

DO YOU VALUE YOUR PRIVILEGE TO HUNT?

An Editorial

If you value your privilege to hunt or bear arms it is imperative that you know, understand, and abide by the current New York State Fish and Game Laws.

In view of all of the present day furor created by the misuse of hunting weapons by a few people, it behooves all of us to try and keep violations down lest some frenzied do-gooders and legislators try to pass laws that will take our Constitutional rights away from us which will limit our use and possession of all firearms.

With the advent of Spring and the ensuing warmer weather, many gun enthusiasts have taken to the field in search of woodchucks and other vermin that do damage and prey on the game population.

Andover Rod & Gun Club members tell us that they have had several complaints and inquiries about possible violations of the New York State Fish and Game Law.

In the interest of Sportmanship, The Club has furnished us with the latest information that can possibly save gun enthusiasts from breaking laws that are not understood, as well as saving themselves from a possible fine or revocation of their hunting license.

The following are a few of the most common violations that are reported and cause the most undesirable comments.

Under PART V, Par. 225. Prohibitions: (1) No person while in or on an automobile shall take wildlife, or use any lights on an automobile for such purpose. (2) Wildlife shall not be taken on or from any public highway. (4) (b) no person shall hunt wild deer or bear (ii) with the aid of a jacklight, spotlight, headlight or other type of artificial light.

Par. 245 (2) No firearm except a pistol or revolver shall be carried or possessed in or on a motor vehicle unless it is unloaded in both the chamber and magazine. For purposes of this subdivision, motor vehicle—shall include but not be limited to automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, tractors, and trailers, whether operated on or off public highways.

(3) No person shall discharge a firearm in a "restricted area" established pursuant to Section 170, Contrary to the terms of the restriction prohibiting or restricting such discharge.

(4) (a) No person shall: (i) discharge a firearm or long bow in such a way as will result in the load or arrow thereof passing over a public highway or any part thereof; (ii) discharge a firearm or long bow within 500 feet from a dwelling house, farm building or farm structure actually occupied or used, school building, school playground, or occupied factory or church;

(b) The prohibitions contained in clause (ii) of par. (a) above shall not apply to: (i) the owner or lessee of a dwelling house, or members of his immediate family actually residing therein, or a person in his employ; (ii) The guest of the owner or lessee of a dwelling house acting with the consent of said owner or lessee, except that as to such guest such discharge of firearm or long bow is prohibited within 500 feet from such school building, school playground, factory or church.

Another law that is often abused is Par. 238. Hunting by minors. (1) A licensee between the ages of 14 to 16 years shall not hunt wildlife with a gun or long bow unless he is accompanied by his parents or legal guardian who holds a hunting or combined hunting and fishing license, or a person over 21 years of age, designed in writing by his parent or legal guardian, holding such license.

The above are the most common violations but in the interests of your own welfare and safety, why not check over the latest Fish and Game Law Syllabus? You can find out how and where to get one at the Town Clerk's Office and for quick reference—we know that "Kenny" Vars has one at his Jewelry Store.

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History
(Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

50 YEARS AGO
May 8, 1914

J. H. Backus, Publisher
Mrs. Catherine Green, 77, died at her home on East Greenwood Street Tuesday night, May 5th. Two daughters and a son survive. Frank Martin caught a trout in Dyke's Creek Saturday that was 26 inches in length and weighed 6 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker recently welcomed a little daughter at their home.
Dr. George Lynch of New York City has been visiting his brother and other friends in this area the past week.

E. F. Stearns accompanied by his brother, Dr. J. S. Stearns of Port Allegany, start tonight for a visit with their sister, Mrs. E. L. Hann at Norwich, N. Y.

J. Harvey Backus was in Rome this week as County Delegate to the State Convention of the Modern Woodman.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donnelly and children of Toledo, Ohio are visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. William McDonough.

Mrs. Betsey Earley of Invale is visiting at the home of her son, Atty. and Mrs. C. L. Earley.

George Beebe is a business visitor in New York City this week. Eldyn Fenner and Willard Teft of Alfred were Saturday and Sunday guests of Lawrence Bloss.

40 YEARS AGO
April 25, 1924

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
John R. Shea, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Shea of South Hill, was ordained to the Priesthood in Rome, Italy on Saturday, April 19. The young man graduated in 1920 at St. Michael's College in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wentworth are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, April 22nd.

About three inches of snow fell Monday. Easter showers proved to be snow showers.

Harold J. Greenlee and Julia Mae Woodruff of Bradford were married by Rev. A. D. Sheppard Tuesday, April 22nd.

Mrs. W. S. Calhoun was in Buffalo, Wednesday and Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Traster of Hornell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Vickers.

Misses Loretta and Rose Harrington spent Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Garvin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lee were in Hammondsport Saturday in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Katherine Banter.

30 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1934

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Davis are the parents of a son, born April 15th.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Briggs of Himrods spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davis.

Mrs. Denzel Baker was in Greenwood Monday night to play at an OES program.
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunt returned Saturday from a visit with their son and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunt of Washington, D. C.

J. Harvey and Claire Backus were in Olean Wednesday evening in attendance at a dinner and regional meeting of the Allegany and Cattaraugus County Publishers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruger were Buffalo visitors Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perry returned this week from spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Richard Harder attended a meeting of the Elmira College Club and Luncheon at the home of Mrs. William LaValley in Hornell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Childs of Portville were Tuesday evening callers at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Wereley.

All that article through the Classified Section.

"Red's" Racetrack Sportsman's Raceway To Open May 23rd

Rambles
Hello there again all you racing fans!

As you undoubtedly saw — or heard, the Olean Speedway lead the other area tracks with its official opening this past Saturday night.

