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New Mexico Game and Fish

ALBUQUERQUE, NM --(AmmoLand.com)- October viewers of "New Mexico Wildlife," the Department of Game and Fish television show, will have front-row seats for the annual mating displays of the lesser prairie chicken, and learn how invasive mussels pose serious threats to the state's lakes and boaters who use them.

The October lineup also features a virtual tour of the Petroglyph National Monument, follows conservation officers who capture a bear in Los Ranchos, follows a young girl on her first deer hunt, and joins the Cast Iron Ranger as he turns venison into a mouth-watering teriyaki dinner.

The program broadcasts statewide at 6:30 a.m. on KASA Fox Channel 2 every Saturday, leaving the rest of weekend to enjoy your own outdoor adventures.

The lineup:

- Saturday, Oct. 10:

- A black bear in Los Ranchos creates quite a stir; a young girl's trophy buck now hangs in the family room, thanks to some help from her father; impress family and friends by learning to cook up some tempting teriyaki venison on the camp stove with the Cast Iron Ranger; come along on a virtual tour of the Petroglyph National Monument in Albuquerque.
- Saturday, Oct. 17:
 - Shooter Rick Camuglia rounds up rifle enthusiasts for a monthly sporting rifle competition; perseverance rewards a young hunter as he harvests a turkey; go for a ride in the woods after learning how to get started riding a mountain bike; and learn how New Mexico's Beekeeper Association works to keep important pollinators alive and thriving.
- Saturday, Oct. 24:
 - Spring winds up to 60 mph lure windsurfers to Elephant Butte Lake State Park; catch the annual Free Fishing Day clinic at Lake Roberts in the Gila National Forest; join U.S. Forest Service and New Mexico State University volunteers during a cleanup at Lake Roberts; and see why Sumner Lake State Park is one of the best-kept secrets for bass fishing in New Mexico.
- Saturday, Oct. 31:
 - Invasive zebra and quagga mussels threaten New Mexico lakes and waterways, and state agencies are poised for a fight; bass pro Maurice Gutierrez can rattle any fish with his homemade lures; Cast Iron Ranger, Dan Brooks, and District Wildlife Supervisor Bobby Griego wrap up scrumptious javelina burritos right off a homemade cooking disc; and witness the annual spring mating dance of the lesser prairie chicken in southeastern New Mexico.

"New Mexico Wildlife" segments are also available 24-7 on www.Myoutdoortv.com.

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Boone and Crockett Announces Mule Deer, Elk Record Books

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Boone and Crockett Club

MISSOULA, Mont.—(AmmoLand.com)—In just the past 13 years, modern conservation efforts have produced an amazing 62 new state and provincial records—plus over 3,500 other Boone and Crockett-class trophies—for mule deer and elk alone. These special efforts and animals are profiled in two new books from the Boone and Crockett Club.

Records of North American Mule Deer and Records of North American Elk are the first records books dedicated solely to these two species. Previously, mule deer and elk were combined into a single Boone and Crockett volume last printed in 1996.

Since then, unprecedented growth in records listings dictated separate editions.

Julie Houk, director of publications for the Club, said, “The Boone and Crockett scoring system was originally developed to record details of big game species that were thought to be vanishing. Of course, hunters led historic restoration and habitat initiatives to ensure that didn’t happen. Today, this ongoing conservation success can be measured in many ways—including the page counts of these new books.”

Records of North American Mule Deer is 490 pages containing over 4,500 listings for Boone and Crockett-class mule deer, Columbia blacktail and sitka blacktail. Twenty-nine state and provincial records have been set in these categories since Boone and Crockett’s previous records book in 1996.

Records of North American Elk is 298 pages containing nearly 1,600 listings for Boone and Crockett-class American elk, Roosevelt’s elk and tule elk. The book includes 33 new state and provincial records in these

categories.

Both books include all-time and award-class listings from the late 1800s through Jan. 31, 2009. Also included are geographic analyses of kill locations, maps, photos, tables and informative chapters from top outdoor writers such as Jim Zumbo and Bob Robb, as well as partner organizations Mule Deer Foundation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Read more at www.boone-crockett.org or by calling 888-840-4868.

About the Boone and Crockett Club

Founded by Theodore Roosevelt in 1887, the Boone and Crockett Club promotes guardianship and visionary management of big game and associated wildlife in North America. The Club maintains the highest standards of fair-chase sportsmanship and habitat stewardship. Member accomplishments include protecting Yellowstone and establishing Glacier and Denali national parks, founding the National Forest Service, National Park Service and National Wildlife Refuge System, fostering the Pittman-Robertson and Lacey Acts, creating the Federal Duck Stamp program, and developing the cornerstones of modern game laws. The Boone and Crockett Club is headquartered in Missoula, Mont. For details, visit www.booneandcrockettclub.com.

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Hunting is Focus of Supreme Court Arguments

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Hunting Communications a Major Focus of Justices' Questions.
By LL Dovey



Professional Outdoor Media Association

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(AmmoLand.com)- Hunting communications were a central focus of the United States Supreme Court on Tuesday as the Justices heard arguments in the case *U.S. v. Stevens*, 08-769.

At issue in the case is a 1999 federal law that makes it a crime to create, sell or possess videos and other depictions of cruelty to animals. The case arose over the conviction of a Virginia man, Robert Stevens, who received a three-year prison sentence from a Western Pennsylvania court for selling videos that included scenes of hunting with dogs. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the conviction, stating it was in violation of Steven's First Amendment rights.

In addition to working with the Washington, D.C., Jones Day Law Firm to file an amicus curiae brief on behalf of its members, the Professional Outdoor Media Association (POMA), headquartered in Johnstown, Pa., coordinated a larger group of amici from a wide range of constituencies, including numerous large organizations and more than 600 individual journalists, outdoor industry professionals and sportsmen.

POMA Executive Director Laurie Lee Dovey was in the courtroom to hear the arguments.

"The Justices were highly engaged," Dovey said. "Clearly, their queries were focused on testing the limits of the First Amendment. The questions were direct and at times extreme.

"Patricia Millett, the plaintiff's attorney, represented Mr. Stevens, the hunting and fishing industry and traditional outdoor sports journalists at the highest level," Dovey added. "Patricia understands how the statute could criminalize the communication and promotion of legal hunting and fishing activities. She directly argued the overreach and chilling effects of the existing statute."

Testing the wide net cast by the language of the law, hunting-related questions were debated. Deputy Solicitor General Neal Katyal often stated hunting imagery did not fall within the parameters of the statute. Justice Antonin Scalia seemed to disagree. Scalia concentrated on the language in the statute that says, "... a visual or auditory depiction ... in which a living animal is intentionally maimed, mutilated, tortured, wounded, or killed."

"Kill" has one meaning, which is kill," Scalia told Katyal, plainly indicating concerns about the legal actions of hunters. Katyal responded with a statement citing cruel killing versus hunting. Scalia countered with a question about an accidental low shot on an animal by a hunter, which he said was completely legal. Justice John Paul Stevens also asked about bow-and-arrow hunting or hunting with knives. Katyal backpedaled, saying, "So, there may be certain hunting examples that fall within it (the law).

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg looked at another aspect of the law, the separation of the filming of a criminal act and participation by a photographer in a criminal act. The abuse of the dog and the filming of the act are different, she said. The abuse would go on with or without the

photographer. The comparison being made was to image-makers in child pornography cases – where the photographer is an actual participant in the criminal act.

In response to questions by Justice Stephen Bryer about Congress simply writing a statute that actually aims at the "frightful things they were trying to prohibit," Millett agreed Congress must use a scalpel, not a buzz saw, when crafting statutes that restrict free speech.

Justice Samuel Alito posed the most difficult hypothetical of the day to Millett. He asked if the First Amendment would cover "a human sacrifice channel". The discomfort in the courtroom was palpable.

Taking a few moments to collect her thoughts, obviously taken aback by the extreme nature of the Justice's example, Millett responded.

"I don't want to watch this channel, and people should fight with their wallets and their votes and not support these things," she said. "But, under the First Amendment, if the only rationale Congress is giving is we are here to shield your eyes for you, we will make this censorial decision, it has got to find some basis to think that was never freedom of speech under the First Amendment, in the way that obscenity was. You don't get to make it up as you go along. We are interpreting a constitution."

The United States Humane Society, which pushed the original prosecution of Robert Stevens, claimed this case was and is about animal cruelty. POMA, National Rifle Association, Safari Club International, National Media Coalition, American Society of Media Photographers, National Press Photographer's Association and dozens of other groups, which filed amicus curiae briefs in the case, strongly disagreed. They defined *U.S. v. Stevens* as a First Amendment case that could have potentially devastating consequences on journalists and Americans' right to information.

A decision could come sometime after the first of the year, but the Court's final deadline is July 1, 2010

The Statute – 18 U.S.C. § 48

(a) Creation, Sale, or Possession.- Whoever knowingly creates, sells, or possesses a depiction of animal cruelty with the intention of placing that depiction in interstate or foreign commerce for commercial gain, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

(b) Exception.- Subsection (a) does not apply to any depiction that has serious religious, political, scientific, educational, journalistic, historical, or artistic value.

