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## **MWHI August 2013 General Membership Meeting**



**Kent Boyles**



**Tim Krumweide**

**Our Guest Speakers at the August 21, 2013 General Membership Meeting were Kent Boyles, IDNR Wildlife Biologist at the Horseshoe Lake Area, and Tim Krumweide, IDNR Biologist for Calhoun, Pike, Scott, Greene, Jersey, and Morgan County.**

**Both speakers gave brief overviews of their areas and then held a very informative Question and Answer session. Topics like predator control, turkey – dove – duck hunting, trapping, possession limits and so on were addressed.**

**Thank you Kent and Tim for outstanding presentations!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, October 7, 2013

**MWHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
at 2404 E. Broadway, Alton at 6:15 pm

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

**MWHI GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
at Alton-Wood River Sportsmen Club  
in Godfrey, IL at 7:00 pm

Monday, January 6, 2014

**MWHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
at 2404 E. Broadway, Alton at 6:15 pm

Saturday, March 29, 2014

**MWHI 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**WATERFOWL CONSERVATION BANQUET**  
at K.C. Banquet Hall, Godfrey, IL  
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## Legislators Beware!

By Gary A Liley

I reported to you in the May 2013 Sentry on how upset the voters were in Colorado on the passing of a very controversial gun bill. Well, I'm extremely happy to report to you that two Colorado state senators were voted out of office on September 10, 2013 in a hotly contested recall vote that many are using to gauge the nation's reaction to the passage of strict state-level gun control laws earlier this year.

Senate President John Morse and Senator Angela Giron were both key supporters of Colorado's new gun laws, which among other provisions require background checks on private firearm sales and restrict magazines to a maximum 15-round capacity. Both Morse and Giron, members of the Democratic Party, will be replaced by Republicans.

When legislators fail to represent the beliefs of their constituents, it is up to the voters to fire them. And this is exactly what happened September 10 in the Colorado Springs district of John Morse and the Pueblo district of Angela Giron. Senators Morse and Giron chose to forget about their constituents. Instead, Sen. Morse led the hasty effort that led to the passage of a series of highly restricted gun control laws that will do nothing to improve public safety but that did reflect the wishes of national anti-gun organizations, including the one led by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Senator Giron was a key vote in this ill-conceived effort.

Observers have been watching the recall votes closely to get a better idea on public opinion of gun control efforts across the country. Along with states like California, Connecticut, and New York, Colorado passed some of the nation's strictest firearm laws in the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy in December 2012. While supporters of each state's new gun laws are facing heavy opposition and challenges from gun rights activists, Colorado was seen as a particularly important test case due to the state's relatively even numbers of gun-control-supporting Democrats and Republicans advocating gun rights. *The New York Times* reports that Morse's district was representative of this split, and that Giron's ouster from her Democratic-leaning district was a significant surprise.

As I also reported to you, the state had been in the spotlight following an announcement from Colorado based Magpul, a high-profile manufacturer of 30-round magazines and firearm related accessories, which indicated that they would be relocating their business operations due to the laws' passage.

The close votes on the recalls further reflect how divided we are and the fine balance between gun control supporters and firearms rights advocates. *CNN* reports that 51 percent of voters in Morse's district voted yes on the recall, while 49 percent voted no. There was a slightly larger spread in Giron's recall vote, with 56 percent voting yes and 44 percent voting no.

While gun rights supporters are celebrating a victory in Colorado, a bill was passed by the California State Assembly the same day that would prohibit the sale of new semiautomatic rifles with detachable magazines. The bill is expected to quickly move through the state's senate and onto signature by Governor Jerry Brown.

I think it prudent that legislators across the nation take notice to what can happen when you go against the grain and wishes of your constituents. While recall votes are uncommon, it goes to show what "we the people" can do when we set our minds to it. And, just what lawful gun owners will do when they've absolutely had enough!

