



NYCOA NEWSLETTER

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YOUTH ARCHERY BILL PASSED WITH SUPPORT OF NYCOA

After almost 20 years of effort, a New York State Youth Archery Bill has been signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo ~ Thanks in part to an informative memo written by NYCOA President Scott Florence, which demonstrated NYCOA's support of this legislation!

RETIREMENT NEWS

From Peter G. Fanelli,
Director of
NYS DEC Division of Law
Enforcement :

"Some of you may have heard that we have a few retirements pending this month. In all my years in DLE I have never seen the Division take such a large hit all at one time. Over 300 hundred years of experience is walking out the door."

The list of retirees is:
Bruce Bullock - 3/30/11
Lawrence Cabana - 3/31/11
Timothy Canfield - 3/31/11
Thomas Flaitz - 3/30/11
Eric Haslun - 3/31/11
Marion Hoffman - 3/31/11
Charles Johncox - 3/31/11
Kevin Lawson - 3/17/11
Matthew Pestinger - 3/31/11
Thomas Scott - 3/31/11
Michael Van Durme - 3/31/11
Karen Williams - 3/31/11

Thank you to these officers for their many years of dedicated service to the people of New York State.

Taken from an article written by Leo Roth, Staff writer for DemocratandChronicle.com on April 1, 2011:
"DEC's Van Durme Retires Following 36 years On Job" —
Michael Van Durme remembers clearly his best day on the job in conservation law enforcement. While assigned to Orleans County in the mid-1980s, he approached a dad fishing with his young son at a pond and holding a brand new Snoopy pole as mom sat reading a book. It was clear the startled father didn't have a license but rather than issue a ticket, Van Durme took the pole and asked, "Is it OK if I show the kid how to fish?" Casting toward a stump, Van Durme instantly hooked a fat bluegill and handed the pole back to the boy to reel in. He then gave the youngster a sticker that read: Junior Conservation Officer. "I told him as I'm looking at the father, 'You're a junior conservation officer now. If you see anyone breaking the law, you call me.' I'm sure dad never went fishing again without a license." Retiring after 36 years with the Department of Environmental Conservation, including 27 in law enforcement, Capt. Van Durme's last day as chief environmental conservation officer (ECO) for Region 8 was Wednesday. Statewide, a dozen more members in the DEC's division of law enforcement retired Wednesday. That leaves the division 44 members down in two years to a total of 284 with no plans at this time to hire replacements. The DEC has been hit hard by the state's budget crisis. "This has been the greatest job anybody could possibly hope for," said Van Durme, 56, a lifelong resident of Danville and chief ECO since 2007. A national expert on hunting-related shooting investigations, Van Durme plans to open a consulting firm with a colleague from Iowa. "Capt. Van Durme has been a tremendous asset to DEC and this region," said Paul D'Amato, Region 8 director. "He is not only a devoted police officer committed to the protection of the environment, but a very fair minded individual who treats the public we serve with respect and courtesy. We wish him all the best." Van Durme began his career with the DEC as a fisheries and wildlife technician in 1975. He became an ECO in 1984. During his career, Van Durme was twice shot and wounded in the line of duty while investigating illegal hunting incidents. He did arrest those perpetrators. "It's always been my policy to arrest anyone who shoots me," he deadpanned. Van Durme's replacement has not been named. Lt. Tom Stoner will serve as acting captain.



ECO Kurt Zurmuhlen of Region 4 presents a NYCOA donation to Richfield Springs Boy Scout Troop Leader Brad Smith. The funds were used for Troop 14's participation in the annual blathlon competition.



Earth Day Dedication of 100 acres in Region One's Central Pine Barrens 4/22/11. Left to Right: Capt. Tim Huss, Commissioner Joe Martens, ECO Kaitlin Grady, Lt. Dallas Bengel



NEW YORK
CONSERVATION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline July 15th
2011 NYCOA Convention
August 8th to August 10th
West Point, New York
(Home of United States Military Academy)

- 1. Attendees Names: _____
- 2. Address: _____
- 3. Phone Number: _____ Cell# _____
- 4. E-mail Address: _____

Important Note: There is a **\$5.00** registration fee for each family member attending our 2011 NYCOA Convention. This fee will help cover refreshments during the picnic and pizza party, and any miscellaneous items....

Registration Fee per person----- \$ 5.00 X _____ = \$ _____.

