



2404 E. Broadway, Alton, IL 62002

---

**VOLUME 43 ISSUE 3**

**APRIL 2013**

Rosi Franke, Editor

Tel: 618-396-2509

e-mail: [rgfranke@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgfranke@frontiernet.net)

**Visit Our New Website**



**[mwhi.us](http://mwhi.us)**

## MWHI OFFICERS 2013

### President

Banquet Chairman  
John Gineris  
618-708-8117 (cell)  
618-786-2596 (home)

### Vice-President

Mike Arnold  
618-786-2300

### Treasurer

Shane DeSherlia  
618-639-0855 (home)  
618-946-4520 (cell)  
desherlia3@hotmail.com

### Membership Secretary

Mike Devening  
618-259-6181

### Correspondence Secretary

Rosi Franke  
618-396-2509  
rgfranke@frontiernet.net

### Recording Secretary

Cheri Gineris  
618-786-2596

## MWHI DIRECTORS 2013

Bob Jones  
Area Projects Chairman  
IFOR Board Representative  
618-578-9547 (cell)

Chris Tite  
Co-COE Chairman  
618-610-3513

Dave Geisler  
Nilo Chairman  
618-576-9845

Eric Rhuede  
Wood Duck Nest Box Chairman  
Gun Raffle Chairman  
618-410-9853

Justin Wolfe  
Carlyle Lake Area Projects Chairman  
618-377-0397

Don Taul  
618-978-8285

Brian Arnold  
Refuge Chairman  
COE Chairman  
618-535-9979

Bob Schneider  
618-960-9906

Scott Bryant  
IFOR President  
618-535-0151 (cell)

Larry Franklin (Advisor)

John Popov (Advisor)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 1, 2013

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

Saturday, May 4, 2013

**IFOR ANNUAL BANQUET**  
at Julia's Banquet Center, East Alton  
for more information, contact Scott Bryant at 618-535-0151

Monday, May 6, 2013

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

Monday, June 3, 2013

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

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

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

**Support Your Club –  
Sign up a new member today!**

The *Sentry* is published monthly except for December and January by Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc., 2404 E. Broadway, Alton, IL, 62002. The *Sentry* deadline is always the second Monday of each month.

Statements and opinions expressed in the *Sentry* are those of the individual and do not necessarily represent the views of Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc. Officers, Directors, Advisors, Members or the Editor. The appearance of an ad in this newsletter does not necessarily constitute an endorsement of a product or service. We encourage our members to take note of those businesses advertising in our newsletter and shop with them when they are in the market for their product or services.

## Spring Time Wait

Duane Hahnenkamp

February - March is usually about the slowest and most boring time of the year for most people. Until the new spring snow goose season came along, it was really boring for the outdoor sportsman like you and I.

Turkey and crappie season were almost 2 months away and duck season was more like 7 months into the future. That alone was enough to depress any true duck hunter out there.

Last year things were really screwed up because of the super early spring weather, which caused everything to bloom, hatch or spawn early. I felt like I was trying to hunt turkeys in June and the bugs were blood thirsty. However, this year's February and early March were like the old time early springs I remember with cold, nasty - wet, dreary days that made you want to stay inside. The big surprise came after the big snow storm the last weeks of February, when all the snow geese came back south after having gone on thru to the north just two weeks before. All of the sudden we were on the snow line and tons of snow geese were stacked between West Alton and Jerseyville. I can honestly say that in 40 years of waterfowl hunting this is the most snow geese I have ever seen use our areas. It was almost enough to make me want to take up snow goose hunting, even if I did have too many hobbies already. I decided to be content with running my dog on preserve game birds and leave the snow geese for the younger guys.

It always has been nice to extend hunting season as long as possible and the colder weather was just the icing on the cake. Like I said before, it would be an awful boring February and March unless a person could find some way to enjoy the outdoors. Regardless, I hope it doesn't warm up too fast in the weeks to come so I can bird hunt a little longer and when April gets here, then I'll start turkey scouting. As you can see, I plan on keeping busy till summer.

The big hope is that it will snow and rain all spring up north, so we may still have a good chance for a decent duck hatch.

