nj.us) to schedule a Basic Archery Instructor training at the school.

Interest in archery is getting a boost with the recent popularity of “The Hunger Games,” especially among young women who admire Katniss Everdeen’s patience, skill, and accuracy with a bow. The National Archery in the Schools Program has been featured in several recent press articles as well.

Easton Foundations has repeated their participation in the national equipment grants program in 2012. New Jersey has been awarded $6,000 to provide grants to new National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) schools for the purchase of archery equipment. The Division provides training, as well as training materials, free of charge to schools participating in the program.

New NASP schools are eligible for up to $1000 towards the purchase of a complete archery equipment kit (providing up to 33% financial support towards the total purchase price of $3000). Funds must be allocated by December 31, 2012 and equipment ordered by January 31, 2013. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in enrolling in NASP and obtaining funding for equipment should contact Melissa Woerner at Melissa.Woerner@dep.state.nj.us.

**A young participant avails herself of the NASP, with apparent good results. Photo courtesy NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife.**
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AT THE OUTSET:

Scary Times

As usual, this October 31 is Halloween. Less than a week later, November 6 will be exact, Election Day. It never occurred to me until quite recently that it might not be a coincidence at all, that the two dates fall on the same place in the calendar, more or less. Which one is actually scarier? Halloween is steeped in all sorts of imagery which, if one allows, can truly produce feelings of fear or dread. Ghosts, death, rising undead, monsters, evil witch-es, skeletons... adults today hardly give any of these a second thought (although some young children undoubtedly lose part of a night’s sleep over these things), but the actual meaning behind any of these images holds real power to frighten.

This election will decide whether America returns to following the Constitution, or continues current decline into mediocrity. This election will decide whether America brings itself out of the morass of inflated government, huge deficits, and more and more taxes and regulation, or becomes another, European-style welfare state. And, perhaps most important, this election will decide whether America restores its leadership position in the world, or subordinates itself to the whims of the (useless) United Nations. . .

Strong stuff, but it’s important to take it to heart. Many have suggested that if the current administration is allowed to continue its course for another four years, it will then be virtually impossible to reverse the cumulative effects.

So... which of these events is scarier?

I did not view any of the coverage from either of the major parties’ national conventions, but one report (www.tele-graph.co.uk) described part of the Democratic convention proceedings thus: “Barack Obama was on Thursday night set to tell the American people that he had kept his promises to them but needed four more years in the White House to finish the job and stop Mitt Romney dragging the US back into economic crisis.”

I can’t speak for anybody besides myself, but the thought of President Obama finishing the job that he’s started terrifies me. Halloween images don’t come any closer than that.

You know what the stakes are. And of course it isn’t only the occupant of the White House that makes a difference; it is all those elected positions—many delineated in the fifth paragraph of this column—that affect the totality of our experience.

Exercise whatever influence you can, whether it be via the ballot or on the streets. You can’t hide behind your kids anymore. The cumulative effects.

Oliver Shapiro, Editor
Autumn’s Surf Fishing BONANZA
by Mitt Rosko

With the final quarter of the year upon us, it heralds a bonanza along Jersey’s 125 miles of surf. While the prime shoreline, the Brides, is yet beautifully pristine and just getting redfish or channel bass in an earlier era, while I was casting a subsurface swim- ming plug from Point Pleasant Beach in the month of October along Point Pleasant Beach on a chilly fall night. Then, too, there are tiny, fancy marlin, swordfish, shoal sea trout, all of which add to the excitement as they wallop your baits.

Unlike the summer, when bathtub and other forage are often somewhat scarce along the shore, with the advent of fall a wide variety of species begin to vacate summer quarters and move on to spend the winter months in a different environment. Among the first to vacate the bays and rivers along our coast are gigan- tic schools of menhaden, which travel in massive schools, usually tumbled onto the beach as they strive for a southern destination. As the months pass, some of the many forage species in residence.

