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Fighting for your Second Amendment Rights since 1965

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

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Get Active or Get Extinct

By Tom Reynolds

In New York State, many gun owners and others aligned with the Constitution might be discouraged. They find it difficult to get energized and engaged in the political process. Not so for the gun grabbers on the Left. To them, their defeats only inspire new attacks in new ways. Gun owners and defenders of the 2nd Amendment must get active and counterattack or we will become extinct.

The gun grabbing Left anticipates a defeat, perhaps even a crushing defeat, when the Supreme Court rules on NYSRPA v Bruen. The magnitude of the defeat will depend on the scope of the decision, an aspect that I have written to members about, on a couple occasions.

Repealing or neutering the 2nd Amendment is the Left's Holy Grail since it's 2A that protects all of our rights as well as the whole Constitution. The Left views anything that would contribute - even in a small way - to the destruction of 2A as being worthy of their efforts. It understands that repealing the 2nd Amendment is beyond their ability - at this time - so they are currently increasing their indirect attacks.

One indirect approach is to make the areas where a law-abiding citizen can "Bear Arms" infinitesimally small.

NY Assembly proposed bill A-8684 which would make it illegal, and a Class E Felony to possess a rifle, shotgun or firearm in the following locations:

- Any form of public transportation; or
- Food and drink establishments; or

-Large gatherings, which for the purposes of this section shall mean a gathering together of fifteen or more persons for amusement, athletic, civic, dining, educational, entertainment, patriotic, political, recreational, religious, social, or similar purposes.

On January 21st, SCOPE expanded about A8684 in an Email available on our web site SCOPENY2A.org.

A continuing approach is to label firearms as Assault Weapons, which the Left hopes the Assault Weapon name will have the public mindlessly cowering in fear. Expanding on that approach, they want to include many firearms on the list of Assault Weapons.

Federal Senate Bill S736 calls itself "A bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes". (Not unlimited means the right to keep and bear arms will be limited. You can probably guess about the "other purposes" of the bill). It would certainly succeed in limiting 2A, if passed, since it adds a huge number of firearms to the list of so-called Assault Weapons.

Not to be undone, Washington State is considering SB5217 which reads much like NY's Safe Act except, in addition, it bans 51 specific types of firearms and also contains an additional ban for any "semiautomatic, centerfire, or rimfire rifle that has an overall length of less than 30 inches."

Another approach is to make owning a firearm so expensive that only the rich will be able to afford it. Bills have been in-

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"Guns are our friends because in a country without guns, I'm what's known as "prey." All females are."

Ann Coulter

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Firing Lines is printed every two months. The deadlines are **January 15, March 15, May 15, July 15, September 15 and November 15.**

We do take articles from you, our members. They are subject to editing for spelling and grammar. We also reserve the right not to print the article.

Articles should be emailed as a file. Text or basic Word document formats are preferred. Please pictures in JPG format. NO PDF files. Thank You

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SCOPE Annual Members Meeting



April 30, 2022 10:00 am

41 Lakefront Hotel
Trademark Collection by Wyndham
(Formerly Ramada)

41 Lake Front Blvd, Geneva, NY 14456
833-307-1247 for reservations. Discounted room rates available.

On June 28th, primaries will be held for:

New York State positions: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, all NY Senate seats, all NY Assembly seats.

Federal positions: All Congressional and Senate (Currently Schumer)

SCOPE will have as speakers, candidates for some major positions. See SCOPE's web site for announcements as we get confirmations. This is your chance to hear speakers and discuss issues with fellow 2A supporters.

The meeting is open to all SCOPE members in good standing.

Lunch will be provided



Yes I will be attending the 2022 SCOPE Annual Members Meeting

No, I cannot attend, however I am committed to S.C.O.P.E.'s mission to Protect and Restore 2nd Amendment Rights here in New York State.

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troduced at both the federal, state and local levels to mandate liability insurance. (SCOPE wrote to members how this insurance would be almost worthless in gun deaths.)

Federal proposed bill HR127 would require all gun owners to buy an insurance policy with an \$800 annual premium.

In New York, proposed bill S4946 requires owners of firearms to obtain liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1million dollars.

San Jose California wants to be the first city to require gun owners to carry liability insurance and, in addition, pay the city a fee. It also requires gun dealers to video-record all firearm purchases.

Another approach is to eliminate lawful gun sellers, making it difficult or impossible to legally buy a gun.

Contrary to Federal Law, NY State wants to hold gun manufacturers and dealers financially responsible if a weapon they sell is used in a crime, even if the manufacturer and dealer obeyed all the operative laws.

Just after the November 2020 election, SCOPE wrote that Biden's appointees will tell us a lot about his real policies. Subsequently, gun owners rallied to defeat Biden's nomination of gun grabber David Chipman to head the BATFE and even those on the left were dismayed when Biden nominated a Cornell Communist to be the Controller of the Currency. His nominations do, indeed, reflect the Left's real agenda to subvert the Constitution.

We could go on as there are dozens of "gun control" laws introduced at both the state and federal level. Who can guess how many are introduced in local counties, cities and towns?

The point is that the Left doesn't stop and anyone who believes NYSRPA v Bruen will be a dagger-to-the-heart of the gun control efforts is deluding themselves. But it can also be an important step in protecting our rights and an inspiration to increasing our efforts.

The Left has taken its guidance from the Viet Cong and the Taliban: keep fighting and wear down your opponent until they quit. Gun owners need to understand that this will be an ongoing war and only a crushing defeat of the Left will get us a reprieve. Luckily, we have that opportunity to crush the gun grabbing Left.