Enjoy your turkey season and your crappie fishing. I hope you get your bird and don't get caught with too many crappie. Good luck and keep your fingers crossed.

\*\*\*

Now let me say a little on the upcoming gun control battles. I don't want to be writing articles every month on the gun rights or debate what some government hack or news reporter said while trying to push their agenda. We can debate all day about assault rifles, pistols, shotguns, revolvers, or any other rifles and whether we need them or not.

First thing I want you to remember is that most of the people who want to ban these guns do not have a clue what an assault weapon is, unless someone tells them. Most can not tell you the difference between a revolver and a pistol or even the difference between a shotgun and a rifle. We have lawmakers jumping up and down wanting to pass laws on subjects that they are totally ignorant of, they vote solely on information of what their government aids have told them.

We already have thousands of laws against illegal guns, drugs, killing people, shooting, beating people, stealing and everything else, yet these crimes continue to occur daily. FBI statistics for years have shown that most major crimes are committed by convicted felons who just don't obey the laws. Plus, most of their victims are also convicted felons, in other words criminals fighting each other. When you look close, most shootings in this country are gang or drug related and mostly in the inner cities, but the news media doesn't want you to know that. Like I said, we can argue every statistic they have and they will never admit that they lost control of the inner cities. As far as mass killings are concerned, they will continue with or without guns. As history has shown, people who intend to kill will also use knives, swords, bombs, chemicals and as we saw on 911 even planes, even though they are all illegal.

I suggest we quit wasting time. Let's just make it simple for you, me and everyone out there including people in government offices. Let's tell all of our politicians that we did nothing wrong and that we are not the bad guys out there committing all of the crimes. Tell them right now that we will not vote for any politician who votes for "any new gun laws" period.

As gun owners, let's make our stand now and go on the offensive before your lawmakers start fishtailing. Now this is my view and my opinion how we can solve this debate. If you disagree with my suggestion that's ok and that's your opinion, but let me ask you this: "Why would you even want to vote for a politician who is willing to give away your ability to protect your home, your family or even your life?"

PS. Vice President Biden now says you only need a double barrel shotgun to hunt or protect yourself.

###

# **MWHI President John Gineris and Directors Bob Jones and Scott Bryant attended Governor's Press Release on 2/20/2013:**

## **Governor Quinn Announces \$2.8 Million to Expand Outdoor Recreation Opportunities Open Lands Trust to Create Public Hunting Ground in Illinois' Deer Capital**

Governor Pat Quinn today announced acquisition of 547 acres of public land in four Illinois counties to boost public access for hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing and outdoor recreation. The \$2.8 million in land purchases includes **410 acres in Pike County**, a hallowed deer hunting region, and 71 acres in Hackmatack, the nation's newest National Wildlife Refuge. This acquisition is part of Governor Quinn's ongoing commitment to expand and preserve Illinois' natural resources and boost the economy.

The properties were acquired through the Illinois Open Lands Trust (OLT), which is funded by Governor Quinn's Illinois Jobs Now! capital program and allocated for public recreation and conservation purposes.

"Preservation of open space for future generations is a worthy goal, and hunting, fishing and other forms of outdoor recreation generate billions of dollars a year in Illinois," Governor Quinn said. "Continuing to expand outdoor recreation areas and natural habitats such as Hackmatack are not only good for our economy, but also ensure that Illinois children can enjoy nature and lead a healthy lifestyle. Let's leave no child inside!"

"Pike County is a tremendous deer hunting destination with virtually no public access. This acquisition will give hunters an opportunity to pursue white-tails in Illinois' deer capital," said Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Marc Miller. "There is tremendous demand in Illinois for public access to open space and this purchase helps meet that demand."

The Pike County property includes extensive timber and upland areas with some tillable Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and pasture areas well-suited for public hunting programs. The newly acquired property will remain closed to the public while the IDNR continues development of a management plan, submits regulations for hunting and other recreation programs at the site, and installs public access areas.

