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February 2015*



MID-WINTER MARTYRDOM REDUX

Bill Beinert

January 18th turned out to be a day when only the most intrepid would dare the roads. The vast majority of us lacked the necessary death wish to fly along sheets of ice on rubber tires for the opportunity to shoot in a freezing rain. Kudos (or a voucher to the nearest mental health clinic) to those brave ten who showed up and shot.

Fortunately for the rest of us, the ever resourceful Robert Schrager and Dean Anglace were able to arrange with Mid Hudson to shoot the following Sunday, which featured much better weather. Forty-eight of us showed up in temperatures that reached 40 degrees with no precipitation and little wind.

Super Sporting was on the menu. There are several ways to shoot Super Sporting. This Mid-Hudson Shoot had sixteen stations with three single birds and two pair at each station. The singles allowed the shooter full use of the gun (if you missed with the first shot, you could take a second and get the X if you hit it) followed by a true or report pair (scored the normal way). That's 112 birds to shoot, no presentation ever repeated. It's also 160 rounds of ammo if you used all of your second tries at the singles.

I usually take videos of each station to review for this report, but, frankly, I do not have enough brain cells to do that and keep track of what bird or birds I have to shoot at next at Super Sporting. I will say the birds were challenging. Few cupcakes, many requiring your best effort, and a few leaving you muttering "How is a mere mortal manage to break that?" I will say, "Luck helps". But I never even scared that tower bird on station 6. I think they're finding them intact in Dutchess County.



Photo by Lans Christensen

The numbers prove the level of difficulty; Mark Schreyer was HOA with 100 (89%), and the Median was 70 (63%). Some hot soup and six-foot heroes provided some much needed sustenance at the end of the shoot. Richie Frisella Jr. and Peter Wicker at Mid-Hudson did a fine job of keeping things running smoothly, as always.

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@ctscsa.org.

RON LEONARDI

We are sad to report that long-time Traveler, Ron Leonardi, passed away in his sleep on Tuesday, January 13th. Ron was a life-long outdoorsman who loved fishing, hunting, and shooting. The oldest of three boys, Ron was there to teach his brothers about the outdoors.

In 2012, the CT Travelers honored Ron with the Sporting Sportsman of the Year award. The Sporting Sportsman of the Year award recognizes those individuals who embody the spirit, sportsmanship, and fellowship of the Travelers.

I share with you a story penned by Ron.

A STORY WORTH TELLING

Ron Leonardi

(Originally Published December 2010)

As we finished our lunch, the struggling Class 4 shooter at our table bubbled over how he had just shot one of his best scores ever under the tutorage of his CTSCA Mentor. A short time later, Al began the awards ceremony.

"And the Class 4 Runner-up is -----" Yup, you guessed it, our table mate!

Open mouthed, wide eyed, as if in a magical trance he rose amidst the roars of praise and applause, from scores of Travelers, to blushingly receive his first ever trophy. A \$15 memento which meant more to him at that moment of recognition by his peers, than five solid gold coins.

To me, this precious moment is what the Travelers are all about, always was about, and always will be about.

As a 20 year Traveler who commutes from Long Island, I have been deeply saddened when attending some of the more recent awards ceremonies see that some days



50% of the shooters are already gone! Each one of them depriving our deserving winners an important little piece of the thrill of their accomplishment. Not to mention the additional burden put on Al who has to lug many awards back home again because of someone who left early!

Come on Guys and Gals, let's remember who we are! CTSCA monthly events are not just another shoot or practice day, they are very special days to be shared fully with a lot of very special friends. Special days that begin with coffee and doughnuts and end with congratulations, have a safe trip home!

God willing, see you all next month.

Your friend and fellow Traveler,
Ron.

Indeed, until we meet again Ron, you will be in our hearts forever.

"A gentleman if there ever was one. I am very glad that I had the opportunity to meet and know this 'Islander'. He struggled mightily to continue enjoying his favorite pastimes, even when his health began to make it so difficult. Rest in Peace, Ron." — Ed Davies

"Sorry to hear about Ronnie." — George Pratt

"Please pass on the condolences of the Lowery family. Ron was great fun to shoot with and a great gentleman, he will be missed. RIP Ron." — Ralph Lowery

"Sorry to hear that. He was a great ambassador for our sport." — Joe Gimelli

HANK GARVEY SELECTED AS AMBASSADOR

Your Fellow Traveler and USA Shooting National Junior Team member Hank Garvey (Newburyport, Massachusetts) has been chosen as one of six representatives for the 2015 Brownells/National Rifle Association (NRA) Youth Shooting Sport Ambassador Program.

The program gives NRA's Co-op Youth group partners including Boy Scouts of America, National High School Rodeo Association, Royal Rangers, Venturing (BSA) and USA Shooting -- the opportunity to select the outstanding youth from their organization to represent them.

