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NEWSLETTER

Oct. 2011

FEDERATION REPORT

DEC Report - No Report.

FWMA Report- Chitting Pond is still being worked on, The Deer Management plan is out and a new bear management plan is coming out

Hunter Safety – No report

Big Game Report – Jim talked about the NYSCC resolutions that have a big time effect on Deer Hunting so everyone needs to read them carefully.

Small Game Report – Motion to support Fred Neff on getting a Dove season. Motion passed. Need to send a letter.

Fur Resources Report – Trapping camp this Fall around the middle of October.

Firearms Report –No Report

Fish Report – New state record for a Brook trout was caught in South Lake in June by a gentleman from the Forsetport area. The derby held at Sitrin health center

was successful again this year a total of 86 kids attended the event. The proposed Bass fishing regs on Oneida Lake is still a hot topic. Oneida Lake Assoc is still fighting the changes. Any club that held a fishing derby this year please let Bill Girvan.

Conservation Education Days – The dates are set for this year and they are Sept. 20th and Sept. 27th with 21th and 28th as rain dates. Holly Wise and 4h will be doing the paperwork everything is preceding well. We are looking for volunteers to help on those days. Let Bernie Davies is you can help

Pollution Report - No report

NYSCC – A motion was made to pay \$268.00 for Jim and Scott to attend the fall convention for the council. Motion passed.

Old Business- A discussion was held concerning the Youth Turkey hunt. It was decided to hold another youth turkey hunt in 2012 with the ECO's. A motion was made to ask for donation to be used for the youth turkey hunt. So any club that would like to make a donation to the youth turkey hunt please send them to Jim Edic and please note that this is to be used for the youth hunts. Also if you know of any group that may assist with a donation please ask them.

NOTES FROM LAST MEETING

Membership applications: Erin Alden of Whitesboro and Don Alden of Whitesboro, Sponsor - Gary, Cuda, Michael Smith of Rome and Richard Coriale of Rome, Sponsor - Robert Rizio, Ronald Adsit of Rome, Sponsor - Kit DiStefano.

Members voted in: Gregory Kadien of Ocala, Fl.

Sponsors must be present for candidates to be voted in.

NOTE

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

Defensive Pistol Shoot

We will be holding a defensive pistol shoot on the indoor range on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6 PM. This shoot is for members only. You will need your pistol, a sturdy concealable holster, two magazines for your gun, and ammunition. There is no fee to shoot this event, we will again be shooting at IPSC style targets at defensive pistol distances. If you need any further info, call Les at 336-7330 evenings or e-mail plateshooter@gmail.com .

For the good of the club:

We sorted and cleaned empty brass from the indoor range in August. We sold the brass at the scrap yard and received \$309.40 for it. This money has been earmarked for indoor range improvements as that is where the brass is generated. Thanks to Ed Mader, Steve Mierek, Hans Ogg, Dan Zeidner, and Les Wiedrick for doing the unpleasant work of sorting out 9 five gallon buckets of empty brass.

Heads Roll In Wake of BATFE "Fast and Furious" Scandal

Friday, September 02, 2011

In the latest development in the on-going Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) "Fast and Furious" scandal, the Department of Justice announced this week the appointment of U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota B. Todd Jones to serve as Acting Director of BATFE, replacing Kenneth Melson. The DOJ also announced that Dennis Burke, U.S. attorney for the district of Arizona, has resigned. And the Wall Street Journal reported that Emory Hurley, the assistant U.S. attorney responsible for the day-to-day operations of "Fast and Furious," has been removed from his post and reassigned to the department's Civil Division.

NEXT MEETING

Oct. 12

7:30 PM

Hearing Scheduled for H.R. 822, the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011

Friday, September 09, 2011

For months we have been reporting on a critically important bill: H.R. 822—the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011. This vital NRA-backed legislation, introduced earlier this year by Congressmen Cliff Stearns (R-Fla.) and Heath Shuler (D-N.C.) will enable millions of permit holders to exercise their right to self-defense while traveling outside their home states.