The Pike County parcel - southwest of Pittsfield - was acquired for the appraised value of \$1.8 million. Today's announcement includes acquisition of three other properties to expand public lands:

Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, McHenry County, 71.8 acres (\$511,000) - The parcel was acquired to formally establish the Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge, the first refuge established in northern Illinois. The core areas of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge are rich in important natural resources, including rare and diverse natural communities, endangered and threatened species, wetlands, diverse aquatic systems and migratory birds. Eventually, the Hackmatack Refuge will improve or restore 11,000 acres of wetlands, prairie and forest, and will conserve habitat corridors between protected parcels to ensure sustainability of local ecological systems.

Expansion of Lowden-Miller State Forest, Ogle County, 64 acres (\$450,000) - A 64-acre tract of land best known locally as the centerpiece of Sinnissippi Forest's former Christmas tree operation, has been added to Lowden-Miller State Forest. This acquisition will give the public better access to the easternmost portion of this resource which is named for Illinois Governor Frank Lowden, an advocate of reforestation who was responsible for planting a half-million trees.

"Twenty years ago, my late wife Nancy and I took great pleasure in the creation of Lowden-Miller State Forest, knowing that the people of Illinois would now be able to enjoy this magnificent part of the Rock River Valley," Warren Miller, former owner of the property said. "When we reluctantly closed our Christmas tree operation in 2010, it was my hope that this tract could be added to the State Forest. I am extremely pleased that we've finally been able to do so."

Expansion of Kickapoo State Recreation Area, Vermilion County, 0.94 acres (\$25,000) - This parcel of land is located at the entrance to Kickapoo State Recreation Area adjacent to the Rock Cut Botanical Area, an Illinois Natural Areas Inventory site that supports some 40 species of sedge, a state-listed threatened grass-like plant.

Funds used to acquire these properties are through 2009 capital dollars appropriated for the Open Lands Trust Program, administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Since the program was first authorized in 1998, the OLT has acquired 41,000 acres for public recreation and conservation. ###

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

NRA Update on Gun Bills **1-800-392-8683**

Federal Senate Office **1-202-224-3121**

Federal House Offices **1-202-225-3121**

Illinois State Rifle Association **1-815-635-3198** [www.isra.org](http://www.isra.org)

Illinois Senate Information **1-217-782-4517**

Illinois House Information **1-217-782-8223**

**Sen. Wm. Sam McCann** – 50<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 217-782-8206 Email: SenatorSam@frontier.com

**Sen. Kyle McCarter** – 54<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 217-782-5755 E-mail: senatormccarter@gmail.com

**Sen. Chapin Rose** – 51<sup>st</sup> District  
Tel: 217-558-1006

**Sen. William R. Haine** – 56<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 618-465-4764 E-mail: haine@senatedem.state.il.us

**Sen. James F. Clayborne** – 57<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 618-875-1212 E-mail: clayborne@senatedem.il.us

**Sen. David Luechtefeld** – 58<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 618-243-9014 E-mail: sendavel@midwest.com

**Sen. Gary Forby** - 59<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 217-782-5509

**Rep. Dan Beiser** – 111<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 217-782-5996 E-Mail: [dvbeiser@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dvbeiser@sbcglobal.net)

**Rep. Natalie A. Manley** – 98<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 217-782-3316

**Rep. Adam Brown** – 102<sup>nd</sup> District  
Tel: 217-782-8398

**Rep. John D. Cavaletto** – 107<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 618-548-9080

**Rep. Dwight Kay** – 112 District  
Tel: 618-307-9200

**Rep. Jay Hoffman** – 113<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 217-782-0104

**Rep. Eddie Lee Jackson, Jr.** – 114<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 618-875-9950

**Rep. Mike Bost** – 115<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 618-457-5787 [mikebost@midwestmail.com](mailto:mikebost@midwestmail.com)

**Rep. Dan Reitz** – 116<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 618-443-5757 E-mail: [dreitz@egyptian.net](mailto:dreiz@egyptian.net)

.....  
**Rep. Rodney Davis** - 13<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 202-224-3121

**Rep. John Shimkus** - 15<sup>th</sup> District  
Tel: 618-344-3065 E-mail: [house.gov/shimkus](http://house.gov/shimkus)

**Sen. Richard J. Durbin**  
Tel: 202-224-2152 E-mail: [dick@durbin.senate.gov](mailto:dick@durbin.senate.gov)

**Sen. Mark Kirk**  
Tel: 202-224-2854 Email: [kirk.senate.gov](mailto:kirk.senate.gov)  
.....



### **Legislation Update**

**John Popov**

Concealed – Carry! Will Illinois finally get it? On Tuesday, March 4, 2013, the Illinois House approved HB 1155, a concealed – carry bill.

