

Banquet Time Again

Dear SCOPE Members:

On behalf of **SCOPE**, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the extravaganza of the year which is taking place on **Friday, October 8, 2010**. Our 45th Annual **SCOPE** Banquet is being held at Lucarelli's Banquet Center, 1830 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218. There will be a cash bar at 5:30 pm and dinner will be at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, \$90.00 per couple and \$400.00 per table of ten.

This year we will be honoring Assemblyman Brian Kolb, who will be receiving our Sandra Lee Wirth Legislator of the year award. Assemblyman Kolb possesses a wealth of valuable private sector experience acquired as a business consultant, entrepreneur and chief operating officer of a variety of small and large technology based businesses. He is the former president of Refractron Technologies and a co-founder of the North American Filter Corporation.

New York State has been victimized by anti-gun politicians who have constantly and consistently introduced bills to further limit your gun rights. If we don't continue to fight, we can expect to see much more of the same in coming legislative sessions.

2010 is a critical local election year. Some people believe their vote does not make a difference, particularly if major party choices for an elective office are both anti-gun. No matter what the party, Conservative, Liberal, Republican or Democrat, they all know how to count votes. We need to make a strong statement at the polls. The formula for success is simple, you must be **REGISTERED** to vote and you must **VOTE!!!** Take a stand – fight for your right to protect yourself and those that you love. We need to strongly oppose destructive bills that further suppress our rights. **YOU** need to voice your opposition as an individual, a

taxpayer, a supporter of Second Amendment rights, as a **SCOPE** member, as an NRA member as an **AMERICAN!** Don't rely on "others" to do your part.

We are asking for your support in the way of volunteering to work at the banquet and/or donations, either monetary or merchandise, to supply our door prizes and/or Bucket or Silent Auctions. I am also urging your organization / business to purchase ad space in the 2010 **SCOPE** Awards Banquet Program Book. Please email your ad copy to aaron.mccarthy81@gmail.com.

For \$ 100.00 your business or organization can purchase a full page ad and receive a FREE banquet ticket. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your organization or business exposed to our vast membership. For ad sizes and prices, please contact Aaron McCarthy at aaron.mccarthy81@gmail.com or (716) 864-2662.

SCOPE needs your help to fight for pro-gun legislation that will protect our rights and to hold back the continuing avalanche of anti-gun owner legislation. Your generous donation of One Hundred dollars, Fifty dollars, Twenty five dollars or whatever you can afford will help **SCOPE** continue to defeat the agenda of the anti-gun politicians.

For further banquet information, or to volunteer, call Aaron McCarthy on (716) 864-2662, email aaron.mccarthy81@gmail.com or visit www.SCOPEny.org

We look forward to seeing you at our banquet.

Sincerely,

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Erie County Chapter holds monthly meetings every third Thursday of the month. Meetings begin at 7:30 in the Community Room at the Southgate Plaza, Union Road West Seneca. We are in need of all Erie County members to update current email addresses. Updating your email address allows a timelier and less expensive means of keeping you informed. Please take a moment to send your current email address to scope.erieco.ny@gmail.com.

Please consider attending a chapter meeting. We have a great group of 2nd Amendment defenders who regularly attend but our meetings are missing you. Remember SCOPE is a volunteer organization, your opinions, time, and talents will make a difference. "The only thing necessary for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing"

GENESEE COUNTY Christopher Lane, Chairman Jack Taylor, Vice Chairman Patricia Lane, Secretary

Dave Kaufman, Treasurer 585.219.4296 Web http://ScopeGC.com Committee@ScopeGC.com P.O. Box 1659 Batavia, NY 14021-1659 Meetings are open to the public SCOPE members from neighboring counties are encouraged to participate.

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The NYC Chapter's Meeting is no longer being held at a Restaurant. Part of our Monthly Meeting is a visit to a gun store and/or a range. Normally we're doing this on a Tuesday evening, but that may change depending on the hours of our target location of the month.

Contact Dave Forgione at (646) 319-0106 for meeting details or join our low-volume email list by sending a message to:scope-nycsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

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Election Circus

By Ralph Esposito

The American public is unhappy (I am being very polite.) with politicians. Whether it is the new tea party groups or just the average citizen the polls show some of the lowest approval rankings for Congress and the President in addition over 60% think the country is headed in the wrong direction. Looks dire, especially for the Democrats? Perhaps, but if you watch the news this election season is becoming increasingly bizarre.

In the midst of this the current political leadership openly express their arrogance and disdain for anyone who don't share their views. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi let slip she wants to investigate those Americans who are opposed to building the Ground Zero Mosque.

Citizens are becoming in-

creasingly unsure of our Presidents religion. They believe he is Muslim not "Christian" as he claims because of positions like asking NASA to reach out to Muslim nations to his views on the Ground Zero Mosque.

It is also coming to light that political operatives (a Fox News story) have been trying to infiltrate the Tea Party to discredit them and split the vote enough to re-elect the ruling incumbents.

One man was caught on camera with racist signs proclaiming his support for the Tea Party candidate at an event. Later the same guy was caught at the Democrat candidates rally, no racist signs but in support for the Democrat. Turns out he is a writer who is critical of the Tea Party. Another man was dressing up as Hitler and showing up at Tea Party events as a member in an attempt to "dismantle and demolish" the Tea Party movement .

In four states a number of

Tea Party candidates have been outed as operatives of another political party. They had infiltrated the Tea Party groups to cause chaos and split the votes trying to ensure a Democrat victory in November.

Yes it sounds like a circus or perhaps some bizarre Machiavellian scheme using the very dissatisfaction of voters to nullify their votes. Add to that, questions surfacing about the military vote being counted properly and the November elections are going to be interesting.

We must not allow these desperate unscrupulous politicians and their minions to disenfranchise us. We must be vigilant against any attempts to shift our focus from removing the real danger to our nation, the ruling politicians who have been ramming through their legislation against the will of the people. We must vote them out in November.



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SCOPE President's Report

Stephen Aldstadt
President of SCOPE

It has been a busy year. I reported in the last issue about our increased lobbying efforts and my many trips to visit law makers in Albany. I feel our efforts have been productive. To date no major anti-gun legislation has passed into law. Only one anti-gun bill of any significance has passed in the NYS Assembly this year. That is a major change from recent years. Every year for the last few years the NYS Assembly has had an anti-gun day where they passed laws to limit your rights and access to firearms by the dozen. Our efforts have been a significant factor in the change this year.

