

I Fear for the Life of my Country

By Ken Mathison
SCOPE President

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country". How many times I hammered out those words in high school typing class practice drills never thinking that the time would come when those good men and women would be needed. That time is now.

We have a newly elected President whose election was based more on his oratorical skills, youth, good looks and media hype than the content of his character or the content of his policy proposals. Barack Obama is in fact an ultra left liberal, some say socialist, who believes that the govern-

ment knows better how to run your life, raise your children, spend your money than you do. I shudder to think where this country is headed on January 20 when he takes office.

Our new president will have at his disposal a Congress and Senate that is even more dominated by ultra left liberal democrat legislators. Our Constitution will be cast aside as an afterthought by these social engineers as they go to work fleecing the "rich" to "spread the wealth" to those in our society that don't or won't produce labor or goods. Our borders will be thrown open to all comers, good or bad, with virtually no checks on whom we welcome to our shores.

Our right to free speech will become the right to free speech approved by the government. It will become a hate crime to speak out against the socialist policies of this new regime. The Fairness Doctrine will return as what is fair for the government rather than what is fair for the people.

Minority populations will become the majority through the force of government policy and that same government force will come crashing down on any who protest.

Do not think that your Second Amendment rights will be safe. The Supreme Court's opinion means nothing to this new regime unless it agrees with them. Rest assured they will push new regulation and restriction on your gun rights, the Supreme Court be damned. Our new president elect is on record as wanting to stack the Supreme Court with leftist judges who embrace the "living" constitution idea.

Our new president claims to respect your Second Amendment rights but his record tells a much different story.

Things will be even worse on the state level now that the entire New York government is controlled by Manhattan liberals who in many

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Take the time to come to a chapter meeting and get involved. We are in need volunteers to lead committees and take charge of several projects. Remember, SCOPE is a grass roots, volunteer organization. We need your help to make a difference.

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SCOPE Banquet

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The Captain addressing the banquet guests.



Senator Dale Volker receiving his award.

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SCOPE Backed Lawsuit Derails Nassau Handgun Ban

The Nassau County local law banning the possession of handguns mislabeled "deceptively colored" has been put on hold indefinitely pending the outcome of a legal challenge by gun-rights activists.

In June 2008, Nassau passed Local Law #5, criminalizing the possession and sale of "deceptively colored handguns" as a supposed danger to law enforcement. The law bans all handguns except for those that are "black, grey, silver, steel, nickel or army green." It does not grandfather currently owned guns and mandates that gun owners surrender all banned guns for destruction without any compensation, and with no opportunity to sell them outside the county.

Three New York State pistol licensees—Alan Chwick of Freeport, Edward Botsch of Franklin Square, and Thomas Fess of Rochester—instituted an Article 78 proceeding on July 23rd in Nassau Supreme Court (Index #: 013564/2008) to challenge the laws. The proceeding was filed pro se, with the assistance of a New York gun-rights activist and attorney.

The petition seeks a ruling that Nassau's local law is invalid because it is "preempted" by New York State's extensive gun control laws, which already ban "disguised guns." Under the doctrine of preemption, localities may not pass laws in areas already regulated by state law, unless state law permits such local laws. The suit also seeks to overturn the law because it is vague and ambiguous, lacks standards for consistent enforcement, and violates the right to keep and bear arms under both the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and a similar provision of New York State Civil

Rights Laws.

The proceeding was brought on the day the law was to go into effect, and sought a temporary restraining order and an injunction to stay enforcement of the law. That led to Nassau to enter into a binding stipulation not to enforce the law unless the court rules against the petitioners. Further, the Nassau County legislature reacted to the proceeding by amending the law to remove the prohibitions against gold plated, blued, and brown handguns.

The matter has been fully briefed and oral argument has been requested. The petitioners have retained attorney Robert Firriolo, a litigation partner in the New York office of Duane Morris LLP.

All documents pertaining to this proceeding have been made public, and are posted at <http://www.SCOPEny.org>.

