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Fighting for your Second Amendment Rights since 1965

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

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One Party Rule

By Tom Reynolds

Our Founding Fathers hoped for a country without political parties but they knew there would always be political divisions, even without parties. The no-political-parties dream only lasted through Washington but, thankfully, the founders set up a Constitutional system that embraced diverse opinions and the Constitution lent itself to controlling political parties. America grew into what is primarily a two-party system and not the multiple party, parliamentary system that most of the world adopted. We have three coequal branches of government and an executive who is not elected by the legislature. Federal elections every two and four years further lower the chances of one-party rule as the voters have options and often exercise those options to the dismay of the party in power.

In America, since 1953, the Presidency has changed often with only one stretch of at least 12 years with the same party (Reagan & Bush, 1981-1993). Democrats dominated the federal legislatures from 1955 until 1981 but after 1981 the legislatures have frequently changed parties.

The strength of our system has been that neither of the two parties has absolute permanent control – as we can see by the results since 1951 - usually not even long-term control. This has prevented the extremism of a one-party system from creating laws representing extreme views. Extreme views historically work for the benefit of politicians and bureaucrats and not for the benefit of “We the People”. (“Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely”).

With few exceptions, our history has been that American politicians recog-

nized and accepted the American two-party system – perhaps not always willingly but the American electorate kept them in line. Not so in countries that have been devastated by one party rule.

The Soviet Union had elections and voters could vote for the Communist or the Communist; one party rule. Ronald Reagan correctly defined it as an “Evil empire destined for the ash heap of history”. The devastating Communist economic and social policies never were adjusted or repealed and the Soviet Union collapsed, 74 years later.

Communist China has lasted for 72 years, so far. It was well on its way to a younger demise than the Soviet Union until it made a switch to a semi-Capitalist economic system and that saved it. But it’s still a one-party political system beset with multiple human rights violations and now a president-for-life, so there is no hope of it being reformed from within. The Communist Party policies are written in stone and that weight will eventually drag it down. Reagan would have condemned it, too, to the same ash heap as the Soviet Union.

Germany had multiple parties until Hitler came to power and abolished them. Once Germany became a one-party country and the Nazi’s were that one party...well, we know how that turned out.

What’s interesting is that American politicians haven’t recognized what the last 70 years of American history should have told them; that their hold on power is fragile. (“Those that do not learn from history are destined to repeat it”). Politicians put policies in place that could be turned against them when they lost power. For instance, in the first two years of Obama’s presidency,

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“Guns are our friends because in a country without guns, I'm what's known as "prey." All females are.”

Ann Coulter

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October 16, 2021

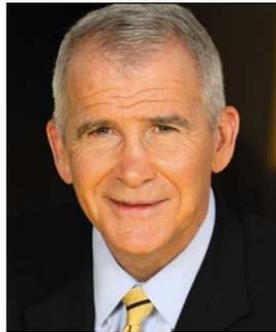
Utica, NY

\$75 per person

Tickets will go on sale July 1st, 2021. There will be a limited amount of tickets sold.

look for ticket order form July 1st in your email and on our website; www.SCOPEny2a.org

Order forms will also be available in the July/August issue of the *Firing Lines*



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- ◆ Constitutional Sheriffs
- ◆ Hillsdale College
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- ◆ Heritage Action
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We do take articles from you, our members. They are subject to editing for spelling and grammar. We also reserve the right not to print the article.

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President's Report at May 8th Members and Board Meetings

Last year was an election year and, in spite of the China Virus, SCOPE fulfilled its purpose of educating members and the public about constitutional and 2nd Amendment issues. SCOPE cannot endorse candidates but it does educate on political positions and actions. Some of our election efforts were:

In September 2020, SCOPE spent \$7,000 on election related educational efforts through the state organization and chapters.

The SCOPE PAC (a separate organization) donated over \$10,000 to various political efforts.

Up to and through the election, SCOPE Emailed members 4 to 5 times a week about political issues. After the elections, that continues on a reduced basis of 2-3 per week. Those Emails are also available on our Web Site. We encourage recipients to distribute any of those you feel are particularly meaningful.

SCOPE spent about \$20,000 on its bimonthly magazine, Firing Lines, to further our education efforts. Articles covered a variety of constitutional issues and focused on the elections, last year.

Chapters had candidates and other local politicians as guest speakers, mostly before the China Virus restrictions occurred.

SCOPE published its ratings of New York Congressional candidates and New York State Senator candidates and Presidential candidates. The Senator candidates' rating also included the NRA's, NYRPA's and NSSF's ratings for comparison. Our chapters' views of the candidates played a big part in the ratings since they have more intimate knowledge of the local candidates. We will be working on improving the process, even more, for the 2022 elections.