(c) Definitions.- In this section-

(1) the term "depiction of animal cruelty" means any visual or auditory depiction, including any photograph, motion-picture film, video recording, electronic image, or sound

recording of conduct in which a living animal is intentionally maimed, mutilated, tortured, wounded, or killed, if such conduct is illegal under Federal law or the law of the State in which the creation, sale, or possession takes place, regardless of whether the maiming, mutilation, torture, wounding, or killing took place in the State; and (2) the term "State" means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

About: POMA

The Professional Outdoor Media Association is a group of individual communicators and Corporate Partners who believe in, defend, support and promote the heritage of hunting, fishing, shooting and traditional outdoor sports through writing, photography and other means. By doing so, members hope to educate the general public about these sports and encourage more participation in them. The organization serves the membership by helping members grow professionally, improve their skills, better their working environments and enhance their businesses.

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Concert for Conservation Teams Sammy Kershaw and Whitetails Unlimited

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**Concert for Conservation Teams Sammy Kershaw and
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Benefit for conservation will be great music at a great venue.



Whitetails Unlimited

Waco, TX --(AmmoLand.com)- Sammy Kershaw and Whitetails Unlimited are teaming up to present the Concert for Conservation at the Hog Creek Icehouse, November 28 near Waco.

This first-of-its-kind event will benefit conservation projects.

"We're thrilled to partner with an artist like Sammy Kershaw, a huge talent who loves the outdoors, and understands the importance of conservation projects that benefit both people and wildlife," said Whitetails Unlimited Texas Field Director Kevin Greb.



Hogcreekicehouse.com

The concert venue is the Hog Creek Icehouse, 170 Branson Trail (Off Hwy 6) in Speegleville, Texas (just outside of Waco). Opening the concert are Bo Phillips and Randy Hass, who will go on stage at 5:00 p.m., with Kershaw taking the stage at 9:00 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$20.00, with reserved seating tickets in front of the stage priced at \$30.00. A \$50.00 ticket will get you into the VIP balcony, with bar and snacks.

Tickets are available on the WTU web site, www.whitetailsunlimited.com.

More information about the Hog Creek Icehouse is available at www.hogcreekicehouse.com.

About:

Founded in 1982, Whitetails Unlimited is a national nonprofit conservation organization. Our mission is to raise funds in support of education, habitat enhancement and acquisition, and the preservation of the hunting tradition for the benefit of the white-tailed deer and other wildlife. When it comes to the whitetail and its environment, WTU's degree of professionalism and dedication has earned us the reputation of being the nation's premier whitetail organization.

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August Sales of Outdoor Equipment Soft

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Upward Movement in Certain Climbing, Camping, Footwear and Energy Food Categories.

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Outdoor Industry Association

BOULDER, CO --(AmmoLand.com)-Retail sales for all core outdoor stores combined (chain, internet, specialty)* declined six percent compared to last August, moving from \$346M to \$325M, according to the most recent edition of the Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) Outdoor Topline Report, produced for OIA by the Leisure Trends Group.

Select equipment, accessory, outerwear and footwear categories continued positive momentum in August. Year-to-date sales (January – August 2009) totaled \$2.9B, down just five percent from the same period a year ago.

Although sales were soft overall in August, several categories continued upward movement. A renewed interest in camping and outdoor vacations did not slow in August, as many National Parks continued to see record attendance.

This trend was helpful to outdoor stores, as backpacking tents, medium sized packs (2,500 – 4,000 cubic inches), climbing gear, trekking poles and multiple camp accessory categories all outsold August 2008. Footwear was on the top of consumers' minds as well, with hiking boots and multisport shoes managing to outperform 2008 again this month.

Finally, energy food maintained its momentum in 2009, growing 20 percent in August dollar sales.

Outdoor Specialty

Specialty stores lost eight percent in total dollar sales compared to August 2008, with all four major product categories (equipment, equipment accessories, apparel and footwear) losing ground. It was not all bad news, however; certain categories have sold well in 2009 and continued to do so in August. Strong categories were centered on practicality and mobility this month as recreation tents, energy food, hiking boots, multisport shoes and trail running shoes saw the healthiest sales.

Outdoor Chain

Total sales were down seven percent in chains for the month of August. Sales trends were similar to specialty stores, with healthiest growth coming from hiking boots, multisport shoes, trail runners and energy food. Chain stores also saw multiple apparel categories increase sales as short sleeved shirts, sleeveless shirts, dresses, skirts and insulated outerwear tops all outsold August 2008. Women were responsible for all of the gains in insulated top sales, as well as in the dress and skirt categories, while men's products fueled growth in the short sleeved shirt and sleeveless shirt categories.