For me, this detracts greatly from the peace and solitude that this type of fishing provides, with miles of surf and jetties, most often deserted after the tourists vacate the sand as the temperatures fall. I notice that with the advent of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate the beach areas devoid of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate the beach areas devoid of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate the beach areas devoid of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate the beach areas devoid of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate the beach areas devoid of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate the beach areas devoid of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate. For me, this detracts greatly from the peace and solitude that this type of fishing provides, with miles of surf and jetties, most often deserted after the tourists vacate the sand as the temperatures fall. I notice that with the advent of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate the beach areas devoid of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate. For me, this detracts greatly from the peace and solitude that this type of fishing provides, with miles of surf and jetties, most often deserted after the tourists vacate the sand as the temperatures fall. I notice that with the advent of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate. For me, this detracts greatly from the peace and solitude that this type of fishing provides, with miles of surf and jetties, most often deserted after the tourists vacate the sand as the temperatures fall. I notice that with the advent of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate. For me, this detracts greatly from the peace and solitude that this type of fishing provides, with miles of surf and jetties, most often deserted after the tourists vacate the sand as the temperatures fall. I notice that with the advent of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate. For me, this detracts greatly from the peace and solitude that this type of fishing provides, with miles of surf and jetties, most often deserted after the tourists vacate the sand as the temperatures fall. I notice that with the advent of cell phones there’s a tendency for many tourists to vacate.

The following statements were taken from the National Shooting Sports Foundation’s online blog, found at http://www.nssf.com.

Democratic Party: “We recognize the individual right to bear arms is an important part of the American tradition, and we will preserve Americans’ Second Amendment right to own and use firearms. We believe that the right to own firearms is subject to reasonable regulation. We understand the terrible consequences of gun violence; it serves as a reminder that life is fragile, and our time here is limited and precious.

“We believe in an honest, open national conversation about firearms. We can focus on effective enforcement of existing laws, especially strengthening our background check system, and we can work together to enact commonsense improvements – like reinstating the assault weapons ban and closing the gun show loophole – so that guns do not fall into the hands of those irresponsible, law-breaking few.”

Republican Party: “We uphold the right of individuals to keep and bear arms, a right which antedated the Constitution and was solemnly confirmed by the Second Amendment. We acknowledge, support, and defend the law-abiding citizen’s God-given right of self-defense.

“We call for the protection of such individual rights recognized in the Supreme Court’s decisions in District of Columbia v. Heller and McDonald v. Chicago affirming that right, and we recognize the individual responsibility to safely use and store firearms. This also includes the right to obtain and store ammunition without registration.

“We support the fundamental right to self-defense wherever a law-abiding citizen has a legal right to be, and we support federal legislation that would expand the exercise of that right by allowing those with state-issued carry permits to carry firearms in any state that issues such per-

Party Platforms Reveal Differences In Firearms Attitudes

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Permit me to share with you a few tips that over the years have provided me with success along the surf. Begin by choosing an outfit suited to the conditions at hand. If the wind’s out of the northeast and there’s a heavy surf running, you’ll be best served by a rod in the 9- to 11-foot range capable of casting 2- to 3-ounces. If the wind’s from the northwest, as it often is at this time of the year, it will result in a flat calm, almost placid surf, where you can execute long casts with a 7- foot one-handed rod. Load your reels with 30-pound-test braid and you’ll maximize your distance and minimize your tangles.

I suspect that over the years I’ve accumulated thousands of lures designed expressly for surf fishing. But when I head for the beach I carry a minimal selection of those that have proved effective. The sur- face swimming plug is one of the most exciting plugs to use, as it swims either on or just beneath the surface, leaving a wake much like that of a mullet, and results in exciting surface strikes. The key is a slow, lazy retrieve, working the plug right to the sand, for often gamefish searching for a meal are tight to the beach, as they know that’s where the forage seek sanctuary. Close behind in popularity is a pop- ping plug, and then a subsurface swim- ming plug, in sizes appropriate to the for- age present. Bass, bluefish, and even weakfish are often readily bring strikes under those conditions.

Soft plastic swimming minnows in 5- to 7-inch size cast well and run deep, and are very effective when heavy seas are encountered and you can punch them into a strong wind and heavy surf with ease. They will often readily bring strikes under those conditions.

