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The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers

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JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER **CELEBRATING OUR 22nd YEAR**

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DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS SHOOT & PARTY

By Donna Galotto

Mid-County Rod & Gun in Lagrangeville, NY once again welcomed the Connecticut Travelers to share their great facility and to enjoy their outstanding hospitality. We were welcomed with a grand breakfast buffet and then went out to sample the challenging targets that are the norm here.

There were many fabulous scores posted as you can see by the full listing on CTSCA.org. Thanks to Jeff for getting those up before we even got home. My own personal favorite was a true pair launched into a cornfield with a low, going away, trap-type shot and a looper that landed to the left. Debbe Christiansen and I both proved that the looper could be killed very effectively through the cornstalks. It does help that we are both used to peeking through the undergrowth to find a target.

After braving the cold (although we have experienced much worse) we were greeted inside with a warm cup of soup and an even warmer welcome. This was followed by an appetizer buffet and then the fabulous roast beef lunch that is the signature menu for this event.

Once again Claire Murphy who is coordinator for Toys for Tots in Dutchess County was overwhelmed by the generosity of the Travelers. Claire recalled fondly that first trip she made to Mid County ten years ago when she was literally surrounded by all the toys in her car. She has since learned to bring a truck!

One of the many highlights of this event is the naming of the Sportsman of the Year. This year's honoree is a gentleman who should be listed in the dictionary as the definition of a sportsman, Charles Conger. Since I have been involved in Sporting Clays (more than 20 years now) Charlie has always been the guy with a big grin and his hand out to welcome newcomers, ready to help out whenever and wherever it was needed. Along with previous honoree, Ken Gagnon, Charlie was instrumental in bringing Sporting Clays to Mid-County as well as other area clubs. This annual presentation is very special to me because I still cannot believe I was so honored to join this most illustrious group. I treasure my elk.

As usual Santa dropped a huge sack of gifts to be distributed to all the good little Travelers and most everyone went home with a memento of some sort in addition to the great memories of yet another fabulous holiday party. Thanks to Kim Anglace and her elf helpers Linda Goodspeed and Mary Berman for the tasteful arrangement. Thank you to John and Sue Hachmann who with Kristen's help, got us all squadded in the usual efficient manner. Thank you to Howard Berman and Mike Canale for helping arrange carts for all those who wanted to ride—it was one more detail that added to the enjoyment of the day. And of course a huge thanks to Al who makes all these arrangements all year long.

To all those who could not attend this great event, we missed you and hope to see you in 2009.

DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL SHOOT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Jeff Hunter

Everybody in attendance was in agreement that Joe Maresca and Todd Murphy were sorely missed. Both were undoubtedly looking down on the Travelers fraternity on Sunday, December 14th as the best day of weather in December welcomed us to Mid-County Rod & Gun Club for the Dick Losee Memorial Shoot and Christmas Party. December in the Northeast doesn't get much better than the high 30's with no snow in the forecast.

Jimmy Muller left the .410 in the safe and for kicks shot the "big gun", a 28 gauge pump. His 99 was good enough to take the High Overall, but the spirit of the day was fun. Bill Donaldson and Peter Wright set a very technical course without the vision challenging distance or speed we've come to expect from Mid-County. The folks in the kitchen made sure we had plenty of fuel for the day with a scrumptious breakfast in the morning and an over abundance upon our return.

The scores for the shoot are on CTSCA.org [under the event](#). You may take notice that Ken Gagnon handed over a dollar for the 10th straight time to AI in their longstanding competition. The annual "Toys for Tots" drive produced a mountain of toys for children in the Hudson Valley who would otherwise go without this Christmas season.

Chief AI Anglace, then presented the Sporting Sportsman of the year with these words:

"The Sporting Sportsman of the Year is the pinnacle of recognition from the most respected group of sportspeople representing the sport of sporting clays in America. Realizing the goals of such a prestigious recognition demands unique qualities not found in many people.