This past year has been a disaster for Biden and his policies. Afghanistan, inflation, energy policies, Covid, etc. have plunged Biden's ratings and those of his gun grabbing party to new lows. A country that was evenly divided when he took office is now moving to the Right. Gun grabbers have to be dismayed at the record numbers of new firearms purchased and new gun owners. Long term, senior House' Democrats are retiring in numbers. Off year elections are, historically, bad news for the Presi-

dent's party.

Remember, if only a few seats in congress change parties, the balance of power changes and the gun grabbers efforts become ineffective. And if current trends continue, the gun grabbing party is destined to have a crushing defeat. But it won't just happen.

Probably, most of the people reading this article usually vote. These people cannot take it for granted that an overwhelming victory is imminent and sit at home on election day; they have to vote. But it takes more than that. We need to work to get every possible gun rights voter to the polls on election day. That means continually informing them of the efforts of the current administrations in D.C. and Albany, until the wishy-washy voters are motivated, registered and voting. If people sit home in November, we will have missed the opportunity to deliver a crushing blow to the gun grabbing Left. (Remember, we missed that opportunity in 2014 and we had to deal with eight more years of Cuomo's gun grabbing policies.) But, if we work before the election and show up at the polls, we can stall the gun grabbers momentum and then set them back decades, if we follow up with a similar effort in November 2024.

SCOPE will be working at both the chapter and state level towards an overwhelming victory for the Constitution. Will you join them and work to save the Constitution and your rights?



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2nd Amendment.”*

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Member Emails

By Tom Reynolds

SCOPE's Emails to members are generally read by a third of its members while Firing Lines reach all members. The Emails are meant to be timely and some of them continue to be timely and deserve the attention of the rest of SCOPE's members. They can be found on our web site, SCOPENY2A.org, under "Briefings".

Local elections are important. They do not get the attention that statewide and national elections get but the local elections can have an immediate impact on your life. SCOPE has previously written about the Progressive lunacy of George Soros' funded District Attorneys and NY City just installed a DA in that same mode.

Progressive Prosecutions on January 6th
S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee On Political Education - Progressive Prosecutions (scopeny2a.org)

When Conservatives write about guns (or anything else) and they do not provide references, the media loves to include the phrase "without evidence" to their statements. When the Left talks...not so much. SCOPE pointed out this hypocrisy, by highlighting a Newsweek article full of errors and lies about guns but did not include not one "without evidence" in the article.

The Walking Dead Returns on January 3rd
S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee On Political Education - The Walking Dead Returns (scopeny2a.org)

Many of SCOPE's members do not pay attention to "Ghost Gun" laws. SCOPE pointed out why these laws are just another meaningless "feel good" attempt by the Left in a short Email.

Why Do We Need More Ghost Gun Laws on December 17th
S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee On Political Education - Why Do We Need More "Ghost Gun" Laws?! (scopeny2a.org)

The Left has agendas – open and hidden - and it's important that we keep publicizing them. This article ended with a memorable statement that is certainly as relevant today and deserves highlighting:

In his book, *The Indispensables*, Patrick O'Donnell writes of an interview with Captain Levi Preston, a Revolutionary War veteran. It sheds light on why Americans fought and what it means to be an American.

Was it about the Stamp Act?
Preston: *'I never saw one of those stamps.'*

Was it about the Tea Tax?
Preston: *'I never drank a drop of that stuff; the boys threw it all overboard.'*

Preston: *'What we meant in going for those red-coats was this: we always had governed ourselves and we always meant to.'*

Remember that, as Americans: "we always had governed ourselves and we always meant to".

Hidden Agendas on November 23rd
S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee On Political Education - Hidden Agendas (scopeny2a.org)

The Left insists that the Center for Disease Control has been prevented from doing research on gun violence. Not so. The CDC was prevented by Congress from using budget money to promote gun control. But if the Left can't use taxpayer's money to promote their agenda, why bother. SCOPE's partner, Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, exposed this hypocrisy and set the record straight.

The CDC and Gun Violence Research on November 3rd
S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee On Political Education - The CDC and Gun Violence Research (scopeny2a.org)

"Follow the science" may be the most misused phrase in years, especially when referring to guns. Dr. Robert Young of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership exposed some of the how and why of the hypocrisy being spewed forth by the leaders of the medical profession.

Doctor Robert Young on Politicized Science on October 7th
S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee On Political Education - Doctor Robert Young on Politicized Science (scopeny2a.org)

To distract from a long string of recent failures, the Left still wants us to focus on the January 6th events at the Capitol, which they refer to in horrific terms. SCOPE set the record straight with facts. When the Left says that January 6th was the "Worst Attack on the Capitol" it should be followed by "Without Evidence".

Worst Attack on the Capitol on September 23rd.
S.C.O.P.E. Shooters Committee On Political Education - Worst Attack on the Capitol (scopeny2a.org)



Guns are used responsibly

By Rob Morse. Adapted and edited by Lee Edgcomb

All you hear about is “gun violence”, not the well-earned safety record of gun ownership in America. A few facts:

Shooting for fun-

The most common use of a firearm is for recreation: training, practice, competition, and hunting.

The industry trade group for the shooting sports is the NSSF -National Shooting Sports Foundation- which estimates there will be 12 billion firearms' cartridges sold in the US civilian market in 2021. That is 32 million cartridges a day used for fun. Half are .22 Long Rifle.

Guns in the US-

We have about 430 million firearms in civilian hands.