Barbeque / Pipe & Drum Corp Presentation: Monday 8/8

Starting at 4:00PM -Round Pond Campground

Food & Drinks from 5PM-7PM

Garden Salad, Pasta Salad, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Chicken, Sausage, Buttered Red Skins, Cookies and
Brownies, Beer, Wine and Soda

Number of adults attending:----- \$25.00 X _____ = \$ _____.

Number of children attending:

Children 10 and under:----- \$10.00 X _____ = \$ _____.

Children under the age of 5:----- \$ 00.00X _____ = \$ FREE.

Banquet/Auction: Tuesday 8/9 West Point Club

Open Bar (beer, wine & soda only) 6:30 to 9:30PM

Dinner Buffet @ 7 pm includes garden salad, Cilantro

Salmon, Lemon Chicken, Penne ala vodka, Garlic Roasted
Mash Potatoes, Carved Steamship Round, Rolls & Butter,
Viennese Platter, Coffee and Tea.

Music prior to auction provided by Louie B & Bill

Number of adults attending Banquet:----- \$42.50 X _____ = \$ _____.

Number of children (10 & under) attending Banquet:----- \$20.00 X _____ = \$ _____.



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PIZZA PARTY for the kids

runs concurrent with Banquet at same facility

Baby sitters will be provided

Number of Kids attending _____

Ages of Kids attending _____

EXTRAS:

Golf on Monday 8/8 Registration 8:30am.....\$65.00 X _____ = \$ _____.

Falkirk Golf Club – located 206 Smith Clove Rd. Central Valley

Includes cart and lunch

4 man Best Ball Tournament. Shotgun starts at 9:30 am

West Point Guided Tour Tuesday 8/9 2 – 4pm\$20.00X _____ = \$ _____.

2 hour tour includes the West Point Story, stop at Cemetery, Trophy Point, Main Cadet Chapel, Old Chapel, Parade Grounds. Air condition buses with tour guide. Walking involved at each venue. If you sign up for this tour I will be contacting you for further info regarding DOB and ID needed to enter upon military academy grounds.

TOTAL = \$ _____.

Accommodations:

Hotel Thayer - call 845-446-4731 for reservations. (Tell them you are with the NYSDEC/NYCOA group) \$109.00 rate based upon availability of rooms, cutoff date 7/9/11.

Round Pond Campsite (845-938-2503/3860 – may be full.)

Back by Popular Demand

Please remember to bring a bottle for the wheelbarrow full of cheer raffle!!!

**** Print and mail this form with your check **payable to NYCOA** to: ****

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Taken from the Circleville, NY Fire Co. Newsletter: A 5 yr. old son of a minister and his playmate found a dead robin. Feeling a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and dug a hole. The minister's son then intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: "Glory be untold the Father and unto the son and into the hole he goes!" Thank you Associate Member Jim Winterbottom for this cute anecdote! ☺

🎀 Congratulations to retired Region 9 ECO Dick Lang, for becoming the recipient of the highest award given by the wrestling community. He will be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Oklahoma. This is a "Lifetime Service Award." His name will be permanently displayed at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum, in recognition of his many years of coaching and dedication to the sport of wrestling. Thanks to his wife, Gretchen Lang, for informing us about this wonderful honor! 🎀

🟡 At the winter meeting, over \$8000 in NYCOA donations were approved for sponsorship of community events, as well as youth hunting and fishing clinics!! 🟡

The 2nd Annual Cayuga Co. Youth turkey hunt was held in April, in Region 7. Nine children attended the two day event. Six ECOs and six volunteers helped with the hunt. NYCOA donated \$250 to the event. Due to bad weather, the two year tally so far is 4 misses, and 1 dead turkey. Thanks Scott Sincebaugh for the details of this event!



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Lt. Matthew Lochner travelled back to his home Region 8 to help coordinate the Second Annual Yates County Youth Turkey Hunt this year, sponsored by NYCOA. The events in 2010 and 2011 were organized by Matthew Locher, Chris Kenyon (outdoor writer for the Finger Lakes Times), Steve Wheeler (Hunter Ed. Master Instructor), and Dale Lane, along with the assistance of ECO Scott Angotti, and ECO Josh Crain...along with several volunteers who donated their time, money, and calling expertise. The Seneca Lake Duck Hunters Club donated their club's banquet room for the Hunt Headquarters. They also donated the dinner before the hunts and the picnic lunches on the afternoons of the hunts. The second picture depicts Lt. Lochner handing the \$200 donation check to co-founder Dale Lane.