The local law challenged affects not only Nassau pistol licensees, but all New York gun owners and visitors to Nassau County. Anybody found with a banned handgun is subject to arrest and prosecution. The law is particularly hazardous to the many shooters who come into, or pass through, Nassau to participate in shooting events and have no way of knowing about this law. The suit was brought to protect the interests of all of law-abiding gun owners and dealers, most of whom are still unaware that many ordinary, popular and valuable handguns are banned. The law imposes a penalty of one year in jail and a \$1000 fine.

Recognizing the importance of challenging this onerous law, the Shooters' Committee On Political Education (SCOPE), of Tonawanda, N.Y., responded immediately to peti-

tioners' request for support from their Legal Defense Fund.

The petitioners are asking for donations to help fight this ridiculous and dangerous local law, which holds dire implications for New York's gun owners if it is lost. A victory in this case may well be the springboard for challenging other New York gun control laws. Please donate whatever you can to the SCOPE Legal Defense Fund. Send donations to: SCOPE, PO Box 12711, Rochester, NY 14612. Please make checks payable to SCOPE, Inc., and note in the memo area of your check "Legal Defense Fund-Chwick v. Mulvey." All donations are greatly appreciated.

The petitioners continue to express their gratitude to SCOPE, the Freeport R&R Association Junior Club, and all those that have supported them.



Life Under The Party

By Stephen J Aldstadt

Well the results of the election are in. All the pundits predicted an historic election and we got one. For the first time in history Americans have elected an African-American president. Some things change for the better. The old prejudices have given way. For the first time in my personal memory we are now living in a one party state. No more divided government in New York or in Washington DC. We don't have a Democrat Assembly and Republican Senate anymore. The only thing that matters now is The Party. If you are not in The Party you are inconsequential in government. Sounds eerily like the tails of the Evil Empire we were taught as children.

What will life under The Party be like? Will the vehemently anti-individual rights crowd that has ruled the Assembly in recent years continue passing their restrictive laws? Or now that they control the Senate will cooler heads prevail? It was easy for them to pass a slew of one house bills knowing that the Senate would never pass them. Then they could go back to their liberal-socialist base and say, "See what I've done for you-too bad those Republicans in the Senate won't let it go through." Now we will see how much was just political posturing.

My fear is that by the end of 2009 there will be thousands of new state made criminals in New York. Thousands will be felons for owning politically incorrect guns. More will be outlaws because they possess ammunition that is not approved by the Party and registered with the State Police. Whole sections of the population could be called scoff-laws and fugitives from justice for not complying with registration schemes or volunteering for confiscation of their guns.

I've spoken to so many people over the years that said, "That will never happen. The government will never take my guns, my ammunition, my rights. Anyway my union says I should vote for The Party. You are just being paranoid!". Am I just being paranoid? I certainly hope so.

We will see soon enough.

What could possibly stop The Party from passing every conceivable restriction and prohibition on their wish list? Some things would be extremely expensive. Micro-stamping and ammunition registration would add to bureaucracy and cost as would expansion for the failed CoBis ballistic database system. With unprecedented state budget deficits there may be reluctance to add to government cost. On the other hand renewable pistol licenses could be viewed as a new revenue source, as well as new taxes on guns and ammunition. The last time the state tried that one they had far more public resistance than they anticipated.

The one thing I hope those in The Party will keep in mind is that the last time The Party held the entire federal government they lost it largely because of the gun control agenda they pushed through. We can only hope they remember that lesson and use some restraint in New York. If you are from one of those other minor inconsequential parties you may enjoy seeing The Party overreach, alienate the people, and lose their grip on power. However if your primary concern is for individual rights, as it is for us at SCOPE, you know it is a lot easier to lose your rights than it is to get them back.

For now we will have to try to work with The Party. There is really no other alternative. We will see what life under The Party brings.