Since the election, we've published lists of the many gun related bills at both the NY State and Federal level. In addition, we send emails which give more detail on specific proposals. Two members prepared videos of these which were also distributed.

The updated list of NY State proposed laws was distributed at the meeting. If nothing else, we hope the sheer volume of these proposed laws will stir people to take action: contact legislators; letters to editors; etc. This is an area where we need research volunteers.

Our web site continues to be upgraded thanks to the efforts of Dave Colburn and, of course, Sue Maressa.

Several chapters helped sponsor skeet and trap shooting teams in high schools and contribute to other local charities and causes.

Our chapters' Outreach Programs were curtailed because of the China Virus so there was none of the usual activity at fairs, gun shows, etc.

When the SAFE Act was passed in 2013, SCOPE membership and participation spiked. However, that quickly began to decrease and they were on a downward slide since then. That trend has stabilized. SCOPE budgets on 100% renewal of all memberships and after 7 months of the fiscal year, we are within 46 of the 1-year memberships' budget and within 19 of the 3-year memberships' budget - and May starts out looking like we will close that gap. We've also seen an increase in Senior Life Memberships to the point that we have already met the annual budget. Other classes of memberships and sponsorships seem to be holding steady. Don Smith deserves kudos for his efforts in this area.

SCOPE's finances have stabilized:

After 5 consecutive years of running deficits, SCOPE has had small surpluses each of the past two years. The most recent year happened in spite of the extraordinary expenses related to the elections. Last year's financial success was due, in part, to a very successful gun raffle held under the leadership of Tim Andrews and thanks to the generosity of our members.

We budgeted for a stable level of general donations and membership meeting donations. Through the first 7 months of our fiscal year, we have exceeded the total year's budget.

It is important to note that all SCOPE officers are volunteers without pay and rarely, if ever, ask for expense reimbursement. Whatever we achieve is done through volunteer efforts at the state and chapter level. More volunteers will allow us to do more.

SCOPE has only one paid employee. Our finances are directed to political education and whenever our revenue increases, it gets devoted to that purpose.

There is no connection between any officer and any company with which SCOPE does business. SCOPE's by-laws outlaw any Conflict of Interest.



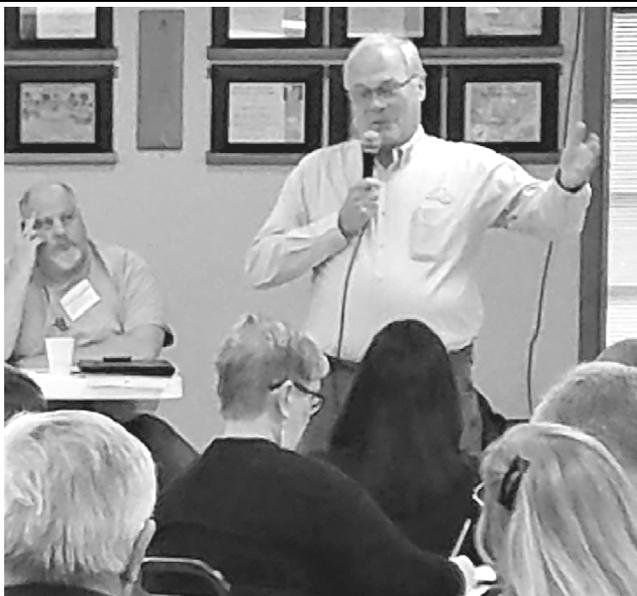
Members' and Board Meetings of May 8th

The Shooters' Committee On Political Education (SCOPE) held its annual Members' and Board meetings in Montour Falls on May 8th.

The meeting featured a presentation by Congressman Lee Zeldin to the more than 80 people who were present. Many believe Zeldin is the frontrunner for the Republican nomination for governor in 2022. In a little more than a month since he announced his run for Governor, he has made several campaign tours through the Southern Tier.

Congressman Zeldin spoke on a wide variety of subjects and held a long Question-and-Answer Session. Among the topics discussed were Governor Cuomo's Nursing Home Scandal and the tax increase included in the latest New York budget, which Mr. Zeldin criticized as making New York State the highest taxed state in the nation. He encouraged everyone to oppose HR1, the attempted federal power grab to take election regulation away from the states. He also criticized cashless bail and reiterated his belief in term limits for elected officials. Zeldin pointed out to the pro-gun audience that he was pro Second Amendment, in obvious contrast to Governor Cuomo. Mr. Zeldin used a humorous anecdote to criticize the Democrats in Congress for their attempt to injure the Second Amendment by repealing the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act.