Outdoor Internet

Similar to July, total internet dollar sales were flat in August as units slid nine percent for the period while retail prices were 10 percent higher than last year. Increased hard good sales balanced out losses in apparel and footwear in August. Both equipment and equipment accessories gained dollar sales, assisted by double-digit increases in average retail selling prices. Equipment dollar sales growth was fueled by tents, sleeping bags, medium and large packs and climbing gear. Growth in the equipment accessory category was buoyed by energy food, trekking poles, camp accessories, instruments and luggage. Unlike their brick and mortar counterparts, online retailers did not sell as many hiking boots this month as in August 2008. However, the increased popularity of multisport shoes carried over into the online realm.

Paddlesports

Paddlesports stores have seen very few silver linings in 2009. Core paddlesport stores (specialty, chain, internet) brought in \$37.5M in August and \$276M year-to-date, down 13 and nine percent, respectively, for both periods. In August, losses were felt across the board, as all store channels and essentially all product categories declined. With over 80

percent of a typical year's sales complete at the end of August, the paddle industry will have a difficult time regaining lost ground in the remainder of 2009.

* OIA Outdoor Topline Report Outdoor and Paddle channels include: outdoor and paddle specialty, national outdoor chains, regional sporting goods chains and outdoor (and paddle) internet specialty merchants.

To access the OIA outdoor retail sales Topline data, read the complete monthly executive summary and to review trends by industry channel and category, OIA members can log in at www.outdoorindustry.org or call 303.444.3353 for assistance.

For additional brand growth and brand and model market share reports, please contact Leisure Trends Group at 303.786.7900 x107 www.leisuretrends.com.

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, visit www.outdoorindustry.org or call 303.444.3353.

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ADWA Supports Saving Rare Antelope Species

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ADWA Announces Support for Saving Rare Antelope Species



American Deer & Wildlife Alliance

AUSTIN, Texas -- (AmmoLand.com)-The American Deer & Wildlife Alliance has announced its support of the Exotic Wildlife Association and its appeal of a ruling by Federal Judge Henry Kennedy Jr. of the U.S. District Court, Washington, DC that threatens the extinction of three rare antelope species which have prospered in the United States.

In July 2009, Judge Kennedy ruled that scimitar-horned oryx, dama gazelle and addax that are born and raised in the United States will no longer be exempted from their listing on the endangered species list. The ruling overturns a special rule put in place by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Department that allowed the three antelope species to be born, raised and freely traded in the United States without the USFWD permitting process.

As a result, ranchers who have owned and managed these animals for years will be required to cease all breeding, transport, culling or other management activities without explicit approval from the federal government.

“Private conservation has made a huge contribution to the worldwide preservation of these animals, but this ruling literally threatens the survival of these species,” says John Meng, president of the American Deer & Wildlife Alliance. “The population growth of these animals while we’ve operated under the special ruling is dramatic and undeniable proof of the success of game ranches in managing these animals. But that success has only been because these animals have value during times in which the herd must be culled. If a rancher is required to get approval by the federal government to perform routine game management, then these animals will become a burden rather than an asset. No one will want them and their numbers will decline.”

A perfect example of how successful the special rules exemption has been to the species’ survival is the scimitar-horned oryx. While these animals

are practically non-existent in the wild, there are currently thousands of these animals being cared for and raised on preserves and ranches across the country. In fact, breeding programs have become so successful that EWA members are now working to reintroduce the species into their native countries. But this effort will cease under the judge's ruling.

“The ruling by Judge Kennedy is nothing more than a death warrant on these three antelope species,” adds Meng. “We strongly urge sportsmen and anyone who loves animals to join the EWA in its fight to save these animals.”

The American Deer & Wildlife Alliance urges all sportsmen and wildlife enthusiasts to contact their federal representative and the EWA to voice their support for saving these magnificent animals. More importantly, please donate to the Save Exotic Wildlife Fund, call 830.367.7761, email saveanimals@exoticwildlifeassociation.com or visit <http://www.exoticwildlifeassociation.com>.

ADWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to growing the deer and wildlife industries through education and public awareness. ADWA works closely with companies, organizations, wildlife managers and professionals within the industry for the promotion and advancement of the industry as a whole. ADWA is also the title sponsor of Keith Warren's Deer & Wildlife Stories program that debuted earlier this year on the Outdoor Channel. In its youth activities, the American Deer & Wildlife Alliance works through the American Deer & Wildlife Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, to provide outdoor education to the youth and promote youth participation in the outdoors. The Foundation produces a youth publication, Spikes Magazine, hosts and sponsors youth educational classes and events, and organizes 'first' and affordable hunting opportunities.