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Classes will be held at Hamburg Rod & Gun Club, 3434 Hickox Rd, off Route 62, Hamburg, NY.

Rifle and shotgun students: Time: 6:30 to 9 PM, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, starting on Mar 17 for a total of eight classes.

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Deadline to register is March 7, 2009. First come, first served.

For more information or to register, please call 716-592-7211



Part I: New Regulation at Interior Department

By Paul Rusin

The Interior (federal government bureaucracy) Department has decided, finally, as to the merits of concealed, or as Alan Korwin suggests, “discrete” carry, in our National Parks, as long as, for the park in question, you have a valid permit to carry in that state. If you are from another state, and your permit is invalid in the state in question, then you still have no right to carry. Because all permits are unconstitutional (see *Shuttlesworth v. City of Birmingham* quoting from *Staub v. Baxley*: “An ordinance which makes the peaceful enjoyment of freedoms which the Constitution guarantees contingent upon the uncontrolled will of an official--as by requiring a permit, or license, which may be granted, or withheld in the discretion of such official--is an unconstitutional censorship, or prior restraint upon the enjoyment of these freedoms. And, our decisions have made clear that a person faced with such an unconstitutional licensing law may ignore it, and engage with impunity in the exercise of the right...for which the law requires a license”), this is utter nonsense.

Since, the second amendment (2A) guarantees “the right of the people to keep and bear arms,” and further states that this right is an individual right which “...shall not be infringed,” we know that this is our true carry permit, that is, if the state, federal, or even local, governments were enamored of actually following the Supreme Law of the land. However, until we can all form a consensus as to whether the 2A means what I have stated above, until the courts determine that the same rulings which apply to the individual rights of the first amendment also apply to the sec-

ond, we will have to wait, or, as some will do, carry anyway, regardless of law, as a matter of principle, and in “civil disobedience.” In the opinion of Justice Douglas, “*Walker v. Birmingham*,” he wrote, “By like reason, where a permit has been arbitrarily denied one need not pursue the long and expensive route to this (Supreme) Court to obtain a remedy. For if a person must pursue his judicial remedy before he may speak, parade, or assemble, the occasion when protest is desired, or needed (or when that pistol is needed to protect one’s life), will have become history, and any later speech, parade, or assembly will be futile, or pointless.” Again, a first amendment individual right which—as the *Heller* decision noted 2A is an individual right—must be applied to the 2A.

Pt II: Why Unconstitutional Laws are Repugnant

These laws (all laws which violate the precepts of the Constitution) are dangerous in that they allow the people to become enamored of them, even though, on their face, they are unconstitutional from their origins. Discrete--“concealed”--carry isn’t something which the local, state, or federal government(s) should even concern themselves. These are anathema to “...the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms,” which the Second Amendment states, “...shall not be infringed.” Of course, we within this forum already know that, or should

Relying on the continuation of unconstitutional laws is dangerous because they posit that the government does have a right to limit why, when, where, how, even how many, weapons one may own or carry. Every one of these provisions which limits the ability of the people to carry, discretely, or otherwise, to own any number of weapons which are 1) of the same type used by our military, and 2) are, because of that nature the birthright of every American (see *Tenche Coxe*), is unconstitutional.

Allowing one such law, invites more, simply because if one is OK, then government operatives (formerly representatives) believe more are, not only OK, but better (for them, and their, and their parties, hold on power). Further, these types of laws create a sense of safety without truly creating safety, or a safe environment. If, all lived within the bounds of the law, then such might be the case, but since, there are a great many who will use criminality to further their own ends (see *Gov. Blagojevich*, *Gov. Ryan*, etc.), these laws will never create a true safety.

Only when the people become truly educated as to why these laws are unproductive, unable, or incapable, of creating a safe environment, will we have sensible solutions posited (unfettered discrete carry), and laws enacted which repeal these onerous (to the law abiding, at least) laws.