I think it safe to say on behalf of MWHI, we congratulate the grassroots effort of the Coloradans who stood up for their Second Amendment rights against a well-financed effort who poured a massive amount of money to try to save the seats of these two senators.

Chalk one up for our side!

## WAITING FOR DUCK SEASON

Duane Hahnenkamp

After 40 years of hunting, the arrival of the September cooler weather signals the official beginning of hunting season to me. Yea, squirrel season did open in August and I had a ball shooting them with a rifle this year. But until you get that cooler weather that pushes the teal in, it just doesn't feel like it's really hunting season. To many, dove season starts everything, but for me, I have never had a good spot to go on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> dove opener. Then add the hot summer weather that we usually have on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, I just have never got that thrilled about the dove opener. I did have a dove hot spot for a few years, but it didn't get good until around Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. The weather was always cool and the northern doves were roosting in a nearby hedge thicket by the thousands. Now that was enjoyable dove hunting. No sweating and you didn't have to get there till the last 2 hours before sun down.

Right now Teal season is a couple days away, but the reports don't sound too good. I planned more on working on the blind opening day and maybe get a shot or two if I'm lucky. I haven't seen many teal around and with no natural feed in the area, I know that I will have to hit a flight day to really do any good. Hopefully for you and me, we get a good cold front this teal season or it's likely to be a poor one.

My real concern is that it hasn't rained much the last month and with all the hot weather we had up through the end of August, the corn is starting to ripen fast. With all the spring rains and late floods I was hoping that it would be closer to October before the local farmers start combining their corn. I'm not trying to make life harder on the farmers, but I am just hoping that they didn't have time to fall plow all the corn fields. We already have no feed in our hunting areas and refuges, so if we loose those corn fields in the river bottoms, you and I will be in trouble this duck season. No corn fields here will mean there is no reason for the ducks to even stop in our areas, let alone stay around for long. Duck season could be a repeat of teal season, when flight days and cold fronts are your only chance to have a good duck day.

Personally, I'm hoping it starts raining before long and the weather stays cool. If not, the only record duck migration we see will be the one flying high over our heads without stopping. On top of that, no corn fields will cut our chances for any good goose hunting after duck season. I'm starting to regret my decision not to go to North Dakota this year and, thus, giving up a chance for good duck hunting this fall.

By the time you read this, duck season will be about 3 weeks away and then I hope to be more optimistic than now. After 40 years of duck hunting, I've seen a lot of good years and many poor ones. I sure was hoping for a good year after the screwy duck season we had last year. I just received my Wildfowl magazine today and right on the front page it states, "it is going to be a Big year!" They may be right. I'm just afraid that if we don't have any feed at all around, we are going miss out on it again.

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## Two Rivers NWR Announces Biking Day at Refuge Visitor Center

Cortney Solum, USFWS Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge, 9/10/2013

Brussels, Ill. –Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge will hold “Biking for Birds” a free, biking and bird watching event at the refuge Visitor Center near Brussels, Ill. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sep. 28.

Free youth and adult bike and helmet rentals will be available courtesy of the wildlife refuge for attendees to explore refuge trails at their own pace. Attendees may also bring their own bikes to use.

A number of trails will be open for biking during the event, including short, long, blacktop and gravel. Viewing scopes will be set up at birding hot spots along the trails and experienced bird watchers will be available to answer questions.

Gerry Noll, certified Cycling Savvy instructor and owner of Ferguson Bike Shop will present the basics of biking safety at 10 a.m. He'll teach bike handling skills and demonstrate how to properly use safety equipment.

Park ranger Cortney Solum will provide a talk on bird watching techniques at 11 a.m.

This event is open to all ages. No registration is needed. For more information, call the refuge at 618-883-2524.

This event is being held to celebrate National Public Lands Day and the Year of Cycling 2013.

For more information about refuge events, visit the refuge website at [www.fws.gov/refuge/Two\\_Rivers](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Two_Rivers) or like the refuge on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TwoRiversNWR](http://www.facebook.com/TwoRiversNWR).

