



Reload!

The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers

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AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER
CELEBRATING OUR 22nd YEAR

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The next Monthly shoot is "Great Eastern Lobster Classic" on 8/6-8/9.
The next Saturday Shootout Series is "Nutmeg Tuneup" on 8/22.

SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME = SIMO, SIMO

by Jason Lenhart

Whoever said "A bad day shooting is better than a good day at work," must have never shot Sandanona before, because quite frankly there are no bad days there. On Sunday, July 19th, the Connecticut Travelers took a small trip down memory lane by shooting what was dubbed a "Throw Back Shoot". That is, events from back in the olden days before people were pros and Olympians. "Simo Sunday" featured a course of all simo pairs on the gorgeous grounds of Orvis Sandanona, in Millbrook, NY.

Sandanona always proves to be both a challenging and rewarding experience for shooters of all levels. Club President Al Anglace promised that we would be busting everything they threw, no problem... with the exception of two stands. A continental breakfast got everybody their much-needed coffee and morning pastry fix, while some chose to warm up their barrels on the skeet field. The turnout for the day put all hands on deck for Sandanona and with a lengthy hike for those of us without four wheels followed by a horn-start, the clays were a bustin'.

Oddly enough, the Travelers have been impeccable with their timing. Amidst what may be the wettest, coldest, most weather-miserable summer in the history of the Northeast, the Travelers picked back-to-back days in which the weather held. Sunday actually saw the sun, an entity long-thought forgotten by the outdoor world, and was accompanied by some heat. Lemonade was scattered throughout the course and a delivery of crackers, trail mix, and ice pops made its rounds. However, green-apple ice pops or not, Al's words of wisdom reigned true as two stands in particular proved challenging.

The stands Al was referring to were, arguably, station three and six. Station three showed a fast incoming high with a long looping teal at 40-50 yards. I had the pleasure of shooting alongside Bob Lockett, a veteran shooting coach and my soon to be school team coach, who suggested I try a certain approach to this challenging presentation. He called it a "Cosmo". Most shooters had a later break point on the A bird, which subsequently put them late to the B bird. They then had to take the bird as it was falling - a truly difficult shot. Bob suggested I take the A bird as fast as possible, bringing the gun back to my hold point, and then moving

straight across to catch the B bird before it began its transition to a falling bird; a tricky feat. However, when done quickly and efficiently it was a deadly approach to a tough presentation. Station six presented a quartering away A bird with a 50-60 yard, high crosser. Lead went in the general direction of the bird, although needless to say, there were very few “dead pairs”.

After 50 pairs took flight and 100 triggers were pulled, the Travelers packed it up and converged at Copperfield’s Restaurant just down the road. We packed into tables and found our way to the bar while the lovely Copperfield’s staff prepared a wonderful meal. Salad and bread with steamed veggies to get you started. After which, a helping of what I believe was their Penne alla Vodka, a tasty chicken dish, and some roast beef and mushroom mix satisfied the youngest of young and oldest of old and put an end to a great day.

The Travelers know how to do it right. I’ll be the first to tell you that a great day of shooting with great people is better than damn near anything else.

I want to thank Jason for giving Reload! a fresh perspective on a Travelers shoot. As Travelers we are proud to see our young people move on and represent the shooting sports in a positive light. ...Ed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Award</u>
Ken Erikson	85	HOA
Jim Kline	81	CL1-1
Dean Anglace	81	CL1-2
Bill Bretschger	81	CL1-3
Roy Rohel	82	CL2-1
Mark Schreyer	79	CL2-2
Steve Jones	74	CL2-3
Carl LaCavalla	80	CL3-1
George Maggiolo	72	CL3-2
Kevin Kruleski	70	CL3-3
Howard Berman	71	CL4-1
George Calcagnini	70	CL4-2
Dom Russello	66	CL4-3
David Waldo	62	CL5-1
Nile Pullin	62	CL5-2
Dennis Carr	59	CL5-3
Peter Maggiolo	70	JR-1
Morgan Burns	34	JR-2
Aidan Burns	33	JR-3
Taylor Burns	26	JR-4
Edie Ellis	71	LY-1
Fran Gallogy	69	LY-2
Lindsay Davis	59	LY-3
Susie Clark	59	LY-4
Doug Robare	81	VET1-1
Bruce Galotto	76	VET1-2
Martin Schroeder	66	VET2-1
Al Anglace	65	VET2-2
Joe Petillo	80	Guest Champ

Traveler Tidbit

We always need writers!