Living with a gun-

About 140 million people (42 percent of the USA) live with a gun in our home. Gun owners are every where and in every lifestyle.

Firearms fit many purposes. Like shoes, the gun owner must find the right gun for the right purpose and one that fits. Most guns are seldom if ever used and they sit in storage day after day.

Citizens carry concealed-

About 21 million adults have their carry permits. An estimated 17 million carry “regularly”.

At any given time, one in twenty persons around you are armed.

Self-defense incidents-

Armed citizens defend themselves at home, at work, and in public.

Government numbers vary depending on which report you read. Reports vary from a low of 500,000 to a high of 3,000,000 cases of armed defense *each year*.

1,500,000 may be the best estimate, based on the frequency of armed defense from numerous reports at the CDC (United States Center for Disease Control).

Thus, citizens used a firearm to stop criminal activity about

4,000 times a day.

Most armed self-defense incidents end with no shots fired. Most criminals stop and run away when an armed citizen simply presents his or her gun.

Legally armed citizens shot and killed a criminal 344 times in the entire year of 2019, less than once a day.

Criminal activity-

There were over 1,200,000 reported cases of violent crime in the United States in 2019. Those are cases of murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

There were 10,000 cases where one person killed another with a firearm. That includes **all** types of guns. Most of these incidents are gangs fighting over territory and crimes of passion.

Accidents-

The US CDC recorded 486 accidental deaths involving a firearm. Only 1-in-350 accidental deaths involved a firearm.

For perspective:

173,000 total accidental deaths

39,000 falling accidents

35,500 vehicle deaths

65,700 unintentional poisonings

Gun owners are remarkably law abiding and non-violent-

With surprisingly few exceptions, your gun owning neighbors act the way you want them to act. They save lives thousands of times a day because they are armed and resist attackers. They understand the responsibility to act, act safely, and statistics show this fact.

Ammo supply- <https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/verify/ammo-shortage-2021united-states-fbi-reported-a-40-increase/65-7e349e16-267a-4c42-9c9c-7c229ffa3917>

US population- <https://www.census.gov/topics/population.html>

Guns in the US- <https://www.ammoland.com/2017/09/270-million-firearms-number-wrong-over-400-million-in-u-s-a/>

<https://www.guns.com/news/2020/11/17/data-us-has-434>

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Leigh H. Williams

It is with great sadness that SCOPE announces the passing of Leigh Williams. Leigh has been a cornerstone of SCOPE for over the past 18 years; he is a founding member of the Yates County Chapter along with being the 2nd VP of S.C.O.P.E. Leigh worked diligently every year to support the Yates Co. 'Meet the Candidates' pig roast and he has chaired the Yates County committee for their annual chicken-n-biscuit dinner. At the state level, Leigh has always helped with the SCOPE's annual member meeting and SCOPE's Annual Banquet.

Leigh's efforts outside of SCOPE were also to be commended and he was honored with induction into the NYS Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame.

For over 30 years he was a delegate to the Yates Co. Federation of Conservation Clubs and he was a member of the Middlesex Conservation Club since 1973, serving several terms as President & Vice President. Leigh's greatest contribution was to the youth of Yates Co. He singlehandedly introduced the idea of Yates County High Schools being involved in the NYS High School Clay Target League. He dealt with the Board of Education, Athletic directors and conservation clubs; sought sites for events, trained coaches and range officers and organized fundraisers.

Leigh devoted his time and effort to the sportsmen and women, old and young of New York State. He will be missed by us all.

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<https://www.activeresponsetraining.net/resistance-to-violent-crime-what-does-the-research-show>

Violent Crime- <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/topic-pages/aggravated-assault#:~:text=Overview,compared%20with%20the%202010%20estimate.>
<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/topic-pages/violent-crime>
<https://crimeresearch.org/2021/07/with-the-focus-on-gun-crime-what-percent-of-violent-crimes-involve-guns-7-9/>

<https://crime-data-explorer.app.cloud.gov/pages/explorer/crime/crime-trend>

Suicide- <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/suicide.htm>

<http://www.gunfacts.info/blog/cali-suicide-calumny/>

Homicide- <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/tables/expanded-homicide-data-table-8.xls>

<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/tables/expanded-homicide-data-table-15.xls>

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Accidents- <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/accidental-injury.htm>

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/controller/datarequest/D76;jsessionid=3E2027CADD8B68E44F8837FBA050>

Safety of permit holders and police- <https://ncsportsmenslaw.com/2020/01/on-average-concealed-carry-permit-holders-are-much-more-law-abiding-than-government-police/>

<https://gunwatch.blogspot.com/2018/04/legally-armed-people-have-murder-rate.html>

<https://gunsfacts.blogspot.com/2013/04/police-arent-safer-than-armed-civilians.html>

<http://rkba.org/research/cramer/shall-issue.html>

Number of police- <https://www.statista.com/statistics/191694/number-of-law-enforcement-officers-in-the-us/>

SCOPE Member Clubs

The following are clubs that are members of SCOPE. If you plan to join a club, please try to join one that is a SCOPE member. If your club would like to become a SCOPE club member please give SCOPE a call or drop us an E-mail.