Garvey's interest as an avid sportsman and as a rising prospect for the USA Shooting Team, helped the 16-year-old Garvey standout among the many junior athletes that applied according to USA Shooting's Youth Programs and Coach Academy Director Mike Theimer.

"Our interests are well-represented by the influence this young man can have as a NRA Youth Ambassador," Theimer said. "He's well-rounded and as focused an individual as you can find at that age. He has a bright future in our sport and I'll be interested to see how he uses his experiences in shooting to help engage others to get involved and participate."

A sophomore at St. Johns Prep, Garvey's stock rose significantly throughout the 2014 shooting season and is now considered one of the elite double trap shotgun competitors within USA Shooting.

He's hoping to make continued headway in a discipline filled with talent including current World Champion Josh Richmond, Olympic gold medalist Glenn Eller and Olympian Jeff Holguin. Competing in his first shotgun match when he was eight, Garvey, has been on the fast-track ever since. His success in part has been formed through the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) culminating with his first National Title last summer which led to his

appointment to USA Shooting's National Junior Team. A strong junior competitor, Garvey distinguished himself in 2014 with several "open" accomplishments including a top-eight finish at the Championship of the Americas in Guadalajara, Mexico, a top-five finish at Nationals and a top-four finish at the recent Fall Selection Match. His performance in Guadalajara also helped earn him the Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) athletes need to be eligible to compete at the Olympic Games.

A self-described true sportsman, Garvey enjoys all sorts of hunting including ducks, big game, turkey, bird and small game. Living near the ocean, he's also developed a fondness for fishing and enjoys boating, catching eels, clams and lobsters. He also spends his off-time carving decoys, tying flies and trick shooting while also volunteering for the local Ducks Unlimited Chapter and banding ducks at the local National Wildlife Refuge.

"I feel honored to be selected as a youth role model for my sport and the shooting community," Garvey said. "I understand this position comes with both tremendous responsibility and opportunity. I look forward to sharing the sport with others while helping to create a greater understanding and awareness for all of the shooting sports. I will uphold the high standard for which our sport should be measured."

Next week during the National Shooting Sports Foundation's annual SHOT Show, Garvey will attend along with the other ambassadors and will be introduced to industry leaders, interact with sponsors and engage with the key industry stakeholders as part of the week-long event. He'll also attend the National Rifle Association's Annual Meetings in April in a similar capacity.

Visit Hank Garvey's personal website at <http://www.hankgarveyoutdoors.com/> You can also follow him on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/GarveyHank>.

ANNUAL MEETING

Dean Anglace

It's that time of year where we get down to discussing the business of CT Travelers and what is in store for this year. If you have any business or issues that you would like to put on the Agenda, please contact Dean Anglace before February 22nd.

Our Annual Meeting will be held at Dover Furnace. We will have a hot breakfast followed by a short but sweet meeting. Of course, there will also be shooting!



SPRING TRIP 2015

Bob Schrager

Bah, who cares about the cheating Patriots and “deflategate” when we have shooting to think about? It’s never too early to mark your brand new 2015 shoot calendars and make your hotel reservations for the Spring Trip.

Our Spring 2015 trip, Chesapeake Clays, will see the Connecticut Travelers travel to Maryland March 20th through the 22nd.

Friday afternoon we start the weekend at Pintail Point, Queenstown, Maryland. www.theriverplantation.com. 20 stations, their 5 stand “farm” and a wobble trap (with a free t-shirt if you shoot 25 straight) will get the weekend off with many “bangs.”

We spend the day on Saturday at Schraders Bridgetown Manor, Henderson, MD. <http://www.schradershunting.com/aboutus.aspx> 24 sporting clays stations and that terrific five-stand will entertain us. We’ve always had a great time there. Lunch will be available in the clubhouse.

Sunday morning, we stop off on the drive home at M&M Hunting Preserve, Pennsville, NJ. www.mmhunting.com. I don’t’ have to tell you about M&M, home of the 2011 U.S. Open and this year’s North East Regional. I’m sure Anthony and Donna Matarese will have the traps humming for us and ensure that everyone will have a good send-off for the drive.

Dinner on Friday will be at Harris's Crab House, Kent Narrows, MD, an institution of the Eastern Shore. Saturday night we walk across the street for a sit down dinner at the Fisherman’s Inn, Grasonville, MD. After dinner, you are welcome to join your fellow Travelers and indulge with adult beverages as we brag about our new guns and lie about how well we shot the course.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Best Western Kent Narrows Inn, 3101 Main Street, Grasonville MD 21638 (410.827.6767) at a special Connecticut Travelers rate of \$79.00 per night (I was able to get them to keep us at the extra special rate so everyone will have money for shells and crabs). First come, first serve.

