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Senators Fight to Preserve Use of Traditional Ammunition in National Parks

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Firearms Industry Applauds Senators' Initiative in Fight to Preserve Use of Traditional Ammunition in National Parks



National Shooting Sports Foundation

NEWTOWN, Conn --(AmmoLand.com)- A letter signed by numerous United States senators to Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar raising important questions about actions by the National Park Service (NPS) to ban the use of traditional ammunition in parks that allow hunting has drawn praise from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and shooting sports industry.

In the letter to Secretary Salazar, 13 senators detailed their concerns about the impact a ban on traditional ammunition would have on hunters, the economy and wildlife populations.

“At this time, the motives behind NPS actions addressing lead issues are very unclear. Especially in these difficult economic times, this action will discourage people from hunting and fishing and decrease revenue into the Pittman-Robertson fund that funds state conservation efforts,” read the letter.

The NPS continues to pursue a ban on traditional ammunition that it announced earlier in the year would apply

to park personnel involved with culling sick and wounded animals, and indicated it would consider widening the ban to all hunters. The firearms industry, sportsmen's groups and multiple conservation organizations criticized the ban in a press release, calling it “arbitrary, over-reactive and not based on science.”

“The move by members of the United States Senate to step in and raise concerns about the NPS making any unilateral actions concerning traditional ammunition is welcomed by conservation and sportsmen's groups throughout the country and the entire firearms industry,” said NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel Lawrence G. Keane. “This process needs to be as transparent as possible and Congress' involvement will help to ensure that this is the case.”

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In concluding their letter to Secretary Salazar, the senators were very clear as to what they wanted to see:

“We request that NPS cease all actions to prohibit the use of lead products on NPS lands by private citizens and NPS personnel.”

Signatories on the letter include:

- Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)
- Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
- Sen. James E. Risch (R-ID)
- Sen. Jim Bunning (R-KY)
- Sen. Roger F. Wicker (R-MS)
- Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC)

- Sen. Michael B. Enzi (R-WY)
- Sen. Robert F. Bennett(R-UT)
- Sen. John Thune (R-SD)
- Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC)
- Sen. Mike Johanns (R-NE)
- Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK)
- Sen. David Vitter (R-LA)

About NSSF

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is the trade association for the firearms industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of more than 4,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers. For more information, log on to www.nssf.org.

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Gander Mountain Intends To Cease Its Public Company Status and Go Private

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Gander Mountain Intends To Cease Its Public Company Status and Go Private



Gander Mountain

ST. PAUL, Minn., --(AmmoLand.com)- Gander Mountain Company (www.GanderMtn.com) (Nasdaq: GMTN), the nation's largest retail

network of stores for hunting, fishing, camping, and marine products and services and outdoor lifestyle apparel and footwear, today announced its intent to cease its public company status.

A special committee of the company's board of directors, comprised of independent directors, has recommended, and the board of directors has approved, plans to cease the registration of its common stock with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The company expects that, as a result of this deregistration, its shares of common stock will cease to be listed on the Nasdaq Global Market.

Going-Private Transaction

In order to ensure that it will be eligible to deregister its shares of common stock, in accordance with SEC rules and regulations, Gander Mountain will reduce its number of beneficial shareholders to below 300. To accomplish this, the special committee of the board recommended, and the board of directors approved, an amendment to the company's articles of incorporation to effect a 1-for-30,000 reverse stock split of its common stock. After the reverse stock split, any shareholder holding less than one share will receive a cash payment of \$5.15 for each share held prior to the reverse split. Immediately following the reverse stock split, the company will file a second amendment to its articles of incorporation to effect a 30,000-for-1 forward stock split. As a result, shareholders owning 30,000 or more shares of common stock at the time of the reverse split will retain their current numbers of shares of common stock without change and not receive cash in the transaction. The funding for the cash payment for the fractional shares described above will be provided by the company's two largest shareholders, Gratco LLC and Holiday Stationstores, Inc.

Gander Mountain's board of directors decided to pursue taking the company private after concluding that the disadvantages of remaining an SEC-reporting company, including the costs associated with ongoing regulatory requirements, outweighed the benefits of public company status to the company and its shareholders. Greene Holcomb & Fisher LLC, independent financial advisor to the special committee, determined that the cash-out price of fractional shares is fair from a financial point of view to those shareholders who would be cashed out in the proposed transaction.

Under Minnesota law, Gander Mountain's board may amend its articles of incorporation to conduct the stock splits without the approval of the company's shareholders, therefore it is not seeking the approval of the going-private transaction from our shareholders.

Once Gander Mountain becomes a private company, it intends to continue its efforts to improve operating performance and reduce its outstanding indebtedness. The company's two largest shareholders have agreed to make an offer to purchase shares held by remaining shareholders following the going private transaction at the same price of \$5.15 per share following effectiveness of the stock splits described above.

Prior to consummating the going-private transaction described above,

the company must file a preliminary information statement and a transaction statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Following review by the SEC, the company intends to distribute a definitive information statement to its shareholders and to effect the going-private transaction as soon as practicable following the date that is 20 days after the distribution of the information statement to shareholders. The company anticipates the transaction will be completed in early 2010. If the transaction is completed, the company would no longer file periodic reports with the SEC. This release is not an offer to acquire or sell any securities.

The special committee and the board of directors each have reserved the right to change the terms of the proposed reverse stock split, including the split ratio, to the extent they believe it is necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the goal of reducing the number of beneficial holders to fewer than 300. The special committee may also abandon the proposed transaction at any time prior to its completion if it believes that the proposed transaction is no longer in the best interests of the company or its shareholders.

About Gander Mountain Company:

Gander Mountain Company (Nasdaq: GMTN), headquartered in Saint Paul, Minnesota, is the nation's largest retail network of stores for hunting, fishing, camping, marine, and outdoor lifestyle apparel and footwear, products and services. Established in 1960, the Gander Mountain brand has offered an expanding assortment of outdoor equipment, technical apparel and footwear, as well as gunsmith and archery services. The stores feature national, regional and local brands as well as the company's owned brands. Focused on a "We Live Outdoors" culture, Gander Mountain dedicates itself to creating outdoor memories. There are 116 conveniently located Gander Mountain outdoor lifestyle stores in 23 states and three outlet stores. Customers may also shop at www.GanderMtn.com. For the nearest store location call 800-282-5993 or visit www.GanderMtn.com. Gander Mountain is also the parent company of Overton's (www.overtons.com), a leading catalog and Internet based retailer of products for boating and other water sports enthusiasts.

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Join Second Amendment Supporters at Next Anchorage Second Amendment Task Force Meeting

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Join Other Second Amendment Supporters at Next Anchorage Second Amendment Task Force Meeting

Come join with other Second Amendment supporters on October 17.



Anchorage Second Amendment Task Force

Anchorage, AK --(AmmoLand.com)-Anchorage Second Amendment Task Force members are meeting together on Saturday October 17 for dinner and camaraderie. Join us at the Sourdough Mining Company (Anchorage) in the side room at 6:30pm.

Special speaker will be constitutional scholar Michael Badnarik coming all the way from Texas.

This is an excellent opportunity to network with like-minded folks. Dinner will be at your own expense, ordered off the menu.

Please RSVP by replying to this email if you will be attending so that we can get a general count. See you there!

About:

The mission of The Anchorage Second Amendment Task Force is to provide Alaskans with the knowledge of the meaning and true purpose of the second amendment to the U.S. Constitution, with which they may conduct themselves as responsible citizens of our republic.

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Landowner Elk Permit Requirements Change for 2010

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Landowner Elk Permit Requirements Change for 2010



Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

LINCOLN, Neb. – (AmmoLand.com)-New elk hunting statutes will impact Panhandle landowners who want to be included in hunting zones in 2010. Those zones qualify landowners for limited numbers of elk permits.

“The ability to qualify for landowner elk hunting permits is different than landowner permits for other Nebraska big game,” said Todd Nordeen, Panhandle district wildlife manager for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

“It is important that landowner elk permits are available to those landowners impacted the most by elk use on their property,” Nordeen said. “While the total numbers of elk hunting permits for the Panhandle have increased, the demand for landowner permits has increased significantly in recent years as well.”

Landowners seeking inclusion in a zone for 2010 should do so by Dec. 31. The deadline for landowner bull elk applications will be in mid-May.

Elk hunting zones are established to identify private property that has

elk usage, elk depredation and supports consistent elk habitat and numbers. The zones are much smaller than the elk hunting units used when hunters apply for elk permits. The entire Panhandle is located within elk management units, including the Hat Creek, Ash Creek, Bordeaux, and North Platte River units.

Interested landowners that have significant elk usage and can meet other requirements will be considered for acceptance into the zone.

The following are some of the changes in landowner requirements for 2010 as a result of the passage of LB 105 by the Legislature:

- – To qualify for a limited permit, a resident landowner must own 320 acres, lease 640 acres or own or lease any combination of 640 acres.
- – A limited landowner antlerless-only permit may be issued to a nonresident, or immediate family members, who own or lease 1,280 acres.
- – To qualify for a limited permit, one must be a landowner, leaseholder or member of the immediate family of landowner or leaseholder, including siblings who share ownership. A qualifying child no longer is required to live in the same household as the landowner or leaseholder.
- – The number of limited permits issued annually for each farm or ranch may not exceed the total number of acres divided by 320.
- – The Commission will begin issuing preference points in 2010 to landowners who are unsuccessful in drawing a landowner bull permit in 2010.

For more information on Panhandle elk zone landowner requirements and eligibility, contact the Alliance district office of the Commission at (308) 763-2940 or the Ponderosa Wildlife Management Area at (308) 665-2924.

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Kenney Wins Silhouette Shooting Championship

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Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

LINCOLN, Neb. – (AmmoLand.com)-Mariah Kenney of Beemer posted a score of 37X40 to win the annual Pressey High School Silhouette Championship on Saturday at Pressey Wildlife Management Area south of Broken Bow.

“We enjoyed great weather, great scores and a wonderful group of young shooters, families, coaches, and spectators,” said Jeff Rawlinson, assistant administrator for the Information and Education Division of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Metallic silhouette shooters compete in the 40-round .22 rimfire match. Competitors shoot at metal targets from 66 yards to 109 yards, firing 10 rounds each at four ranges. Shooters may use a .22 rimfire sporter with iron sights, a scope-sighted rimfire or a .22 rimfire target rifle.

“All shooters have been through the Nebraska Hunter Education course, and the events put on by Match Director Matt Haumont of Broken Bow and volunteers and coaches is a tribute to the responsibility and sportsmanship of the young boys and girls,” Rawlinson said. “The shooting sports offer fun, excitement and challenge to all who participate.”