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 Alabama Hunt Club
 Alfred Rod & Gun Club
 Almond Rod & Gun Club
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 Batavia Rod & Gun Club
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 Bergen Rod & gun Club
 Black Rock Fish & Game Club
 Blasdell Rod & Gun Club
 Bog Trotters Rifle & Pistol Club
 Boonville Rod & Gun Club
 Branchport Rod & Gun Club
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 Buckhorn Sportsmens Club
 Burlington Flats Fish & Game Club
 Busti Trap & Skeet Club
 Canajoharie Forest Fish
 & Game Club
 Canandaigua Sportsman's Club
 Caribou Rifle & Pistol Club
 Chemung County Fed of Sportsmen
 Chemung County Rod & Gun Club
 Chesterfield Fish & Game Club
 Chestnut Ridge Rod & Gun Club
 Clarence Shooting Club
 Community Conservation Club
 Conservation Club of Brockport
 Dalton Gang Sportsmen Club
 Deerfield Fish & Game Club
 Depew Rod & Gun Club
 Dutchess County Pistol Association
 Dutchess County
 Sportsman Association
 Elbridge Rod & Gun Club
 Ellicottville Sportsmen's Club
 Essex County Fish & Game League
 Evans Rod & Gun Club
 Federated Sportsman's Club
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Franklinville Conservation Club
 Gastown Sportsmens Club
 Genesee Co. Fish & Game
 Protective Assoc
 Genesee Valley Conservation Club
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 Pheasants Forever #843
 Glen-Coe Conservation Society
 Gouverneur Rod & Gun Club
 Gowanda Rifle Club
 Grand Island Rod & Gun Club
 Greenway Verona Mills
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SCOPE Chapter Activities

By Susan Maressa

To find your county's meeting information go to SCOPEny2a.org/calendar or go to your chapter's page of the website SCOPEny2a.org/chapters.

As an election year, chapter activities are especially important as we need to regain control of the legislative branches from the radical left, who are intent on destroying 2A.

State SCOPE has donated a Henry rifle worth over \$1,000 to be raffled with all proceeds remaining with the chapters. (See elsewhere in firing Lines for details.)

SCOPE is a 'boots on the ground' organization and we need your boots! We want a chapter in every county to work with our elected officials, to register and motivate voters and ultimately to regain and maintain our liberties. If your county does not have an active SCOPE chapter and you are willing to help form a County Committee and subsequently an active Chapter, please contact Don Smith at don6027@gmail.com.

The following is an update of some of our chapter's activities.

Allegany County: Met on November 16th. Representatives from the Fillmore Trap Shooting League were in attendance and spoke of how they teach gun safety as the "highest priority" on the team, and the importance of the 2nd amendment for all Americans. In the 4 years since the league started, participation numbers have quadrupled.

A *Savage* was secured for an upcoming raffle, along with a separate SCOPE Chapter raffle of a Henry Long Ranger Win 20", (all proceeds stay with the chapters).

There was no Chapter meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 18th.



Sgt. Tonya Dry of the Cattaraugus County Sheriff Department was on hand to accept a \$250 donation for their Toys for Tots program.

Upcoming events; the Seneca Allegany Casino

Sportsmen's Show and the Gowanda VFW Craft and Vendor show, were discussed. Volunteers for tables are always needed. (Left: Chairman Mike Wesley presenting check to Sgt. Dry)

Erie County:

Had a combined meeting and Christmas Party in December. They spoke about upcoming gun shows and events and the need for volunteers. There was also a discussion about upcoming Erie County elections.



The officers from Erie County SCOPE were invited to the Swearing In ceremony of Sheriff John Garcia on December 30th. (Right: Bill Glendinning, Sheriff Garcia, Nick Brzezniak)

Genesee County: Met on November 9th at the Sportsman's Coon Club. Chairman Jim Tuttle gave a summary of the October SCOPE Banquet.

Preparations for the Alexander Gun Show & the Hamburg Gun Show are underway. Booth applications are filled out. Volunteers are always needed. Jim Tuttle wants to form a committee to put on a skeet or trap shoot for disabled veterans. Need to find a sportsman's club who would like to host the event.

On December 14th there was discussion of fund raising activities for the chapter. The State SCOPE sponsored a *Chapter Raffle* for the Henry Long Ranger, which was also discussed. Tickets will be distributed to the chapters in January for a February drawing.

Ontario County: met on November 16th at the Canandaigua Sportsmens Club. Their guest speaker was Ontario County District Attorney Jim Ritts. He discussed: under the present legal setup, criminals have the priority, not victims; guns are made legal/illegal by the people who use/misuse them.

Volunteers are needed for future projects; two chicken BBQ's and a gun raffle to support local youth shooting teams. We also need to promote voting and being registered to vote in 2022.

Schoharie County: Met on November 18th at Middleburgh Rod & Gun Club. Upcoming events and the need for a membership drive were discussed. Getting peo-

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ple involved and out to vote in 2022 is a primary concern.

Schoharie County Sheriff Ron Stevens was the guest speaker. Sheriff Stevens spoke about the legalization of marijuana and how it could affect the possession of your pistol permit.

There was no meeting in December. Starting in January 2022, the next three months meetings will be held at the Carlisle Town Hall. Speakers will be publicized as we get confirmations.

Schuyler County: Chairman Steven Getman posted his Legal updates for November and December; They contain information on Red Flag Laws, ghost guns and many more bills residents of NYS should be aware of. On a federal level there is plenty of information: *Supreme Court Arguments in New York Gun Case Signal Uphill Battle to Defend Overly Restrictive Laws; Kavanaugh Highlights Texas Abortion Law's Threat to 'Second Amendment Rights, Free Exercise of Religion Rights, Free Speech Rights'*

In January the Legal Update includes more gun control legislation coming up in 2022. The updates include lawsuits at the state and federal level, local 2nd Amendment information along with state and national information. All of these legal updates can be found at: <https://scopeny2a.org/Schuyler>

SCOPE President Tom Reynolds spoke at the January meeting and emphasized how important chapter activities will be during this election year. He highlighted candidate ratings, publicizing proposed laws and meet & greets with candidates.