More information and sign up forms will be circulated as we get closer.

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

And a reminder. As I previously wrote, Columbus Day Weekend, October 9, 10 and 11, 2015, the Connecticut Travelers travel the breadth of the Keystone State to Seven Springs and Nemacolin. Home for the weekend will be Seven Springs Mountain Resort where we have a block of rooms reserved under the Ct. Traveler name at a special rate of \$179 per night (that is less than I originally wrote). Columbus Day Weekend is a very busy time at Seven Springs so if you are considering joining us, you should make your room reservations as early as possible. 800-452-2223

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The upcoming CTTRAVELERS Monthly Shoot

28th Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 22nd, 2015

Dover Furnace Shooting Grounds
30 Ore Bed Road, Dover Plains, NY

The Agenda will include many possible revisions to our usual shoot profile. Economic concerns may bring about membership consideration to alter our present guest policy. This is a closed meeting. New members joining that day are welcome.

DIRECTIONS: From routes I84 (CT) and 684 (NY), take Route 22 North at Brewster, NY, for approximately 21 miles to Dover Furnace Road. Turn left onto Dover Furnace Road and proceed approximately one mile to club entrance on left at the stone pillars.

From the North: take Route 22 South to Dover Furnace Road on right. Turn right onto Dover Furnace Road and proceed approximately one mile to club entrance on right at the stone pillars.

Phone: (845) 832-6594

CTSCA Members **\$75**; Breakfast Only **\$15**.

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:

	Name (List names being paid with enclosed check)	Jr	Vet1	Vet2	Lady	NSCA Number
You						
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
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CTSCA, c/o Dean Anglace, 355 Housatonic Trail, Southbury, CT 06488

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>.



Application for Membership

Please return this form, along with your membership dues to:

Ct. Travelers S.C.A.
35 Columbine Lane
Kings Park, NY 11754

First Year New Member Rates...

Individual Member \$100.00 - Family \$100.00* - **Youth \$15.00****

*Includes husband and wife and all children under the age of 18 years who have completed a Hunter Safety Course or equal.

** Includes all 18-21 year old children of CTSCA members. No age restriction for college students or members of the Armed Forces, while enrolled, or on active duty.

Name: _____ NSCA #: _____

Birth Date: _____ NRA #: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

E-Mail Address(s): _____

Membership Type: _____ Family Member(s): _____

BOLDLY check the red box to be **OMITTED** from the Membership Directory.

Release and Assumption of Risk

In consideration of the permission of the Ct. Travelers Sporting Clays Association, Inc., to attend their sponsored shotgun events, I hereby, on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, release and forever discharge the Ct. Travelers Sporting Clays Association, Inc., its members, employees, agents, officers, and the owner and operators of the premises upon which I am shooting, from any and all liability, claim, loss, cost expenses, and waive any such claims against any such person, associated with my participation in, assistance in the running of, or presence as a non-competing spectator at sporting clays competitions sponsored by the Ct. Travelers Sporting Clays Association, Inc.

I acknowledge that shot gunning is an inherently dangerous sport in which I participate, assist or attend at my own risk and for my own pleasure. I am aware that there are other persons carrying and shooting firearms in these events, and I agree to act prudently and carefully to avoid causing them injury and to protect myself from injury.

I also acknowledge and agree that I have, or it is my responsibility to obtain and to keep in force, sufficient insurance coverage (including but not limited to LIFE, HEALTH and LIABILITY) to protect me from any expense, claims, or damages arising from the sport of shotgun shooting. I agree that the release above shall be fully effective and enforceable and I will be bound and liable there under.

Further, I understand and will always comply with the CTSCA policy that mandates the use of Safety Glasses and Ear Protection at all times.

By signing below, I certify that I have read and understand the above document.

Signature of Applicant (Parent, if under 18 years of age)

Date Signed

TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOT CALENDAR

Date	Shoot	Facility
22-FEB	Annual Meeting	Dover Furnace
15-MAR	The Original March Madness*	Orvis Sandanna
20-22 MAR	Spring Trip to Maryland	East Coast of Maryland
19-APR	Tax Time Revolt*	Ten Mile River
24-MAY	May Minuet*	Mashomack Preserve
21-JUN	Albert Anglace Memorial*	Mid-Hudson
19-JUL	Simo Sunday*	Orvis Sandanona
16-AUG	Summertime, Summertime*	St. Hubert's Lodge
13-SEP	Septembershutzenfest*	Ten Mile River
09-11 OCT	Fall Trip to Western PA	Western PA
18-OCT	Small Gauge Championships	Fairfield County
15-NOV	Salute The Colors*	Ten Mile River Preserve
13-DEC	Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace

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