State Senator Tom O'Mara also spoke to the audience and he, too, held a Question-and-Answer Session. Senator O'Mara took the audience through a variety of state issues and was especially critical of the \$2.1 billion set aside for unemployed illegal aliens that was approved in the latest budget. O'Mara echoed his support for voter ID and other voting reform measures. Several current and proposed New York State gun control laws were discussed in detail. The Senator also discussed the upcoming redistricting and the Democrats' attempt to repeal a newly enacted NY Constitutional Amendment on redistricting, before it has ever been used.



During the past year's election, both Mr. Zeldin and Mr. O'Mara received "A" ratings from SCOPE for their stance on the Second Amendment.

Tom King, Second Amendment advocate and President of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NYSRPA), spoke and introduced the other speakers. King explained about the lawsuit, *NYSRPA v Corlett*, which deals with the right to carry a concealed handgun outside the home; the U.S. Supreme Court has decided to take up this important case and it should be heard in the Fall. Mr. King's presence at the SCOPE meeting demonstrated how Second Amendment defenders are coming together to fight for their constitutional right.

Other speakers were a representative of State Senator George Borrello and Steuben County Republican Chair Joe Sempolinski.

Several speakers and audience members emphasized the theme of getting gun owners to vote. It is estimated that between 1 in 4 and 1 in 5 New Yorkers are gun owners and if they voted they would be a powerful political force to counter the radical gun control lobby and the billionaires behind it. To date, 75 gun related bills have been introduced in the New York Legislatures and 19 of them are two-house bills proposed in both legislatures.

SCOPE also held its annual election of officers and the results demonstrated its statewide presence. Elected were: Chairman Jack Prendergast from Yates County; President Tom Reynolds from Chemung County; Treasurer Rob McNally from Cattaraugus County; Secretary Curtis Cappellano from Rensselaer County; 1st Vice President Steven Getman from Schuyler County and Second Vice President Leigh Williams from Yates County. Dave Colburn from Wayne County was elected to an At-Large SCOPE Board position.



Gun Control – Let's Get Real

By Richard Rossi

Gun control has been in the news lately, as a result of recent shootings. Yes, they are tragic and should never have happened. Every single law-abiding citizen - including gun owners - agrees with that statement. But in addition, the countless other daily shootings in our cities by criminals, drug dealers and violent gangs should also never have happened.

Is more gun control the answer? No. Why? Gun control doesn't work because it was never intended to be the answer to the violence problem. The real goal of gun control is People Control.

Here are some facts that will probably never be seen in the national media or even remotely spoken about by Anti-Second Amendment politicians. These have been provided by [The Heritage Foundation](#) and are eight stubborn facts to keep in mind about gun violence in America:

1. Violent crime is down and has been on the decline for decades.
2. The principal public safety concerns involving guns should be suicides and illegally owned handguns, not mass shootings.
3. A small number of factors significantly increase the likelihood that a person will be a victim of a gun-related homicide.
4. Gun-related murders are carried out by a predictable pool of people.
5. Higher rates of gun ownership are not associated with higher rates of violent crime.
6. There is no clear relationship between strict gun control legislation and homicide or violent crime rates.
7. Legally owned firearms are used for lawful purposes much more often than they are used to commit crimes or suicide.
8. Concealed carry permit holders are not the problem, but they may be part of the solution.

Fact one, firearms have not committed a single crime since they were invented; they are objects and cannot act on their own!

Fact two, believing that "Gun Free Zones" will make anyone safe is delusional. It is a feel-good concept, without any merit, in which the media, politicians and the social networks have smothered the citizens. In fact, it is an open invitation to mentally unbalanced and terror-minded individuals who want to commit mass murder. In reality, the signage actually means: "*Sitting Duck Zone*". The mass murder in an Aurora theater, as well as many other nationally publicized shootings, were in gun free zones.

Fact three, the countless laws, restrictions, regulations and bans only apply to law abiding citizens and not

criminals. Law-abiding citizens obey the laws and criminals do not. If you want to commit murder, are you going to worry about a gun law? Let's be serious....

Politicians believe the next round of new "gun control" measures will solve the problem. Insanity is often defined as doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different outcome.

Whenever a mass shooting occurs, especially if a so called "Assault Weapon" is involved, we are barraged with the rhetoric that we need "common sense gun control". The left can't let a tragedy go to waste. The irony of this is that we have daily shootings in major cities all over this country and they are not mentioned in the national media or only in passing. No big deal to the media. Many more citizens have been killed or injured in these daily shootings than have been killed in mass shootings.

In mass shootings, the gun (an object) usually becomes the main issue. Where is the onus on the individual responsibility? How was the weapon obtained? Did the individual have a past history of crime and violence? Is the individual a repeat-offender who has been in and out of the system? Does the individual have a prior history of unstable behavior? Was the individual known to law enforcement prior to the event? Did family members try to get the individual help, to no avail? These questions raise concerns that politicians don't effectively address. These are the hard issues, the "root causes" that can't be quickly resolved by some 'quick-fix' gun law.

