



Reload!

The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers

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JOE MARESCA

The Connecticut Travelers and the Sporting World in general lost a pinnacle of true sportsmanship and generosity. Joseph Maresca was called to his maker while attending the Seminole Cup in Florida. Joe, a partner in Mid Hudson Sporting Grounds was very visible for years as a shooter and supporter of our great sport before engaging into the purchase of Mid Hudson. At this time we do not have information with regard to his services but they will be listed on ctsca.org as soon as we get them.

Many sad responses to our email blast from our members. Bruce Galotto remembers Joe:

I was informed Saturday afternoon that Joe Maresca passed away at the Seminole Cup this week. I was alone in our home and the news took awhile to truly sink in. Trying to rationalize the happenstances of life in terms that we can come to grip with usually provide a shelter for about 1 week. Then the void appears in all its sterility. Joe's leaving will leave a void that cannot and will not be filled. To say Joe was a character (that "was" is still difficult to get around) was to sell him short. Joe was more than a character. I had the privilege of knowing a Joe that I believe many didn't. Joe possessed a "street sense" of life and of business. Many had a difficult time in understanding Joe's point of view. Joe wanted the sport he loved to grow and he did everything he could to make that happen. Any kid that wanted to shoot but didn't have the means to do so just had to ask Joe. Few knew about this, but that was Joe's way. There is a certain class there that all the degrees or pedigreed can't buy.

I don't shoot much anymore. Life has a tendency to beat down one's enthusiasms and relegate them to

youthful exuberances. I do have my memories. I have won more than my share. The trophies are old and tarnished but the memories never need polish. They stand as radiant as when they were created. My memory of Joe Maresca will never need polish. It like Joe will be one of a kind. Joe was like that, a kind, giving man that we are all winners for having known. Somehow it seems fitting that this would occur at a shoot, guess I am trying to rationalize. Joe I will miss you, you were one of the best.

Bruce Galotto

2008 ANNUAL MEETING & FUN SHOOT

By Jeff Hunter

A hush fell over the room at Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds as the Benevolent Dictator, Al Anglace, called to order the 21st Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Travelers. First up on the agenda was the reading and approving of last year's meeting minutes. Luck would have it that last year's minutes were with Secretary Don Brenton vacationing in Florida. Nonetheless, Captain Donnie was recognized as the Sporting Sportsman of the Year for 2007 for his never ending passion for the sport and dedicated service to the club.

New members got a chance to introduce themselves and Al and Laura Schindler gave us a quick update on their web-based business, Classic Upland Supply Company (<http://www.classicusc.com>). Classic Upland Supply Company is a Hudson Valley business run by a family of shooters. They carry lots of wing shooting accessories, dog training gear, and are a dealer for RST Shotshells.

Speaking of Traveler businesses, Al announced Keith and Dean have breathed new life into his gun business and the doors are open at AAA Guns & Ammo. You can learn all about their business along with browsing their inventory at <http://www.aaagunsandammo.com>.

The nominating committee presented the current slate of officers for re-election to their current positions. The membership quickly approved.

The club has seen significant savings with the electronic publication of Reload! A vast majority of members receive Reload! via email and the internet. The savings will be passed on to the membership next year possibly through reduced membership fees or shoot fees. The Guidebook is a significant cost to the club and the membership will be asked next year to vote on publishing it exclusively on the website.

The Membership Committee Chairman, John Hachmann, thanked the membership for their timely registration and submitting the scorecards at the shoots. The Travelers in attendance showed their appreciation for John and the whole Hachmann clan with a round of applause for a job well done.

Bob Schrage gave us an update on the Spring trip, April 11th – 13th. The Crabs & Clays trip to the Eastern shore of Maryland will be very well attended. The initial block of 20 rooms was snapped up in the first few days and a second block of 10 rooms has also been reserved. There are a few rooms left in a third block, so if you're planning on going, act quickly. The itinerary can be found on the website in the calendar. The fall trip has not been decided, but may be in Pennsylvania.

The Website Chairman put us to sleep with lots of numbers and something about registering as a user at CTSCA.org. Those guys really need to get out more.

