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*The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers*

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**DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER**  
**CELEBRATING OUR 24th YEAR**

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The next Travelers Shoot is "Dick Losee Memorial Shoot & Xmas Party" on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **ISLANDERS VS. MAINLANDERS**

Jeff Hunter

The alarm clock went off at 5:00 on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> promptly followed by two whacks on the snooze button. Eighteen minutes later I rolled out of bed ready to face the day for the hotly contested "Fourth Annual Islanders vs. Mainlanders" shoot. The Mainlanders were bringing some heavy hitters to the Island this year and you know the Islanders were not going to take it easy on us.

I met my traveling companion, Andrew Perlman, at 7:00 on the dot. Two coffees and a couple doughnuts later and we were on our way. Time flew by as we sliced our way through unclogged highways. It seems most New Yorkers aren't up at 7:30 on a Sunday morning. When we arrived at Suffolk County Trap & Skeet, the Islanders lulled us into a false sense of security by feeding us more doughnuts and the world famous Long Island Bagels. But we were here to shoot, and shoot we did!

Suffolk County Trap & Skeet is a very active range. There were five or six skeet/trap fields filled with people and a couple people were out on the course before we started. The course was setup with twelve stations with a mix of report and true pairs.

Station five was a very tough station for me. It was a true pair of two straight away birds from the shooters right side. One bird flew a little higher than the other, but pretty much a trap type target. I don't know what it was, but after four pair I came out with a two!

Station seven was a tricky shot. The shooter was up on a platform and the first bird of a report pair came out from under your feet and flew to the right down a narrow path in the Long Island pines. The report target was a right to left crosser that weaved in and out of the trees to a clearing. It was definitely hittable in the woods, but most people waited until the target peeked out into the clearing and they could get a clear shot at it. While the course had it's tricky targets, nothing was too difficult to hit.

We retired to the Rocky Point Fire House nearby for lunch and awards. David Miller arranged for "[Catering for A Small Affair](#)" to provide a magnificent meal for us. The food alone at this shoot was well worth the price of admission! In the end, George Begakis pulled out an 86 for the HOA. Guest Steve Smith also shot an 86 and Kristen Hachmann shot 76 to capture High Lady. The Islanders squeaked out their "three-peat" victory of 6 points to 4.

Kudos to David Miller for organizing the Islanders vs. Mainlanders shoot. Although he took a little ribbing at lunch, he definitely had everything planned down to the last detail. Thanks to David and the rest of the Islanders for providing a very warm environment in which to get our butts kicked!



AWARD	NAME	SCORE
HOA	George Begakis	86
Guest	Steve Smith	86
CL1-CH	Mark Schreyer	83
CL1-RU	Dean Anglace	80
CL2-CH	Andrej Kirylak	82
CL2-RU	David Miller	81
CL3-CH	Steve Monti	78
CL3-RU	Hank Drapou	76
CL4-CH	Santo Costarelli	76
CL4-RU	Howard Weiss	67
CL5-CH	Todd Walrich	65
CL5-RU	Andrew Perlman	63
LY-CH	Kristen Hachmann	76
LY-RU	Kate Hutchinson	57
LY-3RD	Daisy Laing	28
VET1-CH	George Masek	79
VET1-RU	Jim Comiotes	79
VET2-CH	Ron Leonardi	79
VET2-RU	Al Anglace	50
JR-CH	John Celentani	48
JR-RU	Matt Kutschera	43
JR-3RD	Chris Kutschera	40
JR-4TH	Andrew Anglace	27

#### MYSTERY TRAVELER OF THE MONTH



Complete results on [ctsca.org](http://ctsca.org).

## SPORTING SPORTSMAN

We asked for nominations and you gave them to us! We had a number of sportsmen and sportswomen nominated for Sporting Sportsman of the Year 2011. We are hard at work debating the merits of each candidate and will announce our decision at the Dick Losee Memorial Shoot and Christmas Party on December 18<sup>th</sup>. See you at Mid-County!

## GUIDEBOOK ADS

The membership team is hard at work getting next year's Guidebook ready! If you would like to place an advertisement in the 2012 guidebook, please contact John Hachmann ([johnhachmann@yahoo.com](mailto:johnhachmann@yahoo.com)). All ads will run in the guidebook and at least one edition of Reload!

## SAYING GOODBYE

We are sad to report the loss of two people in our Travelers Family. Sara Beth Narins Sussman was the daughter of Traveler Lyn Naris and sister of Traveler Josh Narins.