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## Legislation Update

John Popov

I don't know about you, but as a gun owner I'm frustrated, agitated and ticked off in the way our government is slowly disarming the gun owners of our country. President Obama has just signed two executive orders. One will expand background checks for a transfer of a gun among family members and the other will stop re-importation of military weapons to the U. S. or the donation of these weapons to our allies. This is part of Obama's 23-step gun reform.

Remember when I wrote about Cass Sunstein, the regulation czar? His idea was to nudge us into more regulations with exorbitant taxes on guns and ammo, all of which are need to hunt and shoot. It won't get any better until the people stop it.

We also face a big threat from the United Nations. The one-world government crowd would love it. We could see our military in shambles and taxes would go through the roof. (Note: the U.N. already has plans to tax your pensions, travel, use of oil, electricity and more.) The U.N. will control the ocean's resources. The U.N. will open up our borders to illegal aliens and potential terrorists and, last but not least, will control guns. Remember project 21? This is part of it.

Make sure you report a lost or stolen gun to the state police. On August 18, Governor Pat Quinn signed a gun bill that requires lost or stolen guns to be reported within 72 hours. Another part of this bill requires private transactions be reported and the buyers FOID card status be validated prior to the sale. I am sure the gang-bangers in Chicago will abide by this.

I hope you have a safe and fun duck season. Be careful out there!

If it is to be, it is up to you and me.

**That government is best which governs least,  
because its people discipline themselves.  
If we are directed from Washington when to  
sow and when to reap, we will soon want for  
bread.**

Thomas Jefferson

## Letter to the Editor, August 2013:

Mr. Franke,

Quite often I read an article in the "Sentry" concerning gun control. I am pleased that current information on this subject is provided to the members. But I have one request. Please discontinue the use of the term assault rifle. This brings the "Sentry" down to the level of the lame stream press. I would prefer a more correct term. Modern sporting rifle is a more accurate label. If I were attacked by someone using a butter knife doesn't that become an assault weapon?

We (the law abiding gun owners) need to take advantage of every opportunity to show how un-educated, idiotic and illogical the anti-gun fanatics really are.

Yours Truly,



Jon Posha

### ***ISRA Thursday Bulletin***

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE 8/29/2013**

Once again, the anti-gun legislators have revealed their true intentions toward private gun ownership. In case you aren't sure what those intentions are, they include demonizing gun ownership and making it expensive, difficult and as embarrassing as possible since they aren't able to ban firearms completely!

The latest attack comes from none other than Illinois Congressman Danny Davis (D-IL) and Congressman Bill Pascrell (D-NJ). The bill HR3018 would place a 50% tax on ammunition and a 20% tax on pistols, revolvers, and any semi-automatic firearm which could be used in conjunction with interchangeable upper receivers. In short, that would consist of about everything including shotguns. They will be back in Washington DC next week. If they can't ban it, they will try to tax it out of existence. Be sure to call your congressmen and politely ask them to oppose HR3018. I'm sure they will be glad to hear from you.

In the meantime, we are all looking forward to Friday, September 6th, 2013, which is when the rules for the Illinois Concealed Carry bill are due to be placed on the Illinois State Police website. Please keep up with this; the website is <http://www.isp.state.il.us/>. You should be able to find this information by clicking on "Firearms" on the left hand side of the page.

Labor Day weekend is upon us so take a little time and go shooting this weekend. If you can, please introduce a new person to the shooting sports. This is one of those rare years when Dove season opens on Labor Day weekend and it's going to be warm. Dove hunting should be good—good luck.

Thank you for being a member.



Richard A. Pearson, Executive Director

#### **From the 9/5/2013 ISRA Bulletin**

By now you may know, the Illinois State Police (ISP) have applications for concealed carry license instructor (CCL) on their website which is: <http://www.isp.state.il.us/firearms/ccw/ccw-index.cfm>. I have to say I am pleased that they are ahead of schedule getting the CCL instructor applications up on their website.

