

It's The Law: State Has New Rules For The Sporting Life

It is a wonder how certain laws come into existence each year when so few of those who are most affected do not know about them until they become law. This is especially so in regard to sportsmen.

Let's consider some of the significant bills passed into law in 1986 that are directed toward sportsmen. Let's see how many you know something about and how they will affect you in the pursuit of your specific sport.

For example, did you know wildlife harvesters now have the protection of a harassment law? This law is designed to protect hunters, fishermen and trappers from persons who deliberately harass sportsmen or alarm wildlife in order to prevent them from engaging in their sports where they have a legal right to harvest such game. Have you experienced any such abuse from anti-game harvesters? Now you can get help for such actions as in violation of this law which carries with it fines up to \$250 and/or imprisonment of up to 10 days.

This law affirms these sports as legal and acceptable practices and warns persons who do not agree with the concept of killing legal game to stay out of the area and its sequences.

While the above law purposes to protect the sportsmen from those who would attempt to prevent the lawful taking of game by deliberate harassment another law has been enacted to eliminate certain abuses within the hunting fraternity in regard to the purchase of multiple big game licenses.

Under the former law a person

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could buy many big game licenses and apply for various party permits each under his own name or those of others. With such licenses and permits in his possession it was difficult to prove whether a person had taken more than the legal amount during the hunting season unless the same conservation officer

happened to check licenses and permits and already knew he had taken his legal limit.

It looks as though the aim of this law is not only aimed at cutting into the take of the gamehogs but also at distributing the annual harvest over a wider percentage of hunters. Another law is designed to eliminate confusion and hard feelings in regard to acquiring permits to hunt coyotes which usually involves the use of hounds. Under the former law such coyote hunters had to secure a permit from the conservation officer located in the area in which they planned to hunt. The problem encountered was that the hunting often overlapped into another CO's territory so several permits might be needed to be legal. The new law does away with this unnecessary confusion by making a permit issued by any conservation officer as legal coverage for hunting coyotes in the northern zone. The main purpose of the permits is to keep tabs on the use of hounds on such hunts so that it is certain that they are not used to pursue deer.

Beware spotlighters! According to a new law spotlighting for deer or bear within 500 feet of an occupied or used structure is illegal. It does not matter whether you are hunting or just observing. The law is designed to protect the animal and the hunter.

The law is the result of spotlighting complaints from rural residents who claim spotlighters often shine lights upon their homes and buildings to the point of being nothing less than deliberate invasions of privacy. Spotlighting also agitates farm animals. Violations of this law carry fines of up to \$250 and/or imprisonment of up to 15 days. Watch where you shine your light!

For too many years most gun hunters have been reluctant about hunting deer with a bow because they did not want to give up gunning season if by chance they downed a deer during the archery season. They now longer have to give up anything.

Actually the new law is really an invitation to all gunners to join the growing ranks of bowhunters for now you can have both. According

to this law any deer taken during the bow season does not count against your legal one buck limit in the regular season. This is considered an additional deer with an extra license fee of \$10.50.

With the elimination of this frustrating situation the friction and resentment that sometimes arises between gunners and archers may lessen or even die out as many more hunters employ both methods for bagging deer.

Though it is unlawful to track deer with dogs a new law now allows the use of certified leashed tracking dogs for the purpose of locating wounded or injured deer. Though this law makes this practice legal EnCon has not yet drawn up a set of rules and regulations to implement the law. At present the use of leashed tracking hounds has been limited to the southeastern

part of the state where the success rate for locating wounded or injured deer has been high.

If you are a chronic license or permit loser here is a law that will often dig into your pocket. To have each replaced with a lost-license certificate it will now cost \$5 apiece. That's 10 times more than I paid some years ago. But, then \$5 is still a lot less than paying a fine for not having a license at hand when stopped by a conservation officer while afield. A friend once paid a fine of \$50 for not having his trapping license with him when asked to show it by a CO.