There is a stack of sticky notes in the old “Idea Folder” just waiting to be worked on. We have several shoots coming up that need writers. If you’d rather not be pressured by a deadline, there are personal interest stories or general pieces about the club that you can work on.

Contact editor@ctsca.org to volunteer!

SAUGERTIES FISH & GAME CLUB

George Pratt has an interest in joining the Saugerties Fish & Game Club and is looking for a fellow Traveler for information. Please contact George at hobart67@yahoo.com if you are a member of Saugerties F&G and can help him out.

A GOOD MOUNT IS PARAMOUNT TO MAKING A GOOD SHOT

by Al Anglace



This illustration shows the eye in conjunction with the barrel when a proper mount is accomplished. To achieve a good mount you must have a gun that fits you reasonably well. The gun butt must go to the cheek. With minimal adjusting through good practice you should be able to duplicate the illustrated picture here every time. Wing shooting requires a low gun mount. To establish a proper low gun mount you must make sure that the butt fits firmly into the pocket of the shoulder, every time.

To realize the proper gun position in the shoulder pocket, a shooter should first know where this pocket is in relation to the area of the shoulder and how to create it.

Place your hand (left for a right handed shooter) over the front portion of your opposite shoulder. By lifting your arm (right arm for right handed shooters) level to the ground, you will feel the pocket form. The butt should fit in this pocket every time you mount your gun. After you have practiced this form, take this exercise a bit further and complete the mount. Assume the position of your trigger arm to the level position, tilt your head slightly back and place the butt of the gun into the pocket of the shoulder (your barrels will be elevated slightly). Be careful to position the butt directly vertical into the shoulder pocket *close to the cheek*. Bring the head down to the comb (top) of the stock. This move should be very slight in head travel. The top of the cheek should be snugly against the comb (top of stock) with your eyes positioned slightly over the rib of the barrel. Bring the barrels to the level position, lower the butt to the ready position and you are positioned to hit any target you see.

Wing shooting depends upon good bird *focus* (on the head) coupled with *patience* to understand the bird's flight. Most shots are missed due to an unnecessary fast trigger pull. In sporting clays we teach this exercise as determining your "break point". The shooter must allow the bird to establish a "straight line" of flight before considering making the best attempt to consistently hit the bird.

When practicing your mount, consider your forehead to head you into the shot. The forehead is in command of everything that will happen so make sure it is given the opportunity to guide your mount towards the target before anything else happens.

CONTACTING THE TRAVELERS...

CTSCA.ORG - Webmaster: Jeff Hunter (jhunter@ctsca.org).

CTSCA Home Office: Al Anglace, email aaa738@aol.com (by far the best way) or telephone 203 417-6295 if you absolutely must.

Editor: Phil Steinkraus, e-mail editor@ctsca.org

Membership, Address Changes and Shooting Class status: Contact John Hachmann, at email obuc@optonline.net.

Guide Book advertising and other questions contact Dick Orenstein at email oren@umich.edu or call 203-226-5251.

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

TENTATIVE 2009 CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

AUGUST 7-9	ADDIEVILLE EAST FARM
SEPTEMBER 13	MILLBROOK ROD & GUN CLUB (this is a date change)
OCTOBER 2-4	FALL TOUR
OCTOBER 18	FAIRFIELD COUNTY PROTECTIVE ASSOC.
NOVEMBER 15	OLDE NEWGATE COON CLUB
DECEMBER 13	MID COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB

FOR SALE CLASSIFIED ADS WANTED
See listings at ctsca.org



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
2009 Connecticut State Sporting Clays Championship

Saturday – Sunday, August 29-30, 2009

310 Hammertown Road, Monroe, CT 06468
(directions only, do not send this form here!)

Name:	NSCA #:
Address:	NSCA Class:
City:	State:
	Concurrent:
	Exp. Date:
Email:	Receipt will be sent here

Deposit Required to Reserve MAIN & Golf Carts. No Refunds after 8/15/09
FITASC Requires Payment in Full, To assure proper squadding send all registration forms in together with payments

EVENT	AMOUNT	TOTAL	OPTIONS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Sunday MAIN Event	90.00		MAIN Options		
MAIN Event Entry After 8/15	Add 10.00		HOA	20.00	
MAIN Junior/Sub Junior Entry	25.00		Class 50/30/20	20.00	
HOA \$250 - RU \$200			Lewis 4 classes, 60/40	20.00	
\$20 Back to class 50/30/20 M-E					
Saturday FITASC, 75 targets	75.00		FITASC		
8am – 11am – 2pm / must prepay			HOA	10.00	
Circle Time - 6 per squad			Class 50/30/20	10.00	
Limited to 54 Shooters					
HOA \$150 RU \$100					
\$10 Back to class 60/40 M-E					
Cart Rental \$60/Day Sat.	60.00				
Cart Rental \$60/Day Sun.	60.00				
			Total Options		\$
			Total Events		\$
Less MAIN Deposit	50.00				
Less FITASC (Pd.In Full)	75.00		Less Deposits		\$
Less Golf Cart Deposit	60.00				
Total Deposits			Final Total		\$

Preferred MAIN Squadding	
1. Yourself	3.
2.	4.

