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Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club, Inc. –May 2019-Property Management & Legislative Reports: Chairman Paul Annetts

Legislative Report: (Posted in downstairs clubhouse & read at general meeting & Board meeting & posted on Club’s Internet Site, and sent to members with emails registered with Club):

Bills are tracked when Legislature is in session from January through June of each year. In the second year of the two-year session, New York State legislators are elected to a two-year term. On the first day of the new session, most of the previous year’s bills, which remain active at the end of the year, will automatically be carried into the new session, with some exceptions: bills not carried over will include (but are not limited to) those that were Chaptered, vetoed, had the enacting clause stricken, or the sponsor is no longer in the Legislature. A bill will retain its bill number assigned to it in the first year of the two-year session. If a bill only passed its own house last year, it must re-pass that house again in the new session, before it can advance to the other house. In general, all active bills will be referred to the original committee, except for Assembly bills which passed only the Assembly last year; these bills will be reported to the Assembly’s third reading calendar*. *Exception: if an Assembly bill had a “Home Rule Request”, that bill will be re-committed, even if it passed the Assembly. (Legislative Rules.) **Bill must pass Senate-then Assembly-then Gov.; while the Legislature is in session, the governor has 10 days, not counting Sundays, to sign or veto bills passed by both houses. Sign bills**

become law; vetoed bills do not however, the governor's failure to sign or veto a bill within the 10-day period means that it becomes law automatically. Vetoed bills are returned to the house that first pass them together with a statement of the reason for their disapproval. A vetoed bill can become law if two thirds of the members of each house vote to override the governor's veto.

Bills Passed-Waiting for Governor:

S2450-Mandatory Storage Law: Oppose:

Relates to requirements for the safe storage of rifles, shotguns, and firearms.

The Democratic-controlled state legislature has passed a measure to lower the legal blood alcohol content threshold for hunting while intoxicated; the legislation seeks to lower it from .10% to .08%, the same as it is for the state's driving while intoxicated and boating while intoxicated laws.

Bills pending in Senate or Assembly:

A600-Oppose: prohibits New York State from raising pheasants.

Action: Referred to Environmental Conservation committee.

A703-Oppose- prohibits the use of lead ammunition in the taking of wildlife on state owned land and on land contributing surface water to the New York city water supply. **Action: referred to environmental conservation committee**

A722/S4253-Oppose- which would ban hunting contests and field trials for hunting dogs. **Action: referred to the environmental conservation committee**

A1213-Oppose- relates to access to foreign state records concerning previous or present mental illness of applicant's for firearm licenses. **Action: passed the Senate and returned to the Assembly**

A1413-Oppose- bans firearms as prizes in raffles. **Action: Referred to Racing & Wagering.**

A2049/S1363-Support-Eliminates the requirement that hunters wear back tags during hunting season in the state. -- **NOTE: This is the same bill which Whortlekill Rod and Gun Club had previously initiated; New York State is the only state which requires hunters to wear a back tag and to add further confusion, the Adirondack area does not require a back tag to be worn by a hunter, nor does certain parts of the Catskills. This tag is an archaic tool for law enforcement purposes as it can easily be fabricated; reasonable cause to believe a violation may have occurred would cause the law enforcement officer to ask the individual for his actual license, same as a state trooper would do when requesting a driver's license. Action: Passed Senate (S2923) & referred to Environmental Conservation**

A2525/S620-Support- prohibits the hunting or taking of wildlife with the aid of an unmanned aerial vehicle. **Action: referred to the environmental conservation committee**

S538-Support- makes crossbow's akin to longbows for hunting purposes; appealer. **Action: referred to the environmental conservation committee**

S1209A-Support- relates to removing the prohibition on the use of a firearm silencer. Action: **referred to the environmental conservation committee**

S1412- Additional Requirements: Oppose:

An act to amend the penal law and the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing additional requirements to purchase a firearm, shotgun, or rifle. Among them are: an individual would be required to apply for a hunting license prior to the purchase of the shotgun or rifle; the prospective gun owner would be required to take a five hour gun safety course and examination and passed a shooting range test with 90% accuracy; the gun buyer would have to provide notarized proof of a past drug test and mental health evaluation, providing proof of purchase of firearm and ammunition safe storage depositories and passing a criminal background check. **Action: referred to the codes committee**

