

**Thirteenth Wildlife Damage Management Conference
May 4-6, 2009**

THE SARATOGA HILTON
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866

The Thirteenth Wildlife Damage Management Conference will be held Monday through Wednesday, May 4 - 6, 2009, in The Saratoga Hilton in Saratoga Springs, New York. The Conference features 2 days of presentations, workshops and selected papers.

Conference Registration

Only registered participants will be admitted to the Conference Sessions. All registrations will be done on-line with the exception of walk in registration at the Conference. On-line pre-registration can be completed at <http://wdmwg.dynabytes.com> The Pre-registration fee is \$225.00 (USD) (1 day Pre-registration is \$125.00) and includes a CD of the Proceedings to be mailed to you upon publication (approximately 6-8 months following the Conference). The Student registration fee is \$50.00 (USD) (no 1-day fee option). Pre-registration must be accompanied by your payment and postmarked by April 17, 2009. Pre registration saves you money and time.

Pre-registration fees will be refunded, minus 10% administration fee, only if the request for refund is postmarked on or before April 17, 2009. **No refunds will be granted after this date.** Pre-registration fees can, however, be transferred to another individual to permit their attendance in your place. In this case, the WDMWG Secretary/ Treasurer **must be notified of this change by phone, FAX or mail, prior to the Conference.**

Registration on-site will be at the rate of \$275.00 (USD) per person (1-day regular registration is \$175.00).

The Banquet on Wednesday evening is included with the price of registration; extra banquet tickets are \$35.00/person.

On-Line Registration is Available at: <http://wdmwg.dynabytes.com>

Continuing Education

Continuing education or professional development credits will be determined based on the Final Program. Credits will be available for The Wildlife Society certification and for some state forestry, wildlife and pest control organizations.

Hotel Reservations

The Conference has a block of rooms set aside at The Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga, New York. Rooms will be available at the Conference Rate of 106.00 per night for single, double, triple or quads in the room from May 4-6, 2009. Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-866-3596, to receive the conference rate, you must indicate you are attending the Wildlife Damage Management Meeting or visit the web site at:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/ALBSAHF-ACCM-20090504/index.jhtml>

Airport Shuttle

Albany is the closest major airport to Saratoga Springs, NY and is about 30 miles away and the drive takes about 40 minutes. The shuttles recommended by the hotel are and the cost varies depending on the number of individuals in the vehicle.

All Occasions-518-479-5466

Royal Limo-518-286-4444

Premiere Limo-518-459-6123

Upstate Tours- 518-584-5252

All Occasions Limousine Service has offered transportation to the hotel for \$15.00 and the same cost for the return to the airport; total of \$30.00 round trip. They will meet you in the Baggage Claim area and will have a sign to identify their company. You must go to their web site at <http://www.allocclimo.com/reservation.htm> and fill out the registration form found there. You must register in order to be picked up.

All Occasions Transportation Group

1-518-479-5466 or 1-888-327-2700

Albany International Airport offers the following car rental services:

- **Avis**
Reservations: 800 331-1212
- **Budget**
Reservations: 800 527-0700
- **Enterprise**
Reservations: 800 Rent-A-Car
- **Hertz**
Reservations: 800 654-3131
- **National/Alamo**
Reservations: 800 227-7368
- **Thrifty**
Reservations: 800 THRIFTY
Office off Premises

Driving directions from Albany International Airport to 534 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 can be obtained at Mapquest.com or browser of your choice. It is approximately 28.6 miles and about 35 minutes driving time from the airport to the Hilton.