Pt. III: Our Duty

That is our duty, to educate the public, and hopefully we can continue to do that work. However, that relies on you, the citizenry, to push for growing membership within the pro-second amendment ranks, and especially within your organization. Second, you are the bulwark,. Without your input, without your due diligence in communicating with, and through such, educating, legislators, peers at the club, on the range, etc., then this, and every other organization will be worth less. Without your taking the time, and the initiative to grow the organization by passing literature to others, and getting those sign ups in hand, will we make progress. Member numbers mean things to politicians in Albany, and every other state capital, the federal representatives, and more importantly, to local legislators.

Tip O’Neill, former Democratic Party Speaker of the House,

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noted that all politics is local. I would revise that to "all politics begins at the local level, and is pushed by local concerns." Even "pork barrel" type legislation requires that the people in the home district want the project that a state, or federal, representative pushes.

Lastly, this work requires money, and helping grow the organization's membership, and otherwise contributing to it monetarily, and its causes, including our Political Action Committee, and our Legal Fund, is essential. Without this our organization cannot do the work necessary to repeal laws, whether through the courts, or through our representatives, or to help get people to run in, or to win, elections who are friendly to our concerns.

Therefore, let us do our duty to grow our organization, educate our peers, and legislators, and push for repeal of onerous, unconstitutional laws. To do any less is undeserving to those who fought and died for the freedoms we have come to enjoy, and take for granted.

SCOPE PAC Needs Your Help

We rarely ask our members for money other than their dues or the occasional raffle, and when we do ask for money, you our members, have been most generous.

SCOPE PAC was formed to collect contributions of money to be distributed to qualified candidates for state offices. These candidates must have the highest regard for the Second Amendment or if they are an incumbent must have a record of unwavering support for the rights to citizens to keep and bear arms.

We are now in the beginning of probably the most important and dangerous periods for the rights of gun owners in the history of New York. The State government is now held by the Democrat Party. Gun restrictions will surely become law at the whim of the Democratic Party.

One party control of our entire state government is not a good thing for your gun rights or for the state in general. We are asking you, our members, to donate to SCOPE PAC. Donate as much as you can afford, any amount will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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Crisis

By Budd Schroeder

It finally happened. We are now in a crisis situation in New York. The Republicans lost the Senate and the state will now be run out of New York City. Buffalo and other upstate cities will be just large New York City suburbs. Expect the worst and prepare for a tough fight to keep the few Second Amendment rights we have.

For many years, we didn't worry too much about the horrendous anti-gun bills that were passed in the Assembly. The chances were very good (except for the Republican Pataki Five Point Gun Bill) that the Republicans would kill the bills in the Senate. That won't happen anymore. Unless.....

We have to change our way of doing business in a big way. It is a fact of life that if a bill goes on the floor of the Assembly, it will pass. There are fewer than fifty assemblymen who will vote against the wishes of Sheldon Silver. There are a few Democrats who are allowed to vote against anti-gun bills because it is a necessity for that politician to keep the voters on his or her side in that particular district.

Most legislation is done by deals. This is why it is so important that each gun owner in a district must become familiar with the district legislator and develop a working relationship. It is just as important for gun owners to get involved with their own political party and take an active part in the political process.

Politics is the perfect example of the "What's in it for me?" syndrome. We recall calling on an upstate senator regarding getting his support for a pro-gun bill. The simple reply was: "I don't think that will help me in my district." He was correct. Doing the right thing or the constitutional thing was irrelevant. The only thing he was interested in was if it would generate votes for him.

If you can convince the legislator that it could generate a larger majority in the next election, or bring in more campaign contributions, he or she will be interested. If you can deliver people who will invest time in

phone banks and mail drops at election time, you will have clout. We make time for entertainment, but to invest time in changing government for the better doesn't seem to be a high priority for gun owners.

This concept becomes most important because we will have to work at the committee level and educate the legislators regarding the consequences of bad bills. One vote on the full assembly is not really significant, but if we get legislators in the key committees who are well informed and willing to bring our fight to that committee, the effect multiplies.