Today there are hundreds of models and hundreds of colors of the aforemen- tioned lures. The best way I can offer is to select a few basic patterns and master them. Often I’ll fish with but a single plug for an entire cast and, avoiding the nonsense of changing lures every cast, as so many are prone to do. With all of the lures in my employ, I also add a teaser 24- to 36- inches ahead of the very effective such as a Choiseul corpo- mite to your own desires. Gun ownership is responsible citizenship, enabling Americans to defend their homes and com- munities.

“We condemn frivolous lawsuits against gun manufacturers and oppose fed- eral licensing or registration of law-abid- ing gun owners. We oppose legislation that is intended to restrict our Second Amendment rights by limiting the capacity of clips or magazines or otherwise restric- ting the ill-considered Clinton gun ban.

“We condemn the reckless actions of Congress for his refusal to coop- erate with their investigation into that debacle.

“We oppose the improper collection of firearms sales information in the four southern border states, which was imposed without congressional authority.”

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The there is little more than perhaps a couple of weeks remaining before the silly season starts. That’s what I call woodcock season. For me, it’s a mixture of emotions; you’re certainly happy to see the season start. After all, what’s not to like? Fall hunting calls for long-sleeve attire (but at least a flannel shirt will do) and there’s that pent-up annual in the early morning. I’m told that it is actually the result of decaying leaves and vegetation, but to me the only smell that is more pleasing is the hurl of a recently expended shotgun shell. (Yeah, I have heard of some who actually retrieve a spent hull and take a sniff with. With apologies to the actors and producers of “Apocalypse Now,” there’s nothing like the smell of cordite in the morning.)

At any rate, however, I approach woodcock season with dread; a dread that once again this crafty critter will again embarrass and humiliate me as it has since I was old enough to declare myself an upland hunter. Timberdoodle indeed.

This is the only bird, and that includes o’reff, that can fly in rapid, ever-decreasing circles to the extent it flies into itself, turns inside out so tightly that its body molecules collide, causing it to dis-appear and only to reassemble itself amidst a tangle of treetops just out of range. And it whistles while accomplishing this Horizontal trick.

At least, that’s my excuse upon returning home and wilyly asks, “Whadja get?” And my reply is something like, “dangled bird disappeared a split second before I could get a shot off.”

Sounds good, unless you’re an upland hunter. Then you know it’s all male bow-wow. Expecting no miss’ caused because they offer a challenge like no other, with the possible exception of your venerable woodcock, which is a little more difficult for another day. There’s a reason this bird has so many nicknames, most of which are uncomplimentary. It’s the还不 part of the U.S. from which one hails and, the woodcock goes by the name of boggin, mud bar, mud snake, Labrador twist, and swamp partridge.

Okay, so I’m off the October 1st, kickoff day for woodcock season, I expect to do better since I’ve been doing my “exercises.”

The genesis for these so-called exercises was at a picnic table at which I claim as my “home trap field” at Poconos State Belt Trap Shooting Association near the Pennsylvania-New Jersey border. I was, having one of my, well, you might say “sub-par” days. I was one of my trapshooting cronies, Elmer Favaro of Sparta, sat down wearing his game bag.

Elmer is a fellow who has mounted his gun 100 times per session. He did this, he said, because he was told: “Eventually, you’ll find the only thing you are seeing in your peripheral vision. I mean, really concentrate, he said.”

I’m hoping that aphorism proves equally true with woodcock, devil’s club thrum notwithstanding.

The next exercise concerns proper gun mount. That’s not as much of a problem for trapshooters as it is for upland hunters, if only because trapshooters have the advantage of time. They can take the time to properly mount the gun before call- ing for the clay bird. Upland hunting? Not so much. Woodcock and grouse have this nasty habit of blasting off when you least expect it, and that’s usually when you’re concentrating on disengaging that branch of prickly ash from the back of your scalp. This is one exercise with which I’m familiar, only because I was introduced to it many years ago by a fellow trapshooter who is a firm believer that proper gun mount (or improper as the case may be) is the root cause of most misses on trap fields nationwide. But you’re going to need a mirror, preferably a full-size mirror.