No doubt, there will be stiff opposition from Chicago. One part of the bill states, “any Illinois resident who has a license or permit to carry a handgun issued by another state shall be able to carry a handgun in accordance with this Act using that license for 365 days following the effective date of this Act.” Whether Illinois will honor all other state permits is unclear. This is not spelled out in the pending bill.

One clause in the bill states that Illinois would recognize any other state’s license or permit whose requirement to obtain a license or permit is substantially similar ‘to that of Illinois.’ According to the bill, those states would include, ‘but are not limited to Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

A four class was held at SWIC on 3/2/2013. This was for a Utah permit. It is good in 31 states. Various other gun facilities are also offering classes. Contact your legislators in support for a good concealed – carry law.

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

### **Bill Status of HB1155** *98th General Assembly*

Short Description: CRIMINAL LAW-TECH

House Sponsors

Rep. Michael J. Madigan

Date	Chamber	Action
3/13/2013	House	Held on Calendar Order of Second Reading - Short Debate ***

### **Last Action**

#### **Synopsis As Introduced**

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the unlawful use of weapons.

## **Letter from Gary A Liley to Illinois State Representative Dan Beiser:**

February 22, 2013

The Honorable Daniel Beiser  
State Capitol  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear State Assemblyman Beiser,

As a law-abiding citizen and a responsible gun owner, I am deeply saddened by the recent tragedies and I support efforts to curb violence in all forms. However, I do not support the efforts of Congress, the White House or any lawmaker who seeks to restrict my rights under the Second Amendment, or to impose new restrictions on me and other law-abiding firearm owners.

Rather, I support a comprehensive approach to preventing violence in our communities through a thorough evaluation of the challenges we face. That review must include the enforcement of existing laws, the need for heightened security approaches, and greater consideration on how to better manage the acutely mentally ill.

As a law-abiding citizen and a constituent, I ask that you represent me in these matters.

Sincerely,  
Gary A Liley

### **Representative Dan Beiser's email response:**

Sent: Tue, Feb 26, 2013 9:33 am

Subject: Re: Protect Second Amendment Gun Rights from Attack

Gary,

Thank you for contacting my office to share your concerns regarding the recent attempts to ban guns and restrict gun rights from law abiding citizens in Illinois.

I share your frustration with these pieces of legislation. I will continue to work with the National Rifle Association and Illinois State Rifle Association to make sure that over-bearing regulations like these do not become law. In addition to stopping unwarranted attacks on gun ownership, I am working with other legislators to finally pass concealed and carry in Illinois.

As the new session of the General Assembly begins, I promise to continue to defend the 2nd Amendment rights of Americans. As all of these issues advance in the House of Representatives, please feel free to contact my office if you have any other questions or concerns.

Dan Beiser

### **ISRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE – Concealed and Carry Law Richard Pearson ISRA Director, 3/14/2013**

On Wednesday we saw what can be best described as a "Horse and Pony Show" in the gun rights debate on the Illinois House of Representatives floor. These debates truly define who are our friends and our enemies. Representatives Bost, Brauer, DeLuca, Costello, Franks, David Harris, Ives, Kay, Phelps, Reis, and Sacia and maybe some others I missed truly stood up for our Second Amendment rights in Illinois. We owe them for their efforts.

On the attack against our rights, and espousing the Chicago line, were Cassidy, Will Davis, Feigenholtz, Sims and Zalewski. It is good to remember these names also. They say they support the Second Amendment and then do whatever they can to undermine it. These people claim they are only after gang bangers and other criminals but the fact is there targets are really law abiding gun owners-you and me! The laws they are trying to pass will mean nothing to the criminals. This fight is far from over so we must all be aware what is going on and who is doing what.