One of the problems is getting fingerprints taken (Instructors must be fingerprinted). All fingerprints must be done electronically. If you live in the Northern part of the state, there are plenty of vendors. If you live in the southern part of the state, it is a lot harder and more distance for you. I know several gun stores are trying to become approved vendors for the fingerprinting but that will take awhile.

## The Power of Words!

By Gary A Liley

I'm sure most of us remember the saying: *Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me!*

I wish that statement were true! While it's certainly a clever rebuttal to someone bullying you with words, the truth of the matter is that words can hurt. Words are powerful! They can make you laugh or move you to tears. They can, metaphorically speaking, build a tall tower, or dig a deep hole. They can be wonderfully descriptive in telling stories and can change minds and greatly influence opinions. I remember being adamantly against or for something, and then after having someone eloquently offer a different opinion, suddenly find myself questioning my position while only a few moments before, I was ready to do battle. Yes, words are powerful.

The whole point here is that words do matter!

As staunch supporters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, and proponents of Freedom, and now the soon to come concealed carry in Illinois, we know that there are always people watching us. The anti-gun crowd lays in ambush like a lioness providing for her cubs, just waiting for the next chance to pounce. Pro-gun and like minded Patriots are either on their own crusade or they are watching us. And the ever present fence-straddlers are listening to our words and watching our actions to perhaps decide on which side they may eventually fall.

We must always remember people are listening to what we say.

We know what the other side looks like. The anti-gun anti-hunting rhetoric is spewed from the collaborative voice of the liberal media, and liberal mindset, as relentless as an African drumbeat. Negativity is often hard to counteract. Stupidity is even harder!

That's why it is of the utmost importance that we continually base what we say on the facts. You can't argue with the truth. (well, some can, but you get my point)

Being responsible citizens and potential armed citizens, carries a greater obligation than just arming ourselves with a weapon. It means spreading our message and convictions to all who will listen and in a way that will convince people and alter outcomes. Half truths and sarcasm will only harm our cause in the end. We must maintain the edge in every debate.

To quote a famous author, who says what I'm trying to say best: "My task, which I am trying to achieve is, by the power of the word, to make you hear, to make you feel – it is, before all, to make you see."

Whether it is to protect our right to hunt, to protect our waterfowl resource, our right to keep and bear arms, or, whatever the cause, we of like mind are in this together. Our unified voice is strong and must be informed. Most importantly, our voice matters! Together, we can make them hear. Together, we can make them feel. Together, we can make them see!

Have a great 2013/14 waterfowl season and I hope to see a lot of you on the marsh! Above all, stay safe and be safe. One careless moment can ruin a day, a week, or a life. A muzzle that's **never** pointed at an unintended target can prevent us from ever wishing a day had never come to be.

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### **As reported in the previous Sentry issue, attendees of the Get-Together hosted by MWHI on 8/15/2013 toured the MRA. Bob Jones, Area Projects Chairman, submitted the following:**

We toured the Calhoun point water control structure and Kim Postlewait explained how the water is controlled by adding or removing stop log sections to raise and lower the water to the desired levels. There are 5 structures that are used to control the areas water levels and how a section can be compartmentalized to keep some of the area with water and dewater another at the same time.

We also toured the Batchtown levee on the south end of the area. We looked at Obermeier gate structure and Kim Postlewait explained how this type of gate worked. This gate uses a bladder tube which is inflated bringing the metal gate up and holding it in place to control the flow of water in and out of the impoundment area. Then how the entire area is controlled was discussed. There are 3 total structures that control the entire area and how water could be let in from the North gate to raise the water level without the use of pumping. Then the Obermeier gate is used to dewater the area from the South to obtain the desired Duck food sources.



## NEWS FROM CARLYLE LAKE SFWA

August 26, 2013 - Bob Hammel, Site Supt.

