



# Reload!

*The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers*

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## **JULY 2008 NEWSLETTER** **BEGINNING OUR 21<sup>ST</sup> YEAR!**

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### **Rudy Passero Connecticut Travelers Championship** **CONGRATULATIONS TO CHUCK** **DEVINNE 2008 CLUB CHAMPION** By Donna Galotto

The annual club championship is always a high point in our shooting calendar, and this year the June 22<sup>nd</sup> event was no exception. Mid Hudson Sporting Grounds was our host club again this year and we were greeted with the usual hospitality and a couple of nice surprises, new restrooms! a welcome addition to the facilities.

The sky was threatening all morning and just as we took to the field the rain arrived. (Someone did remind me that had he been allowed to continue his opening remarks for an additional 10 minutes, we may have avoided the rain.) But, as we have proved time and time again, foul weather does not deter the Travelers from shooting and in many cases shooting very well.

Because of the flat terrain at Mid Hudson, it might be assumed that there would be little variety in the targets, but the platforms that have been built during the last couple of years have allowed for various shots from different levels, and although I am not fond of shooting from heights, these are so large and sturdy that it is like being on a deck and my anxiety is greatly relieved.

My favorite presentation was stand eight (I think). It was a true pair with a target angling out on your right and slightly looping in from the left. If you shot the right bird first and in the

right spot, the left bird was just coming to your gun when it was time to take that shot. This is an example of what I like best about true pairs that are well set: Two different targets that provide you with ample opportunity to shoot both and break them as readily as a report pair.

The champion for the day with an outstanding 88 was Chuck Devinne. Chuck doesn't often have the chance to come down to shoot with us and it is always a pleasure to see someone who enjoys the game so much come out and "bring home the gold".

Many thanks to Peter and the staff at Mid-Hudson for all of their hard work in getting the club ready for us, it is much appreciated.

There were a couple of things I missed, Rudy, who was so instrumental in the formation of the Connecticut Travelers, Hugh Davis and the warm welcome he always gave us at Mid Hudson and Joe Maresca who I wish was there in his cart just check how everything was going.

<b>HOA</b>	<b>Chuck Devinne</b>	<b>88</b>
Cl. 1 Champ.	Kevin Goodspeed	84
Cl. 1 RU	Bruce Galotto	82
Cl. 1 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Muller	78
Cl. 2 Champ.	Stefanie Steinkraus	84
Cl. 2 RU	Ed Shine	83
Cl. 2 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ken Erikson	81
Cl. 3 Champ.	John Hachmann	79
Cl. 3 RU	Dick Mann	77
Cl. 3 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hank Drapou	72

Cl. 4 Champ.	Charles Magistro	64
Cl. 4 RU	Carol Roesslein	63
Cl. 4 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carlos Chaparro	59
Cl. 5 Champ.	Bob Blake	65
Cl. 5 RU	Larry Slowik	57
Cl. 5 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bob Schrager	53
Cl. 6 Champ.	Lindsay Davis	47
Cl. 6 RU	Amber Kirylak	34
Lady Champ.	Paula Moore	71
Lady RU	Kristin Canale	66
Lady 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Susie Clarke	59
Lady 4 <sup>th</sup>	Olive Lawlor	53
Vet.1 Champ.	Doug Robare	83
Vet. 1 RU	Lavert Cypher	78
Vet.2 Champ.	Ed Morrirt	75
Vet. 2 RU	Martin Schroeder	74
Junior Champ	Mike Griffin	60
Junior RU	Peter Devinne	29

### **The Crucible**

By sportingpoet@yahoo.com

Test of strength, test of mind,  
test of patience, never kind.

Evil soul, who sets the course,  
without a sprinkling of remorse.

Emerge, he will to test your skill,  
with rabbit, battue and chandelle.

"The hotter the day," his mind's surmise,  
"better to burn those tired, old eyes."

A midi swapped in as report on four,  
white bird on six, tricky for sure.

Be happy with half, celebrate with glee,  
take comfort in fact, you probably beat me.

## **R.I.P. PAPER RELOAD THE TIME HAS COME!!!**

Only after years of monitoring the number of our Internet subscribers and patiently awaiting the time when we would have a vast majority of

members capable of receiving Reload and other communications via the Internet, are we prepared to trip the switch to the **E**-subscriptions.

Stefanie and Phil Steinkraus just completed an audit of our membership's Internet availability and recommend this change at this time. Dick Orenstein has recommended this change strongly over the past two years also.

After a pole of the Board of Directors and their approval of the change, we will make this transition beginning with the August issue of Reload. **Members will receive Reload via email as well as it will be available on our [ctzca.org](http://ctzca.org) Web Site.** It will be available at a more appropriate time; it will be cost effective and will be less of a burden on our staff.

If you are not capable of receiving Reload via the Internet you have some options to consider. Every Public Library has Internet available. Your fellow Travelers or family members may be able to assist you. We might even be able to find a coach to help you to get started?

I ask that you support this most contemporary evolution into the world of electronic media and enjoy the fruits of this move. As usual I will be happy to answer any questions or help in any way possible to make this transition easier for you.

*Al Anglace and Your Board of Directors  
May 31, 2008*

### **CTSCA.ORG ADVERTISING**

The original intent of CTSCA.ORG was to provide information to the members of the Connecticut Travelers in the most efficient way possible. Since CTSCA.ORG launched about a year ago, we have grown into a website that serves about 5000 unique visitors every month. In March of this year, CTSCA.ORG served 99,000 pages to the public.

Over the last several months, we have been approached by some Travelers about advertising on the website. Our fellow members recognize that the Travelers are a tight knit group of individuals and want to be able to market to you. If we were to enable this functionality, you would be presented with an electronic

advertisement when you visited a page on CTSCA.ORG. It would be your option to visit the advertiser by clicking on their ads.

The advertisers would pay a small fee for the chance to market their goods and services to you. In turn, that fee would go into the CTSCA coffers and be used to pay the overhead costs associated with running the organization and translate into lower membership dues and/or shoot fees. We would retain full control over which ads are placed on the website in order to prevent objectionable content from being displayed.

We would like to hear from you. Go to CTSCA.ORG and vote in the poll that we have established on this issue.

### **WEBSITE UPDATE: WHAT'S NEW**

By Jeff Hunter

We know everybody can spend hours and hours on CTSCA.ORG exploring the wealth of information there. Sometimes, though, you just want to catch up with what's new. So how do you do that?

Simple! After you login, you can choose "Recent Posts" under the Navigation menu on the right side of the screen. You will be presented with everything that was added to CTSCA.ORG in order of the date it was added. The posts that you haven't read yet will be flagged as "New" so you can quickly locate those items that you may want to read.

### **VERNON NATIONAL SHOOTING PRESERVE**

By Jeff Hunter

My father has been telling me about a new course in his area for a while. So on Memorial Day weekend he invited me to check it out. Vernon National Shooting Preserve (<http://www.vernonnational.com>) in Vernon, New York started out a few years ago as a managed game preserve. In the ensuing years, an informal five stand was setup on the property to accommodate some target shooting in the off-season. Participation in the five-stand grew to the point that owner Ron Acee decided to design

a full blown sporting clays course that went live in April of this year.

About 10 minutes after we exited the New York State Thruway at exit 33, we pulled into a barnyard complete with silo and obligatory red barn that doubled as the clubhouse. The ten station, fully automated course is setup around the perimeter of a fallow cornfield. Steep ravines and old farm roads dot the landscape and the target presentations take advantage of the surrounding terrain.

This wasn't a tournament day so I expected some cupcake targets to keep the regulars happy. I quickly reassessed after station four; a report pair that took advantage of the terrain for some visual trickery. The first bird was a slightly quartering right-to-left standard that went straight down an old dirt road. The road sloped away from the trap and then took a sharp climb about 40 yards out. The target appeared to be rising but was really a straight arrow. I shot over it a couple times until I could really step back and watch it. Station four's report came from right-to-left towards the shooter and had some good speed. Not impossible speed, but definitely faster than a plain old skeet target.

A couple stations later, we came to a report pair of a chandelle and an incoming crosser. The chandelle was almost a teal, but it had a little arch at the top. This particular target rose behind a group of trees and appeared just as it reached the apex at the top of the trees. If you didn't get it right at the top, you had to get it on the down stroke at which point it had a little forward movement. The report was a left-to-right, incoming crosser that was launched behind a group of trees. You then had an abbreviated window before the target dipped back into the woods to never be seen again.

The last station on the course, station ten, was the moneymaker station. Another report pair: The first target came straight for you from the other side of a ravine. No problem: Powder every time. The report was a different story. The target was a right-to-left crosser, but followed the contour down the valley of the ravine. I took three shots at it with my little 28 gauge and whiffed three times. When my squad was finished, I took three more shots at it with a "real" gun and still came out with a big goose

egg. My Dad crushed it twice, but later admitted he used the better part of a box the previous week trying to figure it out!

Ron greeted us back at the clubhouse as we settled up our bill. Overall, there were some gimme's, some targets that made you think, and some I would classify as "Traveler Tough". My squad contained two experienced shooters, an occasional shooter and a first-timer. Everybody

came away with enough broken targets to be happy. The course will be expanded to 15 stations in the coming months to accommodate more 100-target-events. If you happen to find yourself at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in nearby Verona, don't miss the chance to shoot Vernon National.

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**Past issues of Reload!** are available online at [www.ctsca.org](http://www.ctsca.org)

**NSCA Representative:** Robert Schrager @ 203 531-6930 or [robert@schrager.org](mailto:robert@schrager.org).

### --- 2008 CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR ---

JULY 20	SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME – Orvis/Sandanona, Millbrook, NY
AUGUST 8, 9 & 10	LOBSTER CLASSIC – Addieville East Farm,
AUGUST 16	SATURDAY SHOOTOUT SERIES: Nutmeg Tuneup, Ye Olde Newgate Coon Club, Norfolk, CT
SEPT. 21	“SEPTEMBERSHUTZENFEST” Millbrook Rod & Gun Club, Millbrook, NY.
OCTOBER 3, 4, 5	FALL TOUR: Pocono Shootout (details on <a href="http://ctsca.org">ctsca.org</a> )
OCTOBER 19	SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association, Monroe, CT.
NOVEMBER 16	“SALUTE THE COLORS” Ye Olde Newgate Coon Club, Norfolk, CT.
DECEMBER 14	DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SHOOT, Mid County Rod & Gun Club, LaGrangeville, NY.

