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STOP -- DON'T STOP

President's Corner- Chuck Parker

Over the past two years I've written at least one monthly article for *Grass Roots News*. I missed last month; my article didn't make the cut and what replaced it clearly was better. This month's column is a significant adaptation of an article from a church newsletter that my pastor wrote. I often see correlations between the sermon and what we do as sportsmen. Let's see how this goes.

I've have the chance to air my opinions on many and various topics, to ask for things (like support on conservation issues, contacting legislators, letting your opinions be known, etc.), and to just try to be an advocate in general. Each time I've written to my fellow sportsmen I've hoped that each of you has paid close attention to the expressed opinions and views I try to promote; and I hope we share a common point of view.

Through the Council and our membership we have been following legislation, expressing support or opposition as needed. We have been attending meetings, writing letters, supporting the Council though fundraising, and generally being the eyes and ears for the sportsmen and conservation issues. The legislative session should now be in recess. I have one thing to say -- DON'T STOP; there is work to be done.

- We need to stay aware and involved with Unit Management Plan reviews and public meetings. We want to be there when these plans are drafted. We have to be there when the comment period and public reviews are open.
- In the Adirondacks we need to advocate and support the sportsmen's perspective. Money wise those who oppose our viewpoints have us at a serious disadvantage. Number wise, if all sportsmen took an active role, it would be advantage sportsmen. Make no mistake about it ... what policies take place in the Adirondacks can one day affect the Catskills, western NY, or your neck of the woods.
- In addition to Unit Management Plans, we need to be involved in addressing sportsmen's concerns when it comes to conservation easements, recreational plans, or any other undertaking regarding access and wise use of our natural resources.

The message of the Council needs to get out there beyond our own audience more effectively.

- We have the tools and most of the resources to "get 'er done".
- Our website will be revamped so that it contains better quality material.
- We must increase website visits by those not involved with the Council.
- Enhanced communication via the web, emails, press releases ... whatever it takes to get the job done ... is coming your way.
- More meetings with the DEC, legislators, and the Governor's office will be requested as needed.
- We have made great strides in this direction in the last few years; we are just kicking it up a notch.

We need to continue supporting a sound financial base.

- Fundraising is always a concern. We have a relatively steady income from dues, BAM and donations; but that unfortunately does not keep pace with the rate of inflation and other increases in the cost of doing business.
- We need more fundraising ideas and opportunities.
- One individual recently was successful in obtaining a \$750 grant for the NYSCC from a community involvement program through his former employer. The amount awarded was based on volunteer hours logged by that individual. Does your company have a similar program?
- Buying a new car? What does that car dealer do as far as community involvement? Ask; you might be surprised.

Membership retention.

- Over the last several years we have lost some of our county (active) members.
- Their impact financially is noticed, but more important is their participation.
- When the counties speak up in unison with the Council it is a bigger voice than just the Council alone.
- Don't get me wrong -- the NYSCC is an effective group; having more speak up just reinforces our points of view.

We need to continue promoting better communication

- Listen to what others are saying.
- Don't accept negative actions or results presented by another group as a foregone conclusion.
- Speak and promote our views from facts; don't embellish; the truth is the best way to go. Others may distort the facts; make those distortions by others known when necessary.

Please take the time to STOP occasionally, at least for a little while.

- Stop and take time to go fishing. Take a friend along.
- Stop and take time for an ATV ride.
- Stop and go camping; plan this fall's hunting.
- Introduce a youth or even an adult to the outdoors.
- Stop and take time to enjoy the beauty and bounty that we have in New York.
- Stop and thank a friend or even a stranger who helps promote or defend our gun rights as well as our ability to hunt, fish or trap.

May I take the time to stop and thank you for all you do.

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RESULTS FROM THE 2014 NY LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By Bill Gibson, NYSCC Legislative VP

2014's legislative session ended on Friday, June 20th. The major action was inclusion in the budget bills of the legalization of the crossbow as a hunting implement and the shooting set back changes. In addition, 27 other bills on our tracking file were passed by both houses, mostly in the end-of-session frenzy known in Albany as "The Big Ugly." These bills will go to the Governor for his decision over the next several months. Bills are sent to the Governor in small, choreographed groups as agreed upon by the legislature and the Governor's office.