Listening to the long range weather forecast that the meteorologists were giving this past winter, I was feeling pretty good about what to expect this summer. Most were predicting that last summer's drought would be followed by a similar drought this summer. And after having a good planting season last year with good results during the duck season, I was ready to go. Things couldn't have turned out any more different or worst. It has been one of the wettest years I've ever experienced and I don't believe I've ever seen Carlyle Lake stay up at the levels, or duration, we've seen this summer.

The lake had never reached winter pool of 443 this past winter because of concerns with low Mississippi River levels and the affect it would have on barge traffic. The idea being to use water from Carlyle and Shelbyville Lakes to assist with water levels on the big river. But, when the rains started in mid-April, any problems on the Mississippi quickly went away. On April 18-19 heavy rains hit the area with 3"-3.5" falling in most localities. An all time record crest of 21.44' was set on Hurricane Creek at Mulberry Grove. And the crest at Vandalia of 27.87' was just shy of a record. Water from Hurricane came pouring through the spillways in "C" Levee on April 19 and the Kaskaskia followed shortly after, flowing through "A" Levee on April 20 and the Subs quickly filled. Of course Subs 3 and 4 also were inundated in no time. Heavy rain continued on April 23 and 27 and the Corps of Eng. went to a maximum 10,000 cfs release. The lake crested on April 27 at 452.67'. It turned out that this April was the fourth wettest on record in Illinois. Early May saw additional rainfall with the river at Vandalia going to 21.81' on May 6 (18' is flood stage).

The lake, which had slowly been dropping, started back up and crested on May 11 at 453.78'. This was with a continued 10,000 cfs release, which really helped out since the lake was dropping 5"-6" daily when at this release. It would have been even more, but Lake Shelbyville was also experiencing severe flooding and their release had gone to 3000 cfs. Even with continued rainfall toward the end of May, we were finally able to open our river gates to release water from the subs on May 23. Also, on May 23, the Corps started to cut back on the release rate, to allow downstream farmers a chance to get crops planted, finally dropping to 3520 cfs on June 17. Unfortunately, heavy rains once again came back to the area with Shelbyville receiving 2.6" on May 26-27 and other areas upstream receiving 1" on May 30 and 3+" on May 31. We had to close our river gates on May 30 because of this, with the lake level at 448.5'. The lake level once again started to climb with a crest falling on June 6 at 451.34'. Because of the reduced release rate, the lake now dropped very slowly and from the crest date on June 6 to seven days later, it had only dropped 4.2". And the rains continued with most areas in the upper watershed receiving 2.5" on June 16 -17, with additional rainfall on the 18th. The lake was back up with a crest of 451.09 on June 19. This was with a 4000 cfs release, that had the lake dropping slowly again, until the Vandalia area received over 3" on June 22-23.

And this heavy rain continued on into July with Vandalia getting clobbered with 4.25" on July 2. The lake crested this time at 452.10 on July 7. On July 10, Vandalia received a 3" rain, but the lake fell slightly short of the expected crest of 452.5' on July 12, probably due to the fact that most of the crop fields of the region had finally been planted, soaking up the run-off. The remainder of July was fairly dry and with the release rate remaining at 4000 cfs, the lake was slowly receding (1"-1.5" per day). We were finally able to open the river gates on July 29, with the gage showing 450.0', to once again start de-watering the sub-impoundments. All the interior levees were still under at this point and you couldn't drive through Parking Lots 1 and 2. The water was at the edge of Parking Lot 3. Even with the Vandalia area receiving 1.35" on July 30, the lake continued to drop approximately 1.5" daily. And an additional 1" rainfall on Aug. 8 only caused a minor delay.

With the continued drop in water levels, we finally saw the first mud appearing on the upper ag fields, with the highest elevations, the first week of August. As water dropped and mud started to show, we started seeding Japanese millet using an ATV. As ground became exposed in larger quantities and with conditions favorable to spread millet, I called on the Carlyle Lake Waterfowlers for assistance. A willing group of volunteers showed up and with the use of an airboat and ATV, we were able to cover a much larger area. As a result, a total of approximately 183 acres of Jap millet were sowed in the subs and looking good at this time. Hopefully, we don't have an early frost and the plants have a chance to mature and produce a seed head.