The results are:

Individuals

- State Champion – Mariah Kenney, Beemer, 37X40.

- High Boy – 1. Collin Moser, Pawnee City, 35X40; 2. Johnson Winemiller, Sterling, 34X40; 3. Tony Hipke, O’Neill, 34X40.
- High Girl – 1. Alyssa Wolken, Beatrice, 34X40; 2. Rachael Schoenrock, Cortland, 30X40; 3. Grace Moore, Inman, 29X40.
- Class B – 1. Garrett Tooker, David City, 33X40; 2. Bryce Hermsmeier, DeWitt, 30X40; 3. Cody Dierking, Broken Bow, 29X30.
- Unclassified – 1. Andy Buhr, Adams, 31X40; 2. Austin Russell, Broken Bow, 25X40; 3. Andrew Simpson, Wayne, 24X40.
- Novice – 1. Jonathan Jones, Eddyville, 19X40; 2. Parker Jones, Odell, 18X40; 3. Falicia Shepards, Mason City, 17X40.
- Heavy Scope – 1. Alex Ferguson, Ansley, 29X40; 2. Tyler Hipke, O’Neill, 28X40; 3. Kevin Hartley, 27X40.
- Light Scope – 1. Lacey Clarke, Berwyn, 28X40; 2. Cody Lorenz, O’Neill, 27X40; 3. Carson Badgley, Oconto, 27X40.
- Heavy Iron – 1. Tyler Parthemer, Beatrice, 22X40; 2. Jacob Kramer, Litchfield, 15X40.
- Light Iron – 1. Tawny Nekuda, Wisner, 27X40; 2. Tyler Krivohlavek, Seward, 25X40; 3. Levi Clarke, Berwyn, 22X40;
- Senior – 1. Joseph Knobbe, West Point, 27X40; 2. Jason Pike, Beatrice, 27X40; 3. (tie) Brandon Maloy, Seward, 25X40; Alex Striern, West Point, 25X40.
- Junior – 1. Colten Mack, Broken Bow, 19X40; 2. Trevor Maloy, Seward, 18X40; 3. Jared Schlueter, Milford, 18X40 (tie broken by shoot-off).

Teams

- Overall – 1. Homestead 4-H No. 1 (Bryce Hermsmeier, Jason Pike, Rachael Schoenrock, Alyssa Wolken), 121X160.
- 4-H Team – 1. Holt County 4-H Top Guns (Tony Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Cody Lorenz, Grace Moore), 118X160; 2. Cuming County Sharpshooters A (Mariah Kenney, Tawny Nekuda, Aaron Spenner, Alex Striern), 114X160; 3. Homestead 4-H No. 2 (Andy Buhr, Kylie Garvey, Collin Moser, Tyler Parthemer), 96X160.
- Open Team – 1. Krayton Conell, Brock Maloy, Cody Shears, Garrett Tooker, 76X160; 2. Hayley Anderson, Joseph Knobbe, Ricky Magner, Aubrey Schultz, 68X160; 3. Chris Bird, Braden Garwood, Alex Hausmann, Kyle Lorenz, 54X160.
- School Team – 1. Broken Bow Public School (Lacey Clarke, Laine Clarke, Levi Clarke, Cody Dierking), 103X160; 2. Litchfield No. 1 (Hope Downer, Michael Heapy, Breanna LeFever, Joe Thomas),

82X160; 3. Broken Bow High School (Travis Connely, Jonathan Jones, Zane Smith, Colton Williams), 69X160.

About:

The event was sponsored by the Commission, with the support of the Nebraska Game and Parks Foundation, Hornady Manufacturing and Pony Express Ramrodders of Gothenburg.

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Kenney Wins Silhouette Shooting Championship

Guests arrived from 41 states, three Canadian provinces and many foreign countries. Journalists from across the globe covered the event for their readers and viewers back home.

“This has grown to be a great event and we’re happy we can share a little bit of the Old West with those who are here for a once-in-a-lifetime experience,” added Pugsley.

The annual roundup serves as a tool to help manage the park’s buffalo herd. Around 200 buffalo will be sold at the park’s annual auction on Saturday, Nov. 21. For additional information on the auction, contact the park by phone at (605) 255-4515 or by email at CusterStatePark@state.sd.us.

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Attendance up at Buffalo Roundup in Custer State Park

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South Dakota Fish, Game & Parks

CUSTER STATE PARK, S.D. --(AmmoLand.com)- This morning was a busy one in Custer State Park as park staff corralled 1,500 buffalo during the 44th annual roundup. Initial reports indicate that attendance was up significantly from last year.

“Custer State Park hosted 2,861 cars and 40 motor coaches for the Roundup this year,” said Craig Pugsley, Visitor Services Coordinator at Custer State Park. “That is up dramatically from 2,360 cars and 29 motor coaches in 2008.”

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Outdoor Industry Association Survey Asks: How will 2009 be Remembered?

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New Outdoor Industry Association & Piper Jaffray Survey Asks: How will 2009 be Remembered?

OIA is asking industry executives to take a brief updated survey.

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Outdoor Industry Association

Boulder, CO – Results from the recently released Outdoor Industry Association OIA® / Piper Jaffray Outdoor Industry Survey, completed in August, shows members increasingly cautious and realistic about the economic situation facing the industry. When asked to indicate the level of concern surrounding current economic conditions affecting their business, a majority indicated they are “very concerned,” up from just under half last spring and about one-third last fall. The highest levels of

concern have shifted to retailers with 88 percent of them signaling they are very concerned. Just 44 percent of vendors have the same level of concern, signaling mismatched expectations.