About:

Headquartered in Austin, Texas, the American Deer & Wildlife Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to the growth of the deer and wildlife industry, and to help educate consumers and youth on wildlife, habitat management and land stewardship. For more information on the American Deer & Wildlife Alliance, call 877.331.8607 or visit www.deerwildlifealliance.org

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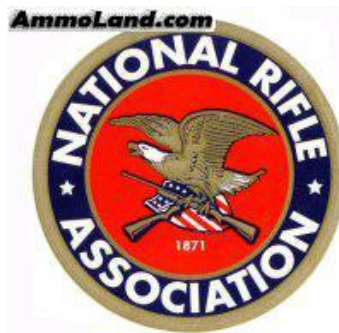
NRA Great American Hunting and Outdoor Show Debuts in 2010

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NRA Great American Hunting and Outdoor Show Guest Speakers



National Rifle Association

FAIRFAX, VA – (AmmoLand.com)-The National Rifle Association's Hunter Services Department is pleased to announce the launch of the NRA Great American Hunting and Outdoor Show. The event will be held January 29-31, 2010 at the Carroll County Agriculture Center Shipley Arena in Westminster, Maryland.

Many of the East Coast's top hunting, outdoor, and shooting sports retailers have already signed on as exhibitors, including numerous outfitters and guides such as Gsell's Whitetail Refuge. Nationally-known hunting and outdoor personalities will also be speaking at seminars during the show including Ralph and Vicki Cianciarulo of Archer's

Choice Media and Ray Eye of "Eye on the Outdoors" and "Winchester Turkey Revolution."

Other features include the NRA Mason/Dixon Big Buck Contest and the Great American Whitetail Collection, which will be on display, showcasing forty of the largest and highest-scoring whitetails in the world.

"The NRA Great American Hunting and Outdoor Show will help us to promote hunting and let people know about all the things that NRA does for hunters. This is a great opportunity for people and their families to learn more about hunting and outdoor activities. Everyone from seasoned hunters to those new to the sport will take something away from the show," said Bill Poole, Director of NRA's Education & Training Division.

General admission to the show is \$10.00, but NRA Members pay just \$8.00 when they present their membership card. Children 11 and under receive free admission. Visitors can also join or renew their membership at the show for only \$35.00 and receive a free weekend pass to the show.

Show Dates & Times:

- Friday, January 29, 2010: 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 30, 2010: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 31, 2010: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information or to become an exhibitor, call (703) 267-1524 or send an email to rpeak@nrahq.org. To view floor plans, a list of exhibitors, and other show information, visit <http://www.nrahq.org/hunting/2010show.asp>.

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Chris Kenyon Honored by NYSOWA Award

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NYSOWA and Bass Pro Shops present Chris Kenyon with the "Pass It On Award."



New York State Outdoor Writers Association

Lake Placid, NY—(AmmoLand.com)- Chris Kenyon of Wolcott, NY was presented with the Pass It On Award at the New York State Outdoor Writers' Association annual conference in Lake Placid on October 3, 2009.

This award is jointly presented by NYSOWA and Bass Pro Shops in honor of the writer selected annually as doing the most to pass on a love and understanding of our outdoor heritage. The writer is chosen from among NYSOWA's membership and honored at the fall conference. Bass Pro Shops makes a significant contribution to the NYSOWA Scholarship Fund in that individual's name.

As a regular columnist with the "Finger Lakes Times," and "Lake Ontario Outdoors", and freelance writer with other publications, as well as Recreational Promotional Coordinator for Wayne County Tourism, Chris Kenyon has plenty of opportunity to impact countless readers with his knowledge and enthusiasm for the outdoors. But it is his work with youth that sets him apart from most of his colleagues.

Two of the biggest ways that he impacts youngsters are as coordinator of the Grandslam Youth Derby and the Camp Smile fishing event. Wayne County Grandslam Challenge Youth Derby gives kids an opportunity to win neat prizes for a variety of fish species throughout the summer. About 100 youngsters annually are involved with this event. He also organizes a special Camp Smile fishing outing each summer on Lake Ontario involving 20 charter boats and blind or visually impaired children ages 5 – 18. For many of the kids it is their first time ever in a

boat.

Chris Kenyon also takes time to work with the Montezuma Audobon Center on programs involving kids, including their Youth Pheasant Hunt. He is a constant presence at sportsmen's events, shows, and anything involving the outdoors. Kenyon is a tireless advocate for enjoying the outdoors, preserving the environment, and sharing knowledge and skills, according to NYSOWA spokesman, William Hilts, Jr.

About:

The New York State Outdoor Writers Association is a professional organization of communicators dedicated to increasing the public awareness, understanding and appreciation of our outdoor heritage in the use and enjoyment of natural resources. Its primary purpose is to improve knowledge and skill among its members in the art of communication.