### From the Globe:

*SUSSMAN, Sara Beth (Narins) - of Rockville, MD, formerly of Weston, MA. Entered into rest October 31, 2011, age 38. Beloved wife of Lee Daniel Sussman of Rockville, MD. Loving daughter of Marjorie Ellen Shapiro of Weston, MA and Lyn Ross Narins of Norwalk, CT. Loving sister of Joshua Scott Narins of Weston, MA and Dr. Seth Craig Narins and his wife Luisa of Harrisburg, PA. Funeral services will be held at Stanetsky Memorial Chapels, 1668 Beacon Street, BROOKLINE on Thursday, November 3 (TODAY) at 12:00PM. Interment will follow at Temple Israel Cemetery, Wakefield, MA. Memorial observance will follow interment. Charitable contributions in Sara's memory may be made to Pawprints for Patients and Families, Children's Hospital Boston, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115 [www.childrenshospital.org](http://www.childrenshospital.org).*

Ron Zampini also reported that Traveler Dennis Stagnaro passed away later in November.

### From the Charleston Post & Courier

*Dennis Peter Stagnaro CHARLESTON - Dennis Peter Stagnaro, 59, of Charleston, SC, husband of Marlene Siska Stagnaro, died on the morning of November 12, 2011. The relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Peter Stagnaro are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial of the former, Friday, November 18, 2011 at 2:00 pm, in The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Dennis was born April 10, 1952 in New York, NY, the son of Florio and Milly Stagnaro. He was a graduate of Bergen Catholic High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Bergen Catholic Alumni Association, Mid Hudson Sporting Clay Club, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist and a volunteer soccer and basketball coach in New Jersey. Mr. Stagnaro was owner and president of D. Stagnaro, Inc., and a partner of Duck Tales. He is survived by his wife of 34 years of Charleston, SC; daughter: Kathryn Lee Stagnaro and her Fiance;, Josh Martina of Charleston, SC; sister: Doreen Stagnaro-Green and her husband Alex of Washington, D.C.; brothers: Richard Stagnaro of Point Pleasant, NJ and Mark Stagnaro and his wife Mercedes of New Rochelle, NY; niece: Laura Stagnaro-Green;*



*Ron Zampini & Dennis Stagnaro*

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*nephew: Daniel Stagnaro Green both of Washington, D.C. and aunt: Marion Grandich of Oradell, NJ. Memorials may be made to The American Diabetes Association , Memorial & Honor Program, 2711 Middleburg Dr., Suite 108-B, Columbia, SC 29204 or to Ronald McDonald House, 81 Gadsden Street, Charleston, SC 29403. Arrangements by J. HENRY STUHR, INC., DOWNTOWN CHAPEL*

## **TRAVELER JUDY MORRIS SELECTED AS TEAM USA MANAGER**

Judy Morris of Hoboken, NJ, is the new team manager for NSCA Team USA. Morris replaces former Team USA manager, Jeff Demmon, who resigned recently after managing the team for four years.



The appointment was announced by Executive Council member Steve Schultz, chairman of the NSCA Advisory Council's Awards Committee, which made the selection. "Judy has shown the ability to handle the job as a volunteer assistant to the previous team manager and is very familiar with the ins and outs of managing the teams," said Schultz. "Her ability to provide seamless logistics to the team, coupled with her enthusiasm for fundraising, make Judy the perfect fit."

Morris has been shooting sporting clays for seven years and registers about 4000 targets per year. "During that time, I have had the privilege of getting to know many of the past and present Team USA members," she commented. "In 2008, I attended my first World FITASC event in Cyprus and was completely hooked on Team USA."

The team manager serves as the liaison between Team USA members and the NSCA and is responsible for coordinating and managing the team for World Sporting and World FITASC events. The responsibilities include team competition coordination and planning, media relations, marketing, fundraising, management of team affairs, and all logistics and arrangements to field the teams.

“As team manager, my goals are to raise awareness of what Team USA is about so that NSCA members are proud to have a team and to demonstrate how the team can give back and help grow the sport,” Morris says. “To get the teams organized for the World Championships, there is an amazing amount of work involved - from filling the team slots to event registration, arranging travel, and securing gun permits - and I can’t wait to get started.”

Robert Crow, NSCA Director, also commented on the selection of Morris as the new Team USA manager. “Judy’s enthusiasm and expertise will make her a great team manager, and we’re pleased she has accepted this role,” he said. “On behalf of the association and previous teams, I also want to thank Jeff Demmon for serving the past four years in this position. Team USA made a great deal of progress and represented our association and our country well under his leadership.”

Last month’s Mystery Traveler was Art Tonucci.



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**2011 TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR**

**DECEMBER 18 DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (Mid County)**

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**"DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS SHOOT & PARTY"**

*Sunday, December 18, 2011*

*Mid County Rod and Gun Club*

*LaGrangeville, New York*

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**DIRECTIONS:** Taconic Parkway North to exit for route 55 East. Continue on route 55 to route 82 North. Follow route 82 to County route 89. Go approximately 3 miles on County route 89 to the club entrance on the right. 845 677-5736.