OIA is asking industry executives to take a brief updated survey, which will allow Piper Jaffray to gather and aggregate this critical economic data to share with members. This information will provide real time data about how industry leaders view the macroeconomic environment and the overall health of the outdoor market.

The survey is available online between today and Friday, October 16, 2009. A report highlighting key takeaways will be posted on the OIA website in late October. This survey builds on initial results collected in late 2008 and spring 2009, both of which can be found at the research and resources section of the OIA website. To take the survey, go to <http://www.piperjaffray.com/outdoorsurvey>.

A copy of the August 2009 report, as well as all OIA research is available to OIA members at www.outdoorindustry.org/research.

About Outdoor Industry Association

Outdoor Industry Association® (OIA) is a national trade association whose mission is to ensure the growth and success of the outdoor industry. OIA provides trade services for over 4000 manufacturers, distributors, suppliers, sales representatives and retailers in the outdoor industry. OIA programs include representation in government/legislative affairs, market and social research, business-to-business services and youth outreach initiatives. Educational events include the annual Rendezvous®, Outdoor University®, and the Capitol Summit. Outdoor Industry Association is based in Boulder, Colorado, and is the title sponsor of the Outdoor Retailer tradeshow. For more information go to www.outdoorindustry.org or call 303.444.3353.

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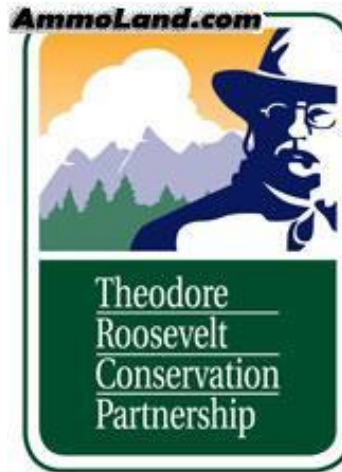
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TRCP's Life in the Open Premieres on VERSUS Country

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TRCP's Life in the Open Season Five Premieres on VERSUS Country on Oct. 4



Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership

WASHINGTON --(AmmoLand.com)- TRCP's Life in the Open begins its fifth season on VERSUS Country on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m. EDT with a combination Sitka blacktail deer hunt and salmon fishing trip in the heart of Alaska's publicly accessible, 17-million-acre Tongass National Forest.

Brought to you by the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership in conjunction with VERSUS Network and Orion Multimedia, this series of do-it-yourself adventures "where the road ends and life in the open begins" will air Sundays at 9 a.m. EDT with encore daytime airings on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the end of the year.

Inspired by the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, TRCP's Life in the Open explores today's pressing fish and wildlife conservation issues while venturing to some of the best hunting and fishing destinations that are both accessible and affordable to hardworking American sportsmen.

Each week, host Ken Barrett transports viewers from their living rooms into the wild to pursue stealthy big game, fast-flying birds and aggressive fish in inspiring destinations across the United States and beyond. This season, viewers will learn about stalking Montana's big bull elk, braving Alaska's elements and monster salmon, and calling in javelina in New Mexico. Other adventures will feature pheasants and bruiser bucks in western Kansas, kudu and hartebeest in Africa, striped bass in the Chesapeake Bay and ducks in California's famed rice fields.

"Access is one of the top concerns facing today's sportsmen

and a key ingredient in preserving our outdoor heritage for our children and grandchildren. TRCP's Life in the Open introduces viewers to the full spectrum of hunting and fishing opportunities available in America with plenty of 'how-to' details along the way," said TRCP President and CEO George Cooper.

"TRCP's Life in the Open is unique among hunting and fishing shows," said Barrett. "It focuses on accessibility and conservation issues while never losing sight of the real trophy: T.R.'s legacy and the lands and waters that form the basis of our hunting and fishing traditions."

Visit www.TRCP.tv for complete schedule, photos and more.

TRCP's Life in the Open is made possible in part by the generous support of many of America's leading trade unions and contractor associations, including the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, International Training Fund, International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Mechanical Contractors Association of America, Mechanical Service Contractors of America, National Electrical Contractors Association, National Fire Sprinkler Association Inc., Sheet Metal Workers International Association, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, United Affiliated Contractors and the United Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters.

About:

Inspired by the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, the TRCP is a coalition of organizations and grassroots partners working together to preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing.

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TRCP's Life in the Open Premieres on VERSUS Country

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Womans Deer Hunting Workshop To Be Held in November

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Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Deer Hunting Workshop To Be Held in November



Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Blossom Point, Md. --(AmmoLand.com)- The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites women to participate in its Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) deer hunting workshop on November 6-7, 2009. The workshop is designed for women 18 years of age or older who are new to hunting or have limited deer hunting experience. Men are also welcome.

"This is a great opportunity to work with experienced staff from DNR and Blossom Point for two unforgettable days," said Patricia Allen, Maryland's BOW State Coordinator. "This workshop is designed for new to beginner hunters. If you have ever wanted to experience white-tailed deer hunting but were not sure how to get started, then this is the program for you."

Classroom instruction will focus on the basics of deer hunting – safety, regulations, hunting skills, white-tailed deer biology and population management. Participants will have time on the shooting range Friday afternoon to sight-in their firearms.

