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### GENEMOLYNEAUX REPORTS

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I would like to share with the membership a little more about Dave Miller and myself, but also how it is that CANY is working to serve you ~ the local sportsmen and women. Dave and I are longtime friends and associates. I have had adequate time to decide the quality of the man, and think that it is important that CANY members better understand what it is that he does, what we do together, and how that matters to you. CANY relies on Dave's legislative experience, and CANY expertise as its main cofounder and founding President.

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Dave and I have worked on legislative issues for the past 18 years. Primarily, those issues have focused on legislative concerns of the NYS Trappers Association and the NY Houndsmen: when I tell you that I would like to see CANY take a more aggressive approach with our influence in Albany you will understand I am not doing so out of naivete. This past spring, the CANY Board asked Dave to arrange two visitations to the Legislature, the first for the Board to go from office to office meeting with key legislators. Dave set up meetings back-to-back to the point where we had to split up to cover them all.

Given the range of issues of concern and the expertise of individual members of the Board, that worked out very well. By the end of a very full day in the offices of twelve key legislators we had met with our elected officials and their chief staff members responsible for the issues we wished most to address.

Not much later in the spring, CANY returned to the Legislature as the sponsor of a Legislative Reception in the Legislative Office Building. Legislators were sent a written invitation beforehand and, all tolled, forty-three legislators visited with us over coffee and refreshments. There is a always a crowd of people gathered at such an event, but individual officers and members of the Board always have opportunities to be one-on-one with individual legislators or pairs of them, which works well.

Dave and I stayed on in Albany for a meeting the following day with other sportman groups at DEC headquarters to discuss the \$14 million deficit in the Conservation fund (which some have predicted is a great deal larger) and a variety of proposed bills. Lowering the age for youth, raising fines for poaching, and cable restraints were our priorities but not a complete list of all we brought before them.

We, as a group drafted a letter asking the legislators to move at least \$14 million from the General Fund to the Conservation Fund. Sportsmen follow regulations that are said to serve the interests of all the people: the General Fund represents tax revenues from all the people.: it is essential for all the people to pitch in together at this critical moment in the history of the DEC.

Later on, CANY went back to Albany for the annual meeting of the Sportsmens Caucus, presided over by elected members of the Assembly and Senate, and sponsored by National Wild Turkey Federation and Safari Club International. There were several sportsmen groups in attendance—somewhere

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### TWO BROTHERS AND A HUNT TO REMEMBER—JUSTIN & JACOB JUMP

One cold day in December, while working at the Molyneaux's Christmas Tree Farm, one of the kids that was working wanted to go pheasant hunting. He kept bothering Gene to take us hunting. So Gene told him to go and get the kids down at the sale's barn. So when Dylan came down and told us to get in the gator, we went back to the house. When we walked in, Gene handed all four of us an orange vest, guns, and bullets. We all got ready and we got Luke and Lugnut and put them in the back of Gene's truck in the dog boxes. Both of the dogs were happy to get in the box to go hunting.

*It was the middle of December on a mild day with freezing rain. As we got closer to the hunt Gene explained all the rules to us and then we started. Jerry and I were on one side of the pines and Jacob and Dylan were on the other. The dogs were ahead of us. We got through the pines without seeing anything. When we started into the cornfield. Gene told me to go on the outside, Jerry in the middle and*

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The Trapper Mentoring Bill and the Youth Hunting Bill have passed the Senate and Assembly and been signed by the Governor. This could not happen without people like you taking the time to write a legislative member your thoughts on these bills.

**THANK YOU!**

*Presidents report, continued:*

around 100 to 150 sportsmen and women — and it seemed that everyone had an opportunity to speak with legislators. CANY was among them.

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My message to you has been of some actual investments of time, money, and expertise made by CANY Officers and members of the Board; and has indicated small samples of the representation that is provided out of the expertise of Dave Miller. The details underlying his contributions reside in the fact that Dave is in Albany on a weekly basis, an advantage that few grassroots organizations enjoy. Still, you play no less a role: the real power of legislative influence arises out of a) the size of the membership an organization represents, because b) that also represents votes. Both come from you: i) your loyalty to and ii) participation in the CANY mission, iii) your ongoing membership, iv) your phone calls, your letters, your emails made or sent to legislators at their Albany and Local District offices, and v) your visitations to those local offices to meet the legislator and let them know where you stand on individual issues and proposed bills. These are the things of which all the members of the CANY Board relay in order to attract the attention of your legislators.

Finally friends, you need to do two things: 1) be *consistently* aware of what the issues are, and 2) get and stay involved. CANY is working for you, and it is important that you are backing up what the Board and Officers and your fellow members are doing together.

**Thank you** for that support and all you do to represent CANY so well!



**First Annual Family Conservation Day**

Our first annual family conservation day started on Friday with 43 people coming in to stay for the week-end.

