Public Access Update

New Bill Would Manage Access to Beaches, Parks, and Waterways

by John Toth

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Feral Hogs Available in DMZs 25 and 65

The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has authorized properly licensed deer hunters to shoot free-ranging feral hogs (Sus scrofa, of either sex) while deer hunting during the regular deer hunting seasons in Deer Management Zones (DMZ) 25 and 65. Included in these DMZs are the White Oak Branch Wildlife Management Area (WOB-WMA) and the Bolmo Wildlife Management Area (BWM-A), both county courses, and private farmlands and residential areas. Deer hunters pursuing hogs on private farmlands in DMZs 25 and 65 must not have reached the season bag limit for deer.

Feral hogs may be taken by deer hunters in DMZ 25 during the fall bow season September 10 – October 28, 2016, permit bow season October 29 – November 27, 2016, and shotgun season December 5-10, 2016, provided they have a DMZ 25 bow permit, until the designated season has closed. Deer hunters in DMZ 65 may hunt feral hogs during the fall bow season, permit bow season, and winter bow season January 1-31, 2017, provided they have not reached the season bag limit for deer.

During the fall bow season, October 29 – November 27, 2016, licensed deer hunters in DMZs 25 and 65 may harvest feral hogs during the fall bow season if they have a DMZ 25 bow permit; during the fall bow season, October 29 – November 27, 2016, provided they have a DMZ 25 bow permit; and during the winter bow season on the above dates, provided they have not reached the season bag limit for deer.

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ence, Charlie Brewer started the
Charlie Brewer Slider Company in
1970. It was his desire to improve the
sport of fishing that led to the develop-
ment of the Slider fishing technique.
Readers of this space have been intro-
duced to the “do nothing” technique
in past articles. Slider tactics will
enhance your fun with it and benefit
your efforts with the amount of fish
you catch.

In theory it sounds simple, but
you must adhere to the principles of
using light tackle, light jigs, and
the right plastic baits for the presenta-
tion necessary to entice bass to strike.
Properly presented, the bass will take
your lure and hold on to it, while you
wait for it to turn and swim off with
your offering. Needle-sharp light
wire hooks are essential for nailing your
quarry, and even a 2- to 3-pound bass
will feel substantial on light tackle. As
soon as it turns, set the hook.

For this type of fishing I lean
towards using a pair of 6 ½- to
7-foot medium to medium/heavy rods, rigged
with medium sized spoons. I like the
Pflueger President spinnign reels spindle
with 6- to 8-pound mono, the
other with 10-pound fluorocar-
bon. Slider purists use 4- to 6-
pound mono/flooro and stick to
6- or 6 ½-foot medium rods for
a better-feeling fight. I opt
for the longer rods for ease of
further delivery of the lightly
weighted jig/plastic combo.
You can also take up slack
quicker, and get a more solid
hookset to anchor your fish.

The upcoming 2016 bear season does
have just begun. For this type of fishing I
lean to fishing Slider Shads has
arrived. Once a guarded secret of pro bass
anglers; the word is now out on the
effectiveness of these new Slider lures. Charlie Jr. has been over the manufacturing
of his father’s company and now pro-
duces three different shad type baits.
“Shad Fishing for Beginners”
by Lou Martinez

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this type of fishing is to travel slowly
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do this in open water over humps,
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the sequence as fish at this time of year
are schooling up, and one fish can
mean more fish. When working the
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rocks, tree stumps, rock piles, and any
type of structure that looks like it might hold fish.

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you can actually see them glide or Slide
through the water, they don’t bolt or scatter unless a bigger fish comes
along to eat it. This is the action that
you want your swimbait to emulate, a
delicate do-nothing swimming action.
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www.sliderfishing.com or call 1-800-
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Stay tuned.
Ray Szpond, President

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Dove Hunting, In and Out of New Jersey

by Gerard P. Natale

I was reading the September issue of the New Jersey Federated Sportsmen News while pondered over the Letter to the Editor, and Mr. Chorpita sparked a renewal of my thoughts in letter “Regional Chairman, what a bunch of…”. Back in 2006 when I was an officer in the Monmouth County Federation, I composed a Resolution to “reopen” the New Jersey dove season. The process of a NJ State Federation Resolution takes three steps: first approved by your county, then by all other counties within your region, but only after it has been approved by the clubs within each county. Next it has to be approved by the region. In my case it was the Monmouth County Federation. Now, if approved by the Region, the Regional Chairman makes enough copies to send to the other councils, the Josh the other State Federations and the State Federation, at which point it is sent to the appropriate state agencies. If you follow the timeline for this process we’re talking a minimum of 12 months.