S5829-Oppose- establishes certain crimes relating to the criminal possession or manufacture of an undetectable firearm, rifle, or shotgun. **Action: referred to the codes committee**

S9191 (1413): Oppose: Is an act to “amend the penal law, in relation to requiring social media and search engine reviews prior to the approval of application or renewal of license to

carry or possess a pistol or revolver..... The applicant must consent to have his or her social media accounts and search engine history reviewed and investigated In order to ascertain whether any social media account or search engine history of an applicant presents any good cause for the denial of a license, the investigating officer shall, after obtaining the applicant's consent, the applicant must submit his or her login name, password or other means for accessing a personal account, service, or electronic communications device necessary to review such applicant's social media accounts and search engine history, review an applicant's social media accounts for the previous three years and search engine history for the previous year and investigate an applicant's posts or searches related to: (1) commonly known profane slurs or biased language used to describe the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person; (2) threatening the health or safety of another person; (3) an act of terrorism; or (4) other issue deemed necessary by the investigating officer. ...Social media accounts shall only include Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram, and search engine shall only include Google, Yahoo, and Bing.... Upon completion of the investigation, the police authority shall report the results to the licensing officer without unnecessary delay. All licenses shall be recertified to the division of state police every five years thereafter." **Action: this bill is currently in the rules committee**

Property Management Concerns:

None at this time.

Sidebar Comments:

1- “Recently a “Report for Survey of New York Hunters about Crossbows” was issued by DEC. Basically, a total of 3,772 hunters completed the entire survey, and 73 partially completed the survey; thus 3,845 total respondents. The response rate, including complete and partial responders, was 41.1% of the total hunters selected for this survey which was 10,000. Some of the highlights are as follows:

a-Do you hunt big game in New York with a vertical bow (compound, longbow, recurve bow)? **63% responded, yes.**

b-Do you use a crossbow for hunting during the last 10 to 14 days of the early bow season? **58% answered, no.**

c-If you currently do not own a crossbow, would you acquire and use one for hunting if they were allowed during the entire bow season? **61% answered, yes.**

d-If you currently use a crossbow for hunting, would you increase the number of days you use it if crossbows were allowed during the entire bow season? 50 answered, yes.

e- Would you prefer that hunters purchase a bow hunting privilege or muzzle loading privilege to hunt with a crossbow? **61% answered “Bow hunting privilege.””**

Conclusions:

“Hunters who participated in the survey were overwhelmingly interested in having a longer season available for crossbow use, and generally in favor of allowing crossbow use in archery and allowed 12 and 13-year-olds to hunt with a crossbow in

instances where they can use vertical bows. Moreover, most non-crossbow hunters expressed interest in purchasing a crossbow if the season were lengthened. By a 3 to 1 margin respondents were also in favor purchasing a bow hunting privilege rather than a muzzleloader privilege to hunt with a crossbow.”

2-Currently working on a doctorate program, I am studying **nullification**. “Nullification begins with the axiomatic point that a federal law that violates the Constitution is no law at all. It is void and of no effect. Nullification simply pushes this uncontroversial point to a step further: if the law is unconstitutional and therefore void and of no effect, is up to the states, the parties to the federal compact, to declare it so and thus refuse to enforce it. Nullification provides a shield between the people of the state and an unconstitutional law from the federal government.” (Thomas Woods,Jr.) **Thus, note the following.....**

“**A Missouri Senate committee** held a hearing on a bill that would set the foundation to create a “**gun rights sanctuary state**” by banning state and local enforcement of most federal gun control. Passage into law would represent a major step toward ending federal acts that infringe on the right to keep and bear arms within the state and practice and effect. Senate Bill 367, titled the Second Amendment Preservation Act, states that the legislation would ban any person, including any public officer or employee of the state and its political subdivisions, from enforcing any past, present or future federal acts, laws,

executive orders, administrative orders, court orders, rules, or regulations that infringe on the right to keep and bear arms. The legislation includes a provision that would allow anybody who violates the law and knowingly deprives somebody of their right to keep and bear arms as defined by the law to be sued for damages in civil court.” **Update: this bill has been passed by the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee and the bill will now be scheduled for further debate and voted on by the full Senate.** Interesting! Sent to Senator, NYSCC, NYSR&PA, and SCOPE for their info.