Meetings were rescheduled for the first Thursday, quarterly.

Steuben Co: Meets twice each month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. In November, they discussed support for Scouts, 4H and school shooting leagues. The Corning Trap Team is doing well and the Chicken Dinner to support them will be held on December 12th. Volunteers are needed for the 2022 Pig Roast.

Bills in the NYS Legislature were discussed along with the redistricting plans.

In December, upcoming events were discussed; January 17th 'Dish to Pass' dinner, January 29th class for Range Safety Officer, January 8th Skeet Tournament, Lincoln Day dinner in February. February speakers tentatively set; Viki Olin and Scott Van Etten to talk about election updates.

Wayne County: The majority of the December meeting was dedicated to honoring and thanking Wayne County Sheriff Barry Vitz who joined the meeting via Zoom. Sheriff Vitz addressed the group thanking them and everyone involved in his time as Wayne County Sheriff. Guest speakers paying tribute to Sheriff Vitz included: Sheriff elect Steve Milby, Senator Pam Helming, County Clerk Mike Jankoski, Assemblyman Brian Manktelo, and Jim Hoffman.

David Dentico, owner of *Custom Gun Shop* in Walworth NY, made the group aware of a bill passed Nov 1 that makes it a crime to alter the color or appearance of any gun from the original design unless it is Camo and is only used for hunting. This law will impact several gun shops as many rely on custom work as a large part of their business.



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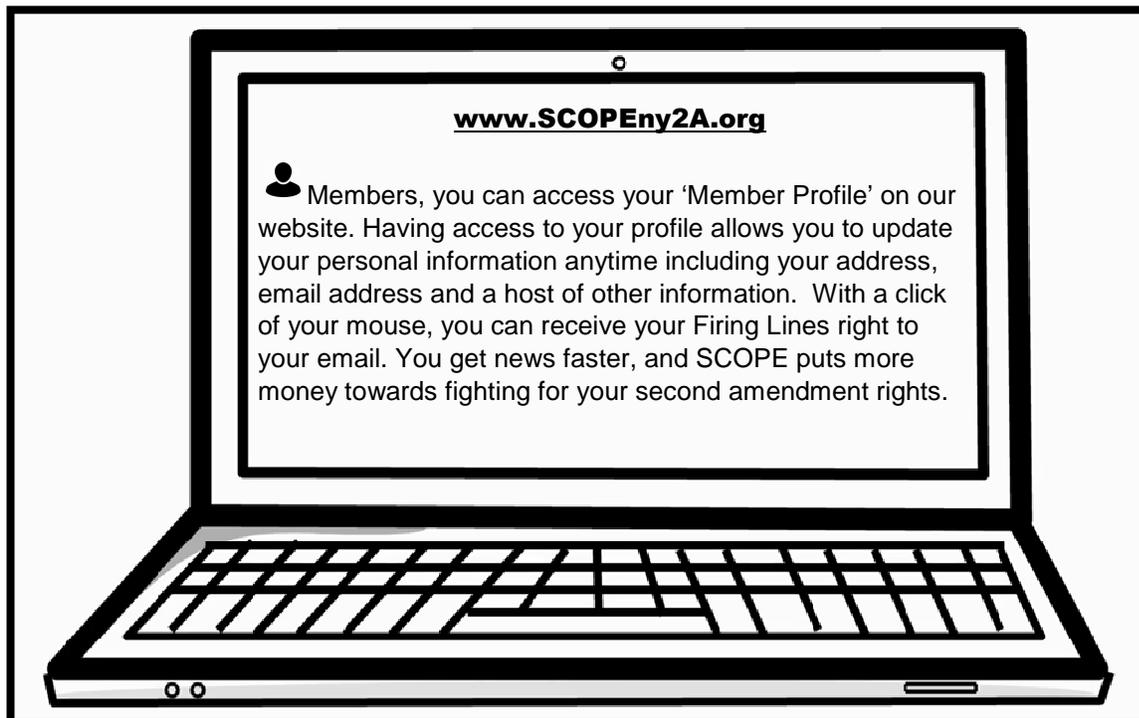
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Election Fraud Is Not A Fraud

By Tom Reynolds

This is an election year and SCOPE will be focusing on the elections. While the emphasis will be on candidates and issues, we should first examine the issue of voter fraud, which can negate your vote and, thus, makes all the candidate and issue research meaningless. And since the same people who want to do away with 2nd Amendment rights also claim there is no voter fraud, gun owners should be suspicious.

In a separate article in this Firing Lines, Tracy Marisa demonstrates that the voting rights proposals of Conservatives are not voter suppression but are, instead, main stream standard procedures. It is the proposals of the Left that are unusual and lead to corruption.

In this past November's emails to members, SCOPE wrote about election fraud in two different emails. Since the left has never stopped claiming there was no election fraud, it seems appropriate to reprint excerpts from those emails to remind gun owners of the truth.

On November 1st we wrote: "After the Maricopa County Arizona audit, the leftist media published that the vote counts barely changed; anyone claiming there was fraud (like Donald Trump, for instance) were labeled as "*falsely claiming*" there was fraud. But the devil-is-in-the-details, which tell a completely different story - that the Left ignores."

"Here are some of the key audit findings:
23,344 mail-in ballots by people who moved before 10/5/20. (Mailed ballots are **not forwardable** per election law.)

2,382 in-person voters had moved out of Maricopa County prior to 10/5/2020."