If you lose your license don't let it spoil your sport. Get a lost-license certificate before you go afield again. Think of it as a donation for \$4 of it goes to the Conservation Fund and the other \$1 to the issuing agent.

New Clarkson Trustee Named

Robert Rosati, president and chief executive officer of International Aero Engines and a Clarkson graduate from the class of 1952, was recently named to Clarkson's board of trustees.

A native of Sandisfield, Mass., Rosati earned his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Clarkson.

Following graduation, he joined Pratt and Whitney as an experimental test engineer.

During his next 20 years with the company, he progressed through several project engineering assignments and was eventually put in charge of the JT-9D engine



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programs. In 1976, he was named vice president of those programs.

Four years later, he was promoted to senior vice president of the Commercial Products Division of United Technologies' Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, and in 1981 to senior vice president-program management, responsible for the overall program management of present and developing products.

Throughout his three decades with the company, Rosati worked on every commercial jet engine and all but three military jet engines Pratt and Whitney developed. In 1983, he was named to his current position with International Aero Engines, a five-nation and seven-company consortium headed by Pratt and Whitney and Rolls Royce.

The Clarkson graduate also served in the U.S. Naval Air Force dur-

ing World War II. His 76 missions as a turret gunner resulted in his being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

He has been named an Eminent Engineer by Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honorary society. Rosati's other memberships include the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME); Pi Tau Sigma, the national mechanical engineering honorary society; the United Aircraft Club; Aero Club; and the Knights of Columbus.

An enthusiastic supporter of his alma mater, Rosati was presented with the Golden Knights Award by Clarkson's Alumni Association in 1982. This is the highest honor the university may bestow on an alumnus. The following year his son, Robert Rosati Jr., graduated from Clarkson.

Doctor Opens Hermon Practice

HERMON — A family practice physician will join the Canton-Potsdam Hospital medical staff and will establish his medical practice in Hermon beginning Feb. 2.

Dr. Gary R. Berk, a graduate of the University of Vermont College of Medicine, will establish his practice in space now occupied by physician assistant Charles Huntington of the Hermon Medical Group, in the lower level of the Hepburn Library on Main Street.

Dr. Berk has worked closely with town of Hermon officials and Huntington to assure a smooth transition. Huntington will be leaving the area, but has agreed to remain until Dr. Berk opens his practice.

Dr. Berk, a native of East Meadow, N.Y., received his undergraduate degree from Brown University. After graduation from

medical college, he completed a one-year internship and a two-year residency in family practice at the University of Rochester's Highland Hospital.

Commenting on his approach to family practice medicine, Dr. Berk stated "I believe in communication with my patients to reach mutual decisions on how to manage their health problems. I tend to stress preventative medicine, good nutrition, and healthy living habits as the key to good health."

He expects to include some obstetrics work as part of his practice, screening out high-risk patients who will be referred to an obstetrics specialist.

Since concluding his residency last June, Dr. Berk has worked on a temporary basis for national Emergency Services in the emergency services department at Canton-Potsdam Hospital and A. Barton Hepburn Hospital. He also took a two-month tour of China in the fall.

Dr. Berk first became interested in the Hermon area through friends who had moved here, who told him of the area's disadvantages and the need for additional physicians. As a result, he incorporated one month of experience in the office of family practice physician Jon Kay, Canton, as part of his residency program, and found the region to his liking.

By working in the Hermon-Dekalb area, which is a New York State designated physician shortage area, Dr. Berk is fulfilling a contract obligation to New York State and has obtained a state grant to help renovate and purchase medical equipment for the office.

Appointments may be made by calling 347-2191.



DR. GARY R. BERK

Senior Citizens Elect Officers For '87

BY MILDRED JENKINS
The regular meeting and election of officers for 1987, and Christmas party of the St. Lawrence County Council of Senior Citizens Inc. was held Dec. 11 in the cafeteria of the Midtown Apartments Building. President Dorothy Ayers presided.

