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MISTLETOE MAYHEM

Bill Beinert

It was the first official day of winter and we had snow flurries to remind us of both the holiday season and the beginning of the real winter shooting season.

Being our Holiday Season shoot, Toys For Tots was on everyone's gift list, and the toys piled up as we had our continental breakfast. Thanks to those who redisplayed the toys and set up the raffle table while the rest of us tried to break as many birds as we could.

2013 Sporting Sportsman of the Year, Jeff Maiorino, and his staff at Dover Furnace did themselves proud, offering 121 Travelers and guests 20 stations of first class birds. There were few cupcakes and many challenges. Going by the numbers, the course was pretty much average for the Travelers, with a high of 89 (Jim Muller), with the median being 67.

I usually feature one or two stations that I thought were exceptionally difficult or entertaining, but as I shot, and as I reviewed my little videos, none really jumped out. It was just one moderate to high level challenge after another, utilizing Dover Furnace's hugely varying terrain to maximum effect. Speaking of varying terrain, the shoot ran so smoothly, I often found myself stepping into the box still panting from the hike between stations. Next time I'll rent a cart so I can keep up with all you youngsters. That is one long course!

Following the shoot, we sat down to a great lunch and open bar. The appetizers included cheese & crackers, crab cakes, sausage and calamari. After what seemed a very long wait, we were served some very tender prime rib.

Attention then turned to Toys For Tots, as some really nice outdoor wear donated by Dover Furnace was auctioned, raising a tidy sum for the underprivileged children of the county. That sum was further augmented by the Gingerbread House auction, which reached heights never seen by yours truly. I wondered if Steve Monti had brought his gun into the room...

After the auctions, Sporting



Sportsman of the Year was awarded (covered elsewhere in Reload!), then the distribution of raffle goodies supplied by the club began. Who was it that took those Cuisinart knives before my name was called?

Thanks always to Dean Anglace, the Traveler who did all the work to make this shoot a success. And to Jeff Mairino, Chris McClelland, and the rest of the very capable crew at Dover Furnace.

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.

2014 SHOOT SUMMARY

Bill Beinert

Date	Shoot	Location	High	High	Median
1/19/2014	Mid-Winter Martyrdom	Mid-Hudson	69	75	53
2/16/2014	Annual Meeting	Dover Furnace	45	89	72
3/16/2014	March Madness	Orvis Sandanona	111	92	73
4/27/2014	Tax Time Revolt	Ten Mile River	133	94	71
5/18/2014	May Minuet	Mashomack	85	84	60
6/22/2014	Club Championship	Mid-Hudson	105	92	64
7/20/2014	Simo Sunday	Orvis Sandanona	102	85	64
8/17/2014	Summertime, Summertime	Mid-Hudson	88	92	66
8/17/2014	Summertime, Summertime Super Sporting	Mid-Hudson	48	96	67
9/14/2014	Dick Losee Memorial	Mid County	77	92	60
10/19/2014	Small Gauge Championships	Fairfield County	77	84	62
11/09/2014	Salute the Colors	Ten Mile River	109	98	83
12/21/2014	Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace	121	89	67

SPORTING SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Carl LaCavalla

Our Sporting Sportsman of the Year was born on July 11th, 1944. He is the proud father of three and has been married to Jean for 50 years. Our Sporting Sportsman started shooting in 1977 and is a four time winner of the CT State Trap Shoot. In addition, he has been a winner of the Eastern Zone Shoot and also a Runner Up.



Our Sporting Sportsman of the year has also been named Dealer of the Year in 2010 and 2012. He is a member of the CT Travelers, Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association, Seymour Fish & Game, Bristol Fish & Game, Willow Wood, Pahquioque Rod & Gun Club, and Atlantic Indians Trapshooting. Our Sporting Sportsman is also a member of the NSSF, NSCA/NSSA, NRA, and is in the CT Trapshooting Hall of Fame.

Last, but certainly not least, our Sporting Sportsman supports shooting in Connecticut whether it is through sponsorship for the CT Sporting Clays State Shoot or the CT Trap State Shoot. He also gives the CT Travelers a tremendous amount of help with our raffle guns and other door prizes throughout the year.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our Sporting Sportsman of 2014 is the owner of North Atlantic Sportsman, Joeseph Cimino.