We have a mental health crisis in our country. We have a drug crisis in our country, both illegal and legal. We have a justice system that is failing the law-abiding citizens and our country. We have a break-down of the family. We have the rise in entitlement and career welfare recipients. We have our education system, national news media and social networks preaching white privilege. We have politicians condoning so-called violence in our cities and town. We have Governors and Mayors establishing 'Sanctuary Cities' to protect criminals for deportation. Those are what lead to violence. These are the "root cause" issues that need to be addressed. The problem is not the law-abiding gun owner or the weapons and accessories available.

The focus is on gun control while ignoring a constant flow of non-vetted illegal's (sorry, undocumented potential Democrat voters) flowing across our borders. Border patrol officials have stopped MS-13 gang members, murders, rapists and terrorists. And let's not forget the weapons that come along with these associated individuals. There's the problem that needs control, not guns.

Bottom line, gun control is an attempt to destroy our Second Amendment rights and freedoms in order to push the Socialist agenda into America. And you may have noticed that an effort is currently underway to silence our First Amendment Rights, as well.

Government Is Your Friend and Other Lies

By Harold Moskowitz

Are you paying attention to the utterances of our government officials? Does what you hear often sound contradictory, hypocritical, or out of touch with reality? Do their policies contrast with what any competent representative of the people would have chosen? Why is that?

This nation was founded upon a unique principle, that people have God-given rights. Power was intended to flow from the people to a small, restricted government whose main purpose was to provide national security. Today, government is BIG and constantly increasing in size and power. But that power no longer flows from the People. It flows from the government through the rules and regulations of unelected bureaucrats. It also comes from Presidential executive orders which have the impact of law without input from elected representatives in Congress. Politics seems to be the motive behind almost every government action and policy.

At the Constitution's origin, the expectation was that elected officials were going to represent the best interests of the nation and its citizens. Do you still trust that assumption for the three levels of government which most often affect your life? At the state level, in particular, did gubernatorial edicts during the pandemic regarding seniors trapped in nursing homes meet that expectation? Have drawn-out economic shutdowns in "Blue" states destroyed jobs, small businesses, and individual lives? Were these shutdowns sincerely aimed at protecting public health or motivated by political considerations?

Some people believe that the political party currently in power is making national decisions which indicate either an irrational adherence to left wing ideology or self-serving political motives. These decisions are detrimental to you and to your family and they are deadly for our constitutional republic.

Do you believe that policy positions such as the following indicate that government is operating in your best interests:

Saving the planet requires you to give up your way of life and comfort.

Systemic Racism is what defines our nation rather than the principles in our Declaration of Independence and 200 years of American exceptionalism, sacrifice, blood and treasure.

Defunding and undermining the police is necessary for dealing with "systemic racism."

"Critical Race Theory" must be taught throughout society, starting in kindergarten. Critical Race Theory's basic premise is that all white people are inherently racist. It breeds self-hatred and guilt in the minds of impressionable white children so that they will accept reverse discrimination

against them without question when they are deprived of opportunities which should be based upon merit. White males in particular will likely be held back throughout their lives due to omnipresent "reverse discrimination" enforced by government mandates and corporate "woke" policies. This racist philosophy has entered school curricula across the nation despite its deliberate inculcation of self-hatred and guilt – which should be condemned not practiced. It is a blatant example of mental child abuse. Perhaps administrators and teachers cooperating in such psychological abuse of children ought to be subject to criminal charges and revocation of their licenses.

Equality of results is the goal rather than merit-based results and equality of opportunity. Is it justifiable to deny Asian Americans access to specialized high schools (in New York City) and advanced mathematics classes at a prestigious district high school (in Fairfax, Virginia)?

Government-run national healthcare would not result in shortages and rationing. The reality is that a national system would be forced to provide for all of the people currently allowed to buy private insurance plus the endless number of people being allowed to enter the nation across the open southern border. Medical treatment authorization would predictably be approved with priority being given to government-preferred racial identity groups from "traditionally underserved communities."

Voter I.D. to protect election integrity is said to be undemocratic as well as designed to suppress the voting of African-Americans.