Political friends are the best asset we can have in government. One person can make a difference in whether a bill will be reported out. Remember the Heller decision came from one vote. Bills in committee can be passed or failed by only a vote or two. We need people we can count on to do the right thing and it is up to us to convince them what is right.

We, at SCOPE have found that our membership and those who profess to be Second Amendment supporters are very willing people. Ten percent of the people are willing to work to save our country, and the other ninety percent are willing to let them. This is the major problem and only the gun owners themselves can solve it.

Think about the time a good gun club member will spend at meetings, shooting events, and there are even a few who will sign up for work parties. Investing a couple of hours a year to get involved in helping a good candidate to get elected is another matter. The ignorant don't seem to grasp that without good legislators, we get bad legislation.

We believe the next two years in New York and the country will prove that point. All politics is local. The politicians can't ride the gravy train unless the voters buy the ticket and pay for the fuel to run the train. If they become convinced that voting for bad bills will lose enough votes to change them from a "public servant" to one of the working folks, they will get a significant attitude adjustment.

If they can see positive results from voting for our Constitutional rights, they will become believers. Politicians are very sensitive to public opinion. They listen to the talk shows and read the letters to the edi-

tor. You don't have to be a great orator to voice a reasonable and intelligent opinion on a radio talk show.

You don't have to be the next Earnest Hemmingway to write a short, pointed letter to the editor opposing bad gun bills or supporting good one. The catch is, that you HAVE to DO it. In politics and public opinion forums, numbers count. Politicians use a multiplier system and for each person who writes a letter or makes a comment, they figure that many, many more are of the same opinion. They then equate that number into potential votes. It is a BIG interest grabber.

There are several SCOPE members who are on a first name basis with their legislators. We need many more. When an issue comes up, we have to contact our representatives and make our thoughts known. Be polite, courteous and firm.

Make no mistake! This is a crisis situation! We have never been in such overt danger regarding Second Amendment Rights. Think of the lineup that will be calling the shots.

David Patterson, Sheldon Silver, Malcolm Smith, Andrew Cuomo, Michael Bloomberg, Charles Schumer, plus the New York City Councilmen, are the ones who will have the most influence in Albany. Add the liberal power brokers from the same area and you will have great reasons to fear for you gun rights.

SCOPE, NRA, NYSR&PA, SAFE, Conservation Council, The Second Amendment Foundation, and SCI are all good organizations working as hard as they can to protect our rights of honest people to own and use guns for self-defense and recreation, but it takes the membership and other gun owners to unite and actually do what is necessary to convince politicians that they should not deny or limit our rights.

What happens next is up to YOU! What are you going to do? If you need suggestions, go to our web site, SCOPENY.Org to get information if you think you need it. We can win if you are willing to help. It will be tough, but it can be done if we can raise a significant army of volunteers. The people who will step up are those who value freedom and constitutional rights. Do you fit this description?



Biographies of candidates for the SCOPE Board of Directors

The following were the only two bios submitted to the newsletter.

Don Herbold

- Don is a charter member of SCOPE, 1965.
- Started with Erie County Chapter (the original SCOPE Chapter)
- Chaired several charity pistol tournaments covering three days and several ranges.
- Joined the state board at its beginning.
- Have been responsible for SCOPE's club and associations membership for many years.
- Each month I generate, process and mail reminder and renewal

notices for the club and associations.

- I have been secretary and board member of Mohawk Rifle and Pistol Club in Tonawanda for many years.
- Member of Niagara Frontier Pistol League, life member of the NRA and life member of SCOPE.
- I work monthly with the shooting program of the US Naval Sea Cadets, ages 11—17 they are sponsored by the US Naval League.

held each and every office in Scope, including the chairman of the board when that position was one and the same as the president.

Currently, and for several years I have been the membership chairman, so I'm the one who sends you all those notices each year. So when you get this newsletter I would appreciate it if you would vote for me to continue serving you on the Scope BOD.