SHOTGUNS IN THE BIG APPLE

George Calcagnini

As all of our members no doubt realize, New York State has strict gun laws. New York City is even more strict. Recently some members have raised questions about the legality of traversing New York City with shotguns en route to a shoot. This article is intended to prevent jittery hands on the steering wheel on the way to the next shoot that includes a route through a portion of the Big Apple.

The general rule about possession of shotguns in New York City is that "It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession any rifle or shotgun unless said person is the holder of a certificate of registration for such rifle or shotgun".¹ The certificate of registration is issued by the Police Commissioner of New York City and is required to be produced upon demand by any police officer. Failure to produce the certificate is presumptive evidence that the person is not authorized to possess a shotgun in NYC.² It is also presumed that all persons in a vehicle are in possession of any shotgun in the vehicle lacking a certificate of registration. It makes you want to carpool on the way to shoots, doesn't it?³

The penalties can be significant for possessing an unregistered shotgun in New York City. The first offense is only a violation punishable by a fine of no more than a \$300, nor more than 15 days in jail, or both. However, a second offense constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no more than \$1,000, nor more than 1 year in jail or both.⁴

At first glance the above rules may make you start plotting routes around New York City to get to M&M. Maybe you are checking the ferry schedules to bypass NYC to get to shoots on Long Island. Don't bother, just pay attention to the exemptions in the Administrative Code. Section 10-305(i)(1) is our free pass through NYC. Just be sure to take all steps to qualify for the exemption, which are:

1. You are a non-resident of NYC,
2. You are in transit with the gun to a location outside of NYC,

¹ Administrative Code of New York City §10-304(a).

² Administrative Code of New York City §10-304(c).

³ Administrative Code of New York City §10-308.

⁴ Administrative Code of New York City §10-310.

3. You are in NYC less than 24 hours,
4. The entire time you are in NYC, the shotgun must be:
 - (a) unloaded, and
 - (b) in a locked case or in a locked automobile trunk; and
5. It is lawful for you to possess that shotgun in the place of your residence.

OK, so relax and take the short route to the shoot, but make sure the gun is locked away. Leaving the gun in a soft sided case on the back seat or in the back of an SUV is a good way to get yourself arrested. Oh, and remember to be out of town within 24 hours. No extended stop-over to visit the old girlfriend, please.

FALL TRIP 2015

Bob Schrager

Yes, the subject line does say FALL, 2015. I know that I haven't even sent out information about the Spring Trip (by the way, it will be the weekend of March 20-22, 2015). I am also aware that, officially, it's not yet winter (don't tell the people up in Buffalo that after their 6 feet of snow).

However, our Fall, 2015 trip is going to be extra special next year and a bit of early planning is necessary. 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 travel the breadth of the Keystone State to Seven Springs and Nemaquin. Given the length of the drive, 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. Friday we 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 where we will enjoy shooting on rolling fields and woodlands.

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. 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 \$225 per night. 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.

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

JANUARY LOGISTICS

Dean Anglace

It's already cold, and you're a Martyr if you're shooting, so why not add in Super Sporting? We will be shooting 100 Super Sporting targets at the January shoot in lieu of English Sporting. Gather for continental breakfast in the clubhouse and lunch and awards after the shoot.

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TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOT CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shoot</u>	<u>Facility</u>
18-JAN	Mid-Winter Martyrdom*	Mid-Hudson
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

*NSCA Registered

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

**Mid-Winter Martyrdom
Super Sporting**

Sunday, January 18th, 2015

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

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, January 14, 2014.**

Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM at the Clubhouse.

We will dispatch to our stations at 9:45, please check in so we know you are there.

Includes a luncheon after the shoot at the clubhouse.

CTSCA Members **\$65**; Guests **\$75**; Lunch Only **\$10**.

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:

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

	Name (List names being paid with enclosed check)	Jr	Vet1	Vet2	Lady	NCSA Number
You						
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2						
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4						
5						
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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>.



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*

Sponsors Name: _____

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., it's 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