For more information on NYSOWA, visit <http://www.nysowa.org>.

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Chris Kenyon Honored by NYSOWA Award



New York State Outdoor Writers Association

Lake Placid, NY—(AmmoLand.com)- William R. Hilts of Sanborn was named recipient of the New York State Outdoor Writers Association M. Paul Keesler New York Outdoor Citizen Award at the communicator association's awards banquet on Saturday, Oct. 3, in Lake Placid, N.Y., during its annual conference.

The award was created in the name of one of NYSOWA's most beloved and active members, M. Paul Keesler, the deceased co-founder of "New York Sportsman" magazine. Keesler, through his writing and publishing efforts, spent nearly five decades promoting and conserving the outdoor wonders and recreational opportunities within New York State.

The award recognizes an individual or organization that effectively has raised the public's awareness of outdoor recreational opportunities and conservation issues in the state.

Nominations could be made by the public, as well as by NYSOWA members. Hilts, better known as Bill Sr., to distinguish him from his son, Bill Jr., who is also active in outdoor communications and conservation affairs, has been a member of the writing fraternity for nearly 50 years. His career has encompassed radio, television, newspaper, magazine, electronic communications and lectures.

In addition, he has served on numerous boards and councils in the communications and outdoor fields. Hilts helped organize the NYSOWA and has served as president of that group, as well as that of the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA). OWAA recognized his extraordinary contributions earlier this year with the presentation of its prestigious Ham Brown Award.

That is one of dozens of honors he has received for his service to the state, the nation, outdoors enthusiasts and our natural resources.

"William R. Hilts is most deserving of this honor based on a lifetime dedicated to raising the level of awareness for outdoor recreational opportunities and conservation issues in New York," wrote Glenn Sapir, a NYSOWA member, in his nomination of Hilts for this award.

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Bill Hilts Receives NYSOWA Outdoor Citizen Award

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Bill Hilts Receives NYSOWA M. Paul Keesler New York Outdoor Citizen Award

New York State Outdoor Writers Association honors veteran Sanborn sportsman for service as communicator and conservationist.

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Alexandria VA Drops Illegal Gun Ordinances as A VCDL Prepares To Sue

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By Philip Van Cleave



Virginia Citizens Defense League

Virginia --(AmmoLand.com)-I talked to the Alexandria City Attorney in early summer and told him that Alexandria had some preempted firearms ordinances on the books and that the City needed to remove them. I was told that the City Council was on hiatus over the summer, but that the City Attorney would bring the issue up when they

reconvened.

Meanwhile VCDL member Ed Levine, using the services of VCDL member and attorney Mark Matthews, was preparing a lawsuit over that same issue.

I told Ed that the City Attorney was planning on bringing up the illegal ordinances and they should get struck off the books. However, it seemed prudent for Ed to proceed just in case Alexandria decided to play games.

As it turned out, and to the City's credit, they indeed had just voted to remove the offending ordinances as Mark was getting some FOIA information together for the suit.

Thanks to Ed and Mark for being in a quick fall back position had it been needed.

So another set of bad ordinances are gone. VCDL is on the lookout for more, so if your locality has any illegal gun ordinances, please get in touch with us.

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Virginia --(AmmoLand.com)- 2009 Gun Rights Symposium Hosted by Liberty University School of Law Sponsored by the Federalist Society

Date: Friday, Oct.16th Time: 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Location: Liberty University School of Law / Supreme Court Room Address: 1971 University Blvd. Lynchburg, VA 24502

On Friday, Oct. 16th, a panel of gun rights experts will discuss the current state of 2nd Amendment & Concealed Carry rights in the state of Virginia. The event is open to law students, undergraduate students, and the community. Food will be provided.

Robert Dowlut is Chief Counsel for the NRA and a member of the D.C. Bar. Mr. Dowlut is currently involved with numerous cases involving fallout from the Supreme Court's recent decision in D.C. v. Heller, 544 U.S. (2008) including a suit against the City of Chicago.

Philip Van Cleave is the President of the Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL). He is a leading advocate for the right to carry concealed firearms in the state of Virginia and recently appeared on the TV Show 60 Minutes.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact Jeremy Morris at jrmorris2@liberty.edu

Please include this link in your email. It's a link on Facebook to confirm they are coming. They just need to sign into Facebook and paste this link in their browser.

<http://tinyurl.com/y8jwvne>

If they don't have Facebook, they can email me and RSVP that way. However, Facebook is preferable. Feel free to circulate this to affiliate groups that might also wish to promote this event. We have NO limit on the number of guests, so please feel free to invite everyone.