The one bad bill that came very close to passage was the Micro-Stamping bill. After passing the assembly it failed in the senate by a very narrow margin. The sponsors of that bill actually pulled it from the floor with all but one or two votes counted. Even though they lost the vote, there will be no record of the vote and technically it never happened. But we're watching, and we know exactly who voted for and against the bill. In fact we have it recorded. This vote will be significant in our candidate ratings this year.

Now that the budget has finally been passed the legislative session is finished for the year. According to my conversation with a senior senator, our legislators have raised taxes and fees (read taxes and more taxes) by over 1.7 billion dollars on New Yorkers. Our crushing tax load gets heavier and heavier and more and more New Yorkers leave the state for better economic opportunities. They could always be called back again for a special session and these anti-gun bills could come back again so we are staying vigilant and not letting our guard down.

Most of our lobbying work at this time of year consists of attending events, picnics, and fund raisers to meet with the legislators outside the capitol. These are the events and functions where we develop more

familiarity and personal relationships with legislators. This helps a great deal when we meet to discuss business in the capitol. Many of these events are political fund raiser that the candidates use to raise money for their election campaigns. This also gives us an opportunity to support those legislators that look out for the interest of our members.

As a non-profit 501C4 organization, your membership dues cannot be used for political contributions. The only way we are able to fund this work is either through direct personal contributions or through our political action committee SCOPE-PAC. The SCOPE-PAC needs donations from our members over and above what you pay for your membership. This work is critical. We need your support. Please consider what would shortly happen to your right to keep and bear arms without the work that SCOPE and SCOPE-PAC does. If all our members would send just the price of a single box of ammunition we could be well funded for the year. Send your donations to SCOPE-PAC, PO Box 12711, Rochester NY 14612.

Erie County Conservative Party Defends the Second Amendment

By Budd Schroeder

In Erie County and a few other counties when judges issue pistol permits they restrict the permit to "target and hunting." They do not allow the carrying of a handgun for the purpose of self-defense. This is not part of the Penal Law, but since there is no prohibition against the practice, some judges do this under the guise of "judicial discretion." This is allowed under the law.

Judge Penny Wolfgang, who during her tenure as the licensing judge, issued unrestricted permits. Judge Wolfgang called the restrictions "unfair and illogical."

When Judge John Rogowski took over as issuing judge, he returned to the practice of restricting permits. Judges following him con-

tinued with placing restrictions on the pistol permit holders.

The Erie County Conservative Party, with the help of SCOPE (Shooter's Committee On Political Education) submitted the following resolution to the county and supervising judges. Party Chairman, Ralph Lorigo stated that he fully supported the resolution. The party vote was unanimous. The right to keep and bear arms is an important plank in the Conservative Party platform.

The resolution is:

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states, "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." And, WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court affirmed that the amendment meant the right to keep and bear arms is an individual right and not a collective right.

And, WHEREAS, the original intent of the amendment was to prevent the government from denying the possession and bearing of arms to protect the individuals from oppression, even from their own government if that government became despotic.

And, WHEREAS, a constitutional right cannot be relegated to a privilege by making it subject to a permit process.

And WHEREAS, the Heller decision clearly states that an individual may possess a handgun in his or her home for the purposes of self-protection.

And, WHEREAS, New York State requires a permit to keep a handgun in a person's home and to carry concealed if they can show "proper cause."

And WHEREAS, the law does not adequately define "proper cause."

And, WHEREAS, most states in the United States issue concealed carry permits to people of good character who are not prohibited from gun ownership by federal law, as a matter of right.

And, WHEREAS, New York State offers a concealed carry pistol permit by the discretion of a judge as opposed as a matter of right.

And WHEREAS, the McDonald case in Illinois affirms incorporation of the Constitutional right in all states,

And, WHEREAS, the most basic of rights is the right of self-defense,

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And WHEREAS, the right of self-defense should not end at the door of a person's home,

And WHEREAS, in some counties of New York, judges, under their discretionary power, may issue a pistol permit with restrictions such as "limited to target and hunting,"

And WHEREAS those who are licensed to carry a firearm in the state are far less likely to commit a violent crime than society as a whole,

And WHEREAS those counties that issue unrestricted permits have the same low incidence of improper use of firearms as those who restrict permits,

And WHEREAS, a primary reason for obtaining a handgun and permit to carry concealed is for self-protection outside the home,

And WHEREAS, police cannot be held responsible for not protecting individuals, but only society as a whole,

And WHEREAS, placing restrictions on pistol permits by judges is a violation of constitutional rights because:

There is no set of written rules for these restrictions, making the decision to place them on the holders of pistol permits arbitrary and capricious.

Many county judges do not place these restrictions on permits that they issue, therefore those who do, commit a violation of "equal justice (protection) under the law."

There is no logical or legal reason why a person should be denied the right to self-defense or means of defense because of his county of residence,

Placing the restrictions on a person with the pistol permit because "he or she might carry the gun inappropriately" violates the concept of "prior restraint."

The law under Section 35 of the New York State Penal Law, states that a person is allowed the use of deadly force under seven conditions.. Therefore, there is no legal or rational reason law-abiding, honest citizens should be denied an effective means to defend themselves or an innocent person.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Eric County Conservative Party requests that the issuing judges in Erie County discontinue the practice of arbitrarily restricting honest, law-abiding pistol permit holders from

possessing a handgun for the purposes of self-defense or any other lawful use.

The reasons are clear and logical. Hopefully, the issuing judges will respect the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States and will no longer restrict pistol permits.

Dramatic Progress Made in Erie County Pistol Permit Process

By Kathy Hochul

The Erie County Clerk's Pistol Permit Office, certainly one of the busiest in the State, experienced an unprecedented spike in applications and amendments over the past 18 months. Once it became clear that this resulted in longer wait times for approvals, the County Clerk Kathy Hochul sprang into action to address the problem for her customers. She immediately began adding staff and introduced innovations with new software and technology, with the goal of restructuring the delivery of service from beginning to end. The ultimate objective was to reduce the time in the office for the customer, and the ultimate wait-time for approvals.

Through technology, changes in procedure, cooperation from local police agencies and the Administrative Judge that handles pistol permit application reviews, the office has been able to significantly shorten the time period between original application and the issuance of the pistol permit. And, the dedicated staff continues to handle the day to day business not associated with new permits, from permit upgrades, adding and deleting firearms as well as permit suspensions and reinstatements.