On Saturday, November 7, the day begins before sun-up as participants are stationed in their tree stands for a day of hunting. Staff will be on hand to assist throughout the day. This workshop is for antlerless deer only.

"By the end of the day participants will hopefully have a deer, or at least some great stories to tell," said Allen.

The fee for the workshop is \$45, which includes registration, instruction, lunch on Friday, breakfast, lunch and snacks on Saturday. All participants must possess a valid Maryland Hunting License.

Download the registration form online at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/beyondbowevents.asp> or contact Patty Allen at 410-260-8537. There are only 30 slots available.

About:

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, is the state agency responsible for providing natural and living resource-related services to citizens and visitors. DNR manages more than 461,000 acres of public lands and 17,000 miles of waterways, along with Maryland's forests, fisheries, and wildlife for maximum environmental, economic and quality of life benefits. A national leader in land conservation, DNR-managed parks and natural, historic, and cultural resources attract 12 million visitors annually. DNR is the lead agency in Maryland's effort to restore the Chesapeake Bay, the state's number one environmental priority. Learn more at www.dnr.maryland.gov

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Kansas Wildlife Area Dedicated

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Jamestown Wildlife Area Restoration and Expansion Project Underway.



Ducks Unlimited

CHARLESTON, S.C. --(AmmoLand.com)- **JAMESTOWN, Kansas**

--(AmmoLand.com)- Partners gathered on September 19th for a dedication and greenwing event on the Jamestown Wildlife Area. One of 12 expansive wetlands deeded by the U.S. Congress to the State of Kansas in 1859, Jamestown WA was once a waterfowl migration cornerstone made of fresh and saltwater marshes, riparian areas, and native grasslands of the Lower Republican River Basin.

Greenwings, Ducks Unlimited members under 18, had the opportunity to band Canada Geese under the supervision of Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks personelle. Following the banding, speakers representing a variety of partners discussed the importance of the project and the area.

As with many wetlands across North America, Jamestown wetlands were deeded to settlers and drained for other land uses resulting in the loss of many thousands of acres of important wildlife habitats. Today, conservation organizaitons and agencies striving to restore and protect these crucial wildlife habitats are celebrating great strides in the Jamestown Wetland Project.

Dedication speakers included Kansas Greenwing Chair Jane Irvine, Asst. Secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Keith Sexton, Past Chair of the Kansas Alliance for Wetland and Streams Dennis Haag, Playa Lakes Joint Venture Conservation Policy Director Barth Crouch, Pheasants Forever Field Representative Jordan Martincich, Executive Director of CloudCorp Kirk Lowell, Representative Elaine Bowers, Kansas House District 107, and Mayor Judy Hill of Jamestown.

The overall goals of the project are to expand the present day Jamestown WA from 4,620 acres to as much as 7,285 acres, thus creating a 13-mile wetland habitat corridor. Additionally, 3,500 acres will have wetlands and grasslands restored to habitat representing the pre-settlement landscape in 1859. To date, our conservation partnership has accomplished 35% of these land acquisition and restoration goals.

Partners on the project include Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, North American Wetland Conservation Council, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, Pheasants Forever, Westar Energy, Kansas Wildlife Federation, CloudCorp, Cloud County Board of Commissioners, City of Jamestown, Cloud County Convention and Tourism, Jewell County Board of Commissioners, Republic County Board of Commissioners, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and over 30 private individuals.

About:

With more than a million supporters, Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest and most effective wetland and waterfowl conservation organization with more than 12 million acres conserved. The United States alone has lost more than half of its original wetlands ? nature's most productive ecosystem ? and continues to lose more than 80,000 wetland acres important to waterfowl each year.

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Kansas Wildlife Area Dedicated

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DU And Partners Receive \$1 Million For South Carolina Wetlands Conservation

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DU And Partners Receive \$1 Million For South Carolina Wetlands Conservation

Federal NAWCA Grant Supports Long-Term Wetland Conservation.



Ducks Unlimited

CHARLESTON, S.C. --(AmmoLand.com)- Ducks Unlimited and partners received a \$1 million North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant for protection and enhancement of over 8,000 acres of diverse wildlife habitat in Beaufort, Charleston, and Georgetown counties in South Carolina. Partners contributed over \$3.2 million in matching funds toward the federal grant.

“Over 27 percent of South Carolina’s original wetlands have been lost,” said Craig LeSchack, Ducks Unlimited Director of Conservation Programs. “In response to this dramatic decline, DU established the South Carolina Lowcountry Initiative over 20 years ago to curtail the continuing loss of important wetland habitat. Today the Initiative is a nationally recognized wetlands conservation effort that covers 3 million acres across 14 coastal counties in cooperation with the goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.”

As a continuation of these long term conservation goals, this grant includes four project sites in public and private ownership including the Ormand Hall Unit at Santee Coastal Reserve, the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center, the Bonny Hall Unit at ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge, and private land under a permanent conservation easement.

“The South Carolina Lowcountry Wetlands Initiative I project combines the financial contributions, expertise and management skills of government agencies, non-government project partners, and private landowners with grant funds to support a mix of wetlands protection and enhancement projects,” LeSchack said.

Project partners include the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited,

Wetlands America Trust, the Yawkey Foundation, and a private landowner.

“The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has partnered with Ducks Unlimited for over 25 years in improving habitat across the state and we are pleased to partner again with DU on the wetland enhancement projects at the Santee Coastal Reserve and the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center,” John Frampton, SCDNR director, said. “The work on these areas will improve over 3,000 acres of habitat for waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, and other wetland wildlife.”