In writing this resolution and after speaking with fellow sportsmen and women, I was bombarded with compliments, insults, wrong data, some good data and “a songbird.” Some people even said to me, “you’ll never hunt them in New Jersey!” In the end it was approved overwhelming by the State Federation.

So the big question is, why did I write it? A little history into my dove hunting experience will reveal the answer. Somewhere around 2002 or 2003 I was invited by my friend Nick and his friend Anthony to dove hunting in Maryland. Being a NJ bird hunter I thought it would be interesting and a fun thing to do, even though I knew nothing about hunting doves. My friend gave me some insight as to what to expect, and I was lucky enough to find a magazine article for the novice dove hunter. It listed everything I would need from clothing to ammo… including a minimum 10 boxes of shells.

What? Yet, 10 Boxes of shells. If I use half of a box of shells for quail, I’m having a bad day. To confirm what I was reading I bought a buddy a box of shells. On his own shells, brings a five-gallon bucket three-quarters filled and one for his son. Now I am thinking that this was going to be a fun day.

I met Nick at 6 am for the drive through Jersey and Delaware to Maryland; with stops for gas and breakfast we arrived in Maryland, just in time to check in with the hunt host and our game fee, and purchase our limited two-day license. We had enough time for a quick lunch break, and getting our hunting equipment ready… including all those shells.

The hunt organizer gathered all of us in the parking lot, gave a safety and instructional talk, then separated us into groups or caravans to the designated fields that were all within a short driving distance. Our caravan leader directed the cars and pickups where to park and assigned each hunter to a designated spot around a huge cut-down corn field. His last words to us were “hunting starts at noon, ends a half hour before sunset, and good luck.”

So there I was, sitting on my newly purchased five-gallon bucket of shells, five gallons of shells sitting next to me. By 1 pm a few shots were heard, and 1:30 a few more. By 2 pm I couldn’t reload fast enough. That’s when I had an epiphany, the magazine article didn’t mention anything about that, and I’m thinking, is 10 boxes going to be enough?

The day was hot, I was soaked in sweat, and I admit that that first time out I was hooked, even if I had only one bird of the three that I shot and was unable to find others.

Over the next couple of years Nick and I would trek to Maryland for a day of dove hunting. However, the expense got to me. It was costing me upwards of $300 for a day to dove hunt, and I wondered why we couldn’t do this in my home state of New Jersey. This was the start of my interest into why New Jersey doesn’t have a season.

I found that out in a hunting Digest had some season rules that we have a season but it remains closed. I had brought this question to an ASWBP meeting, and they did some research on the hunting. They found that in the 1910s or ’20s the dove hunting season was stopped because too many carrier pigeons were being shot. The few first thoughts on this season were that nowadays we have cell phones, fax machines, and internet. The internet would help me collect the information that I needed for my Resolution, and luckily I did not have to rely on carrier pigeons.

In brief, my 2006 resolution read: The classification of the Mourning Dove (Columbinae) is included in the non-passerine (non-singing) bird group. The Mourning Dove is protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It is the most hunted migratory game bird in all North America. It has an estimated fall population of over 400 million birds just in the US. It is legally hunted in 41 states (maybe more now). It would provide an economical benefit to the State of NJ, the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the NJ Hunter.

What happened? In New York, which is presently looking to institute a mourning dove season, the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Assemblyman and Senate, heard the side of the hunters and Governor as a bill. Here in New Jersey, we do not. The Fish and Game Council and Division have the power to reopen the season.

When the NJ Federation submitted my resolution to the Division, they were not happy about tackling another fight and/or lawsuit, when they were battling to get the NJ Black Bear Management Program approved. The next big issue was was I mostly alone in this endeavor. I did have a few associates giving me advice but never any physical help. At one of the Garden State Outdoor Sports Shows, I collected in two days over 300 signatures from NJ sportsmen and women on a petition for a NJ dove season, but not one of them signed on to join the committee to work and fight for it.