A1617/S6574 – Gunther/Ritchie Directs the DEC Commissioner to create gift cards for hunting and fishing licenses. We hope he waits until the E License system is fully functional!

A2074/S3392 – Goldfeder/Addabbo Prohibits the Army Corp of Engineers from filling borrow pits in Jamaica Bay with contaminated waste. Referring to a currently inactive project involving the DEC and ACOE, dredging material from Port of New York harbor improvements are utilized to fill borrow pits in Jamaica Bay. This was part of a project intended to improve fish habitat in parts of the Bay. Details are available through the DEC website.

A5179/S3823 – Thiele/Zeldin Allows recreational spearfishing in the marine and coastal waters. Spearfishing is currently allowed for striped bass. This legislation extends it to cover all game fish and only applies in the marine and coastal waters – not freshwater.

A5421/S3884 – Thiele/Lavalle Limits the taking of sharks to the use of non stainless steel non-offset circular hooks. Legislation intended to improve the survival of released fish.

A5906/S4100 – Theile/Lavalle Requires the DEC to prepare a deer management plan every five years. We opposed this bill as unnecessary micromanagement of the DEC and a waste of scarce resources. The DEC is perfectly capable of determining on its own when a new management plan is necessary.

A7880/S5714 – Fahy/Breslin Authorizes rifle for big game in Albany County.

A9201/S5855 – Nojay/Young Authorizes rifle for big game in Livingston County

A similar bill covering Broome, Chenango and Tioga Counties passed the Senate but died in the Assembly.

A8790/S6589 – Cymbrowitz/Avella Requires the DEC to go through a series of procedural steps before implementing a mute swan management plan. We opposed this bill as most of the steps are repetitive or of little value; they merely increase the time and expense of developing a plan to deal with this invasive species.

A8822/S6630 – Thiele/Lavalle – Increase deer hunting opportunities in Suffolk County.

Authorizes weekend hunting and the use of longbows during the January deer season. Towns may waive the requirement for a town permit for this season.

A9619/S7851 – Lifton/O'Mara Imposes requirement for the demonstration of reasonable requirements for invasive species prevention prior to launching a watercraft in any public waterbody or tributary. Passed on the last day of the session, this bill requires inspection for plant or animal matter all watercraft being launched; matter must be removed and the watercraft washed, drained

or dried as appropriate. Assuming the Governor signs the bill, it will become effective one year after his signature.

A9937/S7643 – Sweeney/Little Directs the DEC to develop a standard aquatic invasive species warning sign. Requires all boat launches open to the public, whether publically or privately owned, to post a standardized 18 by 24 inch DEC designed warning sign.

The remaining bills are primarily administrative, mostly renewing existing DEC authorities, including ten bills concerning regulation of specific fish species. Bills increasing ATV weights, eliminating back tags and authorizing cable restraints passed the Senate but died in the Assembly. There were no firearms bills passed.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OUR 34th AWARDS PROGRAM

The New York State Conservation Council, Inc. (NYSCC) is asking for your help in identifying New York State's outstanding conservationists for our 34th Awards Program. This is an ideal opportunity to honor those who have worked long and hard for our natural environment and who may not have been recognized for their efforts.

Nomination Procedure:

- ✓ Nominations are open to residents or groups in New York State, both professional and volunteer.
- ✓ A nomination may be submitted by an individual, a club, or an organization.
- ✓ Affiliation with the NYSCC, Inc. is not necessary.
- ✓ Nominations must be for individuals or groups that have been active during the past year and have exhibited ongoing interest in conservation.
- ✓ Please furnish complete information about the nominee. *Make it informative and to the point. Give facts, dates and accomplishments which support that nomination. Documentation is helpful.*

Nomination Deadline: August 1, 2014

Presentation Date: Awards will be presented at the 81st Annual Meeting of the New York State Conservation Council in September, 2014.