They were well prepared and very self sufficient. Then a family of four came to stay over. We had a camp fire and of course s'mores for all. John Rockwood, a very good friend of CANY, provided the wood and safety supervision both Friday and Saturday night.

Saturday dawned cool and bright and people started to come, by the handfuls. 63 total. Some grandparents and grand children, some moms and kids, some families. They were awed by the variety of things to do. We had Gene doing map and compass, Sue and Staci doing the Jr. Naturalist program, Candy took photos of everything. Dave M handled the fly rod with great expertise and even had the littlest ones getting the line out in front. Niles Brown took care of the spin cast part and Matt Webber and his brother from Isaac Walton League, did a fun thing with pond life. Bev Levreault made plants and flowers interesting, while Rick Mcdermott ran the 4-H shooting sports program with the laser guns. Chris Lajewski made birds a game and had many takers. Jim Ellis and his boy scouts did a great job teaching outdoor cooking and fed all of us from breakfast through lunch. Scott Latonhan, another friend of CANY had his traps there and answered all questions about the sport.

I have had many reports of “what a fun time” and “wow, that was

interesting.” I have had inquires about next year already. The Oswego County Parks Department was very generous and gave us free rein to use the whole property. The trails were clean and open when we left and one of the legislators came Friday afternoon and left me with the instructions to call for anything, and they were glad to have us.

A media specialist gave us free publicity in nine counties to all newspapers and some other areas of interest. I received many calls from her effort. I know this is the way to go from now on. She is local and is limited in area, but sure worked for this event. I am ready to do this again. How about the rest of you ?

**Region 6 Director's Report**

**Pat Arnold**



*The bird guy with a group of kids that toured the woods in search of the different species*



*A group of teens are being taught the finer points of casting*

**“...it’s what you give.”**

It was a first for me. Owing to work at our farm I can’t often get away; but a first 4000 trees were already planted, the second 4000 trees were late, and that made all the difference. We attended the induction ceremony for the Outdoor Sportsmen’s Hall of Fame held at the Rusty Nail in Cazenovia, NY.

The Hall of Fame hopes to induct people from all regions in the state. It is a 25 year old organization to honor outstanding sportsmen and women who have contributed to furthering of outdoor education and conservation in NYS. The motto of the organization is *“It is not what you take, it’s what you give.”*

The ceremony itself started out fine. A DEC ECO honor guard opened the ceremony accompanying the moment with soaring bagpipes. One by one, the inductees were honored by friends and family members. I was proud to watch neighbor and friend, Bud Woodfield honored. Pat Arnold, CANY Region 6 representative and an inductee in 2006 (as was my predecessor in office, former CANY President Dave Miller in 2007). Pat spoke when the time came to address the accomplishments of CANY co-founder and former Executive Director Mike Zagata.

In total, there were eleven persons acknowledged and honored by the award, including three who were likewise honored posthumously as members of the Outdoor Sportsmen’s Hall of Fame. During closing ceremonies, the honor guard paid summary tribute to their fallen comrades who had passed away in the line of duty.

All in all, the induction and the ceremonies were great. This event is a ceremony that anyone who is actively involved in and committed to the outdoors should attend in their lifetime, remembering the Hall of Fame motto: *It is not what you take, it’s what you give.* Truly, it presents a **Who’s Who**® of the outdoor world, many of whom are present at the event.



**Bustin’ Clay Targets**

The Allegany Claybusters, the only 4H Shooting Sports club/team to participate in the Scholastic Clay Target Program from New York State, began its preparation May 9, 2008 to again participate in the NYS SCTP State ATA Trapshoot in Cicero NY July 6<sup>th</sup>. Last year Dr. Chambliss and 3 other coaches took 15 shooters to this event; this year will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year that Allegany County 4H shooting sports kids have had the opportunity to participate in this amazing shooting experience. As CANY Region 9 Director, Chambliss heads up this event each year to give as many young shooters of Allegany County as he can the experience of competitive trap shooting. As a 4H shooting sports instructor Dr. Chambliss also helps in setting up 4H shooting sports fun days so that kids around the county and in 4H can have opportunity to experience shooting rifles, air-guns, shotguns and bows.

The Allegany Claybusters plan to take 25 shooters to the State shoot this year. The team will consist of new and seasoned shooters like Colton Yehl, Megan Padden and Kalem Chambliss. The shooters have to attend a minimum of six practices under the watchful eyes of coaches Larry Padden, Deb Padden, Dan Flurschitz, Lenny Osgood and Chambliss, to be eligible to compete at Cicero. Dan and Lenny are the accomplished trap shooters in this group and generally will make the final recommendations

when it comes to the makes up of the squads. The kids will shoot a minimum of two rounds of 25 targets each session, their ammunition and clay targets for the two rounds have been paid for by a \$2300 NRA grant that the Wellsville Rod and Gun Club received to support 4H shooting sports. The Wellsville Rod and Gun club the host club for the Allegany Claybusters for the last 4years, holding team practices every Friday evening with make up time available at the clubs normal Saturday morning trap shoots. Following the State shoot the Wellsville club also hosts the awards dinner and fun shoot for the team.