John Krull

It is my understanding that I am once again up for re-election for the Scope BOD. I have served on this board along with Don Herbold and Budd Schroeder longer than most of the other directors and have probably forgotten more about what Scope has done over the years, than most of the current directors will ever know.

I am the only person to have

The following seats are up for election in 2009:

Don Herbold	2009
Pete Jerimich	2009
John Krull	2009
Mary Jo Picone	2009
Keith Kappel	2009
Paul Rusin	2009

SCOPE Offers Business Associate Membership

SCOPE is now offering businesses that want to show their support for our 2nd Amendment rights a Business Associate Membership. Business membership dues will be \$50 annually, or \$250 annually for a Sponsor level membership. Business members will receive a window sign to display, a listing on our website with basic details of their store

and contact information. We will also supply them with membership applications and a supply of each issue of the Firing Lines for their store. Sponsor level businesses will have their listing on our website highlighted and they will receive a wall plaque for display in their store.

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SCOPE BANQUET 2008

By Tommy Thompson

October 3rd was a great night out for Scope. It was our 48th Awards

Banquet at the Millenium Airport Hotel in Western N.Y. Banquet wizard Mary Joe Picone organized another spectacular evening event for all attendees, and was given a standing ovation. Three adjoining halls beheld the magnitude of the event. Speaker Alan Korwin was captivating, as always. If you missed Alan in action, you missed some great

information delivered with tremendous wit. Alan Gottlieb, from the CCRKBA and Second Amendment Foundation, delivered his address with pointed facts and information. Brent Gardner from the NRA/ILA addressed the apprecia-

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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 Ken Mathison a call or drop us an E-mail.

Alabama Hunt Club
Alden Rod & Gun Club
Allied Sportsmen of WNY Inc
Attica Rod & Gun Club, Inc
B R & G Conservation Club
Bailey Mountain Fish &
Game Club, Inc.
Baldwinsville Rod & Gun Club, Inc.
Barre Sportmens Club
Barrington Rifle Club
Bergen Rod & Gun Club
Bison City Rod & Gun Club Inc
Black Rock Fish & Game Club Inc
Blasdell Rod & Gun Club
Bog Trotters Rifle & Pistol Club Inc
Boston Valley Conservation Society
Branchport Rod & Gun Club
Buffalo Revolver & Rifle Club Inc
Buffalo Rod & Gun Club Inc
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Game Club, Inc.
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Chemung County Rod & Gun Club
Clarence Shooting Club
Clay Sportsmans Club
Clinton Fish & Game Club
Cloverbank Sportsman's Club Inc
Conesus Lake Sportsmen's Club, Inc.
Conservation Club of Brockport
Dansville Fish &
Game Protective Assoc.
Delchenego Rod & Gun Club
Depew Rod & Gun Club
Dunham's Bay Fish & Game Club
E Aurora Fish & Game Club Inc
Eden-North Collins Gun Club
Elbridge Rod & Gun Club

Elks Head Hunting &
Fishing Club Inc
Elma Conservation Club
Erie County Conservation Society Inc
Five Point Rod & Gun Club
Freeport Junior Club
George Washington Fishing &
Camping Club Inc
Glen-Coe Conservation Society Inc
Gowanda Rifle Club
Hamburg Rod & Gun Club Inc
Hartland Conservationists Club, Inc.
Hawkeye Bowman, Inc.
Hidden Valley Lodge
Hill Top Gun Club
Himrod Conservation Club
Holland Rod & Gun Club
Holley Rod & Gun Gun Club
Honeoye Fish & Game Club
Hornell Sportsman Club
Iroquois Arms Collectors
Assoc of WNY
Lackawanna Conservation Club Inc
Lake Keuka Chapter,
Izaak Walton League
Lima Gun Club
Little Beard Club Inc
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Sportsmen's Clubs
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Long Lake Fish & Game Club
MacDougall Spotsman's &
Conservation Assoc
Mad River Club Inc.
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Mohawk Rifle & Pistol Club Inc
Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club Inc
Morgan Hill Game Association
Neighbors Gun Club
New York Houndsmen
Conservation Association
New York State Muzzleloaders
Newark Rod & Gun Club
Newfield Rod & Gun Club
Niagara County Sportmen's Assn.
Niagara Frontier Pistol League
Niagara Frontiersmen Pistol Club
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Northern Dutchess Rod &
Gun Club, Inc.
Oatka Fish & Game Club
Olean Rod & Gun Club Inc
Ontario County ABATE
Oswego County Federation of