Award Categories:

- ✓ Volunteer Conservationist -- For outstanding conservation achievements and significant contributions by a volunteer to the cause of conservation of the state's natural environment.
- ✓ Professional Conservationist -- For outstanding conservation achievements by a professional in any field, including but not limited to fish, wildlife, forest, water, air or soil management.
- ✓ Youth Conservationist -- For a youth or group of youths under the age of 19 who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and accomplishments in some phase of conservation.
- ✓ Conservation Educator -- For an individual (professional or volunteer) who has exhibited outstanding achievement in educating others in conservation. Nominees should have demonstrated recognized methods directed toward the wise use and management of our natural environment.
- ✓ Outdoor Education Program -- For programs which exhibit worthwhile efforts in conservation awareness. These programs may be of any size or duration. *Be sure to include age levels of participants.*
- ✓ NYSCC President's Award -- For outstanding achievement by a member club.
- ✓ Outstanding NYSCC Member -- Awarded to one Council member who does more than just attend meetings; works for the betterment of NYSCC by using a considerable amount of time and effort to educate sportsmen and the general public about the Council, promote the Council's message on various issues, and secure funding for the NYSCC.
- ✓ Lifetime Achievement -- Awarded to individuals who have dedicated many years to working for conservation and the interests of sportsmen, women and youth.

Note: The NYSCC Awards Committee reserves the right to change nomination categories based on information presented. In the event nominations fail to meet the requirements for state-wide recognition, the Awards Committee will have the prerogative to withhold any award.

Be sure all nominations include a cover sheet with the following information:

- ✓ Award Category
- ✓ Name, Address & Phone for the nominee *and* the nominator
- ✓ What supporting documentation must be returned to the nominator

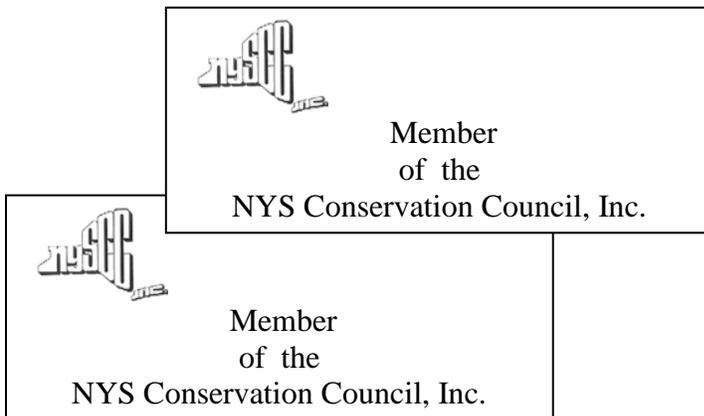
Mail applications to: NYSCC, 8 East Main Street, Ilion, NY 13357. **Remember the deadline:** August 1, 2014.

THE COST OF MEMBERSHIP

By Eric Bratt, NYSCC Director at Large

A recent "Sounding Board" in a widely distributed biweekly publication asked the question about what organizations people belonged to. The article upheld my fears that many sportsmen regard "belonging" to one or multiple organizations as part of the reason we are where we are today. Is it expensive to belong to multiple organizations? I guess that depends on how much you value the outdoor sports we all seem to love. I don't think any of us will deny that our sport, whether it is bird watching, waterfowl hunting, deer hunting or fly-fishing, are not inexpensive if we are active participants; but we often look at memberships to organizations as an afterthought instead of a necessity. Many regard this as they do health insurance where you grumble about the cost until you really need it.

When we look at memberships we often look for immediate, tangible benefits. For the local club near your home, it could be the indoor range that has a weekly pistol shoot or archery range for 3D shooting; or it could be the club's pond where you can practice your casting with that new fly rod. As noted in the "Sounding Board," quite a few people belong to the NRA, I presume because of the efforts they put into defending and protecting Second Amendment rights, but is that enough? Is there one organization that "does it all"? The simple answer is that they don't.



This doesn't mean that they don't have a purpose or don't deserve your support, but it also points out that one organization can't do it all.

Here in New York we have quality organizations like the NY State Rifle and Pistol Association and SCOPE that come to our aid when demons like the SAFE Act get passed, but how involved are they when legislation or policies are being developed for big game management, fishing access, or invasive species control? I truly don't believe they should be involved, since they have people and expertise on certain specific topics which are invaluable when you need them. Likewise there are organizations like the New York State Conservation Council, Conservation Alliance of New York, NWTf, QDMA, Ducks Unlimited, Audubon Society, TU and a host of other quality groups that work for you behind the scenes on conservation and fish and wildlife issues -- but they too need your help! Many of these groups have a specialty or focus area on which they concentrate their efforts. Most local clubs can provide a place to shoot, enjoy camaraderie, attend a safety class, or even a place to hunt or fish; and this is the building block or base that our pyramid needs to be built on. From here the local club should be part of a county or regional group, which in turn belongs to a state or higher organization. The more people who belong to organizations at the base, the stronger the entire structure becomes.

