



# NYCOA NEWSLETTER

*This newsletter is the Official Newsletter of  
NYS Conservation Police Officers.*

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Region 9 - James Hunt

## 2012 WINTER MEETING INFORMATION

**The Winter Meeting will be held Tuesday February 7th, starting at 9:00 AM, at the Kayaderosseras Fish and Game Club located at 706 Geyser Road, Ballston Spa NY 12020.**

**This year, we have decided to try something different and reserve twenty rooms at the Courtyard Marriott (Courtyard and Residence Inn by Marriott, 11 and 295 Excelsior Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 / Sales office number: 518-226-0051) for the night of Monday February 6th 2012. Liza Bobseine has agreed to handle the registration. People attending will need to contact Liza at "ljbobsei@gw.dec.state.ny.us" before January 12, 2012 to reserve a bed. Feel free to contact Leslie Miller directly at "Leslie.miller@marriott.com" or 518-226-0051 if you have any questions). The room rate is \$99.00 for a double . The Association will pick up half the room rate (\$50.00). Each person staying over will pay \$25.00 for a bed (double occupancy).**

**We will have an informal meeting Monday night (February 6th) at 7pm at the Parting Glass Irish Pub located at 40-42 Lake Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY. The Association will pick up the cost of dinner (platters of pub food). Drinks and anything additional will be on the attendees. The formal Winter Meeting will then be held Tuesday February 7th starting at 9:00 AM sharp. Coffee, bagels and donuts will be provided for breakfast at the club, with pizza and subs for lunch.**

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### CONTRACT NEWS

*As you likely know by now, the PBANYS negotiators and the state have reached a tentative contract agreement. ECOs have been out of a contract since 2003, with no salary increase since 2005. This contract spans from 2005 through 2014. Several documents, including an analysis of its components, the memorandum of agreement regarding its terms, and details on health coverage are now available at the Members Only section of the PBANYS website.*



*Captian Tim Huss submitted NYCOA's report to Shikar Safari, describing the programs we have been able to run with the support of their grant money. The feedback received is that they are very impressed with our youth programs. They have indicated there may be more funds for us in the future. To that end, we need to continue to do the programs, and use the money! Don't be shy....spend the \$\$ to make your programs the best they can be. Please contact Tim for any questions or suggestions.*

*Thanks for all you do!*

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@ [www.store.nycoa.org/cart](http://www.store.nycoa.org/cart)

## NYS DEC Summer Camp Information

The 2012 NYSDEC Summer Camp Application is completed. The NYSDEC's Summer Camps give youth ages 11 - 17 an opportunity to explore the natural world, take a hunter safety course, camp under the stars, paddle a canoe and develop a respect for the out of doors. In 2012 we will be celebrating 65 years of NYS DEC Summer Camps. Join the thousands of sponsors who have sent a kid to camp!

Information for the 2012 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Summer camp season and a 2012 camp application can be obtained by contacting Randall (Randy) Caccia, Environmental Educator III, NYS DEC Division of Public Affairs & Education, 625 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Albany, NY 12233-4500, 518-402-8029 voice, 518-402-9036 fax, 518-728-0891 cell,


Web: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>. \*Please note that the registration start date is January 28th, 2012. This date is the earliest post mark date for all paid campers. If you have any questions, be sure to check out our web site first:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>. If you cannot find the answer give Randy or Patti Bolton the camp's registrar (518-402-8014) a call.


Sponsoring a child to camp can change their world and give them the tools to help change the world! NYCOA will be accepting applications to sponsor children for the NYS DEC Environmental Education Camps.

The application can be mailed to Liza Bobseine, POB 2085, East Hampton, NY 11937. We will be accepting applications until February 14th. Officer Liza J. Bobseine's Contact information is as follows: [ljbobsei@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:ljbobsei@gw.dec.state.ny.us) (631) 905-4235.

## New Additions to our NYCOA Family

 Congratulations to Lt. Todd Richards and his wife Cheryl who welcomed baby Rylynn on 9/28/11. She weighed 9 lbs. and 14 oz, and was 22" long.