The 2008 calendar is still being formulated. Events will be announced as they are solidified, but some changes are in store this year in order to accommodate our host clubs. The HiDefSpex Great Eastern Lobster Classic will be August 7th through the 10th this year and is expected to be a packed field again.

Al reported on last year's policy of charging non-members an extra \$15 for each shoot. He hasn't had any complaints, so the policy stays in place.

As the membership greys, the Senior Vet class grows. A motion was brought to split the Senior Vet class into two separate classes; Senior Vet 1 and Senior Vet 2. The Senior Vet 1 cutoff would remain the same as the current Senior Vet class, but the Senior Vet 2 class would be for those members over 70.

The motion was seconded and the membership approved.

Fred Rosselein brought a motion to either award prizes two deep in the Senior Vet 1 and Senior Vet 2 classes or put John Lawlor in his own class. Being the inclusive group that we are, the motion was restricted to the former and seconded. The membership overwhelmingly approved the motion.

Traveler Robert Louis is the exclusive US distributor of the Arrow LaserShot and LaserFire shotgun training products. He gave us a demonstration of both products that are available from AAA Guns & Ammo. As a recovering car salesman, Al is negotiating with Robert for a special Traveler discount. All the details about both products are at <http://www.shotguncombogauge.com>.

The meeting was adjourned precisely at 11:00 in order to give the Village Grill time to set up a spread fit for a king. In a very generous fashion, Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds picked up the tab for the ravenous Travelers. Shortly after the chairs were pushed back from the feast, John Hachmann gathered the troops and sent us into the frigid New Paltz snow.

My squad started at station 5 and we were lured into thinking that “Fun Shoot” meant easy targets. On station 9 we learned that Master Target Setter, Peter Wicker, took his business very seriously. This station was a trap like target with a slight right curl and a quartering right to left standard. The quartering bird was launched from a platform about 12 feet off the ground and continued on its skyward flight.

The fun continued at 13 with a rocket-like target that launched from the ground on the shooter’s right and rose quickly to the left where you fired off a shot about 20 feet above your head. Station 13’s report was a high quartering standard about 35 yards out.

Station 14 was a true pair of a battaue and a black chandelle. The battaue was tricky because it only started to turn when it dipped behind a group of trees. The black chandelle was really a reverse standard with the back side showing.

If you haven’t been to Mid-Hudson in a while, you will be pleasantly surprised on your next visit. Peter never fails to set a challenging course, and the facilities have been significantly improved. There are several new shooting platforms as well as lots of elevated traps. There are more changes coming to New Paltz as well. A tremendous new club house and meeting facility will break ground this spring and hopefully be complete by the time the snow flies next year.

WEBSITE UPDATE

GETTIN’ THE PICTURE

By Jeff Hunter

You asked for it, you got it. Photophile Travelers can now share their work with the rest of the membership right on the website!

Only registered users can place their images on the website, but anybody can view them. Each image must be placed in a particular “gallery” or “collection” of pictures. Once the image is saved on the website, it will appear both in the gallery it was assigned and the main page.

To add a picture, first you need to login. From the navigation menu on the right (under your name), choose “Create Content”. The type of content you want to create is “Image”. Click on “Image” and you will be placed on a new page.

Type in a brief description of your picture in the “Title” box. Next, you choose which gallery you want to place your picture in. If a gallery has not been created for the your event, choose “User Gallery”. Now you choose the image on your local computer in the “Image:” field. If you want to add a longer description to your photo, you can enter it in the “Body” area.

Last but not least, when you are done entering all your information, choose the “Submit” button at

the very bottom of the page. This will save your image on the CTSCA.org website and place a “thumbnail” (smaller version) on the main CTSCA.org page.

Only post your appropriate images on CTSCA.org. This feature is meant to facilitate the sharing of personal images for the Traveler community. Advertising, copyrighted images, or off-topic images will be promptly removed.

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Past issues of Reload! are available online at www.ShotgunReport.com.

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— 2008 CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR —

MARCH 16 – “MARCH MADNESS” – **Orvis Sandanona**, Millbrook, NY.

APRIL 11, 12 & 13 – MARYLAND’S EASTERN SHORE TOUR – robert@schrager.org

APRIL 20 – “TAX TIME REVOLT” – Ten Mile Preserve, Dover Plains, NY.