The Second Amendment right to self-defense must be severely restricted, if not ended, in the name of promoting public health. Meanwhile, the need for personal self-defense is increasing as the fabric of our civil society rapidly unravels. SCOPE members believe the Second Amendment protects our right for self-defense. In the 2008 case of Washington, D.C. v. Heller, the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) affirmed the individual's right to keep and bear arms. However, the justices' ruling did not mention the individual's right to carry a concealed firearm outside of one's home. Recently SCOTUS has agreed to hear the case New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. v. Corlett which should affirm that the 2nd Amendment right includes carry outside the home

Do you trust that the High Court - which is part of the present dysfunctional government - will be a friend of the people regarding firearm rights? Already, the justices have announced that they will only narrowly rule on "whether the state's denial of petitioners' applications for concealed carry licenses violated the Second Amendment". Considering the cowardice recently exhibited by these jurists regarding the 2020 elections, would you bet the family farm on the justices using this opportunity to strengthen the individual right to self-defense? Will the threat of "court-packing" in response to an incorrect ruling, or the personal

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SCOPE Chapter Activities

With the State/County COVID restrictions easing, our SCOPE County chapter meetings are starting back up; venues are beginning to open and meetings are taking place. To find your county's meeting information go to SCOPEny2a.org/calendar or go to your chapter's page of the website SCOPEny2a.org/chapters.

SCOPE is a 'boots on the ground' organization and we need your boots! We want a chapter in every county to work with our elected officials, to register and motivate voters and ultimately to regain and maintain our liberties. If your county does not have an active SCOPE chapter and you are willing to help form a County Committee and subsequently an active Chapter, please contact Don Smith at don6027@gmail.com.

The following is an update of some of our chapter's activities.

Allegany County: Met March 16th and held their annual election of Officers. They also discussed the shortage of shotgun ammunition, powder shot and primers. A lengthy discussion was held on some of the anti-firearms bills being presented at both the State and Federal level.

Meeting on April 20th, the chapter discussed their upcoming county summer events and preparations have started in hopes of county COVID restrictions being lifted, in time. A letter was sent to County Supervisor Curt Crandall in support of the Environmental Protection Law 11-0935 allowing 12 and 13 year olds to take the Hunter Safety Course and be allowed to hunt big game at the county level.

Cattaraugus County: On March 11th, Tony Comstock, retired US Army and NYS Police spoke on proposed laws at both the federal and state level. He emphasized the danger of some specific legislation and also discussed safe storage as opposed to access in an emergency. His message was that they are coming for your guns and you can't sit back and do nothing. The most effective way of influencing legislators was discussed and Comstock recommends phone calls – lots of them.

On April 8th, SCOPE President Tom Reynolds spoke about the need to stay positive as things can change quickly; Cuomo is in trouble and the next big election is only 1 ½ years away. The emphasis is on getting gun owners registered and voting as there are 4-5 million of

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threat of danger and violent demonstrations motivate their decisions? Could such fears result in a ruling which is unfavorable to reaffirming the extension of concealed carry rights? Even worse, could it lead to the deliberate insertion of wording into the ruling which would undermine the current protections of the Heller (2008) and McDonald (2010) decisions? Without a strong individual right to keep and bear arms, the last constitutional barrier to tyranny will have been breached.

There is a well-orchestrated and well-funded agenda in place for destroying our past, present, and future as a sovereign nation. Our culture, history, and values are being denigrated as part of this effort.

The seeds are also being sown for a much lower standard of living than you are currently able to enjoy as government dependence is being encouraged. Furthermore, "traitors" in government, global leadership, pop culture, "Big Tech," and most of the mass media are contributing to the undermining of the stature, cohesiveness, economic position, and national security of our nation. They do this while enriching themselves and emboldening our enemies.

In my opinion, government now frequently lies to us through omission or distortion of the facts. As things unfold, increasing evidence comes to light that government is neither your friend nor your protector. This is especially ominous for those of the next generations. It is

not an exaggeration to say that we are currently in an existential struggle for the heart and soul of our constitutional republic. Are you going to watch this process continue without participating in peaceful methods of resistance?

Stop accepting government explanations at face value. Question and analyze everything. Remember that much of the mass media has become the mouthpiece of those in power. Use your own judgment. If something does not seem right, trust your instincts, life experience, and common sense. Find a way to personally get involved in trying to change the current trajectory of events. Pay attention to who is running for office, from the local school board to national offices. Find out if your children are being subjected to "critical race theory" in the classroom; if they are, get other parents to show up with you at board meetings and demand that it stop. Keep up the pressure. They want your vote for approving school budgets and for their reelection.

Do some "digging" into what candidates stand for and be sure to vote. If you do not vote, you are encouraging elected officials to ignore your gun rights and anything else you might want. Everyone can do something to help defend the nation from this coordinated "fifth column" internal assault. The hour is very late. "Uncle Sam Needs You" perhaps more now than ever before. To quote the last-heard words of Todd Beamer, a patriotic 9-11 hero on the ill-fated Flight 93 over Shanksville, PA: "Let's Roll!"

SCOPE Member Clubs

The following are clubs that are members of SCOPE. If you plan to join a club, please try to join one that is a SCOPE member. If your club would like to become a SCOPE club member please give SCOPE a call or drop us an E-mail.