I urge you to join the Illinois State Rifle Association if you are not a member and recruit a new member if you are a member now. Starting today I want you to call you State Legislators and tell them you want no gun bans and you want a shall issue CCW bill.

##

**Refuge Update**

## **Brian Arnold**

There are still good aquatics in the refuges for spring migration. The refuges are holding a good number of ducks at this point.

The refuge staff is going to plant about 250 acres of row crops again this year, weather permitting.

Like last year, the plan is to draw down Lower Swan Lake, again weather permitting. At the same time, they are planning a partial draw down in the middle cell of Swan Lake in an attempt to get more aquatics to keep coming back.

## **MWHI Co-Sponsored the Pere Marquette Youth Pheasant Hunt**

The event was held on March 2, 2013 at Pere Marquette Park for youth hunter between the ages of 10 and 15. The Pere Marquette Youth Pheasant Hunt is a new addition to the IDNR Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt Program and represents an expansion into early spring.

Young hunters participated in a wingshooting clinic during the morning, along with practicing shotgun safety and advancing their wingshooting skills. The pheasant hunt took place after lunch.

Co-sponsors include the Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau; Channel-Seedsmanship At Work; Ducks Unlimited; Friends of Pere Marquette State Park; Green Roof Kennels; Hargrave International; the Illinois National Shoot-To-Retrieve Field Trial Association; **Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc.**; the National Wild Turkey Federation – Midwest Gobblers Chapter; Otter Creek Hunting Club; Pfister Seed Company; Quail Forever – Illinois Pioneer Chapter; Todd Parish – Attorney At Law; Ward Financial Services; Whitworth-Horn-Goetten Insurance Agency; and Winchester/Olin.

## **Two Rivers NWR Announces Upcoming Spring Events**

**Cortney Solum, Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge, 3/15/2013**

Brussels, Ill. - Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge announces the schedule of free events to be held this spring and summer.

A nature story hour will be held at the refuge visitor center at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 20, May 25, June 22, July 20 and Aug. 24. Preregister by the Monday before each event. The refuge visitor center is located near the village of Brussels, Ill. on Hagen Rd. about four miles from the Brussels Ferry.

Join a refuge ranger on a walk to explore the wildlife refuge as it changes through spring and summer at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, May 25, and June 22. Walks will last about one hour and are open to all ages. Preregister by the Monday before each event.

Bring the family out to the refuge to learn which frogs sing in the nightly spring chorus. "Sounds of Spring," a ranger led walk highlighting spring frog calls will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the refuge visitor center. The walk will last about one hour and will be followed by a camp fire. Participants should bring bug spray and a flashlight. Preregister by April 22.

A hike will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 11, to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. Take a walk in the Gilbert Lake Division of the refuge to experience spring migration on the Mississippi Flyway. The Gilbert Lake walking trail is a 3-mile loose gravel trail. Participants should meet in the parking area of the Gilbert Lake division, one-fourth mile west of the Brussels Ferry on Highway 100. Preregister by May 6.

"Biking for Birds," a series of free, beginner birding watching and bicycling events will be held this summer as part of the Year of Cycling 2013 at 10 a.m. May 18 (preregister by May 3), June 15 (preregister by May 31), and Sept. 28 (preregister by Sept. 13). Join in these leisurely six-mile bike rides through Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge and Pere Marquette State Park and learn some techniques for watching birds along the way. Expert bicyclists will provide instruction on biking skills and safety. Free bike rentals will be available courtesy of the wildlife refuge. Each bike ride will start at the Pere Marquette State Park boat harbor on the east end of the parking area near the picnic shelter. The events are open to participants ages 12 and older.

To preregister for an event call the refuge visitor center at 618-883-2524 or email [TwoRivers@fws.gov](mailto:TwoRivers@fws.gov). Event details are subject to change, call for more information or view the calendar of events on the refuge website at [www.fws.gov/refuge/two\\_rivers](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/two_rivers).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to these events for all participants. Please direct all requests for sign language interpreting services, close captioning, or other accommodation needs to Cortney Solum at TTY 800-877-8339 with your request no later than five business days prior to each event.

