



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY MINORITY

Sportsmen & Outdoor Recreation

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LEADER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,



I would like to thank everyone who took the time to come to Albany for our first annual Legislative Awareness Day. The Assembly Minority Conference and I recognize that the honorable traditions

of hunting, fishing and enjoying New York's great outdoors are deeply rooted in our state and are proudly passed down from generation to generation. These activities also have a significant, positive impact on our state's fiscal health, contributing more than \$1 billion to New York State's economy every year. My colleagues and I welcome the chance to hear about the legislative issues that directly affect you and look forward to working together to preserve the rights and heritage of New York's outdoor recreation enthusiasts.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Kolb
Assembly Minority Leader

Thank You for Making Legislative Awareness Day an Overwhelming Success!



Over 700 sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts gathered in Albany for the Assembly Minority's first annual Sportsmen and Outdoor Recreation Legislative Awareness Day on January 12, 2010. Also contributing to the event's tremendous success was participation from our featured speakers: Wayne LaPierre, CEO & Executive Vice President of the National Rifle Association; Tom King, President of the NYS Rifle and Pistol Association; Ken Mathison, President of SCOPE; Larry Rudolph, President of the Safari Club International; and James Rabbia, Plant Manager for Remington. Leader Kolb and the Assembly Minority Conference look forward to seeing everyone again next January.

STOP

THE ANTI-GUN LOBBY ON APRIL 27th!

Organizations that want to restrict your second amendment right are gathering in Albany on 4/27. Be sure to contact your local Assembly representative to voice your concerns regarding increased regulation at 518-455-4100 or online at www.assembly.state.ny.us.

Bills supported by the anti-gun lobby include:

- Requiring re-licensing and re-certification of firearms permits after 5 years (A. 801-A)
- Mandating microstamping capabilities for all semiautomatic pistols (A.6468-B)
- Creating and imposing restrictive commercial practices and stringent reporting on gun sellers, requiring liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 and restricting premises of sales (A.1093)



Seen & Heard...

This winter, Leader Brian Kolb and the Assembly Minority Conference have been meeting with sportsmen across the state. You may have spotted them:

- Speaking with ice fishermen at Otisco Lake on February 20.
- Accepting the trophy head of a 200-pound Adirondack buck, on loan from Richard Morgan.
- Speaking at a Hunter Education and Safety Course in Batavia.
- Discussing Long Island sportsmen issues with David Miller of the NYS Trappers Association on March 3rd.
- Discussing the importance of preserving the Conservation Fund at a January 30th gathering sponsored by NYS 4-H Shooting Sports in Ballston Spa.



Gov. Paterson Closing State Parks

Governor Paterson announced in February his plan to close 55 parks and historic sites, reduce services at an additional 24 facilities, and increase fees at state parks. Under the proposed closures, park officials said the grass would not be mowed, trails would not be groomed and roads would not be plowed. This would mark the first time in New York history that a state park was closed, ironically following a year where parks reached record attendance levels, as more New Yorkers have come to rely on these low-cost recreation facilities during the current economic crisis. The truth of the matter is New York cannot afford to close its parks. For every \$1 the state invests in parks, \$5 in economic activity is generated for the state.

Join us in the fight to save New York's parks, please write to Governor David Paterson at the State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224 or e-mail him through his webpage at www.state.ny.us/governor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30 to May 9 - Lake Ontario Sportfishing Derby (contact: 585-545-4247)

May 15 - Capital Region Action Against Breast Cancer presents Shoot for the Cure, Iroquois Rod & Gun Club, Rotterdam (contact: Matt 518-843-0227)

May 23 - Wounded Warrior Project 2nd Annual Benefit Shoot, Vernon National Shooting Preserve, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (contact: Tom Fiumarello 845-625-3151)

June 12 - NYS Rifle & Pistol Assoc. Annual Meeting, Wallkill Rod and Gun Club (contact: Brenda 518-272-2654)

June 12 - Town of Colonie Kids Fishing Contest, Colonie Town Park 9 a.m. (contact: Bruce Male 518-869-9102)

SPRING SEASON OPENS Turkey

Season Dates: May 1-31

Hunting Hours:

One half hour before sunrise to noon
Area Open: All of upstate NY north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary
Season Bag Limits: Two bearded turkeys (one bird per day)

Youth Hunt: April 24-25

Eligible Hunters: Youth 12-15 years old
Area Open: Same as regular spring season
Bag Limit: One bearded turkey



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