First, he absolutely certain your favorite Holland gun is unloaded. Then stand in front of a mirror, and without pay- ing much attention to the image looking back at you, mount your gun as you would at the trap range or while hunting. After the gun is solidly mounted and without mov- ing, look in the mirror. Is the gun canted? Is your head down on the stock? Is the butt stock solidly mounted in the pocket of your shoulder, as opposed to “on” your shoulder? If your firearm has a middle stock, then be sure to mount the stock as if it were a two-in-one rigid unit in such a fashion that they form an inverted snow flake with the large front beard on top and the smaller middle beard just touching the bottom of the front beard? In the mirror, is your shooting eye lined up with the sight bead(s), as opposed to cross firing (looking down the barrel at a slight angle)?

If any of those questions can be answered with a “no,” then remount the gun properly until you get the feel of the proper mount. Then, take the gun down and remount it. Repeat this over and over until the proper mount becomes reflexive.

After some practice, the mirror should pro- duce all affirmative responses to each of the aforementioned questions.

My trapshooting buddy who intro- duced me to this exercise is a formidable competitor who has notched quite a few 100-straight-shots. He said he does the exercise at least four or five times a week and he won’t walk away from the mirror until he has mounted his gun 100 times per session. That’s a lot of lifting, but as he said, trap- shooting is something you have to work at and the harder you work, the better the result.

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fish in each species category. Winners awarded to winners who catch the largest display at the park. Fishing equipment is the Governor's Cup, which is permanently October 7. 2012 the tournament will be Sunday, Tournament is held on the first Sunday in 33% of legs, claws, flappers and tails. It can be Appended to its thick body are all manners which he has often called a “morph” bait. the company describes as a “freak bait” but based FLW Tour pro Terry Baksay is a big in the opposite direction. Connecticut- notched” version, known as the Ultravibe. anglers in Florida cut a notch in the tail of their paddle-tail worms to make them buzz angers in the NJ Saltwater Recreational and Division of Parks and Forestry, the Registry. Questions can be direct to 609-748-4347. Other key tweaks include the addi-
permits may be issued over the ches. Faircloth removed the two wires. blades and they’ll hang a third from its wires. Soft plastics are no exception. Most experienced bass anglers find ways to modify some of them – occasionally, slightly other times significantly. “Everybody is looking for the edge,” says Elite Series pro Clark Reehm. “Sometimes the reason is because that’s how your grandpa taught you to do it, but in any case it comes down to confidence.” In some cases, popular modifications beget production models. For many years, anglers in Florida cut a notch in the tail of their paddle-tail worms to make them buzz better on a steady retrieve. Zoom took note of this and eventually issued a “pre-notched” version, known as the Ultrabite. Usually. In other cases, the engineering goes in the opposite direction. Connecticut- based FLW Tour pro Terry Baksay is a big fan of the Lunker City Ozmo, a lure that he uses for blackfish. He also uses which he has often called a "morp" bait. Appended to its thick body are all manners of legs, claws, flappers and tails. It can be fished as is, or it can be modified to emu-
larger arms, the better to allow the lure to penetrate the clingy vegetation. It was a reaction bite, so the extra action might not have helped anyway. In a situation where he had to soak the lure for a longer time to garner bites, he might have left the arms intact. Similarly, the Reaction Innovations Sweet Beaver comes with a notched tail. The halves can be kept together or split apart, and many anglers will debate ad nauseum which is better. Make your own decision, but you may want to separate them when a more fluttering action is desired and keep them together if you want a bit more ”glide” to your bait.

Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament This Month

The annual Governor’s Surf Fishing Tournament is held on the first Sunday in October at Island Beach State Park. In 2012 the tournament will be Sunday, October 7. A variety of species are eligible for entry in the tournament each year. Overall length determines the winner. All fish must meet minimum length tournament requirements.

The individual who catches the overall largest fish wins the “Governor’s Award”. With other categories eligible for the Governor’s Cup, which is permanently displayed at the park. Fishing equipment is awarded to winners who catch the largest fish in each species category. Winners from the entry drawing and the tournament must be present during the after-

Anglers planning to participate in the tournament, if not already registered through the early entry process, may register at the tournament. Soft plastics, like this Ozmo from Lunken City, can undergo any number of transformations to meet your needs.

Beaver, Otter Trapping Regulations Set

Permits obtained from the Division of Fish and Wildlife are required to trap beaver and/or otter. The application period is October 1 - 31 annually. Beaver Permits cost a total of $15.00 ($15.00 permit fee and $2.00 application fee). There is only a $2.00 application fee for Otter Permits. Applicants who elect to have their permits mailed to them will have an additional fee added.

