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Special Note for Sportsmen/Women:

- **End of this monthly report contains key contact information** you can use to contact your U.S. Congressman and Senators, state Senators and Assemblyman, Dutchess County legislators and New York groups who support our Second Amendment Right.
- Mr. Bill Conners of the Dutchess County Federation of Fish and Game Clubs, author of the **“Outdoor Journal”**, offers to club members who own their own business the opportunity to purchase a “Business Advertisement” for \$50 in the “Journal” by contacting him at 845-635-1606 or conners@billconners.net. The Journal publication reaches many areas through its distribution of 3500 papers.
- **For Dutchess County Federation of Fish & Game Clubs’ Monthly Report** go to: www.dutchessfishandgame.org.
- **New York Outdoor News:** Keep up to date with information for New York State sportsmen/women. Yearly subscription.
www.outdoornews.com/newyork 1-800-535-5191
 - **Important site regarding the New York SAFE Act:**www.governor.ny.gov/nysafeact/gun-reform.
 - **Important site regarding the New York State Police Field Guide to the NYS SAFE Act:**
www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/nysp_safe_act_field_guide

Legislative information:

- **Bills are tracked when Legislature is in session from January through June of each year.** “What to expect 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 2014 session, most of the 2013 bills which remain active at the end of the year will automatically be carried into the 2014 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 repass that house again in 2014, before it can advance to the other house. In general, all active bills will be referred to the original committee, with the exception of 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 recommitted, even if it passed the assembly.”(Legislative Rules)
- **New York State Rifle & Pistol Organization’s Legislative Report site** contains bills you should be acquainted with; www.NYSRPA.org....then scroll down to their “Legislative Report”.
 - **Very important site: New York State Conservation Council. Look up bills and how members of your Council voted!**
(WWW.NYSCC.com)

Key Impact Bills:

- **A6534/S4498**-Would allow clubs and preserves to sell ammunition without the restrictions of the SAFE Act. **Update:** Bill is still in Codes; in other words it has gone to committee for discussion.
- **A06466A/S00090A**-Eliminates the requirement for hunters to wear back tags during hunting season in the state. Currently only the southern zone is required to wear back tags, except the Catskills;

- the northern zone no longer wears back tags. Update: Currently up for debate in Environmental Conservation.
- **A08790/S06589-Relates to any department of environmental conservation management plan regarding mute swans. Update: Passed Assembly & delivered to Senate and referred to Environmental Conservation.**
 - **A08857/S06667-Imposes a moratorium on any plan or proposed plan of the Department of Environmental Conservation to designate the mute swan as a prohibited invasive species or eliminate the mute swan from New York State. Update: Referred to Environmental Conservation.**
 - **A07994-Relates to the Common Core State standards initiative. Note: This bill needs to be repealed; the “Common Core” has re-written the Second Amendment of our Constitution with a negative twist. Update: Currently referred to education.**
 - **A03244A/S68A- Requires semiautomatic pistols manufactured or delivered to any licensed dealer in this state to be capable of micro-stamping ammunition; establishes fines for violations of this requirement and provides for an affirmative defense if the dealer had a certification from the manufacturer. Update: ordered to third reading rules CAL .58**
 - **A04971A/S1946A- Amends the definition of all-terrain vehicles to include certain vehicles of up to 70 inches long and 1500 pounds which consists of a side-by-side passenger configuration for up to three passengers and which include certain safety features. Update: passed the Senate and delivered to Assembly –approved by the Assembly transportation and codes committee-referred to ways and means committee.**
 - **A3941A- Enacts the children’s weapon accident prevention act; creates crimes of failure to store a weapon safely in the first and second degrees, aggravated failure to store a weapon safely, incredibly negligent storage of a weapon in the first and second degrees; provides affirmative defenses; directs the Commissioner of Education to develop a weapon safety program. Update: ordered to third reading rules CAL .60**

Federal Concerns:

According to NYSR&PA: U.S. Congress member Carolyn Maloney (D-Queens/Manhattan/Brooklyn) and Senator Edward Markey (D-Mass.) “introduced bicameral legislation to fund public health research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on gun violence prevention and firearm safety. Markey stated, “It is time we studied the issue of gun violence like the public health crisis it is. If we want to prevent injury and deaths from guns, we need to know what can be done to prevent it. No one should be afraid of more non-partisan scientific research of this issue – not Democrats, not Republicans, and not the NRA.” ...” Maloney said their legislation calls for \$10 million each year, for six years, beginning in fiscal year 2015. She said Pres. Obama included \$10 million in his budget proposal released in March after lifting the 17 year ban on federal gun violence research in 2013.”