Among the changes designed to streamline the process and save your valuable time; some of which are currently in the process of being implemented:

- Collecting the \$20 permit processing fee when the completed application is submitted, includ-

ing assigning the permit number, taking thumbprint and photo right at the beginning which allows the customer to make a single visit to the Pistol Permit office, rather than the current three visits.

- Requiring electronic fingerprinting. (This allows electronic transfer of the prints to the F.B.I. and Department of Criminal Justice Services, and has decreased the processing times from several months to a couple of weeks)
- Having the applicant fill out the Department of Mental Health form at the beginning (This has allowed immediate mailing of these forms, again decreasing processing times.)
- Working with all local Law Enforcement agencies (over 20 different entities) to expedite the character reference interview process. (The Office implemented new standardized "Police Packets" cut down on clerical time and instituted electronic character reference forms to eliminate mail time.
- Maintaining constant communication with the one judge assigned to these cases in Erie County to expedite the process.
- Collecting e-mail addresses from applicants, which will soon be used for regular electronic updates on permit status.
- As the final step, the Plasticard permit is mailed to the customer, again no trip to the Office is necessary.
- Bringing staff to gun shows to process amendments on-site so customers can avoid the trip to the Downtown Clerk's Office.

All of these changes, currently being used and those pending, have the goal of better serving the customer faster and better. Erie County Clerk Kathy Hochul said that these changes have significantly reduced most applicants' wait times to approximately four-six months, unless there are delays in the background check.



I Want You

By Tommy Thompson

I have lived for nearly a lifetime and I have been around hunters & firearms all of my life. I do not know of anyone within my realm of existence who has owned or used a firearm to harm anyone, anywhere or at any time. Most folks, I believe, own firearms for sport or personal defense. This is a fact of life, in that, Americans have possessed firearms since our country's foundation. Yet to study anti-gun hoplophobes, you could get the impression that firearms in the hands of citizens are a new "problem" that must be corrected, regulated & confiscated. With that thought in mind, concerned citizens who love our country had better gear up and get vocal about the U.N. Small Arms Treaty that will be coming up all too soon. Behind the scenes, for many years, anti-gun "controllers" have been waiting for the opportunity to strike into the heart of the 2nd Amendment. The cards are now stacked against you and the BO administration is poised to strike. As of this writing, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and BO are waiting to sign the U.N. treaty that will gut the Bill of Rights & the 2nd Amendment. The time to show your opposition to this attack on our sovereign nation & its citizens is NOW, not later.

Along with that, Chicago's Mayor Daley (complete with armed bodyguards) wishes to compel foreign courts to strip U.S. citizens of their God given right to self defense. He has called for "redress against the gun industry through the courts of the world." This comes as the Supreme Court Decision on the unconstitutionality of gun laws in Chicago slaps Daley squarely in the kisser.. Let's face it, Daley "the hypocrite" has tried every imaginable scheme to relegate citizens within his power into a state of defenseless slavery, where they are vulnerable to abuse by goblins of all types...by the way Chicago has some of the strictest gun laws, yet is awash in crime & dysfunction. Apparently Daley treasures his ability to be surrounded by armed bodyguards as much as he values his assault on everyone else's ability to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights. How can anyone vote for a guy like

that ???

The way I see it, most anti-gun hoplophobes are complete hypocrites who see themselves as self important, & you and I as persona non grata, who need to be brought under control & enslaved. The real issue is that hoplophobes are afraid of you & I and they contend that we must be collared, disarmed, taxed, regulated & controlled. Their new plan is to seek help from outside the realm of our borders & our Rule of Law.

That all falls right in line with the vision of the United Nation's plan for world disarmament & the New World Order. The plans afoot for Hillary to sign on to the UN's small arms control package, a treaty, when given consent by the US senate, would begin the assault on our American Heritage. Why this approach? By taking this tact, the controllers in our US Congress & Mayor Daley can say that they didn't ban guns, the UN, & or, the world courts did it.

So if you cling to your guns & religion, you are in a fight for Liberty & Freedom. If we do not prevail in this cultural war against the elitist controllers, we will have failed to rescue or revive our unalienable God given rights, as enshrined in the Constitution & the Bill of Rights. If we fail to counter the Marxist presence in our system of government then we will become just another system of government that has come & gone in the trash heap of history. Can't you see now, how important voting & political action are?

I truly believe that the hoplophobes are scared to death of the freedoms that we possess & that they will use any means, to take whatever actions they deem necessary, to ensure that "they" are safer...a false sense of safety. Their methods only tend to disarm the good people, & will NEVER render themselves safe, because criminals will never care one iota about any laws ...because that is their nature, & that is why they are called criminals. This disconnect from reality combined with an innate fear of fellow armed citizens is a pox on the ability of free men (the little people) to be truly free.

There is one way to regain the Republic & the Constitution. We must absolutely clean house in the coming November elections. The opportunity is here and if we fail to

kick out the entrenched socialists, we are doomed to lose everything that we have fought for since 1775. You can count on the fact that the controllers will be certain to bring to the polls every soul on the government dole. If we cannot encourage our citizens to show up for this election in droves, to counter the perceived attempt of the socialists to survive the elections...to ensure our Republic's survival, then we do not deserve Freedom & Liberty, which can only be obtained and ensured through eternal vigilance.

It's game on and we only have a few months to get serious and motivated to save America, at the polls. Time is short, get with the program. I want you to Vote.

Lastly, with this most important and critical election facing us this November with State & Federal lawmakers spending us into insolvency and with un-American actions in Congress and across the land, there is a call, from sea to shining sea, for politicians to start cleaning out their desks. Let's jam this year's Awards Banquet with over 300 Patriots, as we contemplate the coming election.

SCOPE's Award Banquet is New York's largest & grandest pro 2nd Amendment event. No others can compare. The date is Friday night, October 8th, 2010. The location is Lucarelli's Banquet Center, 1830 Abbot Rd, Lackawanna, NY 14218. There will be a cash bar at 5:30 pm, and dinner held at 7pm. Hope to see you all there among New York's most dedicated grass roots movers & shakers. Mark your calendar, inform your fellow Patriots', & make plans to get your ads into the Banquet booklet. Help SCOPE build muscle by being a part of the show, see you there.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By Budd Schroeder
SCOPE chairman of the board

THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS A RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE

For more than four decades I have been an activist focusing on Second Amendment rights and sometimes it has been an uphill battle. Former NRA President Charlton Heston was fond of saying that the Second Amendment was the keystone in the arch of the Constitution and is what protects all the others.