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South Dakota Fish, Game & Parks

PIERRE, S.D. --(AmmoLand.com)-The Turn In Poacher's program, a cooperative effort between Wildlife Protection Inc. and South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Department, is offering a \$1,000 reward for the identification and arrest of the person or people responsible for the death of a moose near Deerfield Reservoir, SD on or about Oct. 1.

Additionally, the TIPs Board of Directors has agreed to accept and administer any additional donations from member of the general public who would like to add to the reward. According to TIPs Board President Bob Schuurmans, individuals and organizations have already contacted TIPs and offered several hundred dollars in donations to supplement anything the TIPs board would authorize.

Those wishing to contribute to the reward may do so by earmarking the donation as "Moose TIPs Reward" and sending it to the Turn In

Poachers office at 412 W. Missouri, Pierre, SD, 57501. If you would like more information about making a donation, please call Charlie Wharton at 605-773-5906.

Anyone with information on the bull moose case is urged to call a local state Game, Fish, and Parks conservation officer, a local law enforcement agency, or the TIPS line at 1-888-OVERBAG (1-888-683-7224). Tips may also be submitted online through the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Web site: <https://www.sdgifp.info/Wildlife/TIPS/AnonRepo.htm>

Those providing information through TIPS may remain anonymous.

According to Conservation Officer Blair Waite, elk hunters found the moose dead from gunshot wounds on Friday, Oct. 2 in southwestern Lawrence County. While moose are not native to South Dakota, the animal had recently become a welcome visitor to the Black Hills.

The Turn In Poachers Hotline was started in an effort to reduce the number of wildlife crimes in the state. The TIPS program, which began in 1984 after two elk were poached in the Black Hills, serves as a single contact point for anyone with information about hunting and fishing violations in the state.

The program not only offers rewards for information on those cases, it also provides an opportunity for tipsters to remain anonymous. Hundreds of arrests are made and thousands of dollars are rewarded each year through use of the network. According to Schuurmans, this could be the most important call you ever make.

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Beyond Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Hunts Oct. 15-17 and Dec. 5-7

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West Virginia DNR

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. --(AmmoLand.com)-The Wildlife Resources Section of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will sponsor a Beyond BOW (Becoming an Outdoors-Woman) Women's Squirrel and Archery Deer Hunt, Oct. 15-17, for women interested in squirrel hunting and/or archery deer hunting.

There is no structured instruction, but a number of women will be available for assistance. All participants will need a valid hunting license. Early registration is recommended as space is limited.

Participants will stay the nights of October 15, 16, and 17 at the Lantz House, a farmhouse owned and operated by Wheeling Jesuit University, which adjoins Lewis Wetzel Wildlife Management Area near Jacksonburg in Wetzel County.

- Archery Hunt: If you choose to take part in this hunt you must be an experienced archer with your own equipment and be able to show proficiency.
- Squirrel Hunt: You must bring your own .22 caliber rifle or shotgun with appropriate ammunition. Blaze orange is not required, but recommended.

"We are also planning a Beyond BOW Women's Deer Hunt December 5-7," said event organizer Billie Shearer. "This antlerless deer hunt will be in Lewis County. Participants will receive instruction on basic firearms safety, deer hunting

techniques and field dressing. There will be a trip to the rifle range to sight in your firearm and for target practice.”

To participate in this antlerless deer hunt, you must be at least 18 years old and preference will be given to those who have attended a BOW workshop, a BOW hunter safety class, and those who have not attended a previous BOW hunt. Participants will need a valid hunting license and a Class N stamp. All participants will need to bring their own firearm and ammunition. All licenses may be purchased at any license agent or online at www.wvhunt.com.

Applications are now available, but space is very limited. For more information, please contact Billie Shearer at 304-558-2771 or billieshearer@wvdnr.gov.

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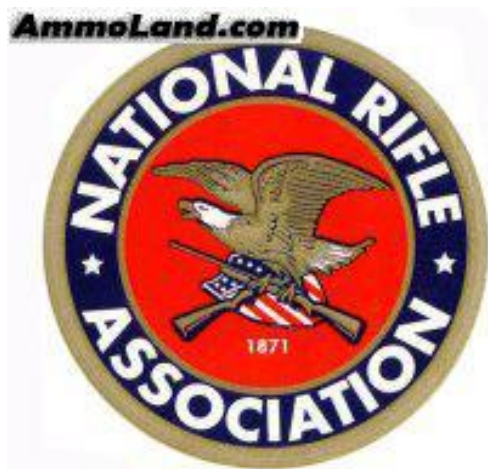
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National Rifle Association

Virginia - -(AmmoLand.com)- NRA-ILA applauds the outstanding pro-gun advocacy of former Virginia Attorney General and current Republican Gubernatorial candidate Bob McDonnell (R).

