



Reload!

The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers

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APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER
CELEBRATING OUR 24th YEAR

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The next Travelers Monthly Shoot is "Tax Time Revolt" on April 17th.
The Spring Tour of the Eastern Shore is April 8th - 10th.

MADDENING MARCH

Jeff Hunter

March is one of those months where you can either get a beautiful day in the 50s or a downright nasty day with snow or a torrential downpour. Fortunately for 85 Travelers and their guests, the former ruled the day on March 20th for "The Original March Madness" at Orvis Sandanona.

Sandanona is a course where the environment is an integral part of the experience and the Orvis staff took all the necessary steps to make it a perfect day. We shot fifteen stations over the rolling hills of Millbrook, New York.

I really enjoy shooting targets where the target setter doesn't try to beat you with speed and distance, but relies on changes in terrain and target movement to fool you. Station five was one of those signature Orvis stations with a hanging battaue followed by a fast driven bird on report. The slow movement to the battaue messed up any rhythm you might have been in to get in front of the driven bird.



General addressing the troops.

Station eight, or “Streamside Snipe”, really took advantage of the terrain. The shooting station was positioned just off the edge of a stream that ran between two hills. The trapper launched a true pair of trap-like targets from the right of the shooter and they flew upstream. The birds looked like they were from the same machine, but by the time you picked which one you wanted to shoot first they were a good 3 feet apart with the bottom bird starting its descent before the top bird.

“Fur and Feather”, otherwise known as station fifteen, was a quartering rabbit on the ground followed by a true crossing bird on report. The perfect spot to hit the bunny was right where the target ducked behind a woodpile. You either had to take the target at its full speed before the woodpile, or after the obstacle and risk misjudging the distance. After watching the squad in front of us decide to take the bunny first, Bob Holtzman suggested that if you took the bunny after the woodpile you would be setup to catch the crossing bird quicker. Sure enough, we seemed to do pretty well using that method.

Travelers Tidbit

Did you know that awards will be presented based on Lewis Class for the next two shoots? We are trying Lewis Class scoring to expedite the awards ceremony after lunch.

Sure, there were some high scores. The median score was 78, but nobody broke them all. In fact, Bill Bretschger walked away with the HOA with his 89 and some other heavy-hitters in attendance were also in the high 80s. From the very top to the very bottom, we all had a good time. In my opinion, there’s no reason for the HOA to go home with a 72 at a local event. Pardon me while I put away my soapbox.

A very hearty lunch followed at Copperfield’s. Paul Elsenboss gave us an update on little Amanda Elsenboss who is now the soldier of the year at the US Army Marksmanship Unit! Amanda is a shining example of the young people that came through our ranks in the Junior’s program. Awards followed on the trial run of Lewis Class and somehow Fred Roesslein ended up winning a couple boxes of shells. Fred always seems to go home a winner, but mostly on the days Carol decides to shoot.

Mark your calendars for April 17th and May 15th. The Travelers visit two very exclusive clubs back to back. First we head over to Ten Mile River Preserve where Buck will pull out all the stops and throw some fun targets for us. In May we travel up the road to Mashomack Preserve where our 2008 Sporting Sportsman of the Year, Charlie Conger, will have a fun day in store for us. We love all the places we shoot, but these are two courses you need an “invite” to shoot at any other day.

Complete results on ctsca.org.

TINA MEEKER

I am sorry to inform you that Tina Meeker, wife of fellow Traveler and Table 85 member Fred Meeker, passed away on March 10th. We will keep Fred and the Meeker family in our thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

From The CT Post:

MEEKER Christina "Tina-MiMi" Bakos Meeker, age 63, of Shelton passed away Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Griffin Hospital. Born in Bridgeport on June 13, 1947 she was the daughter of Mary Bakos-Eichenger and George Bakos. She is survived by her beloved husband Frederick W. Meeker Jr., loving daughters, Kelli Meeker and her partner Michael Merritt, and Jodilyn Meeker; grandson, Timothy Meeker; sister, Dolores Kelly and her husband Charles Kelly III; and several nieces, nephews and many friends. She was predeceased by her twin brothers, Anthony and James Bakos. The Redgate-Hennessy Funeral Home, Main Street and Gorham Place, Trumbull arranged private services. In lieu of flowers please make a contribution in Christina's memory to The Connecticut Hospice 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405. To send online condolences please visit www.redgatehennessy.com.