The Travelers are fortunate to have at our side our 2008 honoree. "Mr. Personality", a true gentleman, and one of the most respected shooting instructors and stock fitters in not only our country, but also in Great Britain. He certainly has all of the professional credentials.

He was a previous American FITASC Team Coach, the only American in his time to be invited to join the prestigious British Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors, the group that advises the English Clay Pigeon Association. He has imported fine guns, featuring custom Perazzi sporters as well as high grade Browning and Miroku Shotguns. He has been a consultant to many sporting clubs, military and law enforcement agencies, as well as firearms manufacturers. They recognized and valued his personal abilities.

As if this resume was not long enough of a compliment to anyone in the outdoors world, he is a most accomplished shooter. His latest trip to the winner's circle as the Travelers 2008 "Guest Champion" only shadows his many accomplishments in the shooting world.

I could go on and on about our honoree as his resume is long and distinguished, but it is time for you to meet the Executive Director of the Mashomack Preserve Club, Pine Plains, New York and the Connecticut Travelers' Sporting Sportsman of the year for 2008. Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome Charles Conger and his family; Lisa and Hailey."

The 15th honoree approached the front of the room to take his place among the previous honorees in attendance; Ken Gagnon, John Lawlor, Bill Donaldson, Peter Wright, Donna Galotto and Ed Davies on behalf of Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association,.

At the conclusion, the "Burns Boys" drew scorecards out of a hat for the annual prize bonanza. Nearly everybody went home with something, but perhaps the happiest draw was that of Jimmy Muller. He was beaming ear to ear as he toted away the grizzly bear toilette paper holder—He said he knows the perfect place for it! I just wonder what Mrs. Muller thought when he brought it home?!

All the results – no awards were given but everybody was a winner!!!

Last Name	First Name	Score
Muller	Jim	99
Tagliareni	Russ	91
Galotto	Bruce	89
Canale	Kristin	87
Cypher	Lavert	87
Goodspeed	Kevin	84
Maggiolo	Peter	83
Cahan	Paul	82
Anglace	Al	81
Davies	Ed	81
Burke	Ted	81
Moore	Paula	80
Greco	Mike	80
Finkle	Brian	80
Hachmann	John	79
Mohler	John	79
LaCavella	Carl	79
Kirylak	Andrej	77
Repella	Bob	77
Berman	Howard	76
Stolodski	Steve	75
Szabo	Charles	75
Zimlinghaus	Mark	75
Meyen	Steve	74
Lombardi	Robert	74
Peragine	Neil	74
Klein	Peter	73
Comiotes	Jim	73

Anglace	Keith	72
Magistro	Charles	72
Ellsworth	Bob	72
Lawlor	Olive	71
Sproviero	Joe	71
Parsons	George	70
Helmeyer	John	70
Lawlor	John	69
Harris	Alan	69
Drapou	Hank	69
Battaglia	Vince	69
Gagnon	Ken	68
Tiffinger	Steve	68
Przybyski	Ed	68
Siciliano	John	68
Moritt	Ed	67
Maffei	Dennis	67
Hunter	Jeff	67
Dehler	Lou	67
Schrager	Bob	67
Rice	Stephen	65
Henion	Jim	65
Tonucci	Art	65
Costa	Alan	64
Battaglia	Anthony	64
Stagnaro	Dennis	64
Zampini	Ron	63
Burns	Richard	62
Szabo	Mike	62
Bonacquisto	Guy	61
LaCavella	Phillip	61
Christensen	Debbe	60

