

RELOAD!

Celebrating Our 27th Year



August 2014

SIMO SUNDAY

Bill Beinert

Simo Sunday at Orvis Sandanona continued a great tradition. The weather could not have been better. Eighty degrees and sunny with some beautiful high clouds, and a little breeze occasionally to keep things cool. Just like last month. The weather gods are smiling upon us.

A warm welcome to junior Sean O'Conner, who shot his very first Travelers shoot and warmed up nicely with wobble trap (pictured with his Dad).

Congratulations to HOA Ralph Coppola, who bested 102 Travelers and guests with HOA of 85. Average score was 64.

More than a couple of the 20 stations deserve some comment.

Station 8 offered two birds off the same arm, a mini nested inside a standard. They quartered away from the right. The mini dropped fairly quickly, probably because it had less spin than the standard. A tough station (not just my opinion). An amazing 12 of us ran it: Ralph Coppola, Eric Steinkraus, George Calcagnini, Ed Davies, Jeff Hunter, Andrej Kirylak, Steve Monti, Bob Schrager, Mark Cucinell, Steven Coppa, Eric Court and Duane Knapp.

Station 10 was maybe too much of an eye test. One bird was thrown from an elevated trap on the right, dropping down into the vale. Not particularly tough. The other bird was thrown from back in the woods to the left, arching down and towards you, often presenting just an edge, and dropping fast...a very short window on that bird. Now we know who has the fastest eyes in the club: Ralph Coppola, George Calcagnini, Ed Davies, Paul Elsenboss, Jeff Hunter, Steve Smith, Mark Schreyer, Steve Jones, Bob Schrager, Joe Norton, George Chaber, Lou Segar, Sean Chambers, John Perrin, Allan Masters, Steven Coppa, Paul Coffman, Tom Jackowski, Duane



Sean and Richard O'Conner

Knapp, Bill Papp and Kerrienne Knapp.

Station 13 was interesting for its strategic choice: It consisted of a fast R-L crosser and a fast outgoer from the left. The trapper suggested taking the crosser first (and that's the way the squad ahead of us shot it), but that left the outgoer in another zip code. Taking the outgoer first worked better for us.

Maybe the trapper changed his recommendation after that.

Station 16 deserves mention because of its uniqueness on the courses we visit. It is the acrophobe's nemesis. Standing on the platform 60 feet over the gulch, we saw a fast low R-L crosser just above the valley floor, and quartering down from your left following the terrain contour, you got it just below and to your right.

Thanks always to Andrew Perlman, the Traveler who did all the work to make this shoot a success. Special thanks go to Danielle Anglace and Beth Perlman for preparing the after-shoot feast. Lastly, thanks to Orvis' Peggy Long, and Andrew, who set some very nice presentations today.

A note to all Travelers: I'll be writing most of the shoot reports from now on and I can't be at every station all the time. So if anyone has any comments they'd like to see included, please shoot me an email within a day or two after the shoot so I can immortalize your (or a buddy's) outstanding (or amusing) performance editor@ctsca.org.

CT STATE SHOOT

The CT State Shoot is right around the corner. CT Residents should remember that they need 300 registered targets under their belt in order to not shoot in a penalty class at the state shoot.

In addition, FCFGPA is offering stations sponsorships at the State Shoot to benefit the Special Operations Warrior Foundation (<http://www.specialops.org>). Both the entry and sponsorship forms are at the end of Reload.

TRAVELERS IN UNIFORM

We have know for years that fostering the passion of the outdoors paid huge dividends in our Juniors.

Amanda Elsenboss was a Junior Traveler for years shooting

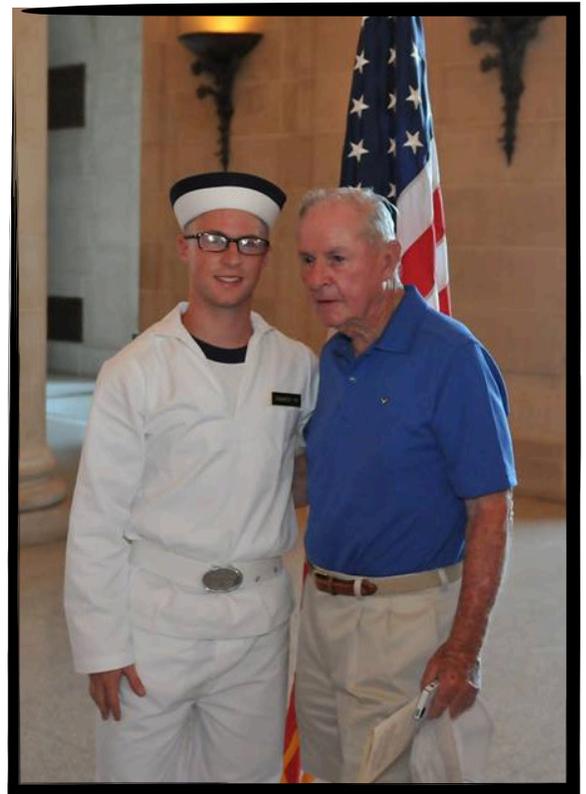
Name	Award	Score
Steinkraus, Eric	HOA	84
Fiumarello, Tom	CL1 CH	83
Chambers, Robert	CL1 RU	78
Calcagnini, George	CL2 CH	84
Davies, Ed	CL2 RU	81
Carlucci, Tom	CL3 CH	72
Shewokis, Mike	CL3 RU	72
Elsenboss, Paul	CL4 CH	80
Lenar, Lana	CL4 RU	66
Anglace, Andrew	CL5 CH	56
Martin, Joann	CL5 RU	46
Kirylak, Andrej	VET1 CH	79
Schreyer, Mark	VET1 RU	78
Fedun, Ted	VET2 CH	74
Morritt, Ed	VET2 RU	68
Gallogly, Fran	LADY CH	78
Kirylak, Amber	LADY RU	60
Gernert, Keith	JR CH	65
Kirylak, Ashley	JR RU	39
Nutting, CJ	JR 3RD	39
Coppola, Ralph	GUEST CH	85



SGT Amanda Elsenboss

sporting clays with her Dad, Paul. But sporting clays was for fun as she topped the podium as a teenager in High Power Rifle shooting. Now in the US Army Marksmanship Unit, Sargent Elsenboss won the warm-up match at the Interservice Rifle Championships over LCpl James Pennington. She also won the Interservice Individual Championship High Service Woman and a team member of the Interservice Rifle Team Championship.

Patrick Francis has been shooting with the Travelers for a couple years. Even longer, though, Patrick has had a passion to serve his fellow man. Patrick joined the Woodbridge Fire Department as a Junior Fireman. He studied to become a full fledged Fire Firefighter while winning a State Championship in Hockey and still maintaining his grades. Patrick has been working the last two years on being accepted at the US Naval Academy. On July 1st, Patrick reported to Annapolis to start his journey to becoming a Naval Officer.



Patrick at Induction Day with his Grandfather, Dr. Ed Day (USN WWII Vet).

AUGUST LOGISTICS

Dean Anglace

The Travelers visit Mid-Hudson for our “double header” shoot of the year. As we did last year, we will shoot two events in the “Berman Format”. We start with a continental breakfast as usual and shoot 100 sporting targets at our normal time (9:45). At the conclusion of the shoot, you can either have lunch and hang out or shoot 100 Super Sporting targets.

We will mail awards for both shoots. The morning shoot is \$70 and the afternoon shoot is \$45. Both shoots will be NSCA registered targets and the NSCA target tax is included in the entry fee. CT Residents should note that’s 2/3 of the required 300 targets you need before the state shoot.

We also think that the last of the raffle tickets for the Beretta 20 gauge and Ruger 10/22 will go on the 16th. If all the tickets are sold, somebody might be going home with a new toy!

