



# Reload!

*The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers*

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## AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING OUR 24th YEAR

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The next Travelers Monthly Shoot is "Great Eastern Lobster Classic" on August 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>.  
The Fall Trip is September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **SIMO SUNDAY IS HOT, HOT, HOT**

Jeff Hunter

Every now and the el presidente likes to throw us a football when we're expecting a frisbee. "Summertime, Summertime" on July 17th was one of those occasions where the chief likes to mix things up. The folks at Orvis Sandanona were more than happy to oblige and threw fifty true pairs in the event we like to call "Simo Sunday".

It was a reasonable 75 degrees as the chief dispatched the troops to their stations. About half way through, the temperature had gotten up to the high 80s and I had to remind my

squadmates that six months ago we were slogging through four feet of snow at 20 degrees. The chatter quickly changed to how hard the targets were on station nine.

Station nine was nothing more than your "standard" true pair of a 30 yard trap bird going straight away and a crossing bird going right to left. This was one of those pairs that had to be shot in a specific order if you wanted a pair of X's on the card. Jump on the first bird and you have enough time on the second.

Station ten was a little bit different story; a slightly incoming crosser from the left and a slightly going away crosser from the right. This was one if those targets that could be taken either way. My squadmates favored the right to left bird first, but I insisted that the left to



*Addressing the troops*

right bird was better to take first. When it was my time to shoot I broke the first two pairs taking the left bird first. Feeling confident, I said "you can do it either way, watch this" and called for the final pair intending to take the right bird first. Lost, dead. This little stunt earned me the nickname "showboat" for the rest of the shoot. At least I proved my point that the left bird was easier to take first.

We saw some stations open at Orvis that I haven't seen in a while. I think Chucker Gulch is one of Orvis' signature stations, but this is the first time in 2 years it's been open for a Travelers shoot. On second thought, I got a 2 there so let's keep it closed next time.

I always enjoy shooting with my 13 year old twin nephews. As we finished up, the boys were tied at their highest score ever-44. A tie would just not suffice for these two; one always has to beat the other. We spotted Al rounding the corner and his immediate response was we had to have a sudden death shoot off. The boys were getting ready to shoot a pair and a crowd started gathering. Paul Elsenboss upped the stakes by declaring the loser had to stand up on a bench and sing "I'm a little teapot" to the best of their ability. The stage was set, the pressure building. Chris was first up; dead, lost. Could Matt take advantage of his brother's miss? Dead pair! That's one for the ESPN highlight reel someday. Always the good sport, Chris jumped on the bench and did his best with "I'm a little teapot" complete with a little animation at the appropriate "here is my spout". That will be a memory that lasts forever. This is the Connecticut Travelers at its best.

Christian Suter could have made the rest of us sing as he walked away as the HOA with a brilliant 91. A good crowd of 120 showed up and a handful of us went away with gift cards to Orvis due to our awesome shooting.



**MYSTERY TRAVELER OF THE MONTH**  
Recognize this handsome fellow?

Mystery revealed in Next Month's Reload!

## INSTRUCTORS DIRECTORY UPDATES

I have one update and one instructor that didn't make it into the original directory. Luis Cabassa's phone number was wrong in the original directory (corrected here) and we have found out that Kristin Canale is also available for instruction. You can get the complete directory at <http://www.ctsca.org/node/1595>.

Name & Contact Info	From the Instructor
<p>Cabassa, Luis            (860) 824-1460 (h)            (860) 573-8124 (c)  <a href="mailto:claysbreaker@comcast.net">claysbreaker@comcast.net</a></p> <p>CTSCA Member</p>	<p>I am an NSCA Level III instructor who has taught hundreds of shooters from first time ever through Master Class. I believe that all shooting methods are useful on a Sporting Clays course and recommend them according to the target presentation and the shooter's abilities. I don't believe in forcing a different method on an experienced shooter who has been shooting another successfully. I have also taught wing-shooting (at the Orvis wing-shooting schools, and in Argentina, too).</p> <p>I believe that good fundamentals are the key to good shooting for both the new or experienced shotgunner. Slumps in tournament shooting can often be traced back to being lax about the proper basics.</p> <p>I enjoy instructing people who are truly enthusiastic about clays or bird shooting (or both). I offer instruction at either the student's home course, or my own set-up in Dutchess County, NY.</p>
<p>Canale, Kristin            (845) 705-4546            Kritkin3@aol.com</p> <p>CTSCA Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Time All American</li> <li>• Team USA Invitation</li> <li>• Nationally Ranked Lady</li> <li>• NSCA Level 1 Instructor</li> <li>• NSCA Master Class</li> <li>• Specialize in teaching Women and Youth</li> <li>• Lessons at our farm in Red Hook or any local club</li> </ul>

## BLUE TRAIL RANGE WINS LAWSUITS

The Connecticut Superior Court has just issued a decision ending the sensational and contentious lawsuit brought by Durham land owner Pasquale DiNatale against Blue Trail Range of Wallingford, ruling in favor of the shooting range on all counts.