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**OUR ANNUAL "TOYS FOR TOTS" / "ADOPT A FAMILY" HOLIDAY CONTRIBUTION.**

*As in the past years, we will again ask our members to bring an unwrapped toy(s) or give a financial donation to support Clarice Murphy's Holiday program sponsored by the Wassaic Fire Department's Women's Aux.*

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**"SPORTING SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR"**

*Celebrating our 19<sup>th</sup> annual recognition to honor an individual, or club, which has made a significant impact on the Travelers and our great sport. The person who best exemplifies the values and virtues of the Traveler's Mission Statement.*

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# REGISTRATION APPLICATION

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011.

**Registration and Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM.  
Shooting begins at 9:45 AM regardless of the elements.**

*\$75.00 CTSCA MEMBERS entry fee -  
\$90.00 Guest entry fee. Non shooting guests \$25.00.  
LUNCHEON - 100 TARGETS - DOOR PRIZES*

*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 THOSE NAMES THAT ARE BEING PAID WITH THE EXCLOSED CHECK ONLY. IF YOU  
ARE NOT PAYING FOR A PERSON LIST HIM AS A PERSON THAT YOU WANT TO BE  
SQUADED WITHIN THAT AREA BELOW.**

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|------------|----------|----------|
| <b>YOU</b> | 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
|            | 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
|            | 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

*List shooters that you would like to be squaded with  
here: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your application must be received by the required date for preferred squading)*

**YOU MUST BE AN NRA MEMBER TO MEET THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENT OF  
CTSCA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011!  
HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR 2012 MEMBERSHIP?**

Coon Club Clays  
RT 182 (Colebrook Rd)  
Norfolk, CT  
Presents 12<sup>th</sup> Annual  
"Christmas at the Coon"

Date: Sunday December 4, 2011 (Rain, Sleet, Snow, or Sun)

Full Buffet Breakfast @ The Clubhouse from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM

100 Sporting Clay targets presented over 16 stations. "NSCA" shooters can register these targets.  
Course opens @ 9:45 AM squadded start.

**Limited to the first paid 80 shooters.**

Full sit down dinner back at the Clubhouse for 1:30 PM  
Cash Bar Available....  
Door Prizes will be given away.

Cost is \$ 100.00 per shooter, includes all meals, targets, and Trappers Tip.  
Targets Only "No Meals" is \$ 60.00 per shooter.  
Dinner Guests "All Meals" is \$ 40.00 per person.

Registration Deadline is November 30, 2011

ATV, UTV, & Golf Cart user's can park their vehicles & trailers in the Big Game Lot by Station 8 & 9. First come first served. DO NOT BLOCK ANY ROADWAYS...

For more information contact: Joe Gimelli @ (860) 605-4725 or email: [coonclubclays@earthlink.net](mailto:coonclubclays@earthlink.net)

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel #** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ ----- \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**NSCA Shooter #** \_\_\_\_\_ **INCLUDE \$ 3.00 Target Registration Fee**

**Make Checks payable to: "Coon Club Clays"**

**Mail to: Joe Gimelli 34 Mary Dr. New Hartford, CT 06057**

**Register me for** \_\_\_\_\_ **entry @ \$ 100.00 each.**

**Targets only.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entry @ \$ 60.00 each.**

**Dinner Guest** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$ 40.00 each.**

**Squad Me with:** 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Selection's: Boneless Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_

Surf & Turf \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Sole \_\_\_\_\_



**2011 Christmas SHOOT & Game dinner**  
**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME**  
**Newtown, Connecticut**

**SUNDAY DEC. 4th starting @ 10:00am**

Registration opens at 8:30am; this will be a Squaddled shotgun start

\$65.00 for 100 Targets & Lunch

This shoot will be Limited to 125 shooters

This year again we are going to Welcome Lunch Only Guests \*\*\*\*\* Cost \$20

Please separate and send in the bottom

Pre-Registration is Recommended

**REGISTRATION APPLICATION**

**NAME(S) - BEING PAID BY THE ENCLOSED CHECK ONLY:**

1. _____	Shoot fee _____	Lunch Only _____
2. _____	Shoot fee _____	Lunch Only _____
3. _____	Shoot fee _____	Lunch Only _____
4. _____	Shoot fee _____	Lunch Only _____
5. _____	Shoot fee _____	Lunch Only _____
6. _____	Shoot fee _____	Lunch Only _____

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO; FCF & GPA**

**Send payment to:**

Dominic Uliano, 34 Swamp Rd., Newtown CT. 06470