I will have photographs and results to report later. Have a great Summer!

**Region 9 Directors Report  
Dr. Mel Chambliss**



## CANY YOUTH OUTING / CLEAN-UP DAY ON PHILLIPS CREEK TRAIL

"Wow! Those are bear tracks!" exclaimed one youth.

"Look at the size of it's toe prints!" said another, pointing.

It was June 7, National Trails Day, and four members plus two advisors of the Conservation Alliance of New York (CANY) Youth had just begun their project of removing litter from 1.85-mile Trail No. 5, one of six trails in the Horse and Nordic Skiing Phillips Creek Trail System.

Although certain areas of Allegany County were experiencing a dry period, the Phillips Creek Trail had several muddy sections, providing excellent opportunities for animal track identification.

As the group continued along the trail, other tracks were added to the list - deer, raccoon, opossum - but none caused the excitement of the black bear's, the first encountered.

Other indicators of wild life activity included large stashes of Norway Spruce cones, one stash exceeding eight feet in diameter. There must be a flurry of squirrel activity creating and then guarding these.

A girdled beech tree marked the site a porcupine's hunger urge had been satisfied.

A spotted fawn, no more than a few days old, wobbled off in an uncoordinated gait, determined to reach the safety of its snorting mother located in a nearby thicket of apple and hawthorn trees.

Trees identified in this northern hardwoods forest included red oak, hard maple, beech, black cherry, aspin, etc. (The Scotch, red and white pine plantations were products of Depression Era CCC projects.)

Occasionally, young June-berry trees were discovered covered with Black Knot. One "growth" was cut open to reveal evidence of larvae life inside.

Here and there, remnants of old apple orchards hinted of Allegany

County's once flourishing agrarian past. Harsh times during the Great Depression, however, forced these farmers to abandon their properties.

"This abandoned farm land was acquired by the State and became the state forests we enjoy today," explained Senior Forester David Zlomek.

(Its history also accounts for the unusual patchwork appearance of state forest lands in eastern Allegany County on county maps.)

This trail is chiefly located in two state forests - Turnpike and Phillips Creek - which are included in a cluster of five others - Bully Hill, Palmers Pond, Jersey Hill, Hiltonhill, and Karr Valley Creek - altogether totaling 18,615 acres.

Although the land has been state forest for approximately eighty years, the trail system is a more recent creation.

"Participants in the 1970's summer youth programs designed and built the trails, and in the 1990s, DEC's West Almond Maintenance Center constructed the covered picnic tables and horse stalls, handicap ramp, benches, pedestal charcoal grills, and water pump," explained the Forester.

The trail has always been well maintained, and the litter picked up by the group was minor.

It included five shotgun shells, three short pieces of trail ribbon, two tissues, two energy bar wrappers, one spent firecracker, four circular state trail markers, and one leather glove.

However, within sight of the northern intersection of Stewart Road and the trail, and about forty feet off the path, a thoughtless group chose to leave cans and bottles for others to pack out.

Here, the CANY Youth bagged nine beer cans, twelve beer bottles, and a one gallon chain saw lubricant container.

(Although this seems like an excessive amount of litter for a 1.85-mile trail and parking/picnic area, it is the

least the group has ever collected on a trail clean-up project.)

There are two major trailheads for this system. The most popular is on Route 244, nine miles east of Belmont. Here you will find a large parking lot and open horse stalls. A new, up-to-date kiosk, complete with free trail guides, will soon be in place. Trails 1,2,3, and 6 begin at this access.

This writer's favorite is the Stewart Forest Road Horse Parking Area.

To find this access, take the South Road (located east of Phillips Creek) to the Stewart Forest Road, turn east, and drive approximately three miles to the trailhead.

For maps and additional information on the Phillips Creek Trail system, write to D.J. Zlomek, Senior Forester, 5425 County Route 48, Belmont, NY 14813 or call (585) 268-5392.

The Conservation Alliance of New York is a statewide conservation organization dedicated to secure hunting, trapping, fishing, and other sustainable activities which use New York State's renewable natural resources. To learn more about CANY and its youth program, view [www.CANYus.org](http://www.CANYus.org).

For more information on the Cuba Rod & Gun Club sponsored Allegany / Cattaraugus County CANY Youth, write CANY Youth, Cuba Rod & Gun Club, 4357 West Keller Hill Road, P.O. Box 122, Cuba, NY 14727.