I gave up. If I didn’t have the help or backing I would be just fighting myself. Now, if I have too old and too tired, I would not expect to open the NJ dove season to help others who will take the lead.

Mr. Chorpita, I hope that this cons-oles your thoughts.
Winter Flounder and Striped Bass Delight

by Milt Rosko

Autumn brings with it an entirely new minute of the season. The humidity and mercury begin to drop, and a sweatshirt or light jacket makes for creature comfort. No longer will there be wind and surf prevail, although northeasters can call a hard surf and jittery action.

Along the beachfront two of my favorite saltwater species are on a migration trek. Striped bass are beginning their travel south from many of their summer quarters along the Atlantic coast, and the winter flounder that have resided in the ocean depths throughout the summer are now heading west to spend the winter in our bay waters.

It often presents a dilemma for many anglers. It’s fun fishing for both species, but often harder to score with a keeper stripper, yet on the other hand limited to how many of the flounder you can retain on a given day. As such, I’ve fallen into a fall fishing pattern the last few years, in which I fish the surf, the surf, the surf. Admittedly, I do most often I’ll pull into the Belmar Marina bulkhead with flounder. Admittedly, I do most of them wallop the teaser as opposed to the winter heads. After a fun morning of catching and releasing stripers like this beauty, it’s head to head for the bays and rivers and spend the afternoon catching winter flounders for dinner. Milt Rosko photos.

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at a future date in his position as Chairman of the Senate and Environmental Committee. The date of such a meeting is unknown at the time of this writing.

My Take on All of This

New Jersey is the most densely populated state in our country, and there are many competing interests in providing access to our beaches and other facilities. Take any New Jersey beach and there is limited space for parking purposes with so many people who want to park there, especially in the summer on any given date.

In addition to this and other issues, many municipalities are not welcoming hosts to anglers who want to surf fish. At one of the four hearings I attended, I heard one municipal person (whose name and town I do not wish to identify) say something to the effect of “when the Sandy Hook Recreational Park closes because of capsability the owners want to move to my town looking to be on our beach, and that makes life miserable for us.” Because of the manner in which she said it, I visualized that these beach goers are like reading Huns, Vikings, Vikings, other tribes riding on horses with the purpose of pillaging and rape.

On one side, you have business/industry municipalities/marinas wanting access to beaches and other facilities. The reality is this is a very complicated issue and achieving compromise within the various groups trying to reach resolution on it seems very problematic to me. I think that it is going to take some time to iron out all of these differences and that there will be more meetings and hearings to arrive at a bill that reflects the access we are entitled to, according to the Public Trust Document. I have tried to provide here just a quick snapshot of what is going on with public access, and doing more would more than fill up this entire newsletter. As this public access issue moves forward, I will try to keep you updated on its progress.

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require that you switch to a lighter backlash rod or even spinning gear, but it’ll snake when cover and the big clanking egg or bul- let weight scares the fish away. You can downsize even further to a split shot or two and a finesse worm when you need to cover water in the most non-obtrusive way possible.

Change of Scenery. If the only places that you throw the Carolina Rig are drop offs and long, tapering points, you’re missing the boat. Any time you need to cover water and water, try a different presentation like a crankbait or spinnerbait is too much, this procedure is what you should be in your bag. It can be thrown through grass beds, pulsed past dock pilings, and dragged on bare banks. The fact that it may have become less pop- ular in recent years shouldn’t be an indication that you should fish it less, but rather an invitation to scoop up the fish that others are missing.

The Carolina Rig still works just fine, as seen here. Pete Robbin photos.