NSCA ALL-STATE TEAMS

Congratulations to the CT Travelers who made their state teams! Please let me know if I have missed anybody, we want to make sure we recognize them.

CT:	Jim Muller	OPEN	NY:	Charlie Conger	OPEN
	Mike Primavera	OPEN		Tyler Olson	SUB JR
	George Masek	OPEN		Ed Moritt	SUPER VET
	Dean Anglace	OPEN		Hank Drapou	E
	Kurt Anderson	OPEN			
	Allison Sagnelli	LADY	NJ:	Ken Erikson	OPEN
	Ed Terry	VETERAN		George Baur	VETERAN
	Dick Mann	SUPER VET			
	Ed Davies	A	MN:	John Mohler	SUPER VET
	Russell Theus	B			
	Carl Hein	E	RI:	Kathleen Girard	LADY
				Doug Girard	VETERAN

YOUTH OUTDOOR SPORTS FAIR

Jim Comiotes

The Youth Committee formed at the Travelers Annual Meeting had their first official gathering at March Madness on March 20th.

The group decided that the Youth event would be a Youth Outdoor Sports Fair. The Fair would feature both demonstrations as well as participation type activities. Some ideas included; action Shooting, Bird of Prey demonstrations, Archery, air gun, 22 rifle, skeet, trap, sporting clay station, roping, and dog demos.

The committee is gathering information about possible venues and other arrangements. We are looking at tentative dates in the August/September timeframe. We expect to nail down the date after the next meeting in April.

Although the committee will be able to handle most preparations, we will need wide participation by CTSCA members on the day of the event to act as safety officers, instructors, guardians, coordinators, and food service personnel. Also we will need this same type of help to advertise the event as we are hoping to have as many as 200 participants keeping in mind that they need to be 12 years of age to shoot a shotgun in New York and Connecticut.

Arrangements are still coming together and we will be talking with representatives from the NRA, NSSF and other organizations in the new future for assistance.

LOST & FOUND DEPARTMENT

George Parsons is looking for his left hand shooting glove lost at the CTSCA shoot at Orivs Sandanona on March 20th. Manufacture was The Gun Glove. If you managed to pick up the missing glove, please contact George at (203) 792-9895.

LAST NIGHT

Author Unknown

I stood by your bed last night, I came to have a peep.
I could see that you were crying, you found it hard to sleep.

I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear,
"It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."

I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea,
You were thinking of the many times, your hands reached down to me.

I was with you at the shops today, Your arms were getting sore.
I longed to take your parcels, I wish I could do more.

I was with you at my grave today, You tend it with such care.
I want to re-assure you, that I'm not lying there.

I walked with you towards the house, as you fumbled for your key.
I gently put my paw on you, I smiled and said "it's me."

You looked so very tired, and sank into a chair.
I tried so hard to let you know, that I was standing there.

It's possible for me, to be so near you everyday.
To say to you with certainty, "I never went away."

You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew...
In the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you.

The day is over... I smile and watch you yawning
and say "good-night, God bless, I'll see you in the morning."

And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide,
I'll rush across to greet you and we'll stand, side by side.

I have so many things to show you, there is so much for you to see.
Be patient, live your journey out...then come home to be with me.

In memory of our four legged friends, Annie Christensen & Jesse Roma.--Ed

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Past issues of Reload! are available online at www.ctsca.org

2011 TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

APRIL 8-10	THE SHORE TOUR (Eastern Shore of Maryland)
APRIL 17	TAX TIME REVOLT (Ten Mile River Preserve)
MAY 15	MAY MINUET (Mashomack Preserve)
JUNE 19	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds)
JULY 17	SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME (Orvis Sandanona)
AUGUST	GREAT EASTERN LOBSTER CLASSIC (Addieville East Farm)
SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBERSHUTZENFEST (Ten Mile River Preserve)
OCTOBER 16	SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (FCFGPA)
NOVEMBER 20	SALUTE THE COLORS/ISLANDERS vs. MAINLANDERS (LI)
DECEMBER 18	DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (Mid County)

FOR SALE CLASSIFIED ADS WANTED
See listings at ctsca.org

<p>I love the winning, I can take the losing, but most of all I love to play. <i>Boris Becker</i></p>

The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

"TAX TIME REVOLT"

Sunday, April 17, 2011

TEN MILE RIVER PRESERVE

World Class Clays and food.