# **Survey Results Show Gun Owners Do Not Support Gun Control And Don't Trust Politicians**

**ISRA News Release 3/18/2013**

A weekend internet survey conducted by the ISRA reveals that gun owners solidly support the right to keep and bear arms and overwhelmingly reject gun control schemes currently before Congress and the Illinois General Assembly.

The survey was accessible from the ISRA's Internet page and was also distributed by way of the ISRA's e-mail alert service. In all, more than 4,500 individuals responded to the 50-question survey over a two-day period. Of those 4,500 respondents, 97% reported that they owned at least one firearm.

Survey results indicate that recent gun control proposals are not very popular with gun owners. No less than 99% of respondents expressed opposition to banning AR-15 style rifles. Similar majorities oppose banning AK-47 style rifles and other semiautomatic rifles, pistols and shotguns.

Proposed regulation of ammunition also failed to garner support among those surveyed. A full 99% of respondents oppose limits on how much ammunition a person could buy. Similar numbers oppose registration of ammunition purchases, microstamping of cartridges, and ammunition taxes to pay for crime victim medical bills. Contrary to what is reported in the media, 98% of gun owners surveyed oppose limits on the capacity of rifle, pistol and shotgun magazines.

Background checks were also unpopular with those surveyed. Results show that two-thirds of respondents oppose background checks on private gun sales – even if the government was required to destroy all records of the background checks.

Much of the gun control movement's standard wish list found little support among respondents. Gun owner licensing met with 95% opposition while both gun registration and mandatory liability insurance for gun owners are opposed by 98% of those who took the survey.

The ISRA survey results also revealed some significant credibility gaps as witnessed by the fact that less than 5% of respondents feel that the police could protect them from crime. Less than 8% feel that gun control effectively thwarts crime while less than 20% of respondents feel that gun control organizations are acting in good faith. About 90% of respondents feel that politicians who promote gun control are only doing so for political reasons. The credibility of the press took a hit as 97% of respondents feel that media is biased against private firearm ownership. Less than 1% of respondents identify with the policies of big name gun controllers like Rahm Emanuel, Chuck Schumer or Michael Bloomberg.

The survey results show that personal safety was an important issue to respondents. Just over 80% of respondents feel that they could become the victim of violent crime while about half feel unsafe travelling outside their neighborhoods. These concerns most likely drove the 99% support for allowing law-abiding citizens to carry defensive firearms.

"We've been a bit skeptical of the reports in the media claiming that firearm owners support gun control," commented ISRA Executive Director Richard Pearson. "Although our poll was not strictly scientific, it tends to support what we know intuitively. That being that firearm owners stand strongly by the 2nd Amendment while eschewing gun bans, licensing and registration. We are happy with the overall results of the survey. We did find it unsettling however that about 75% of respondents say they feel less welcome in the United States than they did 5 years ago. Sad, but given the current political climate, those feelings are understandable."

The ISRA is the state's leading advocate of safe, lawful and responsible firearms ownership. For more than a century, the ISRA has represented the interests of millions of law-abiding Illinois firearm owners.

## **Anti-Dove Hunting Bill Introduced in Iowa**

**U. S. Sportsmen's Alliance 3/8/2013**

Just two years after establishing a dove hunting season, Iowa sportsmen again find themselves facing its threatened closure. Animal rights and anti-hunting groups, upset over the newly created season, are pushing Iowa House File 291, sponsored by Representative Mary Mascher (D-Iowa City). The measure would ban mourning dove hunting in the state by removing them as a game bird from state law.

"Anti-hunting organizations have not given up their fight to ban dove hunting," said Evan Heusinkveld, U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance director of government affairs. "Iowa sportsmen must contact their state representatives in opposition to this hunting ban."

# déjà vu

**World English Dictionary: déjà vu** [( day -zhah vooh )] The strange sensation that something one is now experiencing has happened before: "I knew I had never been in the house before, but as I walked up the staircase, I got a weird sense of déjà vu."