In Washington, D.C., Ducks Unlimited’s governmental affairs staff works with Congress to garner support for annual funding of NAWCA. To date, NAWCA has helped fund more than 1,600 wetland projects on 25 million acres in all 50 states, every province of Canada, and areas in Mexico. In South Carolina alone, NAWCA projects have conserved over 180,000 acres.

About:

With more than a million supporters, Ducks Unlimited is the world’s largest and most effective wetland and waterfowl conservation organization, having conserved over 12 million acres. The United States alone has lost more than half of its original wetlands – nature’s most productive ecosystem – and continues to lose more than 80,000 wetland acres each year.

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DU And Partners Receive \$1 Million For South Carolina Wetlands Conservation

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SOS TV Teams Up with USA Outback Outdoor Television

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**SOS TV teams up with USA Outback Outdoor Television for
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Sportsmen's Outdoor Strategies

Indianapolis, IN --(AmmoLand.com)- USA Outback Outdoor Television executive producer Denny Snyder has announced that the award winning popular outdoor television program 'USA Outback' has joined forces with Sportsmen's Outdoor Strategies TV to promote the SOS Innovative Products line starting this fall in 2009. SOS TV is a 4 time Viewer's Choice award winning TV show and is now entering it's 10th season.

Sportsmen's Outdoor Strategies TV features outdoor products innovator Bob Walker of Walker's Game Ear fame and three-time Grand National turkey calling champion and turkey hunting legend Paul Butski of Butski's Game calls.

SOS TV currently airs on Versus, the Sportsman Channel and WildTV traveling the globe to bring the viewers some of the best hunting and fishing action world wide. Each week, SOS TV includes outdoor strategies that will help the viewers find success and enhance their time afield.

Sportsmen's Outdoor Strategies Television features not only co-hosts Bob Walker and Paul Butski, but also different pro-staff hunt teams that cover hunting whitetails, turkey hunting, waterfowl, small and big game hunting, upland game and also fresh and saltwater fishing. Some of the best guides and outfitters also get their chance to promote their own services and facilities each week on SOS TV with their very own 'Outfitter's Spotlight' to show viewers how to contact them to book their own exciting outdoor adventures.

"We are always looking to find new and innovative products to introduce to our viewers and I am happy to once again join forces with Bob Walker to promote Sportsmen's Outdoor Strategies TV and the SOS Innovative Products line to the viewers"- says Snyder. Snyder will be handling public relations and marketing for the SOS Innovative Products line and SOS TV.

"The Rotator is just one of the many SOS Innovative Products line we will be promoting that when you see it and use it, you just say to yourself- what a great idea- why didn't I think of that."

Check out Sportsmen's Outdoor Strategies TV on the web at www.sostvonline.com.

Check your local listings for days and times.

For more information on USA Outback Outdoor Television or the SOS Innovative Products line, contact Denny Snyder at (317)502-7942 or visit on the web at www.usaoutbacktv.com .

About:

Join Sportsmen's Outdoor Strategie's Bob Walker, Paul Butski and a host of other nationally recognized pro staffers as they provide helpful advice as well as specific techniques to make the time in the field both more enjoyable and successful.

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Fall Deer Feeding Tips From Day 6 Outdoors

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Fall Deer Feeding



Day VI Outdoors

Columbus, GA – (AmmoLand.com)- Even in states that allow year-round feeding, many hunters decide to discontinue feeding deer in the fall. Many believe that the mast crop will be enough, or that their annual food plots will provide sufficient sustenance for the deer, but these assumptions fail to take several factors into consideration.

First, while the mast crop is Mother Nature's buffet for game, there's no guarantee that it will be an all-you-can-eat one. Fluctuations in weather during the spring can cause the acorn crop to fail. Sometimes, the trees on your property remain void of acorns while your neighbor's trees may be loaded with them. Regardless, the acorn crop or lack thereof is out of your control. However, offering feed is within your control and provides you a way to supply a secondary food source when acorns are available and a primary food source when they're not.

Secondly, many variables can make food plots undependable. A dry fall

may inhibit germination of seeds. Severe weather may hurt the crop. Poor soil may negatively impact the health of the plants thus diminishing the browse.

You may not have enough acreage dedicated to truly provide sustenance. While food plots are a must in the overall management plan of a deer herd, they are inconsistent and difficult to control. Once again, you should control what you can.

Providing feed throughout these fall months is within your power. Utilizing a supplemental food source along with food plots and hopefully a good mast crop will help keep the deer from leaving your property to find food.

Day 6 Outdoors is home to the Flat-Out Feeder, the only feeder designed to help manage trophy whitetails by controlling human scent at the feed site. Its simple, one-person setup doesn't require tools or any additional assembly. All you have to do is take it out of the box and it's ready to go. The feeder is gravity-fed, so it doesn't depend on motors or batteries, which require maintenance, can malfunction or go dead.

For more info, check out www.day6outdoors.com

About:

At Day Six Outdoors, our foundational belief for life and business is that we are to be good stewards of all things our Creator has blessed us with, including this venture. Our name comes from our recognition and thankfulness for the creation of the land animals that we so enjoy and passionately pursue and that were created on the sixth day. It is our desire that our company name will serve to remind all of us to be constantly thankful to our Creator.