The NRA, the NMLRA, Safari Club International, and other national organizations can offer memberships with nice color magazines, various insurance offers, national conventions and opportunities to participate in their events; but how can they help you protect your hunting, fishing and outdoor sports here in New York? Are they in the daily fight with state legislation working for the protection of our resources?

Due to the untimely passage of the SAFE Act, NYSR&PA membership has doubled as sportsmen and women want to help in the fight to repeal this demon. But with over 600,000 various combinations of hunting, trapping and fishing licenses why should their membership still be under 50,000? Likewise, NYSCC and others who are out there fighting to protect our outdoor resources are also fighting for their lives to stay financially sound. Memberships in any organization can benefit both parties in

multiple ways. Obviously financial support is key to keeping an organization viable, but more importantly it provides more hands and feet to be involved in all operations. Of the utmost importance, though, is the voice that you lend in the process. We as sportsman are often divided on many issues and, as has been pointed out before, we waste so much energy on these internal sportsman battles that we lose perspective on the overall wars being fought against us. It has long been said that what you get out of an organization is directly proportional to what you put into it.

All of this comes at a cost; and while many say they can't afford it, I say you can't afford not to belong to organizations that fight for your rights in all of your interest areas. I look at memberships as I do raffles: nothing ventured, nothing gained. You spend the money knowing that you are supporting a good cause in hopes that it will bring you something and hoping (but not expecting) to win a prize. But that's not where it ends ... just belonging doesn't create action, but it's a start. Every organization needs bodies to carry out their missions so I urge you to get involved wherever and whenever you can. Again -- your voice, whether as an individual, local club, county, or larger organization, is vital to the process. It is discouraging to go to Council meetings and see empty seats and hear roll call with empty echoes of no response and see committee rosters with blank lines. I challenge you to make a difference not only for today but tomorrow and beyond by becoming involved. If you belong to an organization that is not attending Council meetings, step up to the plate and offer to help. If your rep is attending, offer to help them. If every bill that was proposed was passed and put into law, the cost of a membership in support of your outdoor interests seems small in comparison to what you would lose. Remember -- it is up to us to preserve for future generations ... now!

YOU CAN USE GRASS ROOTS NEWS TO PROMOTE OR HIGHLIGHT YOUR CLUB ACTIVITIES

Send an email to nyscc@nyscc.com telling about the who, what, when, where and why of your upcoming event. Include your name and phone number for people to contact you if they want more information. The deadline for submissions is the third Wednesday of each month.

If you want to feature an activity in greater depth, tell us in more detail about the who, what, when, where and why. Include photos of the people involved, preferably doing something associated with your event, i.e., kids tying flies or actively fishing or hunting as opposed to standing in a group holding prizes or trophies. When you take photos ask people to remove their hats so their face won't be in shadow. Identify people in the photos so we can put proper captions with any pictures we might use. And ask parent's permission to take and print their child's photo.

NYS CC TO CELEBRATE 81st ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER 2014

The NYS Conservation Council is in its 81st year, and its 2014 Annual Meeting in September will be the time to review accomplishments and plan for the next 81! The meeting will be at the Holiday Inn in Utica. We'll be holding our usual fundraising auctions – Chinese, card, silent – so think about what you'd like to bring and donate to the cause. Save the dates of September 19-21 to be with us ... more details to follow.



THE GUIDE

By Robert C. Bubb

This story is a follow up to Robert Brown's article in last month's *Grass Roots News* about opening day in the turkey woods. Robert Brown and I are six months different in age; he is older. Our parents lived in the same town, were friends, and throughout life, we have had similar paths including both of us having wives named Pat.

This story does not take place on opening day but it was the first day that my son Patrick was able to hunt turkeys during the spring of 2014. During a telephone conversation on Mothers' Day, he mentioned that he was off Monday and Tuesday and was considering going turkey hunting. We have a small property available to us to deer hunt and we have seen turkeys there a number of times, so he thought he would go there. I had hunted the first three days of the season and had been fortunate enough to fill both of my tags in NY, but since turkey hunting is my most favorite outdoor experience, I invited myself to tag along. I consider myself a good all around hunter but I have never hunted turkeys where I did all the calling. I think I am really good in the basement but I have never tried out my calling on real wild birds; someone else always has done the calling.