Note: Voters who moved out of Maricopa County between 10/5/20 and 11/3/20 were still legally entitled to vote in the presidential election. The above two categories moved out before 10/5/20 and were ineligible for presidential elections. But somehow, they voted.

9,041 more ballots returned by voters than were sent to voters;

5,295 voters with the same first, middle and last name and the same birth date voted in two different Arizona counties; 2,592 more duplicates than original ballots". (*Note: A duplicate ballot was created because of a problem with the original ballot that could only be cured with a duplicate ballot*);

1,551 more votes cast than voters. (*Note: Votes cast would be expected to be less- not more - than voters since voters do not always vote in every election on the ballot.*)

282 individuals who were deceased prior to 10/5/20 voted in the election."

"Numerous other problems are listed, such as vot-

ers whose ballots were counted despite the fact that they registered to vote after the state deadline for registration had already passed."

"Maricopa election officials provided simplistic explanations and the leftist media parroted the Maricopa explanations as "nothing to see here". Instead, the leftist media were able to claim that the election results remained almost the same. (Note: In a secret ballot there is no way to tell for who got the illegitimate votes.) It seemed as if there would be no follow up to the issues raised by the audit even though there appear to be potential crimes."

Then on March 11th, we wrote a follow up email on more election fraud: "Hans von Spakovsky wrote in the Heritage Foundation that the acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, has filed four counts against Marie Beren. Charges include voting more than once in a federal election, conspiring to illegally vote in a federal election and to deprive persons of their civil rights, and aiding and abetting the submission of fraudulent ballots. The latter has wide spread implications."

"Beren was an official 'election judge' responsible for overseeing and managing three different polling places inside the 39th Ward in Philadelphia. She served for 27 years (from 1988 to 2015). She officially stepped down in 2015 but according to the criminal information supplied to von Spakovsky, Beren still ran all three Divisions from behind the scenes through 2019."

"According to the Justice Department, Consultant #1 would give Beren directions to add fraudulent votes to candidates supported by Consultant #1. Beren would then 'cast fraudulent "votes" in her polling places' on behalf of voters she knew would not physically appear at the polls."

"Beren would also give Consultant #1 reports on how many 'legit votes' had been cast as Election Day was progressing. To avoid suspicion, if legitimate turnout was high she cast fewer fraudulent votes than if the turnout was low."

"Consultant #1 would also tell Beren to 'shift her efforts from one of Consultant #1's preferred candidates to another,' depending on how voting was going during the day."

"Beren would 'also permit and encourage individual voters ... to cast ballots' for absent family members and would tell them which candidates to vote for. She is alleged to have submitted falsified registration lists as to who had actually appeared at the polling places, to cover the absent voters. "

"This election fraud scheme is said to have been carried out in both primary and general elections and involved local, state, and federal candidates. As von Spakovsky accurately put it, 'No wonder Philadelphia officials were so hostile to poll watchers in last year's election'"

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No Compromising With The Left

By Attilio A. Contini

We live in precarious times and cannot let our guard down for a single day. One would think that when we stop punitive legislation, that would be the end of it - or at least the end until the next Congress. No more! The gun grabbers are so hell-bent on pushing their agenda that as soon as we stop them on one point, they revisit it from another angle. They absolutely refuse to quit!

It may only be a matter of time before the Dems convince enough RINO Republicans to cave in to their sinister plans. Today, several Republican Senators are talking about a compromise deal. We know what that means; the Dems get one step closer to their goal and conservative Republicans get nothing in return. Our side never seems to learn that "when you dance with the Devil you always get the horns".

Pundits talk about "unity". Is "unity" with the Left possible on anything? Is it wise to work with and try to make deals with Democrats? They are so far to the Left that almost everything they advocate is un-American. In reality, a lot of national Republican policy is left of center, too. So, it's primarily the extremeness of the Democrat leadership that separates the leadership of both parties.

Conservatives and most Republicans believe in and support the Constitution, want to preserve our Republic, advocate for limited government, believe in God and moral standards, and think Freedom and Liberty are the

keystones of our society. We believe in the rule of law, justice and support our police.

What do Democrats stand for? Power and control! They want to regulate and control all aspects of our daily lives and they will do whatever is politically expedient in order to accomplish their agenda. Opposing viewpoints are not allowed and they criminalize and cancel everyone who disagrees with them. They believe an all-powerful Federal government that will solve all our problems.

Their actions prove that these are their intentions. Defunding the police, rioting, looting, arson and murder are termed peaceful protests under their radical socialist ideology. They want to subvert our Constitution and think any law that they don't like can be ignored. They refuse to enforce existing laws and ignore Supreme Court rulings. They reward criminal activity and criminalize people who believe in God. They want to disarm us and confiscate all guns from law abiding citizens. They want to make it criminal to use guns for self-defense. They turn criminals loose without bail but demonize, investigate, label as insurrectionists and terrorists, and imprison people who speak up at public meetings. They are using government agencies to intimidate and silence political opposition.



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"Consultant #1 is not identified, but Von Spakovsky alleges it is Michael "Ozzie" Myers, a political consultant and former congressman who is currently indicted for other voter crimes in support of Democrats and has a past conviction for bribery - while he was in Congress. (Remember ABSCAM?) The case against Myers is still pending."

"In a similar case, the Philadelphia Enquirer reported that another Philadelphia election official, Domenick Demuro, plead guilty to accepting thousands of dollars in bribes to artificially increase the vote totals for multiple Democratic candidates. He 'admitted that a local political consultant gave him directions and paid him money to add votes for candidates supported by the consultant'".

