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**February 16, 2024****REVISED LINK**  
**Sportsmen's Capitol Update**

Dear Friends:

The 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly began on **February 7th**. The session lasts until May 8th this year, meaning this is a "short session" with a theoretically slimmer book of business given the compressed timeframe. While most bills don't yet have specific language, so far the concept of an Ammo Tax was filed. There have been two Environment Committee meetings to raise bill "concepts," meaning general subject matter topics.

[HERE](#) is a bill report and, as you will see, there is not much detail available yet.

**Ammo Tax**

Representative Jillian Gilchrist, Senator Marilyn Moore and others filed a Proposed Bill to institute an ammo tax, with revenues to be used to fund grants for gun violence intervention and prevention programs and services. No tax rate was indicated in the proposed bill.

[HERE](#) is the bill.

The Finance Committee has the power to stop the bill now. Please click on the button below to send an online message to your legislators, asking them to help and **Say NO to the Ammo Tax!**

**UPDATED LINK: Say NO to the Ammo Tax**

# Environment Committee

The Environment Committee met twice so far to raise concepts for bills to be drafted, see below. There are not anticipated to be significant wildlife-related bills heard this year.

Once drafted and given a number, the bills will be published (and shared with you). The Committee will then announce a date and time for public hearing.

The Committee deadline to raise concepts is next Friday, February 23rd.

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# BIG NEWS

On Friday, February 15th, it was announced that tireless advocate for sportsmen in the Legislature, **Senator Stephen Harding** - 30th District, Bethlehem, Brookfield, Canaan, Cornwall, Goshen, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Fairfield, New Milford, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Sherman, Torrington, Warren, Washington, Winchester - was voted by his caucus to be the Minority Leader of the Connecticut State Senate.

Please take the time to read Senator Harding's statement on his new role [HERE](#) and when you see Steve, take the time to congratulate him!



## Sportsmen's Caucus

The Sportsmen's Caucus met on Wednesday, February 14th at the Legislative Office Building. The meeting consisted largely of introductions, with the first in person meeting in years. Co Chair Senator Cathy Osten presented a new Office of Legislative Research Report on the various hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, permits, stamps, and other credentials available to Connecticut residents and the associated fees for each under state law.

You can view the OLR Report [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Events

### CCDL 15th Anniversary Dinner

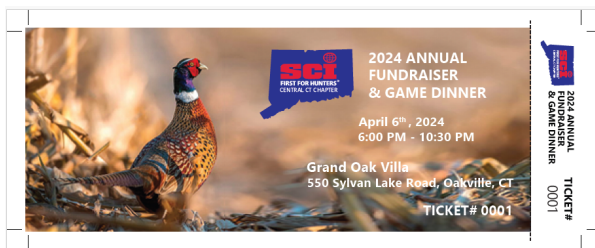
March 23, 2024

The Woodwinds

29 Schoolground Road, Branford

Tickets \$65.00 per person

Click on the photo for more information and to purchase tickets.



### Safari Club Annual Fundraiser

April 6th

Grand Oak Villa

Contact Bob Ballas

(203) 948-3234

[Buck100@aol.com](mailto:Buck100@aol.com)

### New Haven Raccoon Club

February 24, 2024

853 New Haven Road, Durham

Only a few Tickets left!

Contact Walt at (203) 376-2338

*If you can't make it, consider a donation to help fund Grant v Lamont litigation*

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And meatballs.  
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Come join us to raise funds for your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights here in Connecticut. Proceeds to go to CCDL to help with

Lawsuit and litigation.

**FEBRUARY 24TH at 3pm**

New Haven Raccoon Club

853 New Haven Rd, Durham, CT 06422

\$35.00 a ticket



See for tickets: Walt H. 203-376-2338  
Steve R. 203-937-9275



# Animal "Advocacy" Caucus

The Animal Advocacy Caucus had a news conference announcing its intention to raise a bill on "Wildlife Trafficking" in Connecticut. You can watch the news briefing [HERE](#)

In an undercover investigation into illegal ivory being sold in CT, HSUS found 160 items expected to be ivory. Federal law prohibits sales of ivory across state lines. The HSUS argued that its "sting" results indicate that in-state sales of ivory are happening. HSUS claims there is a global poaching crisis and CT needs to close the gap for in-state sales.

You can access more info about the Humane Society investigation [HERE](#).

## Resources

[Legislative Committee Deadline Matrix](#)

[Guide to Testifying at Hearings and Reaching State Legislators](#)

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Sun, Feb 18, 2024 at 3:13 AM

To: Don Schubert <[sholdingsltd@msn.com](mailto:sholdingsltd@msn.com)>, Mike Ose <[mikeose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikeose@sbcglobal.net)>, Bennett Brooks <[bbrooks@brooksaoustics.com](mailto:bbrooks@brooksaoustics.com)>

Not sure if you receive these communications from Friends of CT Sportsmen and may be interested in having a look.

I see the ammo tax bill is back.

Diana Reid

Begin forwarded message:

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Mon, Feb 19, 2024 at 4:11 PM

**Hi Shelly and Chrissy,**

**Mike is asking if the info from FOCS found below can be added to the RF&G Legislative page.**

**Is this something you could assign someone to work with Mike on?**

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**From:** Mike Ose <[mikeose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikeose@sbcglobal.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 18, 2024 12:03 PM  
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**Cc:** Don Schubert <[sholdingsltd@msn.com](mailto:sholdingsltd@msn.com)>; Bennett Brooks <[bbrooks@brooksacoustics.com](mailto:bbrooks@brooksacoustics.com)>  
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Can this be posted to the legislative page?

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