Blue Trail's owner David Lyman says the range has suffered over the years due to the plaintiff's unsubstantiated claims and all-out media war. "This decision is such a relief," states Mr. Lyman. "The Lyman family has a long and distinguished history in the shooting sports and has always made safety its highest priority. Blue Trail prides itself on being one of the safest rifle ranges in the nation. At last, we can refocus on doing what we do best: advancing the shooting sports, coaching junior teams, and operating a premier shooting range for law enforcement and private shooters."

Blue Trail was defended by the Law Offices of Martha A. Dean of Avon, Connecticut , supported by Craig C. Fishbein of the Fishbein Law Firm, LLC, of Wallingford , Connecticut . Attorneys Dean and Schindler of Dean's law firm successfully defended Metacon Gun Club, Inc. of Simsbury in state and federal court in recent years. Both the Dean and Fishbein law firms are committed to the advancement of safe shooting practices and protection of our constitutional right to bear arms.

Says Dean, "Blue Trail Range is finally free of the dark cloud cast over it by uninformed and negative publicity and duplicative lawsuits." She continued, "The judicial system provided a forum for a fair, systematic, and thorough examination of the evidence. Quite simply, the evidence did not point to Blue Trail as the source of bullets at issue."

## TRIBUTE TO A BEST FRIEND

Author Unknown

Sunlight streams through window pane unto a spot on the floor....  
then I remember, it's where you used to lie, but now you are no more.

Our feet walk down a hall of carpet, and muted echoes sound....  
then I remember, it's where your paws would joyously abound.

A voice is heard along the road, and up beyond the hill,  
then I remember it can't be yours, your golden voice is still.

But I'll take that vacant spot of floor and empty muted hall  
and lay them with the absent voice and unused dish along the wall.

I'll wrap these treasured memorials in a blanket of my love  
and keep them for my best friend until we meet above.

*We honor our four legged friends, Tommy Berman and China Martinez, who passed away this month.*

## CONTACTING THE TRAVELERS...

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CTSCA.ORG Webmaster: Jeff Hunter ([jhunter@ctsca.org](mailto:jhunter@ctsca.org))

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**2011 TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR**

<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>GREAT EASTERN LOBSTER CLASSIC (Addieville East Farm)</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>	<b>SEPTEMBERSHUTZENFEST (Ten Mile River Preserve)</b>
<b>OCTOBER 16</b>	<b>SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (FCFGPA)</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 13</b>	<b>SALUTE THE COLORS/ISLANDERS vs. MAINLANDERS (Suffolk Trap/Skeet)</b>
<b>DECEMBER 18</b>	<b>DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (Mid County)</b>

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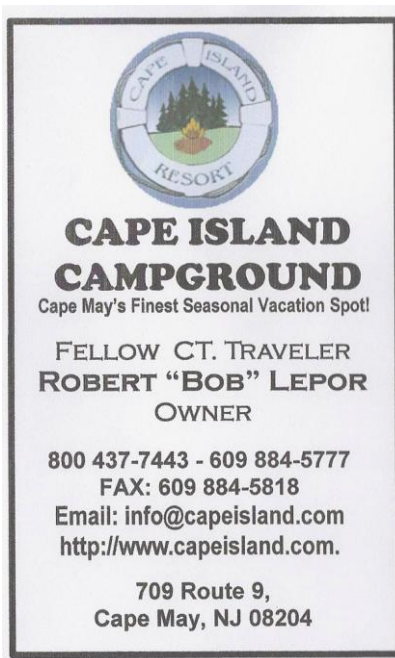
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**A mandatory Safety Orientation will be provided prior to any participation.  
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Food and beverages available to benefit a local Boy Scout Troop.



This day is dedicated to you, the Junior Outdoor Enthusiast and your Family and Friends. There is NO CHARGE for any activity with the exception of food. We would love to have you enjoy this special day with us.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:  
JIM COMIOTES at [jcomiot@hotmail.com](mailto:jcomiot@hotmail.com)**



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Family and Friends.

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day with us. Take a peek inside!



## CTSCA Fall Trip 2011 The Route 17 Shootout



Friday, Sept 23, Saturday Sept 24 and Sunday Sept 25, 2011

The Connecticut Travelers travel to Pennsylvania and upstate New York along Route 17 for all the clays you can shoot.

Friday afternoon we visit an old friend, Rock Mountain Sporting Clays, 674 Mitchell Road, Meshoppen, PA 18630. <http://rockmountainclays.com>. Many of us have been there before and know that the Rock is a shotgunner's paradise. It is considered to be one of the premier courses on the East Coast.