[from French, literally: already seen]

## **Bill would ban lead ammunition in California**

**By TRACIE CONE | Associated Press – Tue, Mar 12, 2013**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Environmentalists are pushing legislation to ban lead ammunition in California to prevent toxins from poisoning scavengers that eat animal remains left by hunters. Final language of the bill was introduced Monday by Assembly Member Anthony Rendon, D-Lakewood, who said the legislation would remove a lingering source of pollution from the environment. It was sponsored by three major environmental groups — Defenders of Wildlife, Audubon California, and the Humane Society of the United States.

"There really is no question that lead ammo is a threat," said Kim Delfino of Defenders of Wildlife. "To pass a bill in California would set the stage for this happening throughout the country, the way low-emissions vehicle standards changed the market nationwide."

Lead is a neurotoxin that has thwarted efforts to restore endangered California condors to their historic habitat. It's the major cause of death for condors and affects other scavengers such as bald eagles, golden eagles and turkey vultures.

Opponents of restrictions on ammunition purchases argue that animals that suffer from lead poisoning could be getting it from another source. They cite the fact that incidences of poisoning have not declined despite a ban since 2008 on the use of lead ammunition in the eight-county area where condor recovery is under way.

The National Rifle Association has opposed all bans on lead ammo in the past. The gun rights group has dismissed studies from the University of California, Davis and the University of California, Santa Cruz that show poisonings of birds of prey are highest during hunting seasons and that the lead isotopes in their bloodstreams match ammunition. The NRA says those studies are flawed.

NRA officials did not immediately return telephone messages seeking comment on the new bill. Studies have shown that nonlead ammunition fires as accurately, but in some calibers it is more expensive than bullets made of lead. Proponents of the ban argue that as nonlead ammo becomes more popular with hunters, the prices will continue to decrease.

The bill comes as a subcommittee of the California Fish and Game Commission is studying whether to institute a ban statewide.

"The commission has looked at the lead issue for years," said Michael Sutton, the department's president. "Should we ban it on state lands, ecological areas and preserves? For all hunting statewide? I'm not going to hazard a guess as to what the commission will do."

Bill supporters, including pediatrician Richard Pan, D-Sacramento, say lead shot in animals consumed by humans is a public health issue because it puts children at risk of brain damage.

"We don't have to choose between hunting and protecting wildlife," said Jennifer Fearing of the Humane Society of the United States. "Removing lead from the environment isn't just good science. It's also the right thing to do."

### **IDNR March 2013 News Bits**

**Hunter and Boating Safety Education:** Check the schedule online and sign up now for 2013 Hunter Safety Education and Boating Safety Education courses from the IDNR. There are plenty of classes scheduled, but they fill up quickly. Check the IDNR website for class dates and locations. Class schedules are updated frequently. The website link for all IDNR Safety Education course information is [www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety).

# House Speaker Mike Madigan Seeks To Keep The 'Wrong People' From Carrying Guns

ISRA Press Release, 3/4/2013

Anyone who has lived in the greater Chicago area for any amount of time knows that racial code words are a subtle, yet powerful feature of the local dialect. Code words allow self-conscious racists to discreetly mask their xenophobia. For example, around Chicagoland a "regular customer" is often used to denote that someone is White while someone who is "funny looking" is probably something other than White.

Over the past several days, the Illinois General Assembly has been debating the court-ordered imposition of a concealed carry law here in Illinois. One of the major sticking points for passage of a concealed carry law is whether Illinois will be a "shall issue" state or a "may issue" state. A shall-issue law would require that officials issue concealed carry permits to any law-abiding citizen who passes a background check and meets certain training and proficiency requirements. On the other hand, a may-issue law would result in county sheriffs issuing concealed carry permits at their whim – and probably only to a select group of their friends and political supporters.

As expected, House Speaker Michael Madigan has been pushing for a "may-issue" bill to satisfy the court's requirement. Madigan supposedly prefers "may issue" for the purpose of keeping the "wrong people" from obtaining concealed carry permits. However, one does not have to be keenly perceptive to know that, coming from Madigan, "may-issue" and "wrong people" adds up to yet another set of Chicago code words. Within the context of Madigan's preferences, here is how "may issue" will translate into reality:

"May issue" means that if you are Black, you probably won't be granted a carry permit in Cook County.

"May issue" means that if you are Hispanic, you probably won't be granted a carry permit in Cook County.