Thanks to much hard work and action taken by NRA and our members, H.R. 822 has now garnered 242 cosponsors in the U.S. House. On Tuesday, September 13, the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security will hold a hearing on the bill.

There is currently only one state (Illinois) that has no clear legal way for individuals to carry concealed firearms for self-defense. Forty states have permit systems that make it possible for any law-abiding person to obtain a permit, while most of the others have discretionary permit systems. (Vermont has never required a permit.)

H.R. 822 would make a major step forward for gun owners' rights by significantly expanding where those permits are recognized.

Dozens of states have passed Right-to-Carry laws over the past 25 years because the right to self-defense does not end when one leaves home. However, interstate recognition of those permits is not uniform and creates great confusion and potential problems for travelers. While many states have broad reciprocity, others have very restrictive reciprocity laws. Still others deny recognition completely.

H.R. 822 would solve this problem by requiring that lawfully issued carry permits be recognized, while protecting the ability of the various states to determine the areas where carrying is prohibited within their boundaries. The bill would not create a federal licensing system, nor would it establish a minimum federal standard for the carry permit; rather, it would require the states to recognize each others' carry permits, just as they recognize driver's licenses and carry permits held by armored car guards. Rep. Stearns has introduced similar legislation since 1995.

U.S. House Committee Passes Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act

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On September 9, the U.S. House Veterans Affairs Committee passed an amendment by U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg (R-Mont.) as a part of a larger piece of veterans' legislation. The Veterans Second Amendment Protection Act, which was added to H.R.2349 as an amendment, would provide individuals receiving veterans' benefits with added protection against loss of the right to possess firearms due to mental health decisions.

Currently, when a person has a fiduciary appointed to handle his or her veterans' benefits, the federal government considers that person to have been "adjudicated as a mental defective" and therefore prohibited from possessing firearms.

The injustice of this process has long been criticized both by NRA and by veterans' groups. The current system disarms veterans and others receiving benefits based on a totally administrative process and without requiring any finding that the person poses a danger to himself or herself or to anyone else. Earlier steps to fix this situation were made in the NICS Improvement Amendments Act of 2007, which required federal agencies that make mental "adjudications" to provide processes under which those affected can apply for "relief from disabilities."

The NRA-backed amendment (also supported by major veterans' groups such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars) would provide that for purposes of the firearm prohibition, a person subject to a mental health decision by the VA would not be considered "adjudicated as a mental defective" without a court finding that the person is dangerous.

"Members of our Armed Forces who risked life and limb in defense of country are being denied their Second Amendment freedom simply because they've been appointed a fiduciary by the Department of Veteran Affairs to handle their financial affairs. These are good, honest men and women. They are not a danger to themselves, or to others, and it is wrong to deny them their constitutional freedom," said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. "Rep. Rehberg's bill addresses this issue and rightly ensures that veterans and their family members aren't prohibited from having guns unless they've been found to be dangerous. NRA would like to thank Rep. Rehberg for his leadership on this important measure."

BREAKING NEWS

From the NRA/ILA site:

National Right-to-Carry Bill Under Attack

Unfortunately, but predictably, H.R. 822 continues to be attacked in some quarters, namely the anti-gun media, like the New York Times and the Washington Post; anti-gun organizations, like the Brady Campaign, and New York City Mayor Bloomberg's Mayors Against Illegal Guns; and, regrettably, even some so-called pro-gun organizations.

"The Recreational Lands Self-Defense Act" Introduced In The Senate

Urge Your Senators To Cosponsor And Support This Important Legislation

On September 21, Senators Jim Webb (D-Va.) and John Boozman (R-Ark.) introduced S. 1588 -- "The Recreational Land Self-Defense Act." S. 1588 is the Senate companion bill to H.R. 1865, and is designed to protect the rights of gun owners on lands owned or managed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

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