Marwell	John	60
Walrich	Todd	59
Christensen	Lans	59
Gershey	Ed	59
Hachmann	Kristen	58
Maggiolo	George	58
Stolodski	Peter	58
Hovasapian	Valerie	58
Galotto	Donna	56
Talias	Don	56
Carter	Les	55
Tice	Tim	55
Bower	Carrie	55
Calcagnini	George	53
Carames	Manuel	53
Boyle	Tom	53
Hannon	Dan	53
Holtzman	Robert	53
Welch	Susan	52
Pratt	George	52
Renna	Joe	52
McCaffrey	John	52
McCullough	Dan	52
Onuma	Chester	52
Ehrlich	Frank	51
Grant	Gwyn	51
Daley	Jim	51
Pullin	Nile	50
Hawley	Bill	46
Wypy	Bob	44
Battaglia	Philip	42
Hunter	Scott	42

Incantalupo	Tom	38
Burns	Morgan	32
Headley	Frank	30
Butler	Darrin	28
Burns	Taylor	26
Angioletti	Bob	26
Burns	Aidan	13
Holtzman	Mark	5

WINTER

By sportingpoet@yahoo.com

outside my window,
the ferocious storm wails,
signaling a long winter,
of frozen feet and cold tails.

yet today I celebrate,
the ice and the wind,
tomorrow is Sunday,
and I am thick skinned.

a hat for my head,
extra layer on my chest,
wool socks on my feet,
only L.L. Bean's best.

if the thermometer is subzero,
the gloves might see day,
a couple degrees above,
and they go right back away.

Texans think we're crazy,
their weather they rejoice,
but we are Connecticut Travelers,
we just don't have a choice!

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TENTATIVE 2009 CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

JANUARY 18 – MID HUDSON SPORTING GROUNDS

FEBRUARY 15 – MID HUDSON SPORTING GROUNDS

MARCH 15 – ORVIS SANDANONA

APRIL 3, 4 & 5 – SPRING TOUR

APRIL 19 – TEN MILE PRESERVE

MAY 17 – TEN MILE PRESERVE

JUNE 20 – MID HUDSON SPORTING GROUNDS (SATURDAY)

JULY 19 – ORVIS SANDANONA

AUGUST 7, 8 & 9 – ADDIEVILLE EAST FARM

SEPTEMBER 20 – MILLBROOK ROD & GUN CLUB

OCTOBER 2, 3 & 4 – FALL TOUR

OCTOBER 18 – FAIRFIELD COUNTY PROTECTIVE ASSOC.

NOVEMBER 15 – OLDE NEWGATE COON CLUB

DECEMBER 13 – MID COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB

FOR SALE **CLASSIFIED ADS** *WANTED*

See listings at ctsca.org

THE UPCOMING **CTTRAVELERS** MONTHLY SHOOT
“MID WINTER MARTYDOM”
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009
MID HUDSON SPORTING GROUNDS
NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

**YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009**

DIRECTIONS: New York Thruway to Exit 18. Continue to end of exit and turn right onto Route 299. Go a short distance to the traffic light (stay in left lane) and turn left onto Ohioville Road (Village Grille on left corner). Go 2.7 miles to club entrance on left. Phone: 845 355-7460.

Start the New Year off on the right foot and get your reservations in on time.

We will need an accurate count for the Village Grille.

Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30 AM – Shooting starts at 9:45:AM. A luncheon will follow the shoot at the VILLAGE GRILLE, located at the corner of Route 299 and Ohioville Road. \$60.00 Member entry fee - \$75.00 Guests fee.

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 NAME(S) THAT ARE BEING PAID WITH THE ENCLOSED CHECK ONLY:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____

**HANDICAPS: 20 GAUGES 5 – 28 GAUGES 10 – 410 BORES 20 – SXS AND PUMPS 5
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SHOOTER TO RECORD ANY CONCURRENT PARTICIPATION AND HANDICAP THAT IS EARNED BY GAUGE OR TYPE OF GUN ON THE INDIVIDUALS SCORE CARD. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If possible, please squad me with: _____

Concurrent selection, please check if qualified:

Lady ___ Vet. 1 (55-69) ___ Vet 2 (70 and over) ___ Junior (17 and younger) ___