Presently, we are still trying to get and or hold water levels at a depth that will promote moist-soil growth (or any vegetation period). This late in the season, it is just too late to expect much. Not only will the food availability for migrating waterfowl be lower, but cover to hide in will be at a premium. We do have some stands of swamp smartweed (redtop), barnyard grass, and water pepper that have produced seed, and starting to see water hemp in some fields. But, overall the food is very limited, especially for later in the season. Nothing good ever comes from a flood, but one of this duration through the growing season is devastating. And since this has been the fourth flood through the summer months in the last six years, the problems are only compounded. Not sure how much more the trees at the site can take this. In addition, we once again have had damage to levees, roadways, parking lots and spillways that will require repair work that takes money away from other projects..

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And speaking of projects, we still have several in the works that unfortunately have been put on the back burner because of this year's flooding. The new Duck Stamp Project to develop a flooded timber hunting area by constructing a low berm and water control structures is moving along with the A/E named. Hopefully, water levels will get down to a point where preliminary survey work and soil bores can be taken this fall and plans drawn up this winter. This project will create approximately 40 acres of new habitat and hunting area that presently doesn't get adequate water levels (on a normal year). Construction is slated for summer of 2014. Also, some of you may have noticed the culverts and water control structures stock piled at Parking Lot 1. Once again, these were purchased with FY13 Duck Stamp monies, the idea being to purchase remaining material and hire a contractor with FY14 funds. This will replace our most critical needs structures. And I hope to get this accomplished during the summer of 2014. And finally, the leaking gate issue at the new South Pump Station will be resolved whenever water levels allow. The manufacturer has agreed to redesign and replace faulty gates and contractor has agreed to install. All of this at no additional cost to the site.

I wish I had better news for everyone, but when Carlyle Lake gets this big and stays up for this long, it's very difficult to get the things accomplished that you want to. The one good piece of news that I have, is that the site is proud to announce the addition of Site Tech Travis Knebel to the staff. Travis transferred to us from Eldon Hazlet State Park in August. He's a native of Vandalia, has a good farming background, and last, but certainly not least, is an avid hunter. Also, on a good note, I feel that the Early Teal Season this year could be a good one. We have plenty of mud, water, and duckweed, a good combination for bluewings. And with the bag being increased to six and strong numbers on the breeding grounds, we could see a high harvest if weather and flights are favorable.

With all that being said, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable hunting season. And most of all, let's be good sportsman.

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## **IDNR News Letter 9/1/2013 Legislation**

Senate Bill 1042, signed by Governor Pat Quinn, extends liability protections for landowners who allow the public to freely access their property for conservation and recreational activities such as bird watching, biking, fishing, hiking, and other forms of outdoor recreation. Presently, such protections only exist for hunting and recreational shooting. SB 1042 provides a greater incentive for landowners to make land accessible to the public, thereby creating more public conservation and recreation opportunities. SB 1042 was passed unanimously by the General Assembly and takes effect January 1, 2014.

blood, breath, or urine to determine blood alcohol or drug content.

Governor Pat Quinn signed two bills aimed at protecting Illinois natural resources and honoring Illinois veterans. Governor Quinn signed Senate Bill 1170 into law making it illegal to transport wildlife or parts of wildlife that were illegally killed in another state or country. Such possession would constitute a Class B misdemeanor, which is the penalty for most violations of the Wildlife Code. The Governor also signed SB 50, which waives the field training portion of hunting education requirements for Illinois veterans. The law now allows veterans to receive a hunting education certificate after taking just the online education course.