The trapping season for beaver and otter is December 26, 2012 through February 9, 2013, inclusive. These dates are intended to provide maximum trapping opportunity. Permits will be valid only during the trapping season for beaver on state Wildlife Management Areas where beaver has been sired. Permits can be purchased at license website. If both a beaver and an otter permit are applied for in the same permit application, only one will be issued. If you think either matters greatly, then you should apply for both. As a continuous permit, you may want a hard edge,” he said. “I also don’t want to dominate the bait. You just want to highlight it a little bit. Animals in nature are often in this case, less is more.” Additionally, many of the dyes contain scent, most frequently garlic, which can serve as a mask hormone. One company has even introduced a UV spray that allegedly makes lures more visible to bass.

There is no magic bait that works in all situations, but with a few simple changes it's possible that's more precisely tailored to the situation at hand. And when you do figure it out, pretty soon you have something that you believe is perfect for your particular set of conditions. If you aren’t sure which or can’t get the conditions – and even if the fish don’t neces-
sarily care, you’ll likely fish it harder, with a higher level of concentration. That can work for you in the time it takes to make a few changes.

Site-Specific Beaver Permits: Applicants may apply for one Site-Specific Beaver Permit. The total number of permits available shall not exceed 14. Site-specific Permits will be issued for specific locations or properties where the Department has determined that beaver manage- or nuisance problems exist. A random drawing will be held to determine permit holders. However, whenever a permit applicant is unsuccessful in obtaining the permit through the random drawing, all permit applicants shall have an opportunity. Permits will be valid only during the special beaver, trapping season. Please refer to the NJ Beaver and Otter Trapping Season Information booklet, available on the Division’s website at www.state.nj.us/dep/fore/otter/ottr2012.pdf, for more information.
I’m a shooter and a hunter, and most of my friends are shooters and hunters. This means that we sometimes talk too softly, or too loudly. In a crowded room, conversations sound garbled. At home, our families keep telling us to turn the volume down on the TV set.

Is it the sound familiar? Well, join the club of shooters who never learned to protect their ears, or the new shooters who are not doing enough to safeguard their hearing.

According to OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), any sound over 90-95 dB (decibels) can result in hearing loss. Less than 20,000 rounds of rifle and shotgun ammunition annually, and discovered his hearing loss when he was 19 years old.

“Never used hearing protection as a kid. Nobody did,” confesses Henderson, who started shooting when he was 10.

When Henderson walked out of a hearing-aid test booth, the tester said, “You’re a shooter.”

Hearing loss was rare in the high-frequency range.

“Hearing loss is still very much neglected, especially in hunting,” Henderson warns. “But, particularly in hunters, hearing is very important… almost as important as our sense of vision. We need to protect it as much as we can.

Repeated exposure to decibels higher than 90 dB over an extended period of time will damage the microscopic hair cells found inside the cochlea or inner ear.

These cells respond to mechanical sound vibrations by sending electrical signals to the brain, where they are translated into the psychological sensation of sound.

Different groups of hair cells are responsible for different frequencies or rate of vibrations. With extended exposure to decibels levels more than 90-95 dB, these hair cells in the inner ear are damaged and permanent hearing loss occurs.

There are various ways to protect your ear whenever you target shooting or hunting. You can use ear muffs, foam plugs, electronic muff, and combinations of ear protection and sound amplification aids. Selection should be based on a NRR (Noise Reduction Rating) number, which is required by law to be shown on the package of every hearing protector sold in the United States. If an ear protector has a rating of 29 dB, for example, the protector would reduce a rifle blast of 150 dB down to 121 dB.

NRR ratings, however, are based on optimized lab tests and may bear little resemblance to what users get in practice. Some units labeled 20-30 decibels reduction may only achieve 10-20 decibels, especially when poorly fitted.