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 Baldwinsville Rod & Gun Club
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them. He emphasized that SCOPE wants to work with organizations that share our goals or, at least, will vote against 2A's enemies; NYSRPA and Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership were cited as two we work with. The conflict between state and federal laws on marijuana and its effect on gun owners was also discussed. Emphasized that chapters' ratings of candidates are important.

Erie County: Met on April 15th and held their annual election of Officers and discussed the meaning of the 2nd Amendment. Handouts were offered concerning pistol permits and updates on several bills that are in the Senate, Assembly or both.

Genesee County: Met March 9th at the Sportsman Coon Club, their new location for monthly meetings. A fund-raising chicken BBQ was discussed. Pending legislation was discussed, and it was suggested that members start contacting their representatives. Bring a friend! Genesee county talked about bringing a friend or family member to chapter meetings as a simple way to increase attendance and keep people informed.

On April 13th, discussed the change in the DEC law which would lower the age to allow 12- and 13-year olds to hunt big game. Also discussed Diane Feinstein's proposed legislation that would ban hundreds of firearms and numerous magazines. Defunding the police was discussed; Jim Tuttle pointed out that most police shootings involve a criminal with outstanding warrants and resisting arrest. We need to support our police, and discussion ensued on having a rally to show our support. Also discussed expanding our contacts beyond 2A. Red Flag laws were discussed.

Monroe County: On March 23rd, Monroe county elected their chapter officers. After members were briefed on the nature of the committees and their objectives, four new committees were formed within their chapter. The issue of proposed legislation requiring "mandatory liability insurance" was discussed. It was also decided to continue with informational emails to county members, especially since COVID continues to keep some from attending meetings.

Oneida-Herkimer Counties: On March 8th, after holding officer elections, the Oneida-Herkimer chapter welcomed Steve Piacentino from the Oneida Republican Committee. There was a long discussion on the ward/district committee process in Oneida county.

Schoharie County: Met on April 15th and held their officer elections. An American flag was given to past Chairman Walt Janczak in recognition of his service to the organization. Discussion about the Schoharie County Sunshine Fair was held. Members were asked to write a letter to their representatives; letters are to be mailed at the May meeting.

Schuyler County: Officer elections were held

March 11th. Tom Reynolds, SCOPE President spoke to the members emphasizing the need to get the word out and get involved. 2022 elections will soon be here and we need to prepare. Theresa Philbin, Schuyler County Clerk spoke about reelection this fall and pistol registry. Schuyler County Republican Sheriff Candidates are being invited to speak at the May meeting.

Seneca County: Met on February 18th and elected officers. SCOPE President Tom Reynolds spoke on a variety of subjects and emphasized the need to get gun owners voting. It was followed by a question and answer session.

Steuben County: Met on January 18th and heard a presentation from members who were at the January 6th demonstration in DC. They emphasized that it was primarily peaceful with women with children present and the activities at the capitol were an aberration. SCOPE President Tom Reynolds spoke about numerous issues including getting gun owners to vote and pending legislation and then he took questions.

New Chapter officers elected. Planning for future meetings, as China Virus restrictions are lifted, include a presentation by attorney Jeff Squires on the SAFE Act, Red Flag laws and HIPPA. A NY State Trooper is scheduled to speak at another meeting. Planning for a .22 rimfire event before the June meeting. Chapter has an outreach booth at the Dairy festival on June 5th.

Yates County: At the May 13th meeting, Yates County Clerk Lois Hall spoke on the Five-Year Requirement for all Conceal Carry Permit Holders to recertify. A few Yates County residents have been receiving notification from the New York State Police to recertify. Yates County Court Judge Jason Cook has made it easier for new residents moving into Yates County from another part of NY State or from out of State. Yates County SCOPE is sponsoring three High Schools in YC for the NYS Clay Target League; Dundee, Penn Yan Academy, Marcus Whitman High School. \$1,000 each. A total of 50 youth across the schools are competing. Also reviewed the press release as to the contents of the May 8th Members' and Board meeting.



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the Democrats controlled the Senate, House and the Presidency. During that time, they changed the long-standing Senate filibuster rules on judicial appointees so that Republicans could not stop their nominees. And then they lost the House and four years later lost the Senate. In addition, the Democrats were so sure that Hillary Clinton would win in 2016 that Obama left scores of judicial appointees for her to fill. Oops! As a result, the Republicans under Trump filled well over 200 judgeships and tipped the balance in the Supreme Court.

Star Trek fans may remember that Captain Kirk was celebrated as the only space academy cadet to beat an unbeatable computer simulation. It was eventually revealed that he did it by reprogramming the computer. Democrats have replicated Obama's first two years and again control both legislatures and the Presidency so they want to pull a "Captain Kirk" and change the rules so that they cannot lose. They want to replicate the first two years of Obama's presidency while ignoring the lesson of what came after. Their primary effort is House bill HR1 which is hypocritically called "For the People Act" when it should be called the "For the Democrat Party Act". It would essentially federalize elections and override state election rules and make election fraud into "Child's play". In addition, they want to totally abolish the Senate filibuster, among other things. All of which, they believe, will ensure themselves lasting power.