3-NRA needs our help!

NRA’s Executive Vice President, Wayne LaPierre, reports; “Cuomo hasn’t minced words in making his intentions clear when he stated, “It’s time to put the NRA out of business!” “We’re forcing NRA into financial jeopardy. We won’t stop until we shut them down!” (Cuomo wrote on his official Facebook account.) LaPierre further stated, “New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has launched an unprecedented campaign.... to use the extraordinary power of his New York State government to shutter NRA’s doors, silence our voice, and put us out of business forever.”” This raw abuse of power is unprecedented in the history of our nation. And even organizations and publications that don’t usually agree with the NRA – like the American Civil Liberties Union and the New Republic – have publicly slammed Cuomo’s tactics as a blatant attack on the First Amendment and a clear and present danger to American freedom..... For the first time in 147-year history, we are facing a very real threat to the continued existence of

the NRA. Let's not allow Gov. Cuomo to destroy this time-honored organization that's done so much for freedom's cause. Let's not allow Gov. Cuomo to destroy our right to peaceably join together under the NRA banner to fight for the constitutional rights we cherish. Please help "STOP THE NRA SHUTDOWN" by making an immediate contribution of \$27, \$52, \$100, \$250, or even \$500 or more today. Only with your support can we win this life or death court battle against New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his campaign to put us out of business forever. If we win this battle, we can score the biggest legal victory in history for the NRA, for the First Amendment, for the Second Amendment, and for every freedom we cherish. But if we lose, the NRA's voice will be silenced forever, law-abiding gun owners across this nation will be disarmed, and American freedom as we know it will be gone."

I believe that everyone understands the governor has stopped NRA sponsored liability insurance (part of this lawsuit), which affected our club directly, and we had to seek insurance elsewhere. **This is a very real threat against sportsmen/sports women. Donations, of which I have already committed myself, can be made by mail to "The National Rifle Association of America, 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030 – 9400 or online: NRA.org/SaveNRA or: call toll-free: 1- 844 – SAVE – NRA 1– 844 – 728 – 3672.**

4-"Pres. Trump announced Friday that the United States will withdraw its signature from the UN Arms Trade Treaty after concerns were raised by the Second Amendment activist that it might infringe on the American's right to bear arms." "Under

my administration we will never surrender American sovereignty to anyone, we will never allow foreign bureaucrats to trample on our Second Amendment freedom and that is why my administration will never ratify the UN Trade Treaty, “ Trump said during the National Rifle Association annual meeting in Indianapolis, according to Fox news.” “I am officially announcing today that the United States will be revoking the effect of America’s signature from this badly misguided treaty, were taking our signature back,” Trump added.”

Legislators:

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US Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney – 18th District – 123 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550 (845-561-1259)

US Senator Kristen Gillibrand– Hudson Valley Office, P.O. Box 893, Mahopac, NY 10541 (845-875-4585)

US Senator Charles Schumer –One Park Place, Suite 100, Peekskill, NY 10566 (914-734-1532)

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New York Firearms: www.nyfirearms.com

Second Amendment Foundation: www.saf.org

National Rifle Association: www.homenra.org and New York State Rifle and Pistol Association
(NRA Affiliate): www.nysrpa.org

National Shooting Sports Foundation: www.nssf.org

National Association for Gun Rights: www.nationalgunrights.org

Firearms Policy Coalition: www.firearmspolicy.org

Gun Owners of America: www.gunownersofamerica.org

New York Crossbow Coalition: www.nycrossbowcoalition.com- 491 Albion Cross Road,
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New York Bowhunters, Inc.-P.O. Box 1157, Canandaigua, NY 14424 (518-229-7468)

New York Safe Act: www.governor.ny.gov/nysafeact/gun-reform

New York State Police Field Guide to the New York State SAFE Act:
www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/nysp_safe_act_field_guide

New York State Conservation Council –www.nyscc.com

Dutchess County Federation of Fish and Game Clubs: www.dutchessfishandgame.org

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Separate “Bills of Concern” report to the following as requested:

Putnam County-Federation President Ray Merlotto

Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs of Sullivan County-President Jack Danchak

Orange County Federation President-Jim Torcivia

Ulster County Federation President-Dave Davis

Rockland County Federation President-Stan Pasco

Senator Sue Serino

Assemblyman Kieran Lalor