LEFT: Nothing is more relaxing after a tiresome morning of casting and wading the surf while searching for autumn stripers, than to head for Jersey’s bays and rivers and target winter flounders. Barry Young scored with this flounder while relaxing and fishing from the bulkhead along the banks of Shark River. RIGHT: Historically, as the striped bass season winds down, the undersized stripers are the last to leave Jersey’s surf as they head to the Chesapeake Bay and points south for the winter. After a fun morning of catching and releasing stripers like this beauty, it’s great to head for the bays and rivers and spend the afternoon catching winter flounders for dinner. Milt Rosko photos.
Diving ducks generally prefer deep-water habitats, such as lakes or coastal waters and actually dive for their prey. Diving ducks are known for their ability to head underwater and feed on vegetation or plankton with their heads underwater. As to flight appearance, here’s an example using the canvasback: “they are generally late to start their migration and when in flight, fly in lines or irregular Vs. In feeding areas, canvasbacks fly in indef-inite formations.”

How fast will the canvasback be approaching your blind, an unseasoned hunter or a seasoned one? The DU site offers a great example using the canvasback: “they are the most familiar of all their black duck, for example. The DU site not only offers photos, but also includes site also offers some really nifty info about ducks that will be a great help to you. There’s a good chance you’ll find yourself looking at the local pond or stream, pronto! You can also do so by phone, but for the second two you’re going to have to have the patience and the skill to identify each huntable species. Photo courtesy of Ducks Unlimited.

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The Bottom Line on Hybrid Stripers and Walleye

by Bruce Edward Litton

I never forget the first time my son Matt and Bruce Roberts, last I spoke to him about it, catch hybrids only with ultra-lights, so it is a matter of preference as much as a matter of fact that a big hybrid will test any gear. I have caught five-pounders on 10- and 12-pound test, and although I felt relief in having a margin of more control than with lighter line, the fight remained less and sustained. The point is, these fish aren’t leader shy. If you use a 12-pound test leader, no problem. Fish right on to but invisible anyway. Hybrids must have good eyesight, as walleye certainly do, and yet many get caught on chicken liver, so they rely on smell, too.

Herring happen to be rich in Omega 3 fatty acids. If you are good with a razor blade or very sharp knife, very slightly incise a live herring along the back, never so much as to impede liveliness much, just enough to release a little scent. Muscle gets cut, so a little of the fish’s vitality and endurance will be compromised, and yet so long as the fish remains active on the hook, compromised activity is more of a target to a predator. Walleye floats made of Styrofoam (black is best) help keep crip- pled herring out of rocks and other bottom obstructions. They slide onto the leader like an egg slicer and the hybrids and walleye don’t seem to mind. Or just slip a little junk Styrofoam on the line, although this type of construct isn’t illegal.

There’s nothing else like it. Whether the wind blows 20 or 30 knots and everyone else hunkers down behind shoreline ridges in the calm, we anchor right in the blow, don’t even bother to double anchor, and let the boat ride the swells. Wind’s where the action’s at.

Give it a try this month, and see if you can’t permanently add these methods to your fishing repertoire.
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Unbelievable? I thought it was. In fact, I figured the piece might be satire, but no. Ms. Mishkin had no business with this well-intended albeit misdirected landowner all those decades ago. exist. In her question, titled “Socioeconomic Benefits of Large Carnivore Recolonization Through

Mishkin continued: “She (Prugh) said moose and elk have been seen in the state but have a much lower population. Those animals often wait two or three years before they begin to reproduce.”

Moose, elk, in New Jersey? Cut me some slack. Either Mishkin butchered this story so badly it is uninterpretable, or neither Pugh nor Mishkin have the foggiest idea of what they’re talking about.

Do cougars really take a toll on humans as well as deer? According to one study found online by wildlife officials in South Dakota, the state started experiment-

Larry Hajna, spokesman for the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, summed it up correctly and succinctly for Mishkin when he offered her this rhetori-

Note to Mishkin: Jersey has enough problems with its black bear population, thank you. A cougar problem we don’t need.

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 attempt in the world. World? Well, it was to me.

The study in question, titled in handy at a time like this.)

There are additional states, like New specifically Washington, Oregon, and but the three westernmost have the highest records of death and injury by cougars.

The study, for example, is if deer are found in and around Jersey’s baronial estates, that’s also where you’re going to find cougars. Mishkin again quoted Tittel when he described the inherent dangers of recolonizing cougars: “They’re predators and mediators, and they might also go after a fluffier Labradoodle, so that’s a concern as well.”