On approaching Olean we began to be worried that we might be late for the opening since traffic was so heavy, and everyone seemed to be heading the same way we were. However, we managed to get there with just about enough time to get all of our camera paraphernalia set up for the occasion.

When we got out in the infield of the track and saw the number of people in the stands, we readily understood why traffic had been so heavy as there were around 2,500 people in attendance — and from the looks of the cars outside — almost everyone must have driven there themselves.

As most opening nights — it could be compared with a bride on her wedding night — things were a little confused, everyone concerned was a little nervous and tense, the ceremonies were a little late in beginning but before the feature was over — there was plenty of action.

The opening ceremonies were brief with "Chuck" Ivory, President of Speedway Assn., welcoming the racetrack fans and introducing the Mayor of Olean who spoke briefly and then cut the ribbon which allowed the racing cars to make a circuit of the track and sort of pass in review for the benefit of the spectators.

In the Amateur Division — D. Sharpston driving No. 34 won the 1st heat; with J. Weaver driving No. 77 winning the second heat and both of them placing in the top three in the feature. Sharpston, No. 34, won first place; D. Shumaker driving No. 18 placed second and Weaver No. 77 placed third.

There weren't too many Amateur cars on hand for the opening but on talking to some of the drivers we found that quite a few of the women racers didn't get their cars quite finished or else a few changes had to be made in order to meet track safety regulations.

In the Super "B" Modified Class we really saw several beautiful jobs that were as "classy" as any of the Indy cars that we saw at Trenton and from the way they "burned up the track" could have given them plenty of competition. In the first heat — Dick Ferraro with his rebuilt No. 21 placed 1st; N. DaBolt No. 31 from Buffalo, took second; and Pezzimenti, the Fireman from Allegany with his No. 1 placed third.

In the 2nd heat — F. Chapman in No. 111 from Waverly took the No. 1 spot; J. Judson in No. B-13 from Elmira was second; with F. Meyers in No. 41 placing third.

In the 3rd heat — C. Pierce in No. 16 from Buffalo was first (and boy was that ever a running automobile as he lapped some of the slower cars in this short run); B. Frisbee in No. 28X took second and B. Bleem in 42X placed third.

In the action-packed feature — Chapman in No. 111 ended up in the winning slot; Pierce in No. 16 was runner-up; and Frisbee in No. 28X copped third.

This race was a heart breaker for several of the favorites — "Cliff" Norton in his new car was forced out with a mechanical failure; "Don" Daniels with his car just fresh from the Rochester Auto Show, was clipped and spun out on No. 1 turn in the race; and Pierce in his hot slant six spun out in front of the stands while leading the pack and lost a lap before he could get going again.

Pezzimenti, who took over the No. 1 spot when Pierce lost the lead, then lead for several laps until he ran into bad luck between No. 3 and No. 4 turn, rolling over several times and doing what looked like an end over end flip before finally coming to rest back on his wheels. Fortunately for him, he was able to climb out of the wreckage unaided and apparently didn't seem to be suffering from any severe injuries except a bad cut on his nose and a thorough

The "Sportsman's Raceway" at Ulysses, Pa. (near Mills) will open Saturday, May 23rd under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Miller, owners of the track; according to a news release received today.

Mr. Miller told us in a personal interview that they are planning on presenting racing 2 nights a week, Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 P. M.

Wednesday nights will feature the Flat Head Class (Amateurs) and Modern Stock which will include 1955 thru 1964 model racing cars.

The Saturday night show will present the Flat Head Class (Amateurs again), and a full Class "B" Modified card, with \$100 guaranteed purse to the winners of both the Modern and "B" Modified classes.

"Dick" Wittie, local professional photographer, will be on hand Wednesday evenings to catch and capture the chills, spills and thrills of the action that has marked this track over the past few years.

We had the pleasure of attending a meeting at the Sportsman's Club recently and were pleasantly surprised to find the facilities offered there. Despite the fact that it is located "South of the Border" in Potter County Pa., out in what might be termed "the sticks", it boasts a new "Club House" that is almost completely finished up. Has a beautiful view of the nearby small artificial lake, affords plenty of parking space and has plenty of room for picnic grounds.

Mr. Miller stated that he felt by adding a racing program on Wednesday night, it would afford businessmen and racing fans an opportunity to attend races when they have an afternoon and evening off without interfering with their week-end plans.

Racing programs will also be available for the first time this year which will have action shots of some of the drivers and will also give the fans a chance to score the winners of the events as they progress.

Letter To The Editor

Andover, N. Y.
April 28, 1964

Dear Editor:
A couple of weeks ago you had a write up in your paper saying that Andover has 3 good parking lots and you urged everyone to use them. How about at night? I think it is high time the taxpayers get a few poles and put up some street lights in these parking lots. I say they are very dimly lighted and I for one wouldn't go into any of them at night without an escort and 2 police dogs and I have discouraged any of my family from parking there at night.

Another thing, "Dear Editor", have we all forgotten that a "man is innocent until he is proven otherwise?" I for one was ignorant of this fact and thought what the law said went but I found out a day too late that if a person is arrested and posted bail and got himself a few witnesses instead of listening to some justice of the peace talking him out of it they would be a lot richer and have less bruise on his body. Any lawyer will be glad to tell you I am right. So I am writing this for the "Citizens of Andover" to the "KNOW the law and your rights."

Remember you are innocent until proven otherwise so I suggest we stand up for ourselves, maybe you aren't such a bad person after all.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Stephen Clarke

shaking up — but boy, was his car ever a mess.
This accident of course stopped the race and necessitated a new start in Indian File for the completion of the race.

Altogether, we felt that it was a very good performance for an opening night and with a little polishing up on the weaker spots should afford racing fans a very good show for their pleasure in the coming months.

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