On Monday, September 14, NRA's Political Victory Fund (NRA-PVF) announced the endorsement of McDonnell for Virginia governor. McDonnell's proven pro-gun record earned him a strong "A" rating.

“Bob McDonnell is an effective leader for Virginia hunters and gun owners,” said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. “His opinions and actions as attorney general have protected and enhanced the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Virginians. His zero-tolerance attitude toward criminals makes him the best choice for governor. We ask every Virginia hunter, gun owner and Second Amendment advocate to vote McDonnell for governor this November.”

McDonnell commented, “I am pleased and honored to receive the endorsement of the NRA and its hundreds of thousands of members, hunters and gun owners within the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our state has long been a leader in respecting the constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners. Those efforts will continue if I'm elected governor.”



Virginia Gubernatorial Candidate Bob McDonnell

McDonnell has consistently proven he understands and values the importance of the Second Amendment. In February 2008, McDonnell was one of 31 state attorneys general to sign the amicus brief in the historic District of Columbia v. Heller case, supporting an individual right to keep and bear arms. In 2007, McDonnell issued an opinion stating that the Department of State Police should not release to the public the names and addresses of people who possess a concealed carry permit, as releasing such information puts permit holders at risk.

Bob McDonnell also played a key role in bringing to an end New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's use of non-law enforcement agents to conduct unauthorized “straw purchases” in Virginia and other states. After concerns were raised about these unauthorized tactics, McDonnell

drafted and requested the introduction of HB 2653, which prohibited such reckless actions from occurring again.

“Bob McDonnell stood up against Bloomberg’s underhanded attacks on the constitutional rights of Virginia’s law-abiding gun dealers and owners,” concluded Cox. “We are confident that he will continue to defend our right to keep and bear arms as Governor of Virginia and we are proud to announce his endorsement.”

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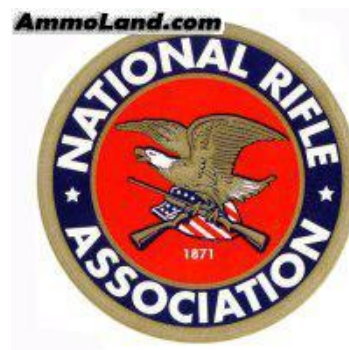
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National Rifle Association

Virginia - (AmmoLand.com)-This election season, Virginia NRA members and Second Amendment supporters are more inspired than ever to protect the Second Amendment in Virginia! On July 28th, 2009, grassroots activists from all over Central Virginia gathered at Bass Pro Shops in Ashland for a standing-room-only volunteer reception with 119 energetic activists in attendance.

The meeting included an informative presentation by Brent Gardner, NRA-ILA Grassroots Coordinator, covering the many ways to become more politically active and successful methods to advocate for our Second Amendment rights.

Over 50 people signed up to become FrontLines™ Volunteers, NRA-ILA’s most dedicated volunteers who work vigorously at the local, state, and federal levels to defend our Second Amendment rights.

Additionally, dozens of the meeting’s attendees took call lists in an effort to register pro-gun voters prior to Virginia’s October 5th voter registration deadline.

Excitement from the meeting drew in several other Second Amendment groups. With all of these organizations united to protect our rights, the grassroots force in Virginia is sure to be outstanding as we focus toward victory on November 3rd. To become more involved with NRA-ILA’s efforts across Virginia.

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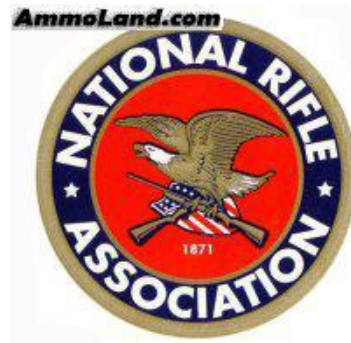
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Pro -Gun Activists Rolling in Hampton Roads.

By Thomas Garloch NRA-ILA Campaign Field Representative



NRA-ILA Virginia Campaign Updates



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Virginia - -(AmmoLand.com)-Over the course of the summer, the NRA Grassroots team in Hampton Roads has recruited and spoken with thousands of Second Amendment voters on the importance of the state elections taking place this fall in Virginia.

On September 5-6, Showmasters/C & E Gunshows was the perfect place to go for Hampton Roads gun enthusiasts and future voters. NRA-ILA's Grassroots Division set up camp at the show and had a great time distributing NRA bumper stickers, buttons, and literature. Hampton Roads-area EVC Steve Vann and his wife Lorie, helped with voter registration.

As our Virginia NRA family steps up our grassroots activities in fall 2009, we are laying a solid foundation for the 2010 congressional elections that are just around the corner.

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