Non-NSCA Members are welcome to shoot Hunter's Class.

Juniors are eligible for trophies only (no money). Class money awards require a minimum of 3 in class.
Sunday Main Event squaddled start 10 am includes lunch.

Dom Uliano 203-526-0352 or Dick Orenstein 203-226-5251

All NSCA Rules Apply. Factory ammunition only. Management reserves the right to change program.
No refunds after August 17, 2007

Please mail payments and deposits to: **Dom Uliano, 34 Swamp Rd, Newtown, CT 06470**
T- Shirt for the first 100 Reg.shooters size S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL, please circle one



CTSCA Fall Trip 2009

Lehigh Valley Clays, Steaks and Brews
Friday, October 2 - Sunday October 4, 2009

Friday, October 2—

12.30 PM: **Whitetail Preserve**, 118 Boulevard Road, Bloomsburg, PA
7.00 PM: Dinner: **Gregory's Steakhouse**, Allentown PA

Saturday, October 3—

9:30 AM: **Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays**, 2750 Limestone St. , Coplay, PA
Lunch at Lehigh Valley Clubhouse (optional)
7.00 PM: Dinner: **Allentown Brew Works**, Allentown, PA

Sunday, October 4—

9.30 AM: **Wing Pointe**, 1414 Moselem Springs Road, Hamburg, PA

Accommodations: Four Points by Sheraton, 3400 Airport Rd. Allentown, PA (610.266.1000) at a special Ct. Traveler rate of \$90.00 per night (double occupancy including complimentary hot breakfast). Either call the hotel and ask for the special Ct. Traveler rate or make your reservation on line at

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0904306042&key=6AEBE>

Mail to Robert Schrage, 60 East 42nd Street, 37th FL, New York, NY 10165
— **Your Reservations must be received by September 17, 2009** —



<i>Meal Reservation Form</i>			
Restaurant Reservations MUST be Pre-Paid with this Form			
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CTSCA			
Name: _____		Name _____	
Email _____			
Friday Eve: Gregory's	– \$42.00 per person	X_____	= \$_____
Your choice that night of 24 oz. Ribeye Steak, 20 oz. King Cut Prime Rib, Baby Back BBQ Ribs, 8 oz. Filet Mignon, Stuffed Flounder			
Saturday Lunch: Lehigh Valley	– \$18.00 per person	X_____	= \$_____
Saturday Eve: Brew Works	– \$45.00 per person	X_____	= \$_____
Total due with Reservation:			\$_____

(Fill out both sides)



CTSCA Fall Trip 2009

Lehigh Valley Clays, Steaks and Brews

Friday, October 2 - Sunday October 4, 2009



You can participate in any or every part of the weekend. Designate your activities below.
All Shooting activity costs and cart rental charges will be paid directly to the range.

Friday, October 2 12.30 pm

Whitetail Preserve, 11 Boulevard Rd., Bloomsburg, PA (570.384.2314)
100 Sporting Clays

Saturday, October 3 9.30 am

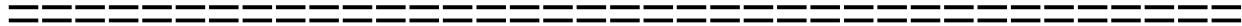
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays, 2750 Limestone St. , Coplay, PA (610.261.9616)
100 Sporting Clays
Lunch Break
100 Sporting Clays

Sunday, October 4 9.30 am

Wing Pointe, 1414 Moselem Springs Road, Hamburg, PA (610.562.6962)
100 Sporting Clays
(Wing Pointe does not have carts available for rental)

Questions: Bob Schrage, Robert@Schrager.org or (if you must) 203.531.6930

Please complete reservation below and mail to be received by September 17, 2008 to
Robert Schrage, 60 East 42nd Street, 37th FL, New York, NY 10165