Our objective is to develop innovative products that address limitations of products currently available or remove boundaries to traditional ways of doing things. Again, we desire to make every minute of time you spend in the woods as enjoyable and productive as possible. We are committed to doing that in all that we offer.

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Pheasants to Be Released at 30 Public Hunting Areas

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Pheasants to Be Released at 30 Public Hunting Areas Statewide



Ohio Department Natural Resources

COLUMBUS, OH --(AmmoLand.com)- More than 15,000 ring-necked pheasants will be released on 30 public hunting areas across the state this fall, as part of a seasonal effort by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife to enhance hunting opportunities for this popular game bird.

Ring-necked pheasants will be released on the evenings (after shooting hours) of October 23 and 30 in anticipation of the weekends' small-game season for youth hunters. Releases will also take place on the evenings of November 5 and 13. The final release of the fall is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, November 25 to increase pheasant hunting opportunities during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Two new areas not listed in the hunting regulations have been added to this year's list of release sites: Tiffin River Wildlife Area in Fulton County and Ringneck Ridge in Sandusky County. Ringneck Ridge is owned and operated by the Sandusky County Park District and will require a free permit to hunt.

For more information regarding the issuance of these free hunting permits, contact the Sandusky County Park Office at 419-334-4495 or the Sandusky County Park District Ranger Office at 419-637-2900. These areas will provide larger, high quality areas for hunters to use.

This will be the last year for pheasant releases at Maumee State Forest and North Turkeyfoot State Park. Both Maumee State Forest and North Turkeyfoot State Park have seen dramatic declines in the amount and quality of grassland habitat available for sportsman to use over the past decade.

Pheasant hunting season opens Friday, November 6 and remains open through January 10, 2010, with a daily bag limit of two rooster (male)

birds. Statewide hunting hours are sunrise to sunset.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR web site at www.ohiodnr.com.

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District 12

Assemblywoman

Caroline Casagrande (R)

Assemblyman

Declan O'Scanlon, Jr (R)



New Jersey Outdoor Alliance

Belmar, NJ --(AmmoLand.com)-The New Jersey Outdoor Alliance is proud to endorse Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande and Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon in their bid for re-election to the New Jersey State Assembly. Asw Casagrande and Asm O'Scanlon have been staunch supporters of conservation initiatives.

Their dedication to environmental stewardship led them to be leading members of the New Jersey Angling and Hunting Conservation Caucus.

Please show your support by contacting all those you know residing in District 12 (see list of towns below) and ensure that they vote for Asw Casagrande and Asm O'Scanlon because they support outdoor issues.

Vote for Asw Casagrande and Asm O'Scanlon for NJ State Assembly!

District #12

Assemblywoman Casagrande
Assemblyman O'Scanlon

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About:

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NJOA Endorses Asm Burzichelli & Asw Riley

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District 3
Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli (D) Di (Deputy Speaker)
Assemblywoman Celeste M. Riley (D)



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Belmar, NJ --(AmmoLand.com)-The New Jersey Outdoor Alliance is proud to endorse Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli and Assemblywoman Celeste M. Riley in their bid for re-election to the New Jersey State Assembly. Asm Burzichelli and Asw Riley have been staunch supporters of conservation initiatives.

Their dedication to environmental stewardship led them to be leading members of the New Jersey Angling and Hunting Conservation Caucus.

In fact, Asm Burzichelli championed Sunday Bow Hunting and was instrumental in the bill being sent to Governor Corzine. Sunday Bow Hunting was signed into law.

Please show your support by contacting all those you know residing in District 3 (see list of towns below) and ensure that they vote for Asm Burzichelli and Asw Riley because they support outdoor issues.

Vote for Asm Burzichelli and Asw Riley for NJ State Assembly!

Thank you, Anthony P. Mauro, Sr Chairman New Jersey Outdoor Alliance

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Craig Boddington Becomes Medjet Company Spokesman

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Renowned Hunter, Author And Writer Craig Boddington Becomes Medjet Company Spokesman



MedjetAssist

Birmingham, AL —(AmmoLand.com)- MedjetAssist, the nation's leading emergency medical evacuation and repatriation membership program, announced today that Craig Boddington has signed on as a company spokesperson to the hunting and outdoor market.

"As a widely recognized outdoorsman and unarguably one of this generation's most accomplished hunting experts, Craig will lend tremendous insight, visibility and credence to our company and services," said Roy Berger, Medjet president and CEO. "We are delighted to have someone of Craig's caliber and reputation in the hunting community to represent MedjetAssist."

With a MedjetAssist membership, if a member is hospitalized more than 150 miles from home and continues to meet inpatient criteria at the receiving hospital- MedjetAssist will arrange medical transportation to the hospital of the member's choice at no additional cost. .

"I am not afraid of the places I go to follow my passion for hunting or the unpredictable paths that take me there," said Boddington. "I am not afraid of what I am hunting, what might be hunting me, or whatever lies in between. I travel with peace of mind, because I know Medjet will be there if I ever need them."

Boddington continued, "I've been a Medjet member for over five years and my passion takes me to the ends of the earth. I'm not sure where you go, but make sure you have Medjet. I wouldn't travel without it."

One of the world's most accomplished hunters, Boddington was born and raised in Kansas, where his big game hunting experience began at an early age. He attended the University of Kansas on an NROTC scholarship, graduating with an English degree and a regular commission in the United States Marine Corps. His outdoor writing career began during college and continued during his active duty. He has

written more than 4,000 articles for national magazines, he has authored 21 books on hunting and shooting, and he is the host of the popular Tracks Across Africa television show.