We, in the NRA, believe that and equate the tenants of that amendment to freedom. History affirms that belief. While not to quote bumper sticker slogans, some hold true, such as "Freemen own guns, slaves don't." We also point out that gun control in America was based on racism.

The Dred Scott decision stated that the court could not consider Mr. Scott to be a citizen because that would also give him the right to keep and bear arms. That decision declared that slavery was not unconstitutional.

After the Civil War, many state governments in the south made legal possession of a gun available only to the white citizens. In several states, like New York, in order to get a permit to own or carry a handgun, the applicant must show "proper cause."

This is a term that is difficult to define when it comes to determining whether a permit is granted. The proper interpretation should be that a person has proper cause to own and carry a handgun if they are not prohibited by being a felon, mental

incompetent, a juvenile or a person of poor character.

The last condition is also rather broad and difficult to define, but perhaps the town drunk or a person with a history of irresponsible decisions and actions should be disqualified as those with the other disabilities.

The Second Amendment has a long history of being controversial. Court cases have been contradictory as to whether it is a collective right (militia clause) or an individual right (right of the people). Two years ago the Supreme Court affirmed that like the other amendments in the Bill of Rights, it is an individual right. This was called the Heller Decision and focused on a law in Washington DC that for all practical purposes, banned the possession of a working firearm and a definite ban on handguns.

The Court overturned that ban and anti-gun politicians and anti-gun activists said the ruling applied only to the District. This brought up a case in Chicago that had a ban similar to DC. Chicago refused to abide by the decision and caused a court action called the McDonald case. This was decided by the protections of the 14th Amendment under due process clause which means that all states have to abide by the ruling. New York was one of six states that didn't have a right to keep and bear arms in their constitution.

This decision opens a legal door for citizens of those states that didn't recognize the Second Amendment was a right and treated it as a privilege to be granted by a bureaucrat. The law suits are already being filed in Illinois and New York regarding the right to possess firearms by honest, law-abiding citizens. It may take years to bring a definite ruling, because the court also held that the right can be subjected to "reasonable restrictions."

There is controversy regarding the definition of "reasonable" and this will be the lawyers delight as they make money arguing the cases

in court. We cannot argue against the "reasonable" definitions of the First Amendment restrictions such as the freedom of speech does not allow people to yell "fire" in a crowded theater, to commit perjury, libel or slander or incite people to violence. However it seems lately that being politically incorrect in speaking (or writing) can have very negative consequences.

We know that the right to keep and bear arms does not make a person immune from charges of menacing, reckless endangerment or various types of intimidation using a gun. Those are reasonable restrictions. However there is nothing reasonable about laws that restrict a person's right to self-defense by not allowing them to have an effective means of protection.

The courts will have many decisions to make in the near future. We hope they make the right ones, especially in New York.

Wayne County SCOPE News

By John Piczkur

Thanks to continued and persistent hard work of Mike Jankowski (our county clerk) and Barry Virts (our county sheriff), the pistol permit card system is closer to being reality.

The Board of supervisors unanimously approved the card system. Wayne County clerks office now will move into the implementation phase. The hope is the system will "go live" in late fall of 2010.

We need to support these two men in their political careers, as they are dedicated to their jobs, our Second Amendment Rights andoh yeah...they are SCOPE members as well!

The Member Activist: 2010 - New York's Thermopylae

By Christopher Lane
SCOPE 2nd VP & Grass Roots
Coordinator

In book VII of the Histories, the Greek historian Herodotus describes the battle of Thermopylae Pass of 480 B.C. where a small contingent of Spartan hoplites led by Leonidas slows the progress of the Persian King, Xerxes. Out-numbered and assured of defeat, Leonidas and his army nonetheless fight to the last man, giving just enough time for the Greek city-states to assemble their disparate armies. Ultimately the Greeks prevail. Tip the scale ever so slightly toward Persia, and the history of Democracy is forever changed. Eastern dogma replaces western philosophy; the origin and implementation of democratic principles is either delayed, or perhaps even extinguished.

Western culture - our ideas of beauty, love, music, mathematics and science, abstract and enlightened thought, freedom and politics originate with the philosophy of the Ancient Greeks. Even the word democracy itself is Greek: *demos*: people, - *cracy*: strength, power or rule. These are not simply ancient abstract concepts; they are the very foundation upon which our nation is built. In order to preserve our present liberties, we must continue to emulate the past. It is two thousand four hundred ninety years after the battle of the hot gates, and New Yorkers must now fight our own Thermopylae.

On Tuesday, November 2nd, the voters of New York will decide the political composition of our state for generations to come. The victorious party will control census based redistricting - a redistribution of political power designed to weaken the influence of the individual. On a recent visit to Albany, State Senator Mike Ranzano put redistricting in its proper perspective for me; if the party of downstate retains its majority, subsequent redistricting will likely result in the loss of half of NY's conservative, traditional value senators for decades to come.

This has been a widely suc-

SCOPE GIVES \$ 5K TO SAF FOR HELP IN NEW YORK LAWSUIT

BELLEVUE, WA - The New York-based Shooters Committee On Political Education (SCOPE) has made a generous \$5,000 contribution to the Second Amendment Foundation's continuing legal efforts to roll back onerous gun laws in various states, including New York, where SAF recently filed a lawsuit in Westchester County over a state law that allows carry licenses to be denied because applicants cannot show "good cause."

"This generous contribution from our good friends at SCOPE will help our battle against gun laws that tie the hands of law-abiding citizens in bureaucratic red tape," said SAF Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "SCOPE's donation is a financial right-hook to the indifference of public officials who really should be the ones required to show good cause' for withholding a gun permit."

"For too long New York State has treated the right to keep and bear arms and even the basic right of self defense as privilege to be granted or denied at the whim of government officials," added Stephen J Aldstadt, SCOPE president.

On July 16, SAF filed a lawsuit in federal district court on behalf of Alan Kachalsky and Christina Nikolov, both Westchester County residents whose permit applications were

denied. Kachalsky's denial was because he could not "demonstrate a need for self protection distinguishable from that of the general public." Nikolov's was denied because she could not demonstrate that there was "any type of threat to her own safety anywhere." In addition to Westchester County, Susan Cacace and Jeffrey Cohen, both serving at times as handgun permit licensing officers, are named as defendants. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, White Plains Division.

"This case strikes right at the core of a problem that has existed in New York for generations," Gottlieb said. "For far too long, the New York bureaucracy has treated our Second Amendment right as a second-class privilege. Thanks to SCOPE, we will fight to correct this unjust system in the courts. We're restoring gun rights one lawsuit at a time."

Join SCOPE and SAF in this historic effort to restore the Second Amendment Rights of New Yorkers. Send your contributions to SCOPE's Legal Defense Fund.

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cessful year for SCOPE and each Member Activist has made a difference - a tangible contribution to our cause this year - you took a stand - your representative got the message - they voted accordingly - and we lost no ground. Together, the leadership and the membership of SCOPE prevented nearly all antigun legislation from coming to the senate floor, and the single bill that was supposed to chip our armor, the micro-stamping bill, was pulled from the senate floor moments before its defeat. The combined efforts of republican senators

and our upstate friends from across the aisle formed a pro-rights conference that stunned downstate leaders like NY City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. On behalf of membership and leadership of scope, I commend you on a job well done. Your work for SCOPE this year is complete.

But the shadow of redistricting remains before us and begs the question: will this pro-rights conference be sufficient against the downstate caucus after 2010?

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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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(Donations to SCOPE are not refundable or tax deductible)

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In order to reap, we must first sow, and each grass roots activist must return to his or her field, and repay in kind the support we have received. Your final assignment for 2010 is to join the campaign of your local pro-gun politician. March in their parades, attend their fundraisers, go door-to-door with flyers and brochures and gain the support they need to win in 2010. Register as many voters as possible and spread the word on the consequences of apathy and inaction this year. Support those who support us, and they will remain faithful to our cause after 2010.

The battle of Thermopylae gave us many famous phrases of bravado and heroism. When asked to surrender their weapons, the Greek reply was "Come and Get Them". When the Persians threatened to block the sun's light with a blanket of arrows, the Greeks laughed at the thought of fighting in the shade. Our supporters in Albany need nothing so dramatic; let us simply remember that they are our fellow citizens - with whom we have invested our ideals, and they have represented us honorably this year. Lets support them as faithfully as they have supported us.

Membership needs your help

By Mike Mastrogiovanni, CNY

America has hit tough times, not only economically but the American gun owner will soon be assaulted on every front, federal, state and local. We need to join together and fight back. I am asking every member in SCOPE to sign up a friend, gun owner or not. If this friend does not have the money to join do it for him.

Signing up just one new member will both double our membership numbers and resonate with the politicians that gun owners are paying attention. The best part of it is that it's only \$20.00.

This small amount will help Scope continue to fight the good fight, resisting the anti-gun politicians

You are proud Second Amendment supporters - do not sit idle. The time to act is now before they pass their new gun control legislation (Membership application on page 16).

Teen Shooting Academy

August 2010

By Robert D. Church

The Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 sessions of Teen Shooting Academy have been very successful. The boys and girls responded in a positive way to learning proper gun safety, gun fundamentals and the proper shooting technology for accuracy.

We had one girl in the Handgun Class who attended both the Fall and Spring classes. She graduated in June as a Sharpshooter with three bars. She is an excellent shooter.

In the Shotgun Class two boys, Phil and Brian, attended both the Fall and Spring classes. They graduated this June as Sharpshooters.

In the Rifle Class we had three girls and one boy who attended both the fall and spring classes. They graduated this June as Sharpshooters with two bars.

During the month of July, several mothers of our students wanted to learn how to shoot properly. T.S.A. sponsored a Ladies Rifle Training Class. The Moms and a Grandma had an exciting time. The Grandma, 62 years old, was really excited, especially when she got a bullseye. They want to take another course in Jan. or Feb. of 2011. If you would like to join the fun, call me at the number below to register.

I would like to say thanks to the SCOPE members and officers who are instructors for the Teen Shooting Academy, such as: Chairman of the Board, Budd Schroeder; President Stephen Aldstadt; and Erie County Chapter of SCOPE Chairman, Gerry Cumbo.

If you would like to teach at the Teen Shooting Academy in Rifle, Shotgun or Handgun, please call Bob Church at 716-592-7211 or email Arcpower@aol.com.

Teen Shooting Academy
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NOTICE FALL SESSION FOR 2010

The Teen Shooting Academy is the only school in NYS that teaches young people the art of shooting of a rifle, shotgun and handgun. This is not a shooting gallery. All of our instructors are NRA CERTIFIED.

Rifle Class: Ages 12 to 20 years old, boys or girls, can earn a NRA Marksmanship Qualification award. Registration fee is \$30.00 per student and includes cartridges, targets and books.

Maximum number of students is 16.

Class Time and Date: 6:30 to 9 PM, 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, starting on Sept 20, 2010 for a total of eight classes.

Handgun Class: Ages 14 to 20 years old, boys or girls, can earn a NRA Marksmanship Qualification award. Registration fee is \$30.00 per student and includes cartridges, targets and books. Maximum number of students is 14.

Class Time and Date: 6:30 to 9 PM, 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, starting on Sept 13, 2010 for a total of eight classes.

Equipment: Eye and ear protection, rifles, handguns, ammunition and gun cleaning equipment are provided.

Classes will be held at the Mohawk Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. 851 Sheridan Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Deadline to register is Sept 1, 2010. First come, first served.

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

The Teen Shooting Academy, Inc. is a 501 c (3) charitable organization. All donations to T.S.A. are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

The Magnum Report

Skeet Shooting

By Keith Kappel

Head down - eye on the target - maintain your lead. These are the fundamentals that if adhered to, will result in your being an effective competitor and good wing shooter.

To expand on these points, they simply mean to keep your head comfortably in place on the gun stock; once you've mounted the gun, keep your eyes focused on the target; lastly, set your lead and keep the gun swinging - feel it moving after you've pulled the trigger.

Notice I said pull not squeeze the trigger. In this kind of fast action shooting, you are training your mind to react quickly to slap the trigger once you've captured the sight picture. And this is fast action shooting. The target moves at about 60mph and takes about one second to reach mid field after being released when you call pull. Raising your head is a sure way to shoot over the target. If you bring your eyes back to the bead your shot pattern could be anywhere. The most common problem for a skeet shooter is to stop swinging and aim at the target which will put you behind it every time.