Many gun owners do not want to talk or engage in politics. Probably, almost all gun owners don't like politics but many of us recognize that we must get engaged in politics – however reluctantly – in order to save our American way of life and, in particular, the 2nd Amendment. There can be no doubt that Democrats have been trying to abolish the Second Amendment for decades and the Biden administration is probably filled with the most anti 2A politicians and bureaucrats in American history. Their immediate goal is to create a one-party system with Democrats as that party. To do that, they want to change the rules. They're in a hurry since there are elections in 2022 and their hold on power is tenuous. Even with their tenuous hold on power, currently, they are aggressively going after 2nd Amendment rights. One can only imagine what they would do if they can create a single party system.

The one-party system that Democrats envision is un-American, unconstitutional and would devastate all the rights enshrined in the Bill of Rights. Gun owners do not get a pass because they don't like politics. Gun owners must put aside their dislike of politics and get engaged or lose their rights.

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Proposed Firearm Bills in New York State

SCOPE has not had the opportunity to rate all bills as to supporting them (or not). Bills may not reflect their summaries or may contain "gotchas" that affect ratings.

Below are a list of proposed laws in New York state that affect firearms. The 1st group is bills that have companion bills in both the Assembly and the Senate. The 2nd group is bills that are only in the Assembly. The 3rd Group is bills only in the Senate. The number of anti 2nd Amendment bills should frighten gun owners.

NY STATE	Committee Status	SCOPE Recommends
Assembly	Senate	Assembly
A0238	S1721	Envir Con Envir Con Support
Lowers age for crossbow hunting		
A0412	S0476	Codes Codes Oppose
Unlawful possession of air gun under 16		
Unlawful possession of firearm under 21, unless hunting license.		
A0449	S1235	Codes Codes Oppose
10 day waiting Period after NICS Check for firearm delivery		
A0613	S0014	Codes Codes Oppose
Ghost guns and unfinished parts must be registered and serialized		
A0930	S2844	Gov Opns Finance Oppose
NY State Police to be point of contact for NICS Check		

A1023	S4970	Codes	Codes	
Seized or recovered guns reported to Criminal Gun Clearinghouse				
A2125	S5291	W&M Budget & Revenue		Oppose
Fee on firearms, rifles and shotguns to fund gun violence research				
A2175	S0065	Codes	Codes	Oppose
Restrictions on sale of ammo (must own weapon) and pepper spray. Create a "no gun" data base.				
A2335	S3636	Codes	Codes	Support
Limits Safe Act to NY City				
A3216	S4119	Envir Con	Envir Con	Support
Lowers minimum age for hunting license to 12				
A3236	S4284			Support
Use of electronic dart or stun gun for self defense				
A3505	S3614	Codes	Codes	Support
No written warning on Firearm license applications				
A3538	S3206		Codes Codes	Support
Pistol permit allows concealed carry				
A3829		S1605	Codes Codes	Oppose
Requires mental health exam to buy or transfer firearm, rifle or shotgun				
A3998	S0687	Envir Cons		3rd Reading
Clarifies definition of imitation weapon				
A5121	S4989	Codes	Codes	Support
Enhances penalties for crimes during riots				
A5269	S3718	Codes	Codes	Support
No duty to retreat				

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We need to fight the socialist politicians on all fronts!