266 Berkshire Road,
Dover Plains, New York

DIRECTIONS: Route 84 west, Exit 20/Route 684 North to the CT/NY State lines. Take Route 22 North towards Pawling. Continue on Route 22 North to Dover Plains. At the only traffic light turn right onto Mill street and continue to the 4-way stop at Limekiln road. Right onto Limekiln road and continue to Berkshire road on left. Follow Berkshire road to the Lodge. 845 877-3560.

REGISTRATION APPLICATION
YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011.

Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM. Shooting begins at 9:45 AM. Park in the lot next to the Lodge. Conveyance will be provided to the Sporting Clays Hut on the hill. A Luncheon will be served following the shoot.

\$70.00 Member entry fee - \$85.00 guest entry fee.

Mail this application, and your check, payable to CTSCA to:
CTSCA, 16 Davis Road, Seymour, CT 06483

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SEND EXPRESS MAIL SIGNATURE REQUIRED.
List only names that are being PAID WITH THE EXCLOSED CHECK.

YOU	1. _____	4. _____
	2. _____	5. _____
	3. _____	6. _____

If possible, please squad me with: _____
(Your application must be received by the required date for preferred squading)

Concurrent selection, please check if qualified:
Lady ____, Vet. 1 (55-69) ____, Vet. 2 (70 and older) ____, Junior (17 and younger) ____.
You are responsible for noting any concurrent or handicap on your card.

**YOU MUST BE AN NRA MEMBER TO MEET THE MANDATORY
REQUIREMENT OF CTSCA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011!**



2011 Sporting Clay Benefit

For the benefit of the

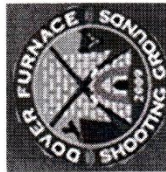
Housatonic Council BSA

April 8, 2011

Dover Furnace

30 Ore Bed Road

Dover Plains, New York



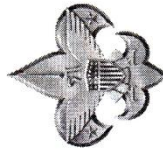
Housatonic Council BSA

326 Derby Avenue

Derby, CT 06418

(203) 729-3329

<http://housatonicbsa.org>



Housatonic Council BSA Mission statement

It is the mission of the Housatonic Council to help prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime, by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Your contribution will help the Housatonic Council provide a full range of Scouting Programs to over 3,000 youth and adults in the lower Naugatuck Valley area and provide a full range of Scouting programs to the youth in Housatonic Council and Lower Naugatuck Valley area.

A PORTION OF ALL FEES PAID IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE. A CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.

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COMPANY _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

We plan to bring our own golf cart / gator for use on the course Yes / No.

We would be interested in renting a golf cart (limited supply) Yes / No.

Housatonic Council-Boy Scouts of America

326 Derby Avenue

Derby, CT 06418

Questions? Call Barb Kinzig (203) 734-3329 X2

bakinzig@bsaemail.org

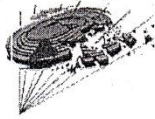
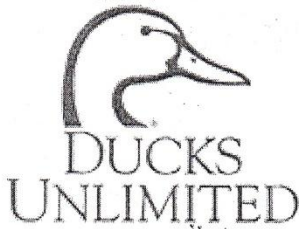
Payment Options:

CHECK ENCLOSED (Made payable to Housatonic Council BSA)

Credit Card: Visa/MasterCard

_____ Exp _____

Security Code: _____ (3 digits on back of card)



*The 6th Annual Orange
County Chapter Sporting
Clays Shoot
APRIL 30, 2011*

At MID HUDSON SPORTING GROUNDS

411 North Ohioville Rd., New Paltz NY 12561 (845)-255-7460

On April 30, 2011 check in starting at 9:00 AM

\$125 PER PERSON

**WALK-INS ACCEPTED TO 120 PERSONS. YOUTH SHOOTERS (16 & UNDER) \$70
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presents:

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Sunday, April 17, 2011



Competitive 100 Target Course	NSCA Sanctioned Shoot
Registration Opens at 8:30am	Kitchen Opens at 8:30am
Course Open from 9:00am - 3:00pm	Awards in all Classes and Concurrents
5-Stand Warm-up Open from 8:30am - 2:30pm	Hunter Class Determined by Lewis System

Door Prize Drawing for a Beretta Shotgun!
1 ticket to each registered shooter,
10 tickets for preregistrations received by April 14th!

Plus a **Silent Auction and Raffles** to Benefit Ducks Unlimited!

Main Event Registration - \$78.00

Juniors, Main Event - \$30.00

Side Events - \$25.00

'Adult and Junior membership to DU included with paid main event registration.'

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258 Paige Hill Rd
Goffstown, NH 03045



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