In skeet, there is a high house and a low house with seven stations arranged in a semi-circle with seven stations between them, plus station eight which is centered between the two houses at mid field. The range is 21 yards from each of the first seven stations to a center stake at mid field. This stake is 10 feet outside of station eight and marks the crossing point for the high and low house targets. At station eight you are positioned at mid field and fire one shot at the high and low house targets which move over your right and left shoulder respectively. All targets are moving diagonally away from you. Two shots

are fired at each station one at a time at each of a high and low house target. You repeat your first miss and shoot doubles at stations 1, 2, 6, and 7. If you get to low house eight without a miss you repeat low eight for a round of 25.

Target leads vary from about one foot to four feet for stations one through seven. On station eight - just cover up the target and shoot. On station eight, you must shoot before the target gets by you otherwise it is a lost target.

In registered competition as well as various leagues you are classed based upon your historical shooting record as AAA, AA, A, B, C, D, and E. Accordingly, you are always competing against shooters of a comparable skill level. As you improve you move up in class. For more information on registered competition and the handicap system see www.nssa-nasca.com. There you can learn how to become involved in registered competition and New York has been among the leading states in promoting and participating in this sport. Registered shoots are conducted just about every weekend during spring and summer at clubs around the state culminating at the NY State Championships typically held at Rochester Brooks in Rush, NY over Labor Day weekend. Beyond that, the world Championships are held at San Antonio, TX annually. New York has produced a number of top shooters over the years - I won't name them for fear of leaving anyone out. Most competitive registered events consist of 400 rounds in a weekend - 100 in each gauge (12, 20, 28 and 410). Frequently there is a doubles event where you shoot doubles at each of stations one through seven. As you get into the higher skill classifications, events frequently end in ties due to multiple perfect scores being achieved. In this case the winner is determined by a shoot off of doubles at every station - except eight.

Most league shooting is an all gauge event of 50 targets with

some leagues including a small gauge (28 and 410) event in addition. Because registered competition can be an expensive hobby, many people choose to shoot in various leagues held throughout the area during both the summer and winter months. Shooting in the winter offers its own set of unique challenges due to the weather and wind. Target variations caused by wind will certainly challenge your ability to concentrate and adapt. There will be more on league shooting in the next issue.

Skeet guns may be all gauge (typically 12ga), 20ga, 28ga and 410. Shot sizes are usually either 8 or 9 and loads must be no more than 1200 fps. Any action other than a single shot is acceptable however, the most common are semi auto and over/under. There is a specific skeet choke which is one click tighter than cylinder bore but the choice is up to you. However, bear in mind that tighter chokes put you at a competitive disadvantage. Shot weights may be a maximum of 1 and 1/8oz, 7/8oz, 3/4oz and 1/2oz respectively for the bore sizes noted above. Many 12 gauge shooters use 1 or even 7/8 ounce loads.

My preference is a Remington M3200 over/under with ported barrels and an adjustable stock comb to direct recoil away from my face and position the beads in such a way that once I shoulder the gun, I forget about the beads and focus on the target. I also load 1 ounce of shot in the 12ga which helps minimize recoil. The prettier the wood on the gun the better it shoots. A vent rib is necessary to dissipate heat distortion and a center bead is highly desirable to facilitate alignment and sight picture. Choice of a skeet gun and how to trick it out are up to individual preferences and prejudices. I've seen youngsters perform admirably with a M97 Winchester pump and other people with shotguns so fine I'd be afraid to take them out of the gun safe. If shooting a semi auto, four different shotguns are

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Justice Breyer defends DC?

By Paul Rusin

Justice Stephen Breyer has a book coming out in September 2010 called "Making Our Democracy Work: A Judges View." An excerpt of the book is printed in "The New York Review of Books," Summer 2010 issue.

In the article, Justice Breyer concentrates on the Heller decision, and how it relates to "Proportionality." He speaks of balancing the needs of the state versus the needs of the people. He addresses the requirement that people need to protect innocent life, and how the ban applies in this instance, whether it protects innocent life, or causes a loss of innocent life due to its all-constraining law: In essence, is a com-

plete ban legally substantive, and proportionally does it effect the needs of one set, the state, versus the needs of another, the individual.

Justice Breyer notes that the justices went back into history, primarily, the 18th century to determine what it was that the founders were seeking when they initiated the Second Amendment (2A). Breyer starts by quoting the amendment in it's entirety. This goes on to intimate that the left's view that revolves around the militia is not correct, must be adjusted to serve the common need, and the current trends. Nowhere in the founders intent is current trend ever mentioned. The founder's belief was that the human condition was constant, that there were, and are, immutable laws, laws which transcend any governmental form, that the human condition through all centuries, and all time remains in need of --not a desire, but a need--proper personal, self protection. As we

know, the founder's determination was that the individual was their own sovereign. We are the king of our own castle (home). They are, also, under the constitution, the ones who not only form the government, but who the government must answer to in all things, and in all cases.

Therefore, Justice Breyer's contention that there are some needs of the state, or the territory (Washington, D.C.), which transcend the needs of the people is a false substitute of the left, a declaration, (let's say) "fundamentally," which "transforms" our government from one "of, by and for the people" into one in which the government trumps the people, becomes the ruling class, with a knowledge greater, and more paramount than the individual. Thus, in such a "fundamentally transformed" governmental form, the government becomes sovereign, and the people, subservient to its desires, its compassion, its sensibilities, its "greater knowledge." That is anathema to the founder's views, to the republican form of governance which the founders instituted.

Justice Breyer refuses to understand the true intent of the founders'. This intent was that the people forever remain free under a republican form of governance. The only safe repository which will protect that is the individual right to keep & bear arms. Justice Breyer, and the dissenters in general, also, fail to understand, nor has a decision been made in regard to, "...shall not be infringed." More importantly, they have not addressed the issue of the meaning of "infringed," which I did in a former article in the last issue of Firing Lines in 2007, called, "The Meaning of Infringed."

Hopefully, we will see the NRA, or some other entity, or group of entities, taking the court to task in regards this issue sometime in the near future. The very foundation of our government relies on a populace which remains armed, able to overturn a government which becomes excessively restrictive, or overtly anathema to our constitution. Who could say that we are not currently experiencing such a governmental form when those in power are not only the majority in all but one branch of government, but who have

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required for registered competition. With an over/under you may acquire a four barrel set or have the 12ga tubed with inserts for 20, 28 and 410. In either case with the over/under, the gun is typically balanced so the weight is the same regardless of gauge. Once the stock is adjusted or fit to you, you're essentially shooting the same gun regardless of gauge.