We decided that I would drive from Philadelphia to Nanuet on Monday night, get some sleep, and we would get up at 4 a.m. to set out for an area about one hour away from Nanuet. We were up at four, jumped in the car and set out in the darkness. Traffic was light and we arrived at our destination about 5:15. It was already beginning to show signs of getting light so we got out of the car and began to put our supplies together ... flashlight, calls, shooting stick, small stick blind, facemask, gloves and hats and of course the gun for my son. As we were getting ready, three deer watched us from the front yard of a house and there was a loud gobble from the hill on the opposite side of the road from the direction we were going. Of course, we don't have permission to hunt there so we headed toward where we thought would be a good opportunity to get close to some big trees that were on a hill overlooking a smaller and somewhat open woods along a stone wall. It was getting lighter so we hurried along and now there were two other gobblers sounding off in the general direction of our destination. As we walked into the woods we moved slower, being very careful about any sticks we might accidentally step on which would create a loud noise and in turn might alert the turkeys to our presence in their home area. As we neared where we wanted to set up, I stopped and whispered to my son that we needed to find a couple of good trees quickly because it was getting too light to continue moving around. Patrick chose a large oak tree and I sat next to a fallen log with some brush around me for cover. As he settled in, getting his shooting stick and blind ready, I laid out my calls, a slate, a box call, and my favorite mouth call, "The Old Hen."



It was fairly quiet, so I picked up the slate and made a couple of soft yelps and then put it down in my lap. The closest tom gobbled several more times as we sat quietly in the new dawn. All the birds in the woods were singing their songs and the tom was not to be denied his share of the morning stage. He was vocal at intervals right up until he flew down; and once on the ground he stopped gobbling altogether. It seemed as if the turkeys were moving away from us but we really couldn't tell for sure without the tom letting us know where he was. Finally, I couldn't stand it any longer and I picked up the box call and sounded some very loud and excited yelps and cackles. He responded with his king of the forest double gobble and the game was on. He liked the box call and once I got his attention he decided to stroll our way. I noticed that Patrick moved his gun and readied himself

for the wait. I also made sure I was well hidden and comfortable because, once he showed himself, we could not move a muscle for fear that the big tom would see the movement, become suspicious and fade away into the forest. As we listened, we could hear the hens talking back and forth and it sounded as if they were now working right to our location. We remained patient for what seemed like a lifetime but was really only several minutes, listening. Finally, I made one more call with the box call and sure enough, the tom double gobbled back. I answered back quickly and then set the call in my lap and waited to see what would happen next. I kept peering into the woods, seeking any movement of black objects across the forest floor; and then out of the trees appeared tom himself, walking with a purpose, head up and looking for the hen that had been making those enticing calls. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw Patrick adjust his twelve gauge on his shooting stick and steady his aim.



I moved the mouth call around with my tongue and made several quiet yelps; and when I did tom went into a full strut with his beautiful fan all spread out, his wings pulled back and he was rotating left and right in his strut. When he responded with a gobble, he stuck his neck and head fully forward; and at that moment there was a loud noise to my right and all the other turkeys scattered except for tom, who lay motionless on the ground. Patrick looked at me and we exchanged smiles and thoughts of what a magic moment as a guide and hunter we had just experienced. Wow! We left our blinds and walked over to

admire this wonderful bird and we both thanked the forest spirit for sharing his creation with us on this beautiful and amazing day.

Patrick said, "Well Dad, what do we do now?" "How about some breakfast?" Thus began a great father/son day which was later expanded to include grandson Patrick Jr. after school.



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Safari Club International is looking for a young, disabled hunter (male or female, age 11-18) to go on an elk or red stag hunt this fall in Quebec, Canada. Person must be wheel chair disabled or have similar extensive disability and should be able to speak on camera, since the hunt will be filmed. All expenses will be paid by SCI and an adult mentor/parent will accompany the youth. For further details and to discuss application criteria, contact George Franke at 607-316-8869.