MAY 18 – “MAY MINUET” – Ten Mile Preserve, Dover Plains, NY.

JUNE 22 – 2008 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – Mid Hudson Sporting Grounds, New Paltz, NY.

JULY 20 – “SUMMERTIME SUMMERTIME” – Orvis Sandanona, Millbrook, NY.

AUGUST 8, 9 & 10 – LOBSTER CLASSIC – Addieville East Farm, RI

***SEPT. 14** – “SEPTEMBERSHUTZENFEST” – Millbrook Rod & Gun Club, Millbrook, NY.

***OCTOBER FALL TOUR TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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,
LaGrangeville, NY.

*Date not verified by host.

NOTE: Advertising in our 2008 Guide Book is due and can be arranged through Al Anglace. Full Page cost is \$100.00. Our advertisers make it possible to produce this great book.

FOR SALE**CLASSIFIED ADS****WANTED**

For Sale – Parker DHE SXS 12 gauge – 30” BLS., imp. cyl. / light mod. fixed chokes. Double triggers, pistol grip. Addition of a third dog head factory option engraved on receiver to enhance original engraving. LOP 15” front and 14” rear trigger. Professional restoration completed by Larry DelGrego in 2006. \$4975.00. Contact Al Anglace 203 417-6295 or aaa738@aol.com or www.aaagunsandammo.com

For Sale – Beretta AL391 Teknys 20 gauge – 30” barrel, 5 Optima chokes, factory hard case, 2 recoil pads, LOP 14 1/2”, 7 lbs 2 oz.. \$1150.00. Contact Keith Anglace, 203 417-5424 or aaagunsandammo@aol.com.

For Sale – Beretta side by side Onyx 20 gauge – 26” brls., two screw in chokes ic/mod, LOP 14 1/2”, single selective trigger, raised rib and beaver tail forearm. Excellent condition, pictures on request. \$1825.00. Keith Anglace, 203 417-5424 or kaa111@aol.com or www.aaagunsandammo.com

For Sale – Golf Cart Conversions – Ready for any Sporting Course. Built to suit your needs. Keith Anglace, 203 417-5424 or kaa111@aol.com or aaagunsandammo.com.

For Sale – Browning Cynergy Sporting over/under – 12 gauge, 32” brls., beautiful wood. Like new. \$1750.00. Keith Anglace, 203 417-5424 or kaa111@aol.com or aaagunsandammo.com.

For Sale - Beretta Centennial “Limited Edition” #2 of 300 manufactured over/under – positively gorgeous -12 gauge 28” brls, Briley chokes w/4 gauge tube set. A must see. \$2950.00. Keith Anglace, 203 417-5424 or kaa111@aol.com or aaagunsandammo.com.

For Sale – Weatherby Athena Grade 111 o/u 20 gauge – 28” barrels, 2 3/4” and 3” chambers, single selective trigger, 5 chokes, LOP 13 7/8”, 7 lbs., engraved with gold inlays. Beautiful gun. \$1725.00. Contact Keith Anglace, 203 417-6295 or aaagunsandammo@aol.com.

For Sale – Ruger Red Label 12 gauge o/u New in the factory box, Serial #57 – Factory papers, LOP 14 1/4”. \$1150.00. Contact Keith Anglace, 203 417-5424 or aaagunsandammo@aol.com.

For Sale - Remington 3200 Competition over/under four brl. Set – 12, 20, 28 and 410 – all gauges have multiple Briley chokes, 28” brls., factory case. Beautiful! \$5350.00. Keith Anglace, 203 417-5424 or kaa111@aol.com or aaagunsandammo.com.

Traveler’s Logo Vests, Rain Shooting Coats, Cold Weather Shooting Coats, Shooting Aprons and Shooting Shirts. A few of each left. Al Anglace, 203 417-6295 or aaa738@aol.com.

THE UPCOMING **CTTRAVELERS** MONTHLY SHOOT

“MARCH MADNESS”

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008

ORVIS SANDANONA

ROUTE 44A, MILLBROOK, NY

WWW.ORVIS.COM/SANDANONA



REGISTRATION APPLICATION

**YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE
-- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 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.