Preceding the election, the following amendment to the by-laws was passed, presented by Mrs. Jessie O'Hara, parliamentarian.

"ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS: SECTION 2 to read: During the December meeting the nominating committee shall present a slate of officers of one of each offices: president, vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and parliamentarian. The term of office shall be effective Jan. 1 of each year and expire and the following Dec. 31. The first reading was presented on Nov. 13 and was presented at the Dec. 11 meeting for the second reading and voted on.

The nominating committee was: Mrs. Eva Dean, chairperson, who presented the slate: Mrs. Leta Spearance and Mrs. Denora Paro.

Officers elected for 1987 are as follows: president Rose Valyo, Norwood; first vice president, Dorothy Ayers, Colton; 2nd vice president, Michael Valyo, Norwood; secretary, Janet Curtis, Brasher Falls; assistant secretary, Elizabeth Rezier, Brasher Falls; treasurer, Clara Baxter, Norwood; assistant treasurer, Velma Hoyt, Parishville; and parliamentarian,

Mrs. Eva Dean. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the outgoing president, Mrs. Dorothy Ayers, who has served as the County Council's president for the past two years. On behalf of the St. Lawrence County Senior Citizens clubs, Mrs. Corinne Covey presented Ayers with a gift of money.

Ayers thanked all the officers for all their support during the past two years and presented each one with a gift of appreciation.

Dean gave a report, urging all senior citizens not to sign any papers until they know what they are signing.

Mrs. Mabel Wells, historian, urges all clubs to give her newspaper clippings of club activities for her new album.

Newly elected president Rose Valyo made the following appointments: Vi Kilroy, registrar; Mildred Jenkins, publicity; Corinne Covey, legislator; and Mabel Wells, historian.

Following lunch, the annual Christmas party was held.

Entertainment was provided by Bill Smith, Colton, storyteller, who sang songs. He was pleasantly surprised when a senior citizen provided the words of a song, "On Waterman's Hill." He had been looking for the rest of the words of the song.

The next regular meeting, with installation of officers, will be held at 9:30 a.m., Jan. 8 in the cafeteria of the Midtown Apartments. The installation will be by Joseph Sears, Canton, Director of the Office For The Aging.



PAC SCHOLARSHIP — Michael Mizma of Hilton, N.Y., center, receives the WPAC FM Radio Scholarship for the fall of 1986 at Potsdam College. Presenting the award is station manager Patricia Tocatlan, right. At left is the college's dean of music, Thomas Tyra. Mizma is a senior at Crane

School of Music who specializes in percussion instruments. The scholarship is presented by the Ogdensburg radio station to a student whose musical abilities help strengthen the performance programs at Crane.



FIDDLERS' SCHOLARSHIP — Kim Kaminsky, center, a junior at Potsdam College's Crane School of Music, accepts the Association of North Country Fiddlers' scholarship from Louis Cyr, at left, the group's president. At right is Thomas Tyra, the college's dean of music.

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Women Vets Due Same Benefits

"Many women veterans don't realize that they are entitled to the same benefits as male veterans," according to Pete Havens, state veteran counselor for the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs.

Public awareness of women vets has developed recently, adds Havens. In testimony to the Assembly Veterans Committee on the status of women veterans, retired Marine Col. Mary L. Stremlow, deputy director of the Division of Veterans' Affairs, noted that the federal Veterans Administration had "by its own admission overlooked women veterans for many years." But Stremlow reports that situation is changing.

Detailed information on the whole range of veterans' benefits is available with caring counseling at the local office of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs, located at 428 State St., Ogdensburg, 13669 or St. Lawrence County Veterans Service Agency, 481 Van Housen Hall, SUNY at Potsdam, Potsdam, 13676.



EMPLOYEES HONORED — Potsdam College recently honored employees who have served the school for 25 years. President Humphrey Tonkin, far left, congratulates, from left, Jan Scott, purchasing

officer; King Wilcox of the maintenance and operation center; and Mary Rutley, a member of the biology faculty.