"One election official is accused and another has plead guilty to multiple counts of election fraud in local, state and federal elections. An unnamed "Consultant #1" was involved with both. And these are the ones who were caught! Like the Swamp in Washington D.C., we don't yet know how wide and how deep this goes but, in some past presidential elections there were no / zero / zilch votes cast for the Republican candidate in some Philadelphia election districts."

An article by Jay Valentine on January 11th in the American Thinker, is worth reading as it further proves that the opportunity for voter fraud is widespread. It gives an overview of his 'Voter Anomaly Analysis' of fifteen states. An anomaly is, for example, 4,300 people over 100 on the voter rolls, which they found in one state. [When a State's Secretary of State is in on Voter Fraud - American Thinker.](#)

One county in Arizona has more than 44,000 documented cases of voter fraud and two individuals in Pennsylvania are accused of voter fraud crimes that would have resulted in thousands of fraudulent ballots over the years. Voter rolls are full of non-existent people and allow easy access for fraud. Remember this the next time someone says there was no voter fraud and also note which proposed laws that same person favors.

No voter fraud? Yeah, right! And Kamala Harris is going to resign and become a nun.



Voting Law Facts

By Tracy Marisa

In the November 2021 general election, New Yorkers defeated two terrible election changes that radical organizations have been trying to force through both Congress and state legislatures for quite some time: same-day voter registration and no-fault absentee voting.

There's a reason why New York's deadline to register to vote is 25 days before Election Day: that gives election officials time (in theory, at least) to verify the accuracy of the voter registration information and the eligibility of the individual to vote. Indeed, most states require individuals to register well before an election, and forbid same-day voter registration.

But while New Yorkers had enough sense to vote these state constitutional amendments down, Sens. Chuck Schumer (D) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D) have been pushing Congress to pass H.R. 1, the bill that would lead to a complete federal takeover of the election process, including provisions to prohibit states from requiring voter ID and to require states to allow permanent mail-in voting. And while H.R. 1 was put on the back burner in deference to the "Build Back Better" clown show for a while, it will be back, and soon.

As for absentee ballots, current New York law allows absentee ballots to be used by people who cannot make it to their neighborhood polling places on Election Day because they are sick, physically disabled, or serving the country abroad as a member of the armed forces or diplomatic corps, for example. Moving to no-fault absentee balloting (where anyone can vote with a mail-in ballot without a reason) is an unwise and dangerous policy that will make fraud far easier to commit. In fact, a 1998 report by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement concluded that the "lack of 'in-person, at-the-polls' accountability make absentee ballots the 'tool of choice' for those inclined to commit voter fraud."

We Americans, accustomed as we are to very loose rules regarding absentee voting, are often shocked to learn that 35 of the 47 European countries don't allow absentee voting for citizens living in the country. Another ten European countries allow absentee voting, but require voters to show up in person and present a photo ID to pick up their ballots. It's a little different than here, where people can simply say they are going to be out of town and have a ballot mailed to them.

Any form of voting by mail, especially "mail-in voting" where ballots are mailed out to everyone without any need to request one, makes it easier to buy votes. People have forgotten (if they ever knew) that we in the U.S. did not always have secret ballots. It wasn't until 1880 that the first state adopted the secret ballot, and the last state to adopt it was South Carolina in 1950. People often voted

with ballots printed on different colored paper which they dropped into boxes, making it easy for observers to spot which voters had voted "correctly" and thus needed to be compensated for their efforts. This same problem is now proliferating in the U.S. in the form of "ballot harvesting," the increasingly common practice where party functionaries distribute and collect ballots.

Any society where people are free to change where they live and work and where a certain portion of the electorate will inevitably be morality-challenged will eventually have voter rolls containing ineligible, duplicate, fictional, and deceased voters. Absentee ballots and mail-in ballots, obviously, make it easier to exploit this situation. Yet any suggestion that voter ID should be required is regarded as tantamount to "voter suppression" at best and reintroducing slavery at worst. Again, the US is the outlier on requiring ID.

Of the 47 countries in Europe today, 46 of them currently require government-issued photo IDs to vote. How about our immediate neighbors? Canada requires a photo ID to vote. If a voter shows up at the polls without an ID, he is allowed to vote only if he declares who he is in writing and if there is someone working at the polling station who can personally verify his identity.

In response to a long history of election fraud, Mexico has recently instituted strict reforms. Voters must present a biometric ID—an ID with not only a photo, but also a thumb print. Voters also have indelible ink applied to their thumbs, preventing them from voting more than once. And absentee voting is prohibited, even for people living outside the country.

Those who oppose election integrity reform here in the U.S. often condemn it as a means of "voter suppression." But in Mexico, the percent of people voting rose from 59 percent before the reforms to 68 percent after. It turned out that Mexicans were more, not less, likely to vote when they had confidence that their votes mattered. Probably the same shift would happen here if we did a better job of ensuring election integrity.

In spite of—or maybe because of—those proposed NYS constitutional amendments being defeated in November, and H.R. 1 having to take a back seat to Biden's BBB plans, we should expect leftists to work even harder to change the rules in ways that will make it easier to cheat and easier to manipulate election results. And despite their constant claims to the contrary, they are not motivated by a concern for democracy, but by partisan interests. Constant vigilance, everyone!





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Notable & Quotable

By Richard Rossi

Allow me to share with you some telling quotes from the U.S. Supreme Court hearing in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Assn. Vs Bruen*. Note: the information was printed in the January issue of the NRA's American Freedom magazine, for your reference.