Having been on more than 75 African safaris, Boddington's list of hunting accomplishments is long. He is the only living journalist who has hunted Africa's nine spiral-horned antelopes, and he's the only one who has hunted Africa's Big Five. He holds a number of other distinguished records and accolades in the hunting and shooting world.

About:

MedjetAssist was established in 1991 and is the premier medical evacuation and repatriation membership program for travelers. MedjetAssist has its corporate headquarters in Birmingham, AL, and was recently named the exclusive provider of worldwide air ambulance and medical repatriation services for AARP. For additional information, visit www.medjet.com.

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Can My County Gun Board Force Me To Appear In Person

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Can My County Gun Board Force Me To Appear In Person

By Steve Dulan



Michigan Coalition For Responsible Gun Owners

Michigan -- (AmmoLand.com)-My understanding is that Michigan is a

“shall issue” state. Does my county gun board have the authority to force me to appear in person to answer questions before they approve my Concealed Pistol License Application?

A: Yes. MCL 28.425a states: “The concealed weapon licensing board may investigate the applicant for a license to carry a concealed pistol. The investigation shall be restricted to determining only whether the applicant is eligible under this act to receive a license to carry a concealed pistol, and the investigation regarding the issuance of a license shall end after that determination is made. The concealed weapon licensing board may require the applicant to appear before the board at a mutually agreed-upon time for a conference. The applicant’s failure or refusal to appear without valid reason before the concealed weapon licensing board as provided in this subsection is grounds for the board to deny issuance of a license to carry a concealed pistol to that applicant.”

So, the County Gun Board may require you to appear and answer questions regarding your eligibility under the “shall issue” law. The Board is under no requirement to do so. Some counties do and some don't. My understanding is that some county boards simply ask applicants to reaffirm that all the answers on their applications are still true and correct as of the appearance date. This is allowed by the above statute.

Note that each county gun board is made up of the Prosecuting Attorney, the Sheriff, and a member of the State Police (or their designees.) The above-referenced statute also states: “The county prosecuting attorney or his or her designee shall serve as chairperson of the board...”The Prosecuting Attorney of each county is an elected official. The term is 4 years and runs on the same cycle as the U.S. Presidential elections. If you live in a county where the local prosecuting attorney is not respectful of your gun rights under the Michigan and United States Constitutions, you should vote accordingly, and urge others to do likewise.

Bio:

Steve Dulan (www.StevenWDulan.com) is a member of the Board of Directors of the MCRGO and the MCRGO Foundation, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the MCRGO Foundation. He is an attorney in private practice in East Lansing and Adjunct Professor of firearms law at The Thomas M. Cooley Law School. as well as an NRA Life Member.

About:

The Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. Formed from just eight people in 1996, we now have thousands of members and numerous affiliated clubs across the state. We're growing larger and more effective every day.

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Nordyke Another Right to Arms Case

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Nordyke: Another Right to Arms Case

by David T. Hardy



Michigan Coalition For Responsible Gun Owners

California – (AmmoLand.com)-The “Chicago Gun Cases” are now pending in the Supreme Court, which should vote on September 29 whether to hear them or not. In the meantime, yet another case is slowly moving in the same direction. Like the Chicago cases, the main issue is whether the 2nd Amendment applies to the States via the 14th Amendment.

Nordyke v. King challenges an Alameda County, California, regulation forbidding carrying of firearms on county property, a rule that was aimed at barring gun shows from the county fairground. Gun show organizers filed suit in 1999 – yes, the case has bounced from one court to another for a full decade! It finally arrived in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers the far west and has historically been anti-gun.

The 9th Circuit has 27 judges, who divide into three judge panels to hear ordinary appeals. In April of this year, the panel that heard Nordyke ruled 3-0 that the 14th Amendment made the 2nd Amendment binding on the States. This was the first time a Federal appeals court had so ruled.

The decision of a three judge panel can be reviewed by the entire court en banc – in most circuits, this means by all the Circuit judges, but in the 9th Circuit it means by 11 judges chosen at random. Motions for en banc rehearings are rarely granted. But something even rarer happened in Nordyke – without either party asking, a majority of the judges

requested rehearing on their own.

The en banc hearing was held on September 24. Based on past votes, of the 11 judges, four or five were pro-gun, two were antigun, and 4-5 were unknown. Nordyke’s counsel, Don Kilmer, thought that two of the unknowns seemed favorable during the argument. Few of the questions were hostile to the core issue of applying the 2nd Amendment to the States – most concerned whether gun shows could be held elsewhere, or similar minutae.

Five hours later, the Ninth Circuit announced that it would hold the case, without ruling, until the Supreme Court disposed of the Chicago gun cases. The Circuit saw no reason to stick its neck out, guess what the Supreme Court will think and get its decision reversed if it guesses wrong. If the Supreme Court takes the Chicago cases, the Ninth Circuit will wait for the results before ruling. If it declines the Chicago cases, the 9th Circuit will have to rule (don’t hold your breath: en banc rulings usually take many months), and once it does, the issue may have a second shot at the Supreme Court.

Bio:

David T. Hardy is a Tucson attorney who has authored four books and eighteen law reviews articles, mostly on Second Amendment issues. In Heller, he filed an amicus brief for Academics for the Second Amendment. He produced and directed the documentary DVD “In Search of the Second Amendment,” available at www.secondamendmentdocumentary.com.

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