"May issue" means that if your name is hard to pronounce, you probably won't be granted a carry permit in Cook County.

"May issue" means that if you pulled a Republican ballot in the last primary, you probably won't be granted a concealed carry permit in Cook County.

"May issue" means that if you contributed generously to Machine candidates, you will most likely be granted a concealed carry permit in Cook County.

"Madigan and the rest of the Chicago Machine are famous for doling out government contracts and services to their friends while systematically shortchanging minorities and those who are not ardent machine supporters," commented ISRA Executive Director, Richard Pearson. "If Illinois becomes a 'may issue' state, then one should expect that concealed carry permits will be issued as a quid pro quo perk rather than to facilitate the right of self defense."

"The ISRA believes that all law-abiding Illinois citizens have the right to defend themselves against violent criminals," continued Pearson. "We believe that law-abiding citizens are entitled to exercise that right by employing the best means of protection available – the defensive firearm. Therefore, the ISRA will fight against any attempt to pass a 'may issue' concealed carry law in this state."

The ISRA is the state's leading advocate of safe, lawful and responsible firearms ownership. For more than a century, the ISRA has represented the interests of millions of law-abiding Illinois firearm owners.

## IDNR March 2013 News Bits

**New Fishing Booklet:** The 2013-2015 Illinois Fishing Information guide is available in PDF format through the IDNR website at: [www.dnr.illinois.gov/fishing](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/fishing). Regulations in the guide are effective April 1, 2013, through March 31, 2015. Illinois Free Fishing Days for 2013 are June 7-10.

**Resident Firearm/Muzzleloader Deer Applications:** Resident Illinois deer hunters can apply online beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Tues., March 12 (through April 30) for the first lottery drawings for 2013 Illinois firearm and muzzleloader-only deer season permits through DNR Direct. Just click on the Online Services tab on the IDNR website home page at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov). Application forms in PDF format will be available online in April. The first lottery drawings for firearm and muzzleloader-only deer permits are for Illinois residents only. The deadline to apply for the first lottery drawings for 2013 firearm deer permits and muzzleloader-only deer permits is April 30. Resident hunters can apply in both the firearm and muzzleloader-only lotteries. The 2013 Illinois firearm deer seasons are Nov. 22-24 (first season) and Dec. 5-8 (second season). The 2013 muzzleloader-only permits may be used Dec. 13-15 (and in the second firearm season, Dec. 5-8).

## **Duck Dynasty Stars Labeled “Animal Serial Killers”**

U. S. Sportsmen’s Alliance, Posted on March 1, 2013

A former lead singer of an 80’s English alternative rock band refused national television exposure when he withdrew from performing for “Jimmy Kimmel Live” Tuesday February 26.

Morrissey, the former leader of the Smiths, cancelled the appearance because guests included stars from the reality TV show “Duck Dynasty.” An animal rights activist and vegan, Morrissey refused to perform on stage when scheduled to follow the popular duck-hunting stars, citing “moral” grounds.

In a statement published to his fan magazine, Morrissey said “I can’t take the risk of being on a show alongside people who, in effect, amount to animal serial killers.”

The family shown on “Duck Dynasty” operates Duck Commander, a multi-million dollar business that produces supplies, mainly duck calls, for duck hunters.

### **2013 Resident Deer Applications—Apply Now**

**IDNR News 3/12/2013**

Resident Illinois deer hunters can apply online beginning March 12 through April 30 for the first lottery drawings for 2013 Illinois firearm and muzzleloader-only deer season permits through DNR Direct. Just click on the Online Services tab on the IDNR website home page at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov). Application forms in PDF format will be available online in April. The first lottery drawings for firearm and muzzleloader-only deer permits are for Illinois residents only.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES**

The deadline to apply for the first lottery drawings for 2013 firearm and muzzleloader-only deer permits is April 30. Resident hunters can apply in both the firearm and muzzleloader-only lotteries.

#### **SEASON DATES**

Firearm deer seasons are Nov. 22-24 (first season) and Dec. 5-8 (second season). The 2013 muzzleloader-only permits may be used Dec. 13-15 (and in the second firearm season, Dec. 5-8).

## **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**

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

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