### **News Release Mississippi River F&W Area**

**Kim B Postlewait Site Superintendent, IDNR Mississippi River F & W Area, 8/27/2013**

With the pending October 26 opening day for waterfowl seasons the following dates will be worth remembering.

1<sup>st</sup> official blind inspection will be September 28<sup>th</sup>. We will do a preliminary inspection in the prior week and will re-inspect those blinds that had not passed the preliminary, September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Blinds with deficiencies will be mailed letters at that time and will have until October 8<sup>th</sup> to make the necessary repairs

2<sup>nd</sup> inspection is October 9<sup>th</sup> blinds failing at this point will be notified and will be placed in the RED tag drawing.

RED TAG Drawing will be Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>. Blinds allocated that day will have until Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> to be completed or will be unavailable for the 2013 season.

Youth Season will be Oct 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Last day to enter waterfowl rest areas will be October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The last day you can be on any waterfowl area is Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Concealed Carry Overview - House Bill 183**

**Received from State Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer**

**Implementation Timeline:**

- Effective immediately (July 9, 2013), ISP responsible for making applications available within 180 days.
- On September 7, 2013, the ISP will begin approval of certified firearms instructors and firearm training courses. A registry of approved instructors and courses will be available on the ISP web page.
- The ISP will make applications available to the public by January 5, 2014. The ISP intends to have applications available via the web page.

**Qualifications for Licensee:**

- At least 21 years of age.
- Has a currently valid FOID Card, or meets the requirements for the issuance of a FOID Card and is not prohibited by law from possessing or receiving a firearm.
- Has not been convicted or found guilty in this state or in any other state of:
  - A misdemeanor involving the use or threat of physical force or violence to any person within the 5 years preceding the date of the license application.
  - Two or more DUI violations within the 5 years preceding the date of the license application.
- Is not the subject of a pending arrest warrant, prosecution, or proceeding for an offense or action that could lead to disqualification to own or possess a firearm.
- Has not been in residential or court-ordered for alcoholism, alcohol detoxification, or drug treatment within 5 years immediately preceding the date of license application.
- Has completed firearms training and education component required by this legislation.
  - Fingerprints are optional, but ISP can take an additional 30 days to process application if no fingerprints are submitted.

**Fees:**

- New license will cost \$150 and expire after 5 years. Renewal will cost \$150.
- ISP authorized to charge additional fee for conducting criminal history check of fingerprints, not to exceed the actual cost (currently \$31.50).

**Training Requirement:**

- Applicants must complete 16 hours of training, including firearm safety, principles of marksmanship, care and cleaning of firearms, and instruction on lawful and appropriate interaction with law enforcement while carrying or transporting firearms.
- Training requirement shall include live fire exercise, of at least 30 rounds, fired at a B-27 target from specified distances, with at least 70% accuracy.
- Up to 8 hours of approved training previously completed by the applicant, or training received in the military by active, retired, or honorably discharged U. S. Armed Services member counts toward the training requirement. Renewal application requires 3 hours of training, plus re-qualification on the firing range.

**Prohibited Concealed Carry Areas:**

- Carrying prohibited on public transportation, in government buildings, schools, playgrounds, municipal parks, bars (those that derive more than 50% of gross receipts from alcohol sales), prisons, airports, gaming facilities, stadiums, arenas, sporting events, amusement parks, museums, zoos, and in other areas defined in this legislation.

**Duty to Inform:**

- Provides that, if a law enforcement officer initiates an investigative stop of a licensee who is carrying a concealed firearm, upon the request of the officer the licensee shall disclose to the officer that he or she is in possession of a concealed firearm, present the license upon request of the officer, and identify the location of the concealed firearm.