A study of Walker’s Game Ear has taken this technology to another level by combining sound amplification and hearing protection in a single unit that fits behind the ear. One of these units, the Digital HD-2, is a high definition protector that uses digital microphones located in front and behind the unit. Walker claims the unit gives the user the ability to pinpoint sounds, such as the location and direction of a distant gobble or bugling elk. The unit, which comes with a separate foam plug for each ear, has a NRR rating of 29 dB. An added bonus is the unit’s low-induction current, which means the unit can also be used to communicate with cordless telephones and walkie-talkies.

I have used the Walker Game Ear II HD. It took some adjusting and getting used to the amplified sounds, but in the woods I could hear birds as if they were sitting on my shoulder. The unit should be used in the ear that has suffered the most hearing loss. Like its cousin product, an extra foam plug is supplied for the other ear.

This is a simple method for shooters to determine your bad ear. If you shoot right-handed, your left ear is closer and detect the noise and it will be the ear that suffered more hearing loss than the right ear. If you shoot left-handed, the right ear is closer and it’s your bad ear.

Several other manufacturers produce their own combination of ear protection and sound amplification. They are effective and can add many years of active hunting to sportmen who are experiencing hearing loss. They are costly, some priced as high as $400. These units are a good option if you are looking for sound amplification along with ear protection. This technology is also available in electronic ear muffs and they tend to be less costly. Most of these electronic muff have NRR ratings of about 25 dB.

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Conservation Officers reported a total of 7015 hours of duty during patrols, with estimated 31,947 dollars paid to Conservation Officers in the Northern Region. Last trout season, CO Sutton had received multiple complaints regarding two individuals keeping trout on the bag limit on the Paulins Kill River. The first individual was charged with fishing during closed waters when he took responsibility for the fish and "hunting on Sunday." Outdoor-themed books in my collection of outdoor-themed works, such as those written by one of my favorite authors, are reflected in a still-water, mirror lake I can’t wait to be roughed up by the fast snow squall of the season. The Battenkill, a tough stream to fish, would be better suited for a spring visit. A friend at the wedding stopped for two nights in the Catskills with the intent to hunt the waterfowl. The outlet is open to the public, sparkly of course, and stayed at the Northshire Inn, south out of town and far from cornflakes at the chain motel. The place was a pub attached, with a bunch of single malt scotch selections, but I stuck to Otter Creek, a Vermont brew, on the way. I used to say I’d trade two Februarys for one October, but at my age such a swap is not a good idea, time not being on my side.

Anyway, book nut that I am, I was thrilled to find a copy of the aforementioned book that I have had in my library since 1975 in an original slipcover at a militaria show in Vermont last August. Ten bucks; sold to the visitor from New Jersey.

What I like about it is that each chapter is a narrative of an event that took place at a specific location in that time frame, and wonderful line drawings that show you how to read the northern sky in winter, or build a lean-to and a beaver-tail ice boat. (That comes instead, which is not a good idea, time not being on my side."

Conservation Officer Ziegler responded to an ATV complaint at Wildcat Ridge WMA in Rockaway Township, Montclair. On the way, there was an individual riding a three-wheeler on the WMA. CO Ziegler activated the ATV’s strobe lights to get the individual to stop. The rider instead raced off at a high rate of speed. CO Ziegler then turned to a different portion of the WMA and was able to apprehend the individual. The transporter had a suspended driver’s license and was issued a total of eight summonses that included violations of both Title 23 and Title 39.

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Stories For the Ages

On the Road

by Rick Methot

The Meadowbrook Campground in Ray Brook, NY hosted but one of the author's fabled campfire stories. Photos courtesy by uspgp.github.com.
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Somehow, somehow the news issue was important enough to clue in the clue- less President about what type of firearm was the appropriate enforcement action was taken.

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Let Sleeping Dogs Lie - and Sleep

An old expression goes like this: “Let sleeping dogs lie.” Basically that means “Don’t rock the boat,” as in “leave well enough alone,” “do not disturb,” and “if it ain’t broke don’t fix it,” lest you create more problems than you had originally.

In our home, we always trained our dogs to eat when we eat and sleep when we sleep. Every night, at some point, everyone will go to bed and sleep. That means no TV, no music and no lights, just pure unadulterated sleep for everybody, dog(s) included.

Like most dog owners we know, we don’t want our dog wandering about the house during the night. Our Maggie has always been especially good about this. As a pup she was crate-trained for house-breaking, but the use of the crate gave the additional bonus of teaching her that lights out meant time to go to bed and sleep.