Local Sites of Interest

The Saratoga Hilton is located within walking distance to a number of attractions and restaurants. The Saratoga National Golf Club will be open if you want to play a round or you can hike in the famous Adirondacks. You can ask the hotel staff for directions or recommendation to the local attractions, which include:

- **New York State Military & Veteran's Museum** (0.5 mi.)
- **The Children's Museum at Saratoga** (0.5 mi.)
- **Skidmore College** (0.7 mi.)
- **The Saratoga Experience** (1 mi.)
- **Regent Street Antique Center** (1 mi.)
- **The National Museum of Racing & Thoroughbred Hall of Fame** (1 mi.)
- **Saratoga Performing Arts Center** (1 mi.)
- **The Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College** (1 mi.)
- **Saratoga Equine Sports Center** (1.5 mi.)
- **The Lincoln and Roosevelt Bath Houses** (2 mi.)
- **National Museum & Dance Hall of Fame** (2 mi.)
- **Saratoga Automobile Museum** (2 mi.)
- **Saratoga Spa State Park** (2 mi.)
- **Home Made Theater** (2.5 mi.)
- **Saratoga Spa Golf Club** (3 mi.)
- **Yaddo Artists Retreat** (3 mi.)
- **The Saratoga National Golf Club** (3.5 mi.)
- **Saratoga Battlefield National Historic Park** (8 mi.)
- **Airway Meadows Golf Course** (10 mi.)
- **Kesselring Site** (10.5 mi.)

Visitor information available at (press CTRL + click) [Saratoga Springs New York](#)

Weather in May

Saratoga Springs tends to relatively cool still in May. There is an average daily temperature of 55-45 F and a nightly average temperature of 45-35 F. The average temperature for May is 58 F and the average rainfall for Saratoga Springs is 4.06 inches.

Commercial Displays

The Conference will have commercial exhibits featuring products and services associated with wildlife damage management. Space is available for exhibitors of commercial products and services. For information, please contact the exhibit co-chairperson Ben Tabor at (518) 897-1279 or by email at bptabor@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Social Event

A Welcome Reception is planned for Monday evening, May 4, 2009. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be offered (6:00 - 8:00 pm); this event is included with the price of registration.

Conference Schedule at a Glance

MONDAY Evening – May 4, 2009

Welcome Reception 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

TUESDAY – May 5, 2009

Plenary Session

8:30 am - 9:00 am KEYNOTE

Bill Clay (USDA) “*Wildlife Services and the New Administration*”

9:00 am - 9:30 am

Kevin Clark (Crittter Control) “*Current Trends and the Future of Private Sector Nuisance Wildlife Control*”

9:30 am - 10:00 am

Mike Conover (Berryman Institute) “*Does the Field of Wildlife Management Meet the Changing Needs of Society?*”

10:30 am - 11:00 am

Bryan Arroyo (USFWS) “*What is the Latest on Endangered Species Changes*”

11:00 am - 11:30 am

John Hadidian “*What is on the Animal Protection Radar Screen?*”

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Tim Julien “*Coordination and Cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Services at the State Level*”

Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Workshop: 1:15 pm - 2:55 pm

Peter Kummerfeldt - “*Could You Be a Survivor*”

Workshop: 3:15 pm - 4:55 pm

Joe La Barbera - “*Dealing With the Slings and Arrows of Media Involvement*”

WEDNESDAY – May 6, 2009 Program

Concurrent Sessions: 7:55 am - 9:35 am

Wildlife Diseases, Chair Tom DeLiberto

Four papers to be presented.

Management of Damage Caused by Mammals, Chair David Drake

Four papers to be presented.

Break: 9:35 am - 9:55 am

Concurrent Sessions: 9:55 am - 12:00 pm

Human Dimensions of Wildlife Damage Management, Chair Ben West

Five papers to be presented.

Evaluation of Wildlife Damage Control Products, Chair Scott Hygnstrom

Five papers to be presented.

Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Concurrent Session: 1:15 pm - 2:55 pm

Prevention and Control of Avian Damage, Chair Paul Gorenzel

Four papers to be presented.

Urban Carnivores, Chair S. Gehrt

Four papers to be presented.

Break: 2:55 pm - 3:15 pm

Concurrent Session: 3:15 pm - 4:55 pm

Prevention and Control of Avian Damage, Chair Paul Gorenzel

Four papers to be presented.

Wildlife Concerns Updates, Chair Kathy Fagerstone

Four papers to be presented.

Conference Banquet and Speaker: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm