

# RELOAD!

*Celebrating our 28th year.  
August 2015*



## **RON LEONARDI MEMORIAL SIMO SUNDAY**

Bill Beinert

Summertime, summertime! It was hot and humid as 128 Travelers and their guests honored the memory of Ron Leonardi by shooting 20 stations of simo pairs. Orvis Sandanona really put on a show for us. Twenty – count `em – twenty stations! Such a variety of birds and presentations! Adding to their hospitality, there was plenty of much needed cold water, snacks, and wet towels for those really feeling the humidity.

Most of the presentations were on the fair to moderately challenging side with a couple of cupcakes and at least one bird that seemed almost impossible. Several pairs challenged your ability to maintain focus on the bird you needed to hit first; stations 8 (two birds practically on the same flight path going out from your left) and 13, (quartering away from the right with a mini nested under a standard).

Station 3 was on the tough side. One bird quartering high and way from your right. The other target was a high teal a good distance out. Station 4's outgoer/incomer over your head is always fun. I always have a hard time losing the bird under the barrel. The rabbit on station 7 was a lesson in how to watch a bird. We got to the station while the prior squad was still shooting. As I made my video notes, I was muttering to myself that this rabbit (from the left, running across and up a hill) was so fast that I couldn't even focus on it until it was near the top of the hill and about to escape. I kept watching it and by the time I stepped into the box that rabbit was so slow it was gone unless it took a crazy hop. I was very glad I was not the first shooter on that station.



Station 15 was the agoraphobe's nightmare – I call it "The Diving Board". At least 60 ft. above the valley, you got the first bird as it fell away from

you to the right, then hit a right-to-left chandelle off the valley floor.

On station 16 you had to hurry the first bird – if you waited for the outgoer to show face, the chandelle was too close to the ground.

Speaking of “impossible” birds, the tower to the right and behind station 20 looked like it needed to have an oxygen tank for anyone who climbed it to refill the trap. That bird was rocket propelled and was just a dot in the sky. That said, Steve Smith, Neal Peragine, Andrej Kirylak, Joe Rinaldi, Jasen Jasensky, Matt Kutschera, Gwyn Grant, Bob Pierce, and Guest Jeff Buffalo hit the tower bird twice. My hat is off to them! I was never even near it.

The scores reflected the level of difficulty. Congratulations to Steve Smith (class 1), with HOA of 95. Class 2 went to George Calcagnini with 94. Class 3 winner was Mike Sayed (85). Class 4 went to Lana Lenar (84) and class 5 Anthony Regelski Jr. (78). High Guest was Jeff Buffalo with an 82.

Median score for all shooters was 70. Medians for each class: 1 – 85; 2 – 75; 3 – 76; 4 – 68; 5 – 57. Vet1 honors went to Kurt Anderson, Vet2 to Walter Fell, Lady to Kristin Canale and Junior to Matt Kutschera.

Name	Award	Score
Smith, Steve	HOA	95
Chambers, Robert	Class 1 CH	89
Knapp, Duane	Class 1 RU	88
Calcagnini, George	Class 2 CH	94
Davies, Ed	Class 2 RU	88
Sayed, Mike	Class 3 CH	85
Shea, Joe	Class 3 RU	84
Lenar, Lana	Class 4 CH	84
McKee, Kevin	Class 4 RU	78
Regelski, Anthony Jr	Class 5 CH	78
Fischetti, Lauren	Class 5 RU	72
Anderson, Kurt	Vet 1 CH	87
Fell, Walt	Vet 2 CH	81
Canale, Kristin	Lady CH	84
Kutschera, Matt	Junior CH	70
Gernert, Keith	Junior RU	69

The catered lunch was quite American picnic with hot dogs, cheeseburgers, beans, macaroni salad & salad. I think they needed a bigger grill to accommodate all those hungry Travelers.

Our thanks to Peggy Long and the staff at Orvis Sandanona for a well-run shoot. Of course thanks to

Dean Anglace for organizing the whole thing.



If anyone has any comments or pictures 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.

## **FALL TRIP 2015**

Bob Schrager

Yes, I know that Summer just started last weekend. However, our Fall 2015 trip is going to be extra special and a bit of early planning is probably a good idea. As I have previously written, we're finally accepting the long-standing invitation of our sister club, the Keystone Ramblers, to visit them and enjoy what western Pennsylvania has to offer.

Columbus Day Weekend, October 9, 10 and 11, 2015, the Connecticut Travelers will travel to Seven Springs and Nemaquin. Given the length of the drive (it's a little over five hours, presuming you don't stop off at Cabela's on the way), we plan on shooting all day on both Friday and Saturday and finishing up on Sunday morning. That gives you Sunday afternoon and Monday, Columbus Day, to work your way home (and maybe do a bit more shooting on the way home).

Friday, we are spending the day at The Shooting Academy at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort <http://www.nemaquin.com/activities/sporting-clays-pa> Featuring 35 sporting clay stations spread across three courses, towers and a five-stand pavilion with an integrated Wobble Trap Field, the course can challenge everyone. We will shoot one of the courses in the morning, have lunch in the Clubhouse and then shoot another course in the afternoon.

Saturday we spend the day at our base of operations, Seven Springs Mountain Resort <http://www.7springs.com/sporting-clays-at-seven-springs/> Rated one of the best facilities in the country, there are two challenging courses and a super sporting course that take advantage of the natural beauty of the surrounding Laurel Highlands. Again, we will shoot one course in the morning and the other course in the afternoon.

Sunday morning, we start for home with a stop at Buffer Creek Sporting Clays <http://www.buffercreeksportingclays.com> for some shooting on rolling fields and woodlands. I haven't been there but I understand from the Ramblers that we will find 16 stations with wireless Promatic traps and a really nice 5 stand.

Home for the weekend will be Seven Springs Mountain Resort. For those non-shooters in the group, Seven Springs offers many alternative activities including the Trillium Spa, a perfect place to relax, unwind and renew. For those that want a more active time, the Laurel Ridgeline Canopy Experience, fishing, swimming, an Alpine slide, horseback riding, a chairlift ride, and more. Dinners both Saturday and Sunday will be at Seven Springs. We have a block of rooms reserved under the CT Traveler name at a special rate of \$179. We recognize that rate is a bit higher than usual. If you prefer to stay somewhere less expensive, in Donegal PA (about 20 minutes away) there is a Holiday Inn Express (724.593-1881) and a Days Inn (724.593.7536) with less expensive rates.

Columbus Day Weekend is a very busy time at Seven Springs given the opportunity for a longer weekend with excellent leaf peeping. Rooms fill up fast. In addition, this is longer trip than usual with most starting out on Thursday. Hence, we wanted to give you plenty of time to make your plans. I suggest that if you are considering joining us, you should make your room reservations as early as possible. A dinner form will go out as we get closer.

Also, if you are interested in carpooling or are willing to take someone with you, let me know (also whether you prefer to be a driver or passenger). I will keep a list and try to match you up.

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

## **TODD WALRICH**

David Miller

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of our friend Todd Walrich on the morning of 7/29/15.

Todd's greatest pleasure was shooting with his buddies, it didn't matter whether it was shotgun, pistol or rifle he just enjoyed time with his buddies.

We will miss the big guy with the big heart and a heck of a stubborn attitude.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Suzie and family.



RIP.

## **RAFFLE WINNER**

Dean Anglace

Tom Fiumarello donated at 10 Bird Pheasant Hunt at T-M-T to the Travelers to help raise money for the Junior's Program. The raffle was drawn after the July shoot and was won by George Calcagnini!

## **AUGUST SHOOT LOGISTICS**

Dean Anglace

St. Hubert's Lodge is a new course for the CT Travelers. Our first "Junior's Clinic" in 2014 was hosted at St. Hubert's Lodge and they have done a lot of work to expand the course over the last year. We will gather for our normal Safety & Instructions at 9:45 and shoot the course shortly thereafter on a shotgun start. We will have lunch and awards right at St. Hubert's immediately at the conclusion of the shoot.

## **TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOT CALENDAR**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Shoot</u></b>	<b><u>Facility</u></b>
16-AUG	Summertime, Summertime*	St. Hubert's Lodge
13-SEP	Septembershutzenfest*	Peace Dale Shooting Preserve
09-11 OCT	Fall Trip to Western PA	Western PA
18-OCT	Octobershutzenfest*	Fairfield County
15-NOV	Small Gauge Championships	Ten Mile River Preserve
13-DEC	Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

**Summertime, Summertime!**

Sunday, August 16th, 2015

St. Hubert's Lodge  
626 Lattintown Road  
Marlboro, New York

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Interstate 84 to exit 10N (9W) North for 2.9 miles. Turn left on Lattintown Road. Follow Lattintown Road for approximately .4 miles and then stay right on Lattintown Road. Follow Lattintown Road 5.4 miles and turn right onto Kitty Lane. (845) 795-0037.

Traditional Shoot Format

Safety & Announcements at **9:45** followed by a shotgun start shortly thereafter.  
Lunch and Awards to follow at St. Hubert's Lodge

Your application must be received on or before  
**Wednesday, August 12th, 2015.**

CTSCA Members **\$80**; St. Hubert's Members **\$80**; Guests **\$95**; Lunch Only **\$15**.

**Juniors (<21) always shoot for free!**

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:

**CTSCA, c/o Dean Anglace, 355 Housatonic Trail, Southbury, CT 06488**

	Name List Names paid with enclosed check.	Jr	Vet1	Vet2	Lady	NSCA Number
<b>You</b>						
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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>.

# "BEST OF THE VALLEY JR. SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT"

**WHEN:** Saturday Aug. 8th (8-9:00 Reg....Shoot 10:00)

**WHERE:** St. Hubert's Club, Marlboro, NY

**CLASSES:** There will be awards in two classes:

Class I....All shooters grades 8 and lower

Class II...All shooters grades 9-12

(grade 12 includes 2015 graduating HS students)

**AWARDS:** Trophies and medals for HOA in both classes,  
plus places 2nd - 5th in each class.

**COST:** \$30.00 Includes: 100 targets, breakfast, lunch,  
and awards. Fun, prizes, etc.

**To register or information: Call Tom Fiumarello, at 845-625-3151.**

We hope to make this shoot an annual event for Jr. Shooters, so come, have fun, break some targets, and make new shooting friends.



# THE CRUCIBLE

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME

310 HAMMERTOWN ROAD, MONROE, CT 06468 (FOR DIRECTIONS ONLY)  
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**SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2015**

**SHOOTING STARTS AT 10AM**

This is an **NSCA** registered **LEWIS CLASS / FUN SHOOT**,  
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\$75 FOR 100 TARGETS & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE INCLUDED

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 8:30 am; THIS WILL BE A SQUADED START

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THE FUN.

6 SHOOTERS PER SQUAD

CUT HERE AND ENCLOSE THE BOTTOM PORTION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NSCA# \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one - SVT VT L SJR JR

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Squad with: 1\_ Yourself \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_

4 \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ receipt will be emailed to \_\_\_\_\_

Please write dollar amount in the "Total" column next to each event entered.

EVENT	COST	
THE CRUCIBLE	\$75	_____
LEWIS	\$10	_____
TOTAL		<input type="text"/>

Please enclose  
Pd registration  
for each shooter  
on the squad.

Make all checks payable to **"FCF & GPA"**

Send to: **Dominic Uliano**  
34 Swamp Road,  
Newtown, CT 06470





# CONNECTICUT SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIP



**AUGUST 22 & 23, 2015**

[www.fcfgpa.org](http://www.fcfgpa.org)

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME**

310 Hammertown Rd, Monroe CT 06468  
(For directions only, do **NOT** mail forms here)

**MAIN EVENT**  
**CONNECTICUT STATE**  
**SPORTING CLAYS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**NSCA REGISTERED EVENT**  
**100 TARGETS \$115**

**PRIZES**

**\$300 HOA- \$250 RU, CT. RES. ONLY**

**PAYOUTS TO CLASS- ALL ENTRANTS**

**1<sup>ST</sup> \$125- 2<sup>ND</sup> \$100-3<sup>RD</sup> \$75 M-E**

**LUNCH INCLUDED ON SUNDAY**

The Connecticut State Championship is limited to 170 shooters.

Medals awarded for State class and State concurrents. Class and Lewis options available. Moneys mailed.

Class money awards require a minimum of 3 in class. Jrs, paying reduced fees, not eligible for money awards.

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.

*All shooters are welcome. Pre-registrations not required but advised*

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