Saturday we spend the day with Bill Appel at his facility, Thunder Ridge Sporting Clays, 619 Leon Brown Road, Middlebury Center, PA 16935 [www.thunderridgesporting.com](http://www.thunderridgesporting.com). Thunder Ridge is a beautiful course located near Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon. It provides a fully automated 16 field, 48 shooting position course. A lunch option is available.

On the way home, Sunday morning we shoot at Catskill Pheasantry, 374 Neer Road Long Eddy, NY 12760. [www.catskillpheasantry.com](http://www.catskillpheasantry.com). 20 sporting clay stations and a covered Five Stand for our enjoyment.

Home for the weekend will be the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, 255 Spring Street, Sayre, Pennsylvania, 18840-1909 Phone: 570/888-7711. Dinners on Friday and Saturday nights will be at the Inn. Friday night we'll have a dinner buffet loaded with food. Saturday will be a served dinner. Cocktails and appetizers start each night at 7.00. After dinner, you are welcome to join your fellow Travelers and indulge in cordials as we brag about our new guns and lie about how well we shot the course.

The reservation form is attached. It must be returned to Bob Schragger by September 10, 2011.

We have twenty rooms reserved at a special Ct. Traveler rate of \$129.00. The rooms are held until August 31, 2011. As usual, first come, first serve for the rooms so don't wait to make your reservations. First come, first serve. And a word of warning—we again expect bus loads of Keystone Ramblers to join us. Grab a room before they are all gone.

If you have any questions, contact Bob Schragger, [robert@schragger.org](mailto:robert@schragger.org) or (if you must) 203.531.6930.



# CTSCA Fall Trip 2011 The Route 17 Shootout



Friday, Sept 23, Saturday Sept 24 and Sunday Sept 25, 2011

**Friday, Sept 23—**

- 12.30 PM: Rock Mountain Sporting Clays  
Meshoppen, PA
- 7:00PM: Dinner: *Grand Victorian Inn*

**Saturday, Sept 24—**

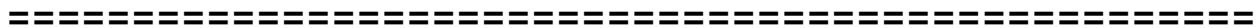
- 9:30 AM: Thunder Ridge Sporting Clays  
Middlebury Center, PA  
Lunch at *Thunder Ridge* (optional)
- 7.00 PM: Dinner: *Grand Victorian Inn*

**Sunday, Sept 25—**

- 9.30 AM: Catskill Pheasantry  
Long Eddy, NY

**Accommodations:** Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, 255 Spring Street, Sayre, Pennsylvania, 18840-1909 Phone: 570/888-7711 at a special Ct. Traveler rate of \$129.00 per night which includes complimentary hot breakfast. Available (by calling direct) on a first come, first served basis. Rooms will be held until August 30, 2011.

Mail to Robert Schragar, 60 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 37<sup>th</sup> FL, New York, NY 10165  
—Your Reservations must be received by September 10, 2011 —



<b>Meal Reservation Form</b>			
Restaurant Reservations <b>MUST</b> be Pre-Paid with this Form			
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Name: _____		Name _____	
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Friday Eve: -	\$37.00 per person	X_____ =	\$_____
Saturday Lunch: Thunder Ridge	-\$12.00 per person	X_____ =	\$_____
Saturday Eve: -	\$37.00 per person	X_____ =	\$_____
			Total due with Reservation: \$_____



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# CTSCA Fall Trip 2011 The Route 17 Shootout



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, Sept 23 12.30 pm  
Rock Mountain Sporting Clays, Meshoppen, PA  
100 Sporting Clays

Saturday, Sept 24 9.30 am  
Thunder Ridge Sporting Clays, Middlebury Center, PA.  
100 Sporting Clays  
Lunch Break  
100 Sporting Clays

Sunday, Sept 25 9.30 am  
Catskill Pheasantry, Long Eddy, NY.  
100 Sporting Clays

Cart Reservations Must be Made on Your Own.

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

Please complete reservation below and mail to be received by September 10, 2011 to  
Robert Schrager, 60 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 37<sup>th</sup> FL, New York, NY 10165



### Fall 2011 Shooting Reservations

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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SHOOTERS:

Friday, Sept 23 12.30 pm  
Rock Mountain Sporting Clays 100 Sporting Clays

Number\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, Sept 24 9.30 am  
Thunder Ridge  
100 Sporting Clays AM  
  
100 Sporting Clays PM

Number\_\_\_\_\_

Number\_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, Sept 25 10:00 am  
Catskill Pheasantry 100 Sporting Clays

Number\_\_\_\_\_

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Fairfield County Fish & Game

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All events are registered. FCF&GPA will register shooters requesting NSCA membership.  
**Fairfield County Fish & Game reserves the right to alter this program without prior notification.**

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