A round of skeet will cost you \$2.50 to \$4.00 or so depending upon the club and membership status. Most clubs charge reduced rates for juniors and these reduced rates also apply to league shooting. Reloading brings the cost of shells down considerably. How much depends upon the volume of the components you buy. Last time I checked, a box of 12ga one ounce loads ran me around \$2.65.

Some people believe you can't miss with a shotgun because of the multiple pellets in the pattern. A one ounce 12ga load contains about 500 number nine BBs. Try it and see how easy it is to miss. Some people like to start youngsters with a 410 because of the minimal recoil. This is a bad idea. Youngsters should start

out with at least a 20ga with the 410 being left for after some skill has been developed.

What I've described, so far, is American Skeet. International style, as shot in the Olympics, is even more challenging. There, the target moves faster, is a tad smaller, the butt of the gun must start at your hip and there can be up to a three second delay between the time you call for a target and when it is released. Sporting clays and five stand are variations that add further levels of challenge.

There are a number of schools of thought on stock fit, foot position, sight picture, where to place your left hand on the forearm, hold point etc. Skeet can be a lot like golf where you can have so many thoughts going through your head that it becomes impossible to keep them straight. Similarly, you cannot buy success by constantly changing and tweaking your equipment. I tell the grandkids not to get hung up on mechanics. Just stick to the fundamentals - head down, eye on the target and maintain your lead. And when I miss, they remind me.

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Distractions

By Blackpowder Bill

A new distracting news topic breaks every minute. By all accounts Americans should be the skinniest people in the world considering the amount of time they spend jumping to conclusions, conclusions which are based on half a story & no facts. Reading is fundamental & history is written by those who watched, remembered by those who participated & reacted to by those who never paid attention. Your television is being controlled by us, make no attempt to adjust the dial, we will return you to your regularly broadcast program shortly. Today, your fate is a mouse click away.

Every day I have my email in box filled with all kinds of, well I call them distractions. You know the emails, the "YOU HAVE TO READ THIS NOW" type of notes. On any given day I delete at least 100 unread emails from my inbox & spam folder. Most of these contain the same message only from different sources.

We live in New York not Arizona, California or Montana and what is happening in those states may affect us in one way or the other. It is not SCOPE's primary goal to lobby

or rally to their cause. As an example of what a distraction can cause you to lose sight of I'll give the short version on the recent New York crossbow issue.

Recently in New York we had a crossbow bill. I spent hundreds of hours over the course of a few years convincing fellow sportsmen & politicians that the crossbow should be made legal for all people. I argued to stop waving the flag of a few and wave a flag for all. In other words, everyone should be able to hunt with a crossbow not just the old, young or disabled. I read hundreds of comments for and against the crossbow, but when it came time to pass into law a call from a Legislators office made chills run through me. They were chills of anger when I was told all his office received was 200 letters~**200 letters I said**. The aide replied, yea we scan all of them. The letters were 150 against and 50 for, (numbers rounded off.) Yet during the crossbow debate I had received hundreds of emails, read & deleted more topics that were not germane to the crossbow. While the crossbow was not a **2nd amendment** issue, S.C.O.P.E. and many other associations wrote letters of support for this to be passed into law. It didn't cost us anything and many of our members were in support of the crossbow bill. So why if people had the time to

email me border crossing or is the President a citizen or not & the latest cougar sighting news. Then why didn't they write a letter of support for the crossbow?

Today as we sit on the dawn of another election, New Yorkers are again distracted by the elections' in other states & opinions of other associations. I had a guy 2 weeks ago tell me he has never voted. Another in the group told him he needs to stop giving opinions. I have people asking me what the NRA is going to do. I tell them I don't know, call them and ask. Then the reply; they're not a member, they don't like all the mail and calls.

Again while what happens in another state may affect us or not, New Yorkers really need to concentrate on what we need to do in order to change the overwhelming tide of lame stream media propaganda, criminals in New York government & distractions here at home.

New Yorker's have a few candidates who were brave enough to stand up to the life long anti gun politicians you have complained about for so long. S.C.O.P.E. can not endorse a political candidate, but S.C.O.P.E. does rate the candidates. Our rating system is based on their voting record and a survey they return to us. You as a sportsman

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avowed a "fundamental transformation" of our "constitutional republican" government system. All law must answer to the constitution said the Supreme Court in "Marbury v. Madison." A "fundamental transformation" through legislation which is incontrovertibly unconstitutional, cannot stand. We must stand up to those who would seek this "fundamental transformation" throwing them out of government, forever.

Part II

Our rights are both unalienable, and inalienable. Inalienable means a right "cannot be legally or justly alienated or transferred to another."

Unalienable means "unable to be sold, transferred, or conveyed, such as property." Our rights are our property. They are endowed on us by a benevolent God, They cannot be sold, transferred, exchanged, conveyed to another, even with our consent. They are independent of any government, and any government which seeks to abolish or destroy them stands in contravention to its authority. Those who we have elected as our representatives who take an oath to "protect & defend" the constitution, who then go about destroying it, abolishing or denying us our rights, even seeking to "fundamentally transform" it, are in contravention to their oath, and have in effect, committed treason.

Our inalienable rights are what the founders tried to convey when they noted in the Declaration of independence that we "...are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights..." These, also, noted that governments are instituted to "secure these rights," that these governments derive their "just powers from the consent of the governed," i.e., "we, the people."

These same founders, also, declared, "That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the RIGHT of the people to alter, or abolish it...", to "...throw off such Government, and provide new Guards for their future security."

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and as a 2nd amendment supporter need to bring your emotions under control and vote on **one single issue**, which is the 2nd amendment. No other issue is as important to us as this one. All your other personal political views should all be listed under the 2nd amendment. This is our issue, our cause and ultimately our fate.

What is my prediction for the single issue voter in 2010?

Short term memory and CRS will take hold. You'll be distracted; I mean 4,000 fishermen went to Washington D.C. with Senator Schumer. How do you think they'll vote in November? Many people will vote for

whom ever their union tells them to. All the while believing that person will bring your manufacturing job back.

Government employees will complain about the possibility of being laid off, lack of funding & understaffed offices. You will be distracted by all of this & as in the past you will write letters of support for them. Mean while many of those people have never helped you with a job, pay raise or actually did anything that helped your group. I mean what the heck, they are being paid to work for us, were not being paid to lobby for them.

Someone explain to me how

“Tickle me Massa” and “Dan Pelosi-Maffei” was elected? Most of their district is rural, farmers & gun owners with supposedly old traditional values. Looks like they promised something the 2nd amendment politicians could not. Was it money or a dream of a job that was sent to China 20 years ago? Did anything change? No, in fact it became worse.