Sportsmans Clubs
Painted Post Field & Stream Club
Pathfinder Fish and Game Club, Inc.
Pearl River Gun Club
Phoenicia Fish & Game Association
Polaris Shooting Club
Ramapough Sportsmen
Association Inc.
Redfield Fish & Game Club
Richburg Rod & Gun Club
Rochester Brooks Gun Club, Inc.
Rochester Rifle Club
Ruby Rod & Gun Club Inc.
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Safari Club Western &
Central NY Chapter
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of Sportmen's Clubs
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& Sporting Club
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Wolcottsville Sportsmen Club
Wood & Brook Sportsman's Club
Wyoming County Wildlife Federation
Yates Carlton Lakeshore
Sportsmen's Club
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Conservation Clubs
York Sportsman's Club

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tive and attentive crowd to everyone's satisfaction. Awards were given to our three great speakers as well as Senator Dale Volker, who received our Lifetime Achievement Award. Other Awards presented were: Legislator of the Year-Brian Higgins; Special Appreciation Awards were given to Congressman Tom Reynolds, Senator Mary Low Rath, and Budd Schroeder (SCOPE chairman); a Special Initiative Award was presented to Erie County Clerk Kathy Hocal; a Public Servant Award to Will Fowler (Pistol Permits); an Appreciation Award-Orleans County- went to Honorable James Punch and Sheriff Scott Hess (SCOPE Member).

The night was electric for all of the attendees...kicking off with an address by our Rev War Captain and into the night with National Politicians, Local Politicians, Judges, Candidates for State and local office, Buffalo's boxing Champion Baby Joe Mesina...National, State and local gun rights movers and shakers made for a great night out for all and presented a formidable display of Patriots in the



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cause of Liberty and The Right To Keep And Bear Arms. The large crowd was treated to a fantastic meal, silent auctions, raffles, entertainment; gifts and the ability to speak with some of the nations top Second Amendment experts and decision makers. If you were there I'm sure you would agree. If not, please plan to attend next year and join your peers in this, the largest, pro 2nd

Amendment Banquet and gathering in New York State.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES



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respects will be worse than the ones in Washington. They care nothing for your Second Amendment rights and more importantly they care nothing about New York unless those words are followed by City. Sixty five percent of our legislators hail from the other side of the Tappan Zee Bridge (NYC and its environs) and their loyalties lie with what is good for New York City. The only things they see in Upstate beneficial to NYC is a place to get their gas and electric power, their water and a place to dump their garbage, human and otherwise.

You can expect a new and fierce assault on your gun rights when the New York legislature convenes in January. The usual anti gun bills and more will come to the forefront and it will be even more difficult to stop these bills from advancing. For sure many of those bills may eventually be ruled unconstitutional through court action but by then the damage will be done. The hunting and shooting sports in New York will be devastated, virtually out of business. Another multi billion dollar industry destroyed for the sake of political correctness with no regard to the consequences.

If we ever needed gun owners to step up and heed the call for action the time is NOW! You can no longer afford to take a passive role, as a gun owner you must give of your time and your money NOW. We need each and every gun owner to take an active role in protecting their rights, being a sideline gun owner simply will not work.

Now IS the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their country. Question is, will you be one of the good?

DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS - SIGN UP / RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - TODAY!

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