FALL TRIP

Bob Schrager

Summer is almost behind us, so it’s time to start thinking about fall shooting. Columbus Day Weekend, October 10, 11 & 12, 2014, the Connecticut Travelers travel along the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania.

Friday afternoon we visit an old friend, Rock Mountain Sporting Clays. <http://rockmountainclays.com> . Many of us have been there before and know that the Rock is a shotgunner’s paradise. The presentations shift through woods, over fields, from towers and cliff, and down the valley. 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, www.thunderridgesporting.com . It provides a fully automated 16 field, 48 shooting position

course. Thunder Ridge is a beautiful course located near Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon. The vistas overlooking the entire valley as you go around the course during the Fall are second to none.

On the way home, Sunday morning we shoot Hausmann's Hidden Hollow. <http://hhsc.net>. Home to this year's Side x Side Classic, it is a great place to work out your sidewise or small gauge guns as well as the big boys. Ernie has installed a Crazy Quail (<http://vimeo.com/86447256#at=0>) for those of us who have a few boxes of shells left at the end of the weekend.

Based upon early promises to attend, it looks like we again will have a fine turnout. Home for the weekend will be the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, 255 Spring Street, Sayre, Pennsylvania, 18840-1909 Phone: 570/888-7711. We stayed there last time we were in the area and everyone on the trip said we have to go back. We have a block of rooms reserved under the Ct. Traveler name at a special rate. First come, first serve.

If you have any questions, contact me, robert@schrager.org or (if you must) 203.531.6930.

COMMUNITY BOARD

Jeff Hunter

The response to last month's article about supporting your "Traveler's Family" has been overwhelming. People want to do business with their fellow Traveler's but don't know who you are or what you do!

In order to assist finding other Travelers, we are placing a cork board next to the Squad List where you can post your business flyers, business cards, pamphlets, or other marketing materials. Please check out the board at the next shoot if you are looking for somebody. Also, business owners should bring a couple extra business cards to pin up!

In addition, if you would like to advertise your business in Reload!, we are accepting ads from members. Half page ads (7.5" wide x 5" high) are \$50 and quarter page ads (3.75" wide x 5" high) are \$25. All proceeds from Reload advertising will go directly to the Junior's Program. Contact Jeff Hunter (jhunter@ctsca.org) for more details.

TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

The dates below are tentative, please check the current Reload! for confirmation.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shoot Name</u>	<u>Venue</u>
August 17	Summertime, Summertime	Mid-Hudson
September 14	Dick Losee Memorial	Mid-County Rod & Gun
October 10-12	Fall Trip	Pennsylvania
October 19	Octobershutzenfest	FCFGPA
November 9	Small Gauge Championships	Ten Mile River Preserve
December 21	Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

Summertime, Summertime

Sunday, August 17, 2014

Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds
411 North Ohioville Road, New Paltz, New York

DIRECTIONS: NYS Thruway to Exit 18. Continue to end of exit to Route 299. Turn Right onto Route 299 and go about 1/4 mile to traffic light (stay in left lane). Turn left on North Ohioville Road. Go 2.7 miles to the club on the left.

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Your application must be received on or before
Wednesday, August 13, 2014.

Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM.
Lunch will be available after the first 100.
Awards will be mailed.

Sporting: CTSCA Members \$65; Guests \$80; Lunch Only \$10.
Super Sporting: Everybody \$45.

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:
CTSCA, c/o Dean Anglace, 355 Housatonic Trail, Southbury, CT 06488

	Name <i>List names being paid with the enclosed check.</i>	Jr	Lady	Vet1	Vet2	Guest	Sporting (\$65/80)	Super Sporting (\$45)	NCSA Number
You									
2									
3									
4									

Contact Number in the event of last minute shoot changes: _____

If possible, please squad with: _____

Your application must be received by the required date for preferred squadding. All cancellations must be received by close of business on the Thursday before the scheduled shoot. Any cancellations after Thursday or "no shows" will forfeit their entry fee. If you need assistance filling out this form, please consult <http://www.ctsca.org/node/1762>.