You've read all what I've written here and by now many of you think I'm blowing smoke? Well if ya think I am FOIL one of your state politicians and see how many of your friends sent letters or made calls to support the 2nd amendment, cross-

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BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

Please send _____ ticket(s) for the 2010 SCOPE Banquet.

Return by mail or Hold them at the door. (Please check one.)

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

\$50.00 - per ticket • \$90.00 - per couple • Table of 10 - \$400.00

Please make check payable to SCOPE and enclose it with this order form.

Mail to: SCOPE c/o Aaron McCarthy, 8316 Irish Rd. Colden, NY 14033

Every full page ad in our program includes one FREE ticket.

Space is LIMITED ... So get your tickets early

BANQUET AD ORDER FORM

I would like to place the following ad in the SCOPE 2009 Banquet Booklet.

My name as a "Sponsor"..... \$ 5.00

1/4 Page Ad \$ 40.00

1/2 Page Ad \$ 50.00

Full Page Ad (includes 1 banquet ticket) \$100.00

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Ad Copy should be submitted electronically if possible.

Any questions, contact me at (716) 864-2662 or aaron.mccarthy81@gmail.com.

Please include your check made payable to SCOPE.

Mail to SCOPE c/o Aaron McCarthy, 8316 Irish Rd Colden, NY 14033.

****Ad copy due by September 16th to guarantee placement in the Banquet Program****

2010 SCOPE BANQUET ADS

Below are the actual sizes of the advertisement space available for the annual SCOPE banquet booklet. Please note, the FULL PAGE ad now *includes* a banquet ticket. Advertisements can be submitted electronically (preferred) or traditionally. FTP SITE IS AVAILABLE TO SEND YOUR COPY!!!

AD SUBMISSIONS:

DIGITAL Copy Preferred FTP to www.joeoutdoorguy.com
username = scopeads
password = freedom

Supported Programs:

QuarkXPress
Pagemaker
InDesign
Illustrator
Acrobat
Microsoft Word
Microsoft Publisher

All scans, logos, and graphics must be at least 300 DPI at 100%

Font files must be embedded or Included if possible

Traditional Submissions
MUST BE CLEAN COPY!!!
E.g. Hi-Res Scannable
NO writing on copy
Photos Preferred

**Copy Deadline is
September 16, 2010**

**** PLEASE NOTE ****

We cannot take a business card and create a full page ad.
We cannot scan business cards or Any copy with textured paper.

If you have any questions on composition methods, or if your Software program is not listed above, please contact Joe McAdams at (716) 570-3436 or email me at joe@joeoutdoorguy.com

**** BEST VALUE ****
FULL Page ... \$100.00

7.5" High x 4.5" Wide

Includes a **FREE**
Banquet Ticket
a \$50.00 Value!

1/2 Page ... \$50.00
3.75" High x 4.5" Wide

1/4 Page ... \$40.00
1.875" High x 4.5" Wide

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bow, trap tag I.D., Snapping turtle trapping, to repeal COBIS and the handgun permit issue. What you'll see or actually what you will not see will forever change how to talk & deal with people.

The **ONLY** solution is to stay focused & delete those email topics not germane to New York. To concentrate on **OUR** goal the **2nd amendment** & not another's goals that keeps them in a pay check and us distracted.

If you want another two or four years of Dope & Chains don't heed my advice & you can also stop emailing me if you choose Dope & Chains again over the **2nd amendment**.

200 letters out of 1,071,772 hunting, fishing & trapping license sales

I'll say it again: You as a sportsman and as a **2nd amendment** supporter need to bring your emotions under control and vote on **one single issue**, which is the **2nd amendment**. No other issue is as important to us as this one. This is our issue, our cause and ultimately our fate.



Professional NRA Certified Instruction in Rifle, Shotgun and Handgun

We offer

Private Ranges of up to 500, 200 and 25 Yards with Reactive Steel Plates

Video and photo diagnosis

Day and night hiking/orienteering

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Nestled in the NY Finger Lakes region, 50 miles from Rochester, NY. Day course or weekend series including basic gun safety, long range shooting, personal defense, and more.

Call Bill at 585 413-6340

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.

SCOPE-PAC

Announcing **SCOPE-PAC**, a political committee affiliated with SCOPE, Inc. but a separate organization conforming with New York State Election Laws and applicable federal laws.

SCOPE-PAC is raising funds specifically for the support of candidates for state offices that support your right to keep and bear arms. Now you can participate in the political process with more than just your vote; you can donate to **SCOPE-PAC** and be assured your contribution will go to those candidates that will fight for your rights.

Donate today!

Yes! I will help protect my Second Amendment rights
Here is my donation of: \$20___ \$50___ \$100___ Other___

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to:
SCOPE-PAC, PO Box 12711, Rochester, NY 14612

Donations to SCOPE-PAC are not tax deductible and are subject to all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

www.SCOPEny.org

Up to date information on bills and proposed legislation. Our news section is updated daily to bring you the latest gun related stories.

Find phone numbers and E-mail addresses for your representatives, and contact information for SCOPE chapters, committees and representatives near you.

Visit SCOPEny.org today!

Also check out

www.2ndamendmentshow.com

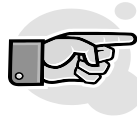
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INSURING YOUR 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS?

SCOPE THE RIGHT INSURANCE!

SO DON'T DELAY
SIGN UP TODAY!



The Second Amendment Radio Show

1590 AM, 1310 AM

10:00-11:30 am every Thursday
and 7:00-8:30 pm every Saturday
and Sunday also on the Internet

7/24 at:

2ndamendmentshow.com

or

SCOPEny.org

or

restoringamericanetwork.net

*Hear a SCOPE representative
each week on the show.*

The Western NY Sportsman Show
follows at 11:30 AM

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

Membership Dues: Annual - \$20 3 Year Annual -- \$ 55 SCOPE Patch - \$ 4.00

Sponsor - \$40 3 Year Sponsor - \$ 110

Endowment ----- \$ 800 Benefactor - \$1000

Check Appropriate Life - \$ 600 New Member Renewal

Boxes
Mail To: Shooters Committee on Political Education (SCOPE), P.O. Box 602, Tonawanda, NY, 14151-0602

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Please Print

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please check all that apply:

Are you an NRA member? Life Annual Will you serve on Committees? Yes No

Are you registered to Vote? Yes No

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