\* Baby Megan Ann Revenaugh arrived on 12/5/11. She is the new bundle of joy for Lt. Matt Revenaugh and his wife Sharon. Weighing 8 lbs. and 1 oz, she is also a little sister to Alissa.

\* ECO Chris Lattimer brought home baby Abby Grace just before New Year's after she spent several weeks in the hospital. Little Abby was born ten weeks early, on 11/18/11 and weighed only 3 lbs! All are doing well. Congratulations to Chris and his wife Amy. So glad you are all finally home together! 

## IN OUR THOUGHTS and PRAYERS

~ Retired ECO Bill Mincarelli from Delaware County had a stroke and was in the Intensive care Unit at Wilson Hospital in Johnson City. He's been moved to a new room, but is still in the hospital. Please feel free to send a card or note to let him know you are thinking of him, and keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

~ Vivien Regina Wolfersteig Bernstein, 94, died peacefully Sept. 20, 2011 at the Margaretville Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was the wife of retired ECO Hank Bernstein who died in July, and mother of retired ECO Vinny Bernstein. She also was a former employee of the Department.

## 2011 DLE Statewide Awards

The Statewide Awards Committee met on October 19th at the Academy to select the annual Division of Law Enforcement award winners. As is always the case, there were several outstanding nominees, and selecting the winners was a difficult task. Captain Pierson, the regional delegates, and the Captains and Lieutenants in the regions were instrumental in bringing the accomplishments of these nominees to the attention of the division, the sponsoring organizations, and ultimately the public, through this process. The winners are as follows:

Shikar Safari ECO/ECI of the Year: ECO Vernon Bauer (Region 4)  
NECLECA ECO/ECI of the Year: ECO Robert Peinkofer (Region 9)  
NYSRPA Officer of the Year: ECO Jonathan Ryan (Region 6)  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Wildlife Officer of the Year Award: ECO Darci Dougherty (Region 9)

Many congratulations to all the nominees and the winners!!!

## Second Annual Region 6 Youth Waterfowl Hunt with an ECO Fall 2011



ECOs Chris Nielsen & Corey Schoonover

This September, ECOs from Region 6 took seven youths hunting for the youth waterfowl hunting weekend. The event was hosted by the Brownville Fish and Game Club, sponsored by the Federated Sportsman's Clubs of Jefferson County and made possible in part through funding from New York Conservation Officers Association. The hunt was also funded by local chapters of the National Wild Turkey Federation, as well as Ducks Unlimited.

The waterfowl hunt was a two day event, with the first being an instructional day and the second being the hunt day. The instructional day covered rules and regulations pertaining to waterfowl hunting, as well as the different types of calls, use of decoys, waterfowl hunting strategies, hunting safety, as well as boat and canoe safety. There was also a waterfowl identification course. Each youth had a chance to shoot at several flying targets to help them prepare and become more comfortable for the upcoming hunt. The following Saturday everyone met their E.C.O. mentor and headed out. Some were able to walk into a blind where they hunted, while others needed to paddle in with canoes. A total of 11 ducks and 3 geese were taken, including blue wing teals, mallards, wood ducks and a widgeon. It was a great learning opportunity that will be offered for many years to come.



## Ducks and Mud - Youth Waterfowl Weekend - Region 8/9 ECOs Team Up

Region 8 and 9 DLE teamed up yet again for another successful Youth Waterfowl Weekend. Organized by ECOs Jim Hunt and Scott Marshall, young hunters started the annual tribute on Saturday October 1 at the Wyoming Valley Rod and Gun Club in the Village of Java. Both Officers set up and assisted ECO Nathan Ver Hague and Lt. Joshua Ver Hague with the Waterfowl Identification portion. Twelve youth and seven adult hunters received their NYSDEC Waterfowl Identification Certificate after the class. Just one week later, nine out of the twelve youth hunters returned for a guided waterfowl hunt on the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area. ECOs Paul Kroth, Carlton Gill & Rick Rauscher added their expertise to assist in the hunt. Overall, 14 ducks and one goose were harvested. All of the kids were sent home with donated hunting equipment, hot cocoa and huntin' stories to tell all of their friends.



ECOs Jim Hunt, Carlton Gill & Lt. Joshua Verhague are pictured.