For Maggie, the transition from the crate to a soft dog bed was easy. At first we led her to her bed on a leash and then rewarded her with praise and an occasional treat when she remained there. The set can be completed with “get in your bed” and “stay” and “down” to let her know that she is to remain there. The set can be completed with “get in your bed” and then using “sit,” “stay,” and “down,” and/or “go to sleep,” as commands. Like all dog-control commands, the phraseology should be short and simple, using as few words as possible.

One possible command scenario involves directing the dog to her bed with “get in your bed” and then using “sit,” “stay,” “and “down,” and/or “go to sleep” thus giving the dog the entire picture. Once this set becomes a permanent part of the dog’s behavior routine, “get in your bed” and/or “go to sleep” should suffice. As with other training procedures, repetition and positive reinforcement are important components for success.

Good night and sleep tight.

Positive Numbers

The nation is experiencing an increase in firearm ownership numbers, with women gun owners in the forefront, according to a recent USA Today|npress.com report. A surge in gun safety classes is taking place nationally, and women constitute a big part of the surge. This, coming on the heels of more states instituting relaxed carry laws.

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by Marty Boa

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A Corporate Name Change

Blackpowder Products Incorporated, owner of the CVA, Bergara, PowerBelt, Doubletap, and Quake brand names, has announced that it will soon begin operating under the new overall trade name of BPI Outdoors.

Although its roots are in the black powder hunting revival of a generation ago, in recent years the company has begun offering a number of products that are not muzzle-loaders related, and it decided to broaden its corporate label to fit the product line. The “BPI” in the new designation stands for the old “Blackpowder Products Incorporated” name, however, so that retailers and customers will recognize it in the same old company. CEO Dudley McCarver said “we do have equity in those initials — and people seeking to find us will still recognize us.”

Blackpowder Products Incorporated was formed in 1993 as the parent corporation for the CVA and PowerBelt brands, whose product lines at the time consisted only of black powder guns, accessories, and projectiles. By 2005, the CVA brand had moved beyond muzzle-loaders, and the centerfire firearms division was added with Bergara and Quake brands, with Bergara specializing in after-market precision barrels, production single shot rifles, and custom centerfire rifles, and Quake producing rifle slings, optic covers, and other hunting and shooting related accessories.

Although the company has diversified in the outdoor products field, BPI’s CVA division remains the number one selling muzzle-loading rifle brand in America, and also offers a wide array of innovative hunting and shooting related accessories.

For more information on the Vortek™ Ultralight LDR or the complete Traditions™ Performance Firearms line of products, check out the website at www.traditionsfirearms.com.

Return of the 94… Again

Winchester as we knew it is gone, seemingly forever, but name-owner Browning keeps bringing the classic Winchester models, now made in Japan, back to life, in order to fill the demands of the nostalgia market. Along with the Models 1866 and 1892, the Model 1894, known more popularly as the “94,” is a classic. Although originally designed in the black powder era, it is, like the 1886 and the 1892, capable of handling a range of more modern calibers. The latest incarnation of the Winchester 94 is a replica of John Browning’s original takedown design. Dubbed the “Model 94 Trails End Takedown,” the 20-inch barreled rifle, designed in an era when sportmen often traveled to a hunting venue by train, is drilled and tapped for a scope mount. The takedown Model 94 has a suggested retail price of, $1,459.99.

Gadget of the Month

Regular readers know I love gadgets, including knives, flashlights, battery chargers, and other gear. Although I would never lay claim to being a photographer, over my years as a writer I have, through circumstance and necessity, needed to use a camera to complete a story. I started out back in the 1970s with a 35mm SLR, and evolved, as everyone else has, to the digital format.

These days, with a Nikon D50, Nikon Coolpix and my iPhone, I never find myself without a camera able to take a publishable photograph to hand (providing I do my part), and that has proved a definite asset.

This month’s gadget is the “Lenspen,” a cleaning device that brushes and cleans camera lenses of all types. It is available in three sizes, which conveniently fit all the cameras I have. Easy to pack and readily accessible, the Lenspen is a great little gadget and I recommend it.

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