To the best of my knowledge, cougars are not very adept at mediating. I suspect the term ‘carnivore’ was not eaters,” mediators. Unfortunately, the term is mostly lost on people reared in cars and concrete jungle.

Next comes the category “Omgawd, did she really say that?” The “she” in this instance is a woman named Laura Prugh, one of several names listed as co-authors of the study. According to the printed Star-Tribune story, Prugh said one of the reasons “New Jersey’s deer herd is so dense is because of large predators, deer here live to be between six and 14-years of age.”

Really? According to biologists with New Jersey’s Division of Fish and Wildlife, the average life span of a New Jersey whitetail is between two and four years, and for antlered bucks it is less than two years.
Fly Rod Poppers and Black Bear Tips

Fly-rod poppers, a.k.a. bass bugs, plug bugs, or simply poppers are interesting lures that are known for catching anglers’ eyes as well as for catching fish. As the name implies, bass-bugs are water-surface lures that are typically tied from popper-type lures that are made to be used in conjunction with fly tackle. In my opinion, you should classify poppers as a part of your bass bug family of lures regardless of what they may be called.

In general, they are small dress-up bass bugs, and constructed much differently than bucktails and streamer flies.

The poppers addressing here are the hard-body type made of a solid material such as fiberglass, wood, plastic, or other lure types, the frog decoration pattern is a popular one. Fly-rod poppers are most commonly available in hook sizes 1/0, 1, 4, 6, 8, and 10.

Fly-rod poppers are designed to float on the surface of the water, in some cases with a small part of the body riding just below the surface. The fly-rod popper legs add life-motion like the real thing. The hook has to be set hard and fast while allowing an alternate minimum of 3-5 feet of line. Next-gardening males are often reluctant to leave the nest. So keep in mind that if you don’t hook a bass, a nice mess of good-tasting sunfish is a worthy alternative.

Black Bear Tips

Black bears are on the move throughout New Jersey. With sightings reported in all 21 counties of the State, bear facts, including black bear sightings, are being circulated on a frequent and regular basis. Some of the more frequently reported bear sightings involve wild black bears which are being reported. Bear sightings are being reported in New Jersey. With sightings reported in all 21 counties of the State, bear facts, including black bear sightings, are being circulated on a frequent and regular basis. Some of the more frequently reported bear sightings involve wild black bears which are being reported.

On August 24 of this year, Governor Christopher Christie vetoed two pieces of anti-gun legislation (A3689 and S816), imposing dramatic conditions that would change the process by which the Division of Parks and Forestry, are listed as to make New Jersey as inhospitable as possible to lawful gun ownership and sales, and I refuse to allow that to happen. When the legislature tried to broaden the gun restrictions if this bill were passed, it would have replaced the current law that bans personal handguns, regardless of whether there is no other state in the country that has such a rigid law.

The “conditional veto” procedure allows the governor to reject legislation that reaches his desk and propose a re-written version to the legislature. If the legislature concurs in the conditions imposed by the governor, then the measure as rewritten becomes a law immediately. Otherwise, the legislation dies.

“Governor Christie has made a bold and decisive statement that reaches in support of the Second Amendment,” said ANRPC Executive Director Scott Bach. “Not only has he rejected their medieval schemes to block self-defense, but he has forced them to choose squarely between citizen empowerment or victimization in the post-Orlando era.”

“One inescapable truth is that gov-ernment cannot protect you when evil strikes, continued Bach. “The only solution is citizen empowerment, and it is the legal, moral and Constitutional imperative of government to facilitate and not block self-defense.”

In his veto of A3689, Christie stated: “I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3689 (First Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration. This bill would require firearms to be made to exhibit a magazine capacity from a maximum of 15 rounds to 10. I vetoed that bill also.

“Most notably, I have not hesitated to use my authority as governor to pardon deserving individuals whom I believe have not committed a crime. I will use my authority as governor to pardon deserving individuals whom I believe have not committed a crime.

This will enable residents of New Jersey to exercise their Second Amendment rights, while still preventing dangerous persons from legally obtaining firearms. Accordingly, I hereby return Assembly Bill No. 3689 (First Reprint) and recommend that it be amended.”

In his veto of S816, he stated: “I am returning Senate Bill No. 816 (First Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration. This bill would violate the Second Amendment in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry, are listed as the Sporting View.

