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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2011

FEDERATION REPORT

03/14/11 Federation meeting

ECO's present: Mat Jacobie
Steve Lakeman
Rick Gresolini

Biologist Frank Flack.

Utica Marsh

Steve Herkins is the contact person for
Utica Marsh Commission.

Fishery

There is a 5 year expanded stocking plan
for Hinkley for Rainbow fingerlings,
5000 each year.

Creel census for trout nrs. on Oriskany
creek.

Bait fish regulations may be relaxing,
look for more info on DEC web sight..

Conservation fund has 29m in it
and NO access to it!

Fish hatchery personnel is down from 80
to 66 with limited over time. This will
effect operations!

ECO's are still looking for youth's
for spring turkeys youth hunt.
Applications have to be in by April 14

Conservation Education days will be
held on Sept 19, Rain date Sept. 20
and Sept. 26 Rain date Sept. 27.
Schools may be looking for out side
help for field trips due to budget
cuts.

Gun Bill s2994 introduced by Sen
Eric Adams (D-Brooklyn) would
require register all firearms at 15\$
per gun.
See bill on web. Make CALLS!

Federation Banquet at Rose Lawn
April 16 at 7:00pm (dinner)
Cocktails and etc. at 6:00pm. Tickets at
the door or from me, Dave Haynes..
Banquet speaker from USDA, will be talking
on "invasive species in NYS, plants and
animals.

NOTES FROM LAST MEETING

**Membership applications: Jeremy
Ackerman of Canastota sponsored by
Les Wiedrick ,Mark Novak of Verona
sponsored by Clayton LaForest,
Christopher Consler of Conesus
sponsored by James Jones.
Members voted in: Anthony Sawanec of
Utica, Stephen Hohn of Whitesboro,**

James Finch of Hamilton and Richard Mathy of Sauquoit.

New Junior members: Elizabeth, Benjamin and Andrew Consler sponsored by James Jones.

Sponsors must be present for candidates to be voted in.

WORK PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 11 at 9:00 AM.
All able bodied members are encouraged to participate.

NOTE

Since we are an NRA affiliated club, if you are an NRA member please include your NRA membership No. When paying your dues.

NOTE: DUES ARE DUE AT THE MARCH MEETING.
Dues are \$40.

NOTE: Adopted at the January meeting - Henceforth the initiation fee for membership application will be equal to the dues amount in force at that time

LEGISLATION STATE

Gun Registration and Ownership Tax Introduced in the New York Senate

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Please contact members of the Senate Codes Committee!

A bill has been introduced in the New York Senate that would require gun owners to register all of their firearms. Senate Bill 2994 has been referred to the Senate Codes Committee, but currently no hearing date has been set.

Sponsored by state Senator Eric Adams (D-20), S. 2994 would require firearms to be registered with a \$15 per gun fee. An additional \$10 would be charged annually for renewal. This registration legislation would require gun owners to list the serial number and model of every gun they own, in addition to personal information. Gun owners know that criminals will never register their illegally possessed guns and, in fact, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Haynes v. U.S.* (309 U.S. 85 (1968)) that since felons are prohibited from owning firearms, compelling them to register their guns would violate their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination. In addition, this ill-conceived legislation would constitute a substantial state tax on gun ownership. Historically, these failed registration schemes have also been very costly for jurisdictions to maintain, and they have been completely ineffective. Registration is a dangerous step toward confiscation and an assault on the Second Amendment.

Please contact members of the Senate Codes Committee and respectfully ask them to oppose S. 2994.

New York: Micro-stamping Legislation Introduced Again in Albany

Thursday, February 17, 2011

For the fourth year in a row, anti-gun legislators have introduced micro-stamping legislation. Senate Bill 675 has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Codes. This legislation, introduced by state Senator Jose Peralta (D-13),

would make micro-stamping mandatory on all new semi-automatic pistols sold after January 1, 2013.

S675 would require all semi-automatic pistols delivered to any licensed firearms dealer in New York to mechanically stamp an alpha-numeric or geometric code that would identify the make, model and serial number onto the cartridge case when the gun is discharged. This bill would require models currently available to be redesigned by their manufacturers to have a micro-stamping component, which would vastly increase the cost of these firearms.