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A5455	S5026	Codes	Codes		S0051	3rd reading			
Police seize firearms for 5 days when responding to family violence					Includes attachment to electronic devices in definition of imitation weapon				
A5728	S5058	3rd Read	3rd Read	Oppose	S1048	Consumer Aff		Oppose	
No lead ammo on state land or NY City water supply land					Sale of firearms defined as public nuisance				
A6198	S5000	Codes	3rd Read		S1192	3rd Reading		Oppose	
Crime to have gun if not permitted or provide gun to someone not permitted. Seized illegal guns to be reported to National Integrated Ballistic Integrated Network.					Cities of 1 million require safety course & pass test & live fire instruction to purchase gun. Guidelines for police to seize weapons.				
A0037		Multiple Comms			S1236	Codes		Oppose	
Restrictive commercial practices, and stringent recordkeeping & reporting of gun sales					Misdemeanor to acquire more than 1 firearm every 30 days				
A0449		Codes		Oppose	S1401	Cult, Tour, P&Rec		Oppose	
10 day waiting period on NICS Checks					No concealed firearm possession in national park or wildlife refuge				
A0483		Codes		Oppose	S1419	Codes			
No digital firearms or magazines					FFL's not sell children's toy guns				
A0581		Codes		Oppose	S1456	Codes			
Requires liability insurance to license or renew license of firearm					Increases Penalties for certain weapons				
A0630		Codes		Oppose	S1719	Codes			
Confiscate firearms if ordered to take mental health exam. 30 days to return firearm even if pass.					Gun buybacks report Serial # to NYSPIN				
A1180		Codes		Oppose	S1949	Codes			
Criminalizes failure to store a weapon					Increases penalties for criminal use of firearm				
A1299		Envir Conserv			S2094	Budget & Rev		Support	
Changes several age requirements on hunting licenses					25% tax credit for purchase of gun safety equipment				
A2176		Codes		Oppose	S2096	Codes			
Standards for FFL storage of guns and ammo					Repeals laws on license revocation, private sales and minimum age possession				
A2222		Education		Oppose	S2299	Govt Opns		Support	
Prohibits shooting programs in public schools					5 public hearings for any gun control bill				
A2331		Ec Dev,Jobs,Comm&Ind		Oppose	S2892	Codes		Oppose	
No one under 12 at gun shows					Bans 50 Caliber weapons				
A2571		Codes		Oppose	S3018	Codes		Oppose	
Criminal sale of unfinished frame or receiver					Hunting license to own rifle or shotgun. Must pass drug and mental health tests. Safe storage. Safety course and marksmanship test.				
A3808		Codes		Oppose	S3196	Env Conservat'n		Support	
No sale of firearms on public property					Legalize firearm suppressors				
A3880		Codes		Oppose	S3246	Consumer Aff		Oppose	
Safe storage when out of immediate possession					Acquire only 1 rifle or shotgun every 90 days				
A4259		Codes			S4116	Codes		Oppose	
Criminalizes firing weapon into crowded space to inflict harm					Requires semi auto firearm microstamping capability				
A4714		Codes			S4946	Insurance		Oppose	
Increases penalty for firearm use in drug crime					Firearm owners must have \$1 million liability insurance				
A4990		Judiciary			S5361	Codes		Support	
Changes Red Flag and NICS check laws					Restrictions on concealed carry by statute only				
A6762		Multiple Comms			S5614	Codes			
Ghost Guns					Changes classification of firearm use in violent crimes				
A7066		Codes							
Offenses involving the possession, display or discharge of a firearm, may be held on bail									

TIME FOR A MAJOR ASSESSMENT

By Attilio A. Contini

For a little over three years, I have concentrated on convincing people that we must get together to create a united front toward our common goals. I believe it is well past the time for only assessing the political, moral and social situation that we have before us in this nation. It's time for action. We can no longer wait for the next election and limit our action to personally voting. It's time for action that goes beyond the voting booth.

We are told there are about six million gun owners in NYS. Less than two million of them vote – and probably closer to one million than two. Why don't they vote? How many of them are we even able to contact?

I have heard some sportsmen grumble, "We don't talk politics at the gun club". That's a part of the problem and definitely not a part of the solution. We can't afford not to involve ourselves in politics since the anti-gun people love politics and when we cede the field to them, they get to make the rules. Talking politics and legislative lobbying should be included in every club meeting and event. We need every single club member to contact their representatives in Albany, Washington and their own county. If we don't, in the very near future we will not only lose our right to own guns but we may very well lose our right to have sportsmen clubs.

SCOPE's number one concern for well over fifty years has been protecting and preserving our 2nd Amendment right to "Keep and Bear Arms". But I have also heard a number of gun owners lament that we have more to be

concerned about than just our Gun Rights; that we should broaden our base. Yes, I agree! Who can doubt that we are experiencing a frontal attack on our freedoms of Speech, Assembly, and Religion, just to name three of them. The enemies of the 2nd Amendment are also enemies of the 1st Amendment. As the saying goes, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend".

There are many organizations that say they are fighting for causes that I endorse. I have reached out to the CEO's of many groups and organizations who want me to support and donate to their cause and only one has responded. I have assembled a list of over forty that I consider worthy causes. Forty! That list doesn't include many that I get an email or phone call from on a regular, sometimes daily basis. All of them say they are fighting for a cause to fix Washington or some other problem.

Does the number of 2A defense organizations help or dilute our efforts? Different organizations have different purposes. Do they accomplish their defined purpose? Some do surveys or ask us to sign petitions as a front for seeking our donations - but do they even read the surveys or submit the petitions? I, for one, am tired of getting the same basic survey over and over from different branches of the same organization.

Our future depends on what we do today! Tomorrow is too late! Our enemy - and believe me it is a real, dedicated and determined enemy - will not quit until they make defenseless slaves of all of us. We must better reorganize our priorities. We must define our goals and work for them. We cannot quit. We are in a life and death struggle. We are losing our country, our Constitution, our freedom, our liberty, and our American way of life!

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