According to Gun Owners of America: “..... Obama has now moved to shut down every gun dealer and manufacturer in America by cutting off all credit from any financial institution, in addition to eliminating any ability of an FFL to process payments through the banks..... The effort starts with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which has lumped gun dealers into a “high risk” category. Coupled with Eric Holder’s Justice Department’s “Operation Choke Point”, the FDIC’s actions has encourage banks to destroy the gun industry by dropping dealers, freezing their assets and refusing to process their online sales. Already, thousands of gun dealers report being victimized by this administration’s effort to destroy the Second Amendment by regulatory fiat.” “Gun Owners of America is encouraging Members of Congress to defund Obama’s efforts to dry up funding for the firearms industry by regulatory fiat” “If a gun store you deal with has been squeezed due to the president’s administrative pressure, here is where they can get relief: <http://www.mmsllc.com>. McMillan Merchant Solutions, a large manufacturer of guns and accessories since 1973, recently invented and implemented pistol pay; a product specifically designed to handle legal firearms transactions between two individuals in a safe and secure method.”“Senator Rand Paul filed an amendment to the Science Justice Commerce Appropriations bill which will cut off Obama’s efforts to shut down gun stores by drying up their credit (H.R. 4660, Amendment

3292). Contact your Senators and Representative, demand that they adopt language on this year's appropriations bills which will stop Obama from bankrupting the firearms industry by cutting off credit to gun dealers."

According to USA Today: "The Supreme Court dealt a real blow to the gun lobby by ruling buyers must report when they are purchasing firearms for other people (straw purchases)..... Allowing gun buyers to purchase from licensed dealers without reporting the final owners of the firearms would make little sense, the court ruled. Gun-control advocates said such a ruling would have blown a gaping hole in the nation's laws regulating gun purchases."

State Concerns:

Outdoor News reports:" A federal judge in December upheld most of the New York SAFE Act, rejecting arguments that its ban on large capacity magazines and the sale of popular semiautomatic rifles violates the Second Amendment rights. The judge ruled those provisions are constitutional because they're related to achieving an "important government interest" in public safety..... The decision – the case is New York State Rifle and Pistol Association vs Cuomo – is being challenged in the Second US Circuit Court of Appeals.... Stephen Aldstadt, president of SCOPE (Shooters Committee on Political Education), said the state's filings underscore the widespread opposition to the SAFE Act." "Not only do 52 of New York State's 62 County legislatures oppose Gov. Cuomo's New York SAFE Act, but now 22 other states have weighted in and filed a brief in federal court to challenge the constitutionality of the law."" Because New York's law amounts to a categorical ban of firearms commonly used for lawful purposes by law-abiding citizens, this Court should subject the law to strict scrutiny under its tiers of scrutiny framework," the brief states."

Legislative Resources:

County Legislature:

www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/Legislature/CLlegislators.htm

New York Senator Greg Ball — 40th District- GBall@NYSenate.gov

Lalor, Kieran Michael-Assembly-105 District-Lalork@assembly.state.ny.us

US Congressman Chris Gibson – 19th District –Gibson.house.gov

Barrett, Didi-Assembly – 106 District-Barrett D@assembly.state.ny.us

New York Senator Terry Gipson – 41st District-Gipson@NYSenate.gov

**US Congressman Sean Patrick Mahoney-18th. District-
Seanmaloney.house.gov**

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand-www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/

US Senator Charles Schumer-www.schumer.senate.gov/contactchuck.cfm

Governor A. Cuomo-www.governor.ny.gov

**Tracking State Bill: www.assembly.state.ny.us
www.opencongress.org**

**Note: public.leginfo.state.ny.us contains Bill text and sponser
memorandums; NYS laws also.**

**www.dos.ny.gov/info/register.htm-NYS Register lists notices of proposed
regulations.**

Important Phone Numbers:

Governor (518) 474-8390

NYS Senate (518) 455-2800

NYS Assembly (518) 455-4100

White House Opinion Line (202) 456-1111

Congress (202) 225-3121

Senate (202) 224-3121

New York State Support Groups:

Shooters Committee on Political Action (SCOPE): www.scopeny.org

Dutchess County Chapter: Chairman-Dave Warshaw-dwars92711@aol.com
SCOPE Legislative Reports are available at this website.
SCOPE INC, Attention Legal Defense Fund Project (For donations)
P.O. Box 12711
Rochester, NY 14612

Gun Owner's Political Action Committee of Dutchess (GO-PAC): This is a NY Board of Elections registered Pac raising funds to support LOCAL politicians who are friendly to our cause of firearms civil rights. **www.go-pacdutchess.org**

New York State Rifle & Pistol Association (NRA affiliate): **www.nysrpa.org**
Note: NYSR&PA Legislative Reports are available at this website.

New York Firearms: **www.nyfirearms.com**

Very important site: New York State Conservation Council!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

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