Region 4 ECO Tim Card conducts security and welfare checks navigating through the flood-ravaged streets of the Village of Sidney, Delaware County on Friday, September 9th. At the time of these photos, the waters had gone down about two feet from the high-water mark.

### Hurricane Irene ATV Work (Ulster County)

ECOs John Helmeyer, Neil Watt, Brian Gillis, Myles Schillinger, Scott Steingart, Ricky Wood, Mike Bello, Lou Bello, Aaron Markey, Deo Read, Claude Stephens, Beverly Whalen and Aaron Gordon worked in the Town of Shandaken following Hurricane Irene providing support for local emergency personnel. ECOs patrolled the flood ravaged area of Big Indian and Oliveira on ATVs, checking on the welfare of local residence and transporting food, water and medicines to those in need. Other ECOs were at the State Emergency Management Office at the Division of Law Enforcement desk at Belleaye Mountain Ski Center where they issued general permits and answered question from the public regarding the Environmental Conservation Law, as well as coordinated requests for assistance. In addition, officers and ATVs were sent to Region 4 to assist in recovery and aid efforts in both Delaware and Schoharie Counties. Lieutenants Deming Lindsley, Dave Clayton and Martin Townley worked to coordinate the deployments of the officers and equipment. They worked closely with Federal, State, county and local officials to ensure that the DEC's mission was met, as well as the needs of the people affected by the hurricane.



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ECO Jorge Sibbert retired in November 2011 due to a vision problem. This is a photo ECO Jim Cranker took of Jorge in the summer of 2005 when they were patrolling the Raquette River, in Region 5. For his retirement endeavors, Jorge raises horses and livestock on his farm on the Trout River near Malone, NY.

*Tickets for 2012 Sportsman Raffle available now!! Only \$20 per ticket!! To purchase tickets, contact ECO Robert Peinkofer @ 716-998-5022 or email: colonelflatop@roadrunner.com. Tickets can be mailed directly to you. Below is a copy of the actual ticket you will receive:*

## 2012 NYCOA SPORTSMAN RAFFLE

(NYCOA - New York Conservation Officers Association)

**GRAND PRIZE - \$10,000.00**

**2nd GRAND PRIZE - \$3,000.00 Vacation**

*(destination is up to winner-travel agent provided by NYCOA)*

Donated by: Lifelong NYCOA Supporter: Mr. Iver Lindberg (Owner) Springfield Tractor  
7850 State Highway 80 • Springfield Center, NY 13468 • (315) 858-2578

Seller of 2nd Grand Prize gets \$250.00

\*\*\*Winner drawn at Summer Convention • August 2012

**Donation \$20.00 per ticket**

\*\*\*ONLY 3,000 TICKETS SOLD\*\*\*

Seller of Grand Prize ticket gets \$1000.00 • Seller of each gun ticket gets \$100.00

*All proceeds to benefit NYCOA General Fund & Relief Fund*

### 1st THROUGH 10th PRIZES:

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| 1. Benelli SBE II 12 ga. Black Synthetic <u>or</u> \$860.00               | 6. Remington Model 700 Classic Deluxe .270 <u>or</u> \$450.00          |
| 2. Ruger Red Label "Over Under" 12 ga. <u>or</u> \$800.00                 | 7. Savage Model 14 American Classic Stainless 30-06 <u>or</u> \$435.00 |
| 3. Mathews Z7 Xtreme <u>or</u> a Mathews Hell compound <u>or</u> \$600.00 | 8. Savage M-14 American Classic .308 <u>or</u> \$375.00                |
| 4. T/C Pro Hunter XT Camo/Stainless M/L Black Powder <u>or</u> \$480.00   | 9. Savage Model 25 Lightweight Varminter .204 Ruger <u>or</u> \$324.00 |
| 5. Bushmaster M-4 .223 Carbine <u>or</u> \$450.00                         | 10. Remington Model 11-87 ( Walnut ) 20 ga. Shotgun <u>or</u> \$425.00 |



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\*\*\* Winners of raffle will be posted at: NYCOA.org • NO later than September 1st \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Upgrading of guns is available at winners cost through Mr. Mark Slavinski (owner) of "THE RED BARN GUN SHOP" (716) 676-3828 \*\*\*