**Helpful Resources:**

- Please visit one of the following online web pages for complete details on concealed carry and stay updated with the latest information regarding implementation.
- [www.thecaucusblog.com](http://www.thecaucusblog.com)
- [www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us)

**New Hunting and Trapping Digest:** The Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2013-2014 edition is now available at many IDNR license and permit vendor locations. The digest is also posted online in PDF format through the IDNR website at this link: [www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/HuntTrapDigest.pdf](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/HuntTrapDigest.pdf)

**For sale:** Baikal MP153 semi-auto 12 gauge shotgun. Russian made, built like a tank, this gun handles all 2 3/4", 3", and 3 1/2" shells. It is brand new in the box (still sealed in original plastic) with all papers, etc. It has black composite

stock and fore arm. It has 28" chrome lined vent rib bbl and comes with 4 interchangeable extended choke tubes. After market chokes are the Tru Choke thread. A lot of gun for the money! It is made by EAA (European American Arms) in Russia and imported by USSG (United States Sporting Goods, Inc) in Florida.

Here is a link to the website for all the details: <http://eaacorp.com/portfolio-item/mp153-semi-auto-shotgun/>  
Retail is \$509. Priced to sell at \$362 obo **Call 618-259-0871 or 618-567-8969**

**For sale:** Remington SPR453 semi-auto 12 gauge shotgun. This gun is identical to the Baikal MP153 listed above but it was imported and marketed for a short while by Remington Arms. It is made by Baikal in Russia. The only difference from the MP153 is that it has "Remington" stamped on the receiver. Otherwise, they are the same gun; i.e. Parts interchange, etc. 2 3/4', 3", 3 1/2" capable as well as adjustable recoil for tuning should you want that option. These are really rugged well made shotguns. Accessories and Parts, as well as any warranty work, are readily available from the importer, EAA, (European American Arms) in Florida. Here is a link to the specs on the Remington: <http://www.remington.com/products/archived/shotguns/autoloading/spr453.aspx>  
Retail was \$600. Priced to sell at \$375 obo. **Call 618-259-0871 or 618-567-8969**

**For sale:** NAA (North American Arms) mini revolver WASP model. 22 MAGNUM 1 5/8" vent rib bbl. 5 shot cylinder. Can safely be carried with all 5 rounds loaded due to the patented mid chamber safety notch. Great pocket gun. Lot's of accessories are available for carry, concealment, etc. New in Hard Plastic case with all factory papers. Retail in \$249. Sell for \$225 obo **Call 618-259-0871 or 618-567-8969**  
<http://northamericanarms.com/firearms/magnums/wasp/m-tw.html>

FOID card required and all Illinois laws apply. i.e. waiting periods, etc. **Call 618-259-0871 or 618-567-8969**

## Bertoglio Drywall

**Shawn Bertoglio** HANGING  
**616-779-0424** TAPE and FINISHING  
**618-498-5268** TEXTURING  
PAINTING

### MWHI 2013

Donated 5 Wood Duck Nest Boxes to the Batchtown Sportsmen's Club

Awarded two \$500.00 Scholarships

Donated \$450.00 to the Wounded Warrior Project

Donated 1 Wood Duck Nest Box to the Ducks Unlimited Kansas City, MO Chapter

Sponsored Working Wildfowl 2013 Event Audubon Society \$250.00

Donated and installed rollers at Hurricane Island

Sponsored Down Rivers Outdoors Celebrity Youth Hunt \$500.00

IFOR Affiliation \$750.00

Donated 20 gun cases to Wounded Warriors Event

## 2013-14 MWHI Gun Raffle

One Winner Every Month

Ticket will be drawn on first of every month, beginning at the October MWHI General Membership Meeting

**\$40 per ticket Only 500 sold**

October -	Super X 3
November -	Savage 20ga Bolt Action w/Nikon scope
December -	T/C Endeavor camo
January -	T/C Venture 22-250
February -	Browning A5
March -	Glock 22 40 cal
April -	Rem 870 Supermag Turkey Gun
May -	Rem 1911 45 cal
June -	Ruger Mini 14 Ranch
July -	Beretta 92 9mm
August -	CMMG AR15 .223
September -	Rem Versa-Max 12 ga

**For tickets or more information, please contact Eric Rhuede at 618-410-9853**