### Region 8 Director's Report Derwood Say

**Bill # S8441** (Introduced by the Senate rules committee) would amend the conservation law to allow for the hunting of bear using a dog.

**Bill # A10630 & S7147** would provide that any dog released for reasons of hunting shall be deemed to be under reasonable control of its owner. If the dog is away from its owner, its owner cannot be charged for dogs running at large.

### NEWS FROM REGION 4

Every year CANY sponsors the Otsego/Delaware Venison Donation Dinner. Past board member Al Bowers puts this event together. At this event money is raised to pay for the processing of Deer that has been donated by local hunters. The extra money that is raised is used to buy 80% ground beef. Last year 21,144 meals were distributed within these two counties and over 66,000 in the last 5 years. There will be \$11,000 to spend on the program this year. This event grows every year. This year we had 56 sponsors and 2 super donors. Many sportsmen and sports-women went away with great prizes. With CANY's support this event will go on for many years.

Besides representing region 4 west, I am the President of the New York State Trappers Association. This past year has brought new regulations to the trapping community. Following the capture of dogs in bodygripping traps. NYSTA saw the need for new regulations. Over the years we tried to educate trappers on the proper methods to avoid the capture of dogs. When the education didn't work we approached the DEC with some ideas. At the same time, The DEC had written their own version of new regulations. Trappers saw these new regs as too restrictive. When the proposed regulations were published, NYSTA put out a call to all our members to write in and make constructive comments. There was an out cry of trappers and their voice was heard. The department rewrote the regs and implemented them as Emergency Regulations. There was another 30 day comment period. On January 30 2008, the proposed regulations were adopted. NYSTA will be monitoring the effectiveness of these regulations and will work with the DEC to make appropriate changes as needed. I would like to commend the trappers of NY for their responsiveness.

The NYS Trappers Assoc. hosted the National Trappers Assoc. NE Regional Convention on May 16-

18, 2008 at the Herkimer County fairgrounds in, Frankfort, NY. Once again we hosted a great convention. The attendance was good, about half of last year. With high cost of travel, many trappers decided to stay home. When times are tight we need to pick and choose where we go. I believe the time they go will be at NYSTA's Annual fall convention on August 29- 30, 2008 in Frankfort. everyone will be looking to re-stock their trapping supplies. This is a great family event. I hope to see you all there...

### Region 4 Director's Report Dave Leibig



*A hunt to remember continued  
Jacob and Dylan on the other side of the field. Then the dogs pointed out a rooster and a hen. Gene kicked up the birds and Jacob and Dylan took a shot each and missed. The birds flew off over a grove of trees.*

The next field that we went the dogs pointed a hen and everyone shot at it and I was the one to hit it. I was so excited to shoot my first pheasant, but we had to continue the hunt. We finished going down that field and into the next field when the dogs pointed out a rooster. Jacob shot at it and missed. The dogs pointed out a hen. Gene kicked the bird up and Jerry and Dylan shot at it and Dylan had got it. Then we continued into the brush when one of the dogs pointed out a rooster which Jerry shot at and missed. Then I shot at it and hit it. I picked it up and Gene told me I was done so I unloaded my gun. Then we continued down the brush lot and both dogs went on point.

Gene hollered at the dogs to get them and about 8 grouse flew up in front of us. Everyone but me shot and didn't hit anything. Gene asked me why I didn't shoot and I told him that my gun was unloaded because I thought I was done not remembering that there was other game birds in season.

*Then we walked to a field of Christmas trees, me on the outside left and Dylan in the middle with Justin and Jerry on the other side. While we were walking we heard Dylan say "Help me, I'm stuck in a bunch of thorns." Gene yelled at us to keep walking so we would stay in line and my mom went back and helped him out of the thorns. We walked to another cornfield where Luke and Lugnut had pointed up another two pheasants, a hen and a rooster. Jerry took a shot at the hen and dropped it. I was aiming at the nice rooster when I pulled the trigger and my gun had jammed right up. I had saw where the rooster had went and we walked up to the same strip of woods where we first started. I was on the outside and the other guys were somewhere in the middle. I was keeping my eyes on Lugnut when all of the sudden that rooster that I wanted flushed out and I pulled up and shot it. Lugnut was so proud carrying it back to Gene, our guide for the hunt.*

We all gathered up and my mom took our group picture. That was my first Pheasant hunt and I had a blast so you know it won't be my last. Thank you Gene for having us up there, it really means alot.



\*\*\*\*We are trying to compile a list of email addresses of all members so that we can send alerts of legislative issues that need our members to rally and voice their opinion. Can you please send an email to *contactcany@yahoo.com* with your name in the subject and we will get you added to the list.\*\*\*\*

### CANY

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