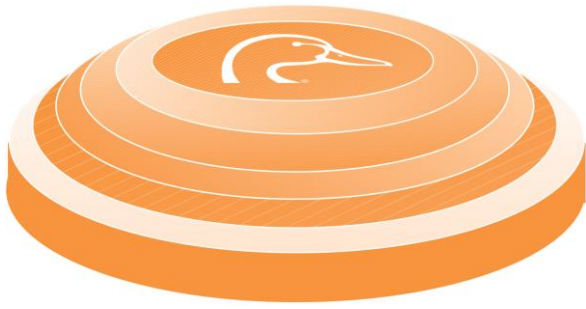
Fall 2009 Shooting Reservations

Name: _____ Name _____

Friday, October 2 12.30 pm
Whitetail Preserve 100 Sporting Clays Number _____

Saturday, October 3
9.30 am **Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays**
100 Sporting Clays Number _____
Afternoon :
100 Sporting Clays Number _____

Sunday, October 4 9:30 am
Wing Pointe 100 Sporting Clays Number _____



**5th Annual
DUCKS UNLIMITED FALL
SPORTING CLAYS
INVITATIONAL**

Sunday, September 20, 2009
Ye Old Newgate Coon Club
Route 182, Norfolk, CT

Take this opportunity to sharpen your wing-shooting skills and help conserve wetlands and waterfowl habitat in the process. Includes 100 rounds of challenging sporting clays, continental breakfast, Pig Roast Dinner, shoot awards. Raffles and Silent auction available
Limited to the first 90 entries. Pre-registration required.

When: Sunday, September 20, 2009

All Activities at Clays Course Pavilion

8:00-9:00AM- Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM- Shooting begins (squared / shotgun start)

1:30 PM- Pig Roast Dinner

BYOB

Where: Ye Old Newgate Coon Club, Route 182 Norfolk, CT

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per person before 9/12 , \$125 after 9/12, includes continental breakfast, 100 rounds of sporting clays, Pig Roast Dinner, and Ducks Unlimited Membership

Registered targets: You may register your targets with NSCA for \$3 additional on the shoot day.

Prizes: High Overall, Runner-up, High Lady, High Greenwing, and 1st through 3rd in Classes AA through D. Lewis Class scoring.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) ____ - _____ email: _____ @ _____

Please squad me with: 1 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Please register me for (____) Entries at \$100.00 each = _____ Total

Credit Card Number _____ Exp Date: _____

Checks Payable to: DU CT 016

Mail , Fax, Email entries with check or credit card to:

Steve Dalena, 221 Brentwood Dr., Bristol, CT 06010

For information call Steve Dalena at 860-584-5809 or sjdalena@comcast.net Fax 860-261-4705



Nutmeg Tuneup

Saturday, August 22, 2009

100 Targets in the woods

Hosted by the Ye Old Newgate Coon Club

The Saturday Shootout Series format allows you to break some targets with your fellow Travelers, introduce someone to the Travelers, or get squadded with somebody you've never shot with before. Personal golf carts and ATV's are welcome. Safety instructions at 9:45 for a 10:00 shotgun start.

Fundraiser: The Scholastic Clay Target Program Parents will be selling hot dogs and refreshments at the conclusion of the shoot to raise money for the Coon Club's Youth programs. Your participation is completely optional, but who doesn't like a good hot dog? We are limited to 50 lunchers, so please indicate with your registration if plan on staying for lunch.

Register: Register for this shoot by sending an email to Jeff Hunter at jhunter@ctsca.org or by calling (203) 858-6443. Registration deadline is Friday, August 21st at High Noon. Your entry fee is due the day of the shoot. Car-pooling is definitely recommended. Whether you want to drive or ride, drop me an email at jhunter@ctsca.org and I'll put you in touch with other participants in your area. **Guests are welcome and encouraged at this shoot.**

Entry Fee: \$40 for members and guests.

Address: 133 Colebrook Road, Norfolk, CT.

Directions: From the junction of Rte. 84 and Rte. 8 in Waterbury, CT., take Rte. 8 North about 28 miles to Rte. 44 near Winsted, CT. Turn right onto Rte. 44 West. Continue 8.4 miles. At the Texaco station turn **hard** right onto Rte. 182. Go 0.6 miles on Rte. 182 to Coon Club on left.

GPS: 41.989663, -73.153775

Club Phone: (860) 738-3619

Approximate Travel Time From

Utica, NY	3:00	Danbury, CT	1:10
Poughkeepsie, NY	1:10	Bridgeport, CT	1:15
White Plains, NY	1:50	Worcester, MA	1:50
Commack, NY	2:45	Albany, NY	1:30

Registration appreciated, walk-ins always welcome!
If you do not pre-register by the deadline you are not
privileged to designate squad preference.