Annual CCDL Family Picnic

When:

Saturday, August 16th
10AM-4PM

Where:

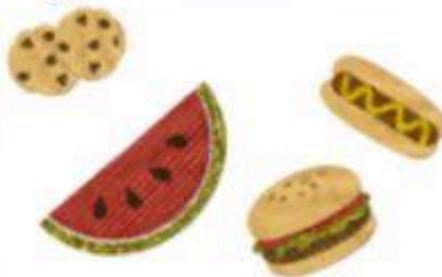
Boothe Memorial Park
5774 Main Street
Stratford, CT 06614

Price:

100% Free!

There will be games, prizes and food; good times and fellowship.

Families are welcome, and so are all forms of legal carry. Alcohol will be prohibited.





"Support Our Local Volunteers"

**J.H. KETCHAM HOSE CO.
10TH ANNUAL CLAYS FUNDRAISER**

Sponsored by Dover Furnace Shooting Grounds

Saturday, August 16, 2014

- GUN RAFFLE
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- ASSORTED DRAWINGS

All proceeds to benefit the J.H. Ketcham Hose Co.

Course Open 9am - 5pm

Brekfast and Lunch Available

Beretta Shooting Grounds, Dover Furnace
30 Ore Road, Dover Plains, NY 12522
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DOVER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Connecticut State Sporting Clays Championships

August 23 and 24, 2014

Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association

Sponsorship Donation Form

This year you can support The Special Operation Warrior Foundation by becoming a Station Sponsor for this 10th Annual Championship Tournament.

<http://www.specialops.org/>

Sponsorship recognition will be achieved by the prominent posting of sign at the sponsored station (either supplied by your company or fabricated by us).

\$100.00 per station

(Donations are tax deductible!)

Yes! I would like to become a Station Sponsor and support our Veterans!

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

_____ I will supply my own sign.

_____ I will need to have a sign made for me.
(Please email any company logo to eddav72@aol.com)

We thank you for your support!

Please respond no later than August 18.

Contact Ed Davies with any questions, eddav72@aol.com, or 203-877-0791
Mail checks **payable to "Special Operations Warrior Foundation"** and send to
12 Whalley Avenue, Milford, CT 06460-7865

Connecticut State Sporting Clays Championship

August 23,24, 2014

Fairfield County Fish & Game

GPS Coordinate Only: 310 Hammertown Rd. Monroe CT. 06468 Do Not use for Mail

Comp. #

NSCA#: _____ Class: _____ VT SVT SSVT L JR SJR

Name _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Saturday FITASC	COST	TOTAL	Sunday Events 10:00am Start	TOTAL
FITASC			Main Event	
50 Targets	\$50.00		100 Targets	\$115.00
HOA Option	\$10.00		JR 'S Fee	\$55.00
Class Option	\$10.00		HOA	\$20.00
Lewis Class	\$10.00		Lewis Option	\$10.00
			Class Option	\$10.00
Saturday Prelim				
100 Targets	\$70.00			
HOA Option	\$10.00		GOLF CARTS	\$65.00
Class Option	\$10.00			
Lewis Class	\$10.00	*	T Shirts for the 1st- 100 shooters	
			Main Event Registrations Only	
			Please choose size- S – M – L –	
			XL – XXL - XXXL	
FITASC No Shoot offs				
Tie Breaker Parcour			Please choose Options	
			When you pre-register.	

Saturday	Total ⇨		Sunday Main Event Total	
FITASC		Circle one		
SATURDAY	9:00am	11:30am		
PRELIM				
SATURDAY	9:00am Last Squad out 11:30am			Total
Makes checks payable to: FCF&GPA _____ _____			Please Squad: Main Event Only 1. Myself _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____	
Send payment to: Dominic Uliano 34 Swamp Rd. Newtown CT. 06470 www.fcfgpa.org			COMMENTS: _____ _____	
Call -203-526-0352				
Registrations may be emailed to dombklab@charter.net				