### --- OTHER 2008 SHOTS OF INTEREST ---

See calendar on [ctsca.org](http://ctsca.org)

### --- CLASSIFIED ADS ---

See listings on [ctsca.org](http://ctsca.org).

THE UPCOMING **CTTRAVELERS** MONTHLY SHOOT

***"Summertime, Summertime"***

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008  
ORVIS SANDANONA  
ROUTE 44A, MILLBROOK, NY  
[WWW.ORVIS.COM/SANDANONA](http://WWW.ORVIS.COM/SANDANONA)

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**REGISTRATION APPLICATION**  
YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE  
-- WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008 --

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND  
REGISTRATION OPENS AT 8:30 AM –  
SHOOTING STARTS AT 9:45 AM. \$70.00 ENTRY FEE. LUNCH  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT  
COPPERFIELDS RESTAURANT  
(RIGHT OUT OF SANDANONA'S DRIVEWAY TO ROUTE 44. TURN  
RIGHT, 1/2 MILE TO COPPERFIELD'S.)  
MAIL THIS FORM, AND YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO "CTSCA" TO:  
CTSCA  
16 DAVIS ROAD  
SEYMOUR, CT 06483

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

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**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SQUAD WITH:** \_\_\_\_\_

Concurrent selection, please check if qualified: Lady\_\_\_\_, Vet. 1 (55 – 69) \_\_\_\_, Vet. 2 (70 and older) \_\_\_\_ Junior (17 and younger) \_\_\_\_.

Reminder: Concurrent and handicap participation is the members' responsibility to note same on their score cards.

**DIRECTIONS:** Taconic Parkway North to NY Route 44 East exit. Turn right off ramp following Route 44. Continue to Route 44A on left. Turn left onto Route 44A and follow to club on left. 845 677-9701.



# Nutmeg Tuneup

**Saturday, August 16, 2008**

100 Targets in the woods

Hosted by the Ye Old Newgate Coon Club

This is the first in the Saturday Shootout Series. The Saturday Shootout Series format allows you to break some targets with your fellow Travelers, polish up your skills for the Connecticut State Shoot or get squaddled with somebody you've never shot with before. Be on the lookout for the newly instituted "Traveler Surprise". The entry fee includes targets only, no meals or awards at this shoot. Guests are welcome at a special reduced guest entry fee. NSCA target registration will be available.

Registration opens at 8:30 AM at the Sporting Clays pavilion followed by safety instructions and squadding at 9:45 for a 10:00AM shotgun start.

The Five Stand will be open for warm-up between 8:30AM and 9:45AM. Each paid round of five stand will qualify you for a random drawing of door-prizes. The more you shoot, the more you're entered to win!

**Member Entry Fee:** \$40

**Guest Entry Fee:** \$45

Register for this shoot by sending an email to Jeff Hunter at [jhunter@ctsca.org](mailto:jhunter@ctsca.org) or by calling (203) 858-6443. Registration deadline is Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at High Noon. Your entry fee is due the day of the shoot.

**Fundraiser:** The Scholastic Clay Target Program Parents will be selling hot dogs and refreshments at the conclusion of the shoot to raise money for the Coon Club's Youth programs. Your participation is completely optional, but who doesn't like a good hot dog?

**Directions:** From the junction of Rte. 84 and Rte. 8 in Waterbury, CT., take Rte. 8 North about 28 miles to Rte. 44 near Winsted, CT. Turn right onto Rte. 44 West. Continue 8.4 miles. At the Texaco station turn hard right onto Rte. 182. Go 0.6 miles on Rte. 182 to Coon Club on left.

**GPS:** 41.989663, -73.153775

**Phone:** (860) 738-3619

# THE CRUCIBLE

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME

310 HAMMERTOWN ROAD, MONROE, CT 06468 (FOR DIRECTIONS ONLY)  
DO NOT SEND CHECKS HERE

### SATURDAY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

SHOOTING STARTS AT 9:00am

THIS IS AN NSCA REGISTERED LEWIS CLASS FUN SHOOT,  
"WITH A CHALLENGE"

\$50 FOR 100 TARGETS & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 8:00 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 write dollar amount in the "Total" column next to each event entered.

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>COST</i>	
THE CRUCIBLE	\$50	_____
LEWIS	\$10	_____
TOTAL		

Please enclose Pd registration for each shooter on the squad.

**(i) Make all checks payable to "FCF& GPA"**  
***Send to: Dominic Uliano 34 Swamp Road,***  
***Newtown, CT. 06470***