Christer Vetoes Two Anti-Gun Bills

by Marty Boa

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Fly-rod poppers come in a variety of sizes and colors. Here, smaller battle-scarred poppers encircle a larger one. These are great for taking big buglures and other sunfish. Marty Boa photo.
The Coalition of New Jersey Firearms Owners (CNJFO), an organization formed to protect and preserve the rights of the state’s gun owners, sponsored a Pennsylvania hog hunt for January 22, 2017. No license is needed for the hunt, which is being funded in part by a $50,000 contribution raised in the Coalition’s Black Powder Supplies auction. The proceeds from the auction will benefit the CNJFO community outreach and education program. CNJFO sponsors a website at www.cnjfo.com/ events.

Joe Bilby, who organized the auction, said proceeds are needed for ongoing public awareness campaign for firearms owner’s rights, as well as the organization’s vigilant watchdog mission of keeping tabs on state legislators and any proposals involving firearms regulations of which, as we all know, can be pretty wacky.

Jim Halsted, who sits in the National Guard by New Jersey investors, largely built in New Jersey went to the bottom of the ship on which it was being transported to Manhattan, met its end in 1776 when the 1776 when the ship was being delivered to its destination in New York. The ship’s destruction is attributed to the effects of an explosion, which was caused by the misuse of black powder.

Some NJ Self Promotion

I grew up on the Gun Digest, dubbed “the World’s Greatest Gun Book” early on, and I browse the pages of the Digest every year. I was fortunate to own a copy of the Digest when it was released in 1950, and I currently have a collection of Digests that includes every edition. I bought the Gun Digest because of the great advantage over the competing Shooters Bible, which was basically a catalog of currently available handguns, rifles, and shotguns, but also contained information on the shooting equipment. The Digest had a catalog listing, but also contained in-depth stories on current arms, and, most importantly for me, firearms history, in articles by the leading gun writers of the day.

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In addition, this year’s “Testfire” department covers the Ruger American Pistol, Smith & Wesson MP-10 308 Rifle, Ruger Redhawk 45 Colt/45 ACP Revolver, Sharps 24-45 AR, and Charter Arms Pithil 45 ACP. The World’s Greatest Gun Book” is available now at www.gundigeststore.com, Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other major and specialty retailers.

Shooting Supply Source

If you are looking for a source of unusual and exotic supplies, particularly black powder and/or cowboy action shooting loaded ammunition, reloading equipment, bullet molds, bullets, including paper patched lead ones, or conical cylinders that will enable your cap and ball revolver to fire black powder cartridge or cowboy loads, plus much more, you might want to check out Buffalo Arms of Ponderay, Idaho (www.buffalowars.com).

October Means Show Time in the North Country

Jagers, creepers where’d you get those peepers?

In this case they were imported from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Alaskan, Oklahoma, Ontario, and even Florida, judging from the old “I Spy” license plate game while driving around the Lake Placid region of the Adirondacks.

We’re talking, of course, about “leaf” peepers, not Betty Davis eyes. The annual migration to the North Country, typically Vermont and New York State, is in full swing this month, and we timed it perfect.

The flaming foliage was at its peak, showcased under dazzling blue skies and over sun-splashed mountain vistas for three straight days of a holiday weekend.

This is not the natural order of things in High Peaks Country. Having trekked to these parts for more than 40 years on a regular basis. I have witnessed snow on Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Columbus Day. (Not yet on the 4th of July!) I’ve been in Lake Placid or Saranac Lake in December and February, but that doesn’t count. (Snow is a given, and when you see a guy on his roof (OK, it was flat) with a snow blower and there are snowplow turn-arounds even on the two-lanes, you know weather is serious stuff where the Bar Eaters call home.

Most of my getaways are accompanied by a fly rod and a bunch of hand-tied eastern flies, and, because we’re reproducing butt or bone. In younger days we lodged ourselves in accommodations that typically included a catalog of currently available handguns, rifles, and shotguns, but also contained information on the shooting equipment. The Digest had a catalog listing, but also contained in-depth stories on current arms, and, most importantly for me, firearms history, in articles by the leading gun writers of the day.

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