I believe this is very appropriate and interesting for sharing with our fellow SCOPE members. It demonstrates, in my opinion, how our Second Amendment Rights have been 'watered-down' from the *original intent* of our Founding Fathers. It further demonstrates how far we have wandered from the true purpose for which our Founding Fathers drafted 2A into our Constitution, when they made it a part of our original Bill of Rights.

Our Supreme Court Justices all took an oath to preserve and protect our Constitution from both *foreign* and *domestic* terrorists. The United States Supreme Court, has a duty and obligation to see that our laws are enforced and our Constitution/Bill of Rights are enforced. They are an important part of the 'checks and balances' our Founding Fathers put in place to ensure neither Congress nor the executive office would have ultimate power.

Unfortunately, in my opinion, the Court has lost its way and has become a political tool, biased to personal agendas and biases.

Our Second Amendment says: "*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed*".

The second phrase of 2A clearly defines that this right is not something that either our federal government or state and local governments have the right to prohibit. It is a God Given right for individuals to be able to protect themselves from violent harm or death. This right is not

something that the government can revoke. The amendment clearly states "SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED".

Some lawyers and Supreme Court justices don't seem to agree with that phrase.

New York State's Solicitor General Barbara Underwood said: "The problem with (permissive concealed-carry laws) is that they multiply the number of firearms that are being carried in very densely populated places... without assuming any ill intent on the part of the carriers of weapons, they greatly proliferate the likelihood that mistakes will be made, fights will break out, and guns will be sold."

Justice Stephen Breyer said: "Is the law supposed to say you can carry a concealed gun around the streets of the town or outside, just for fun? I mean, they are dangerous, guns."

One Supreme Court Justice wanted her emotions to rule but found them in conflict with the law. Will emotions or the law dictate how she votes on this case?

Justice Elena Kagan said: "It seems completely intuitive that there should be different gun regimes in New York than Wyoming, or that there should be different gun regimes in New York City than in rural counties upstate. But it's a hard thing to match with our notion of constitutional rights generally."

One lawyer working against 2A seemed to inadvertently make the case for 2A and against himself.

Former U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement (The attorney representing NYS / Breun) said: "In a country with Second Amendment as a fundamental right, simply having more firearms cannot be a problem."

However, not all justices have lost their way. Two justices made the case for anti 2A laws discriminating against ordinary people.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh said: "Why isn't it enough to say I live in a violent area and I want to be able to defend myself."

Justice Samuel Alito said:

"All these people with illegal guns, they're on the subway, they're walking around the streets, but the ordinary, hard-working people I mentioned, no they can't be armed."

Most pundits seem to believe that NYSRPA will win and original intent will prevail when the case is finally decided in June or July. But the issue will also be how broad or narrow the decision will be. Our founders, obviously, would come down on the side of a broad decision.



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Candidate Bios

Tom Reynolds:

Please consider me for re-election as an AT-Large member of the SCOPE's Board of Directors.

I currently serve as SCOPE's President and previously was its Treasurer.

As President, I write emails several times a week on important issues. I edit the Firing Lines and contribute articles to it. I also attend various chapter meetings to give members a chance to ask questions. I work with the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association and numerous politicians. I have attended every board meeting since 2016, actively participated in them all and have experience with the issues that confront all Second Amendment organizations. Starting when I was Treasurer and continuing to now, I prepare the annual IRS 990 report, (which was previously done by an auditor, for a fee). In addition to SCOPE, I am a NYSRPA member and an NRA member and have a concealed carry permit.

The 2022 election is critical for the future of our constitution, our rights as gun owners and the future of the United States that the founding fathers envisioned. This is a time when Americans need to come forward and volunteer their time, energy and resources. I have shown and will continue to demonstrate my commitment to SCOPE as

a primary tool in our fight to defend the Constitution.

Thank you for considering me for the At Large position.

Nick Massal:

I was hoping that some of our younger members would step up and run for the board, but I have not seen them yet.

I have served as a chapter chair, SCOPE vice president, president and member at large and would continue to do so if, you the members, will have me. I am a retired Marine Chief Warrant Officer, having served 24+ years on active duty. Upon retirement, I was in the central valley of California where I was active in supporting the second amendment and shot with the Tulare County Sheriff's aero squadron pistol team.

After returning to New York in 2006, I became a hunter ed. Instructor and joined several of the area rod and gun clubs. In 2013, after Governor Cuomo's infamous SAFE act, I became involved in SCOPE and have been active since.

We, as an organization, need to continue to stand up for our second amendment rights, even though many in the state legislature and senate do not believe we need them or should have them! The second amendment is

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NOT about hunting, as many of them would have us believe – it is about “We the people” having the ability to stand up to – and if necessary, remove a tyrannical government. Many in Albany have lost touch with the land and have forgotten the principals of which this nation was founded.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steven Getman:

I am submitting my notice of candidacy for an At-Large position and I thank you for your consideration. I am currently the Schuyler County Chapter Chair and the First Vice President of SCOPE. As a current officer of SCOPE my duties/services include co-administering the Facebook page, contributing articles to the *Firing Lines* and preparing a monthly *Legal Update* that is available online to SCOPE members.

I am also the Schuyler County Attorney, serving in that position since 2015. An attorney since 1992, I have worked for several government agencies over the years; The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the office of New York State Assemblyman Mike Nozolio, the Seneca County Public

Defender, Dept. of Social Services, STOP-DWI, and County Attorney’s office.

I am a former member of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association and have taught Criminal Justice and Constitutional Law as an adjunct instructor at Keuka College.

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