Micro-stamping is an unproven technology that is easily defeated with common household tools and the replacement of a few small parts. If passed, the availability of semi-automatic handguns in New York will be in serious doubt, as manufacturers simply may choose not to build or sell firearms for purchase in the state. Of course, that is the ultimate goal of this legislation. Make no mistake, this is a gun ban and it must be stopped.

NATIONAL

National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Bill Introduced In U.S. House

Last week, H.R. 822, was introduced in the U.S. House by Representatives Cliff Stearns (R-Fla.) and Heath Shuler (D-N.C.). The measure would allow any person with a valid state-issued concealed carry permit to carry a concealed firearm in any state that issues concealed firearm permits, or that does not prohibit the carrying of concealed firearms.

U.S. House Votes to Block Unauthorized Record Keeping on Gun Owners

The U.S. House has voted for an amendment to H.R. 1 offered by Reps. Denny Rehberg and Dan Boren that prohibits the use of federal funds for a new and unauthorized multiple sales reporting scheme proposed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE). The measure passed the chamber (277-149) with broad bipartisan support.

BATFE Request To Track Semi-Automatic Rifle Sales Delayed
DOJ Inspector General Proposes Multiple Sales Reports on Long Guns.

NEXT MEETING

**APRIL 13
7:30 PM**

NPR President and VP "Resign" After VP Calls Gun Owners "Seriously Racist"

Friday, March 11, 2011

Speaking of people who believe they are smarter than the masses, Fox News reports that National Public Radio president Vivian Schiller, already in trouble for other matters relating to political bias within the media organization, was forced to resign this week. Her resignation came after NPR Senior Vice-President Ron Schiller (no relation) was caught on videotape telling people posing as prospective NPR donors that the Tea Party movement is made up of “weird, evangelical . . . white, middle-America, gun toting” people who are “seriously racist.” Ron Schiller added that the thing that he is “most disturbed and disappointed by in this country” is that “the educated, so-called elite in this country is too small a percentage of the population.”

NPR issued a statement saying that it was “appalled” at Ron Schiller’s comments. So are we. We’re appalled that the “educated” Mr. Schiller apparently doesn’t know that two of the most important Supreme Court decisions recognizing the fundamental, individual nature of the right to keep and bear arms—U.S. v. Cruikshank (1876) and McDonald v. City of Chicago (2010)—originated with the disarmament of black Americans.

In Cruikshank, the federal government sought to prosecute genuine racists—members of the Ku Klux Klan—for disarming and murdering black citizens in post-Civil War Louisiana. The Court didn’t interpret the Second Amendment to prohibit individuals, such as the Klansmen, from depriving the victims of their right to arms, but it made the all-important declaration that the right to arms existed before the Constitution was written, a de facto declaration that the Second Amendment protects a fundamental, individual right. The Cruikshank Court said the right to arms “is not a right granted by the Constitution. Neither is it in any manner dependent upon that instrument for its existence.” (Emphasis added.)

One hundred thirty-two years later, in District of Columbia v. Heller (2008), the Court recalled its all-important declaration in Cruikshank before striking down Washington, D.C.’s handgun ban, partially on the basis of the fact that the American people, rather than the government, have decided that handguns are the type of firearm best suited for self-defense. “It is enough to note, as we have observed, that the American people have considered the handgun to be the quintessential self-defense weapon,” the Heller Court said. “Whatever the reason, handguns are the most popular weapon chosen by Americans for self-defense in the home, and a complete prohibition of their use is invalid.”

Finally, McDonald is named for Mr. Otis McDonald, a black resident of the South Side of Chicago, where criminals run roughshod over peaceable people. In the finest tradition of an American, Mr. McDonald had the moral courage to stand up for himself, for his neighbors and for his fellow

countrymen, regardless of their ancestry, to vindicate a fundamental right that should never have been denied in Chicago or anywhere else in America—the right to have handguns for protection. As a result, the Court has declared the Second Amendment to protect the right to arms against infringement by state and local governments, as well as by the federal government.

There was not a black American among those who adopted the Second Amendment in Congress or among those who ratified it in the states. But many black Americans have played an indispensable role in advancing the cause of freedom from the Second Amendment perspective, a contribution for which “white, middle-America gun toting” people are eternally grateful. “Educated elites,” please take note.