The Wild Center in Tupper Lake will celebrate some of your favorite creepy crawlies at BuzzFest on Saturday, July 5th. BuzzFest will be a day of fun with something to entertain, delight and perhaps gross out people of all ages. This year there is a special tip of the antennae to honeybees. Pet some crazy creepy crawlies from the Utica Zoo Mobile, join a dragonfly safari, visit The Butterfly Garden or talk with a bee hive expert to show you how to raise your own bees. Additional ongoing activities; visit www.wildcenter.org for more info.

The Wilson Conservation Club will present a Crossbow Demonstration Day on Saturday, August 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Club, 2934 Wilson Cambria Road in Wilson, NY. Factory reps from crossbow manufacturers and DEC personnel will be on hand to demonstrate and answer questions. Food, raffles and basket auction during the day; free admission. Further info: Bill Hiltz, Sr. 716/731-9984 or Chris Schotz 716/731-1641.

NY Crossbow Coalition First Annual Banquet, Ramada Inn, Buckley Road, Syracuse, on Saturday, July 26. Doors open at 6 p.m.; banquet at 7 p.m. Raffles, auctions, games of chance, more. Various banquet packages available; details at www.nycrossbowcoalition.com.

Redfield Fish & Game Club, 33 Harvester Mill Road in Redfield: NYS UKC Youth Championship Coonhound Event on August 2. Entry deadline 10 a.m., field trial at 11 a.m., water race at 2 p.m., bench show at 5 p.m. and end with a night hunt at 8 p.m. Public is invited to watch the kids and their dogs in action throughout the day. Refreshments available all day. For more information, contact Don Hillman at 315-591-0581 or hillmanf@yahoo.com.

Clays for Heroes 3rd Annual Fundraising Shoot, Saturday, August 9, at Rochester Brooks International Skeet & Trap Club, 962 Honeoye Falls #6 Road in Rush, NY. Raffles, games of chance, shooting games. Proceeds to benefit Honored American Veterans Afield. For additional information & sponsorship opportunities contact: Ashley Butcher 716/698-5892 or claysforheroes@gmail.com.

The Montezuma Audubon Center is looking forward to three weeks of Youth Sportsman Summer Camps in July. The Hunter Safety week (July 14-17) is almost full but there are still spaces available for Bow Safety Week (July 21-24) and Waterfowl ID Week (July 28-31). Boys and girls ages 12-15 are eligible to attend these day camps. Contact Chris Lajewski for more info: Office Phone: 315.365.3580 x200 ~ Cell Phone: 315.702.3621 ~ Email: clajewski@audubon.org

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From the National Shooting Sports Foundation

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REGISTER TO VOTE, STAY INFORMED AND GUNVOTE . . . The 2014 elections, particularly the most closely contested races for U.S. Senate seats, offer two possibilities. The first is for our industry and consumers to join forces with other pro-Second Amendment groups and individuals to lead the way in electing enough new pro-gun lawmakers to ensure that the anti-gun agenda can't pass in either chamber of Congress during the final two years of the Obama administration. The alternative is the very real prospect of anti-gun candidates succeeding in enough close races to provide the handful of votes needed to resurrect and ramrod a sweeping roster of proposed restrictions through the Senate.

Which scenario will become reality? Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is betting \$50 million dollars that he can bring his agenda back to life on Capitol Hill. The Obama political machine is putting everything it has behind the same goal. Together, they hope to steamroll the voters into electing enough anti-gun politicians to provide Barack Obama with a rubber stamp for the sweeping federal anti-gun agenda he has thus far been denied.

We can't hope to match Bloomberg's bankroll, but we can all do our part to contribute to the groundswell of grassroots support that is needed to protect our rights. On Election Day, every gun owner, hunter, and Second Amendment supporter must cast an informed ballot that prioritizes the protection of our rights. And the first step is making sure you are properly registered to vote. That's why we are providing this easy-to-use tool to fill out your application online, then simply print it out and put it in the mail. It's that easy.

More than a year later, it's easy to forget that on April 17, 2013, the U.S. Senate held a series of votes that could have had a serious effect on our Second Amendment rights and the lawful commerce in arms. One of those proposals would have made it impossible for the industry to execute the timely transfer of any firearm. Another would have banned the most popular products that embody the exercise of Second Amendment rights for many segments of our consumer base. We don't want to see a repeat of those votes -- or something worse.

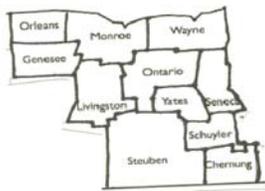
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