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Celebrating Our 26th Year



March 2013

26th ANNUAL MEETING

Jeff Hunter

The Twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Connecticut Travelers Sporting Clays Association was the inaugural attempt at the “Shoot & Scoot” format. Jeff Maiorino had the Dover Furnace chefs whip up a scrumptious hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, potatoes, rolls, donuts, bagels, coffee, and assorted juices. As people gathered, they grabbed some breakfast and settled in for an interesting meeting. The gavel dropped precisely at 9:15 and the meeting was underway.

Club Vice President, Dean Anglace was flying over the great state of Texas when the meeting kicked off. His travel plans changed at the last minute and he handed over the reins to the other Club officers present; John Hachmann and Jeff Hunter.

The first order of business was to elect the Board of Directors and Club Officers. Long Time Board Member, John Lawlor, stepped down and we expressed our appreciation for all his years of service. This year’s Board of Directors has been slimmed down (well, in numbers) and includes Dean Anglace, Lans Christensen, John Hachmann, Jeff Hunter, David Miller, Andrew Perlman, and Dr. Joe Sproviero. Vice President Dean Anglace was promoted to President with John Hachmann remaining as Treasurer and Jeff Hunter as Secretary.

Club Membership was discussed by Membership Chairman, John Hachmann. While we had more members than last year, we also had a lot of members choose not to renew. The biggest growth in membership came in the Vet1 and Vet2 categories. In addition, a lot of venues we visit are going up in price. The club officers are concerned about these trends and are actively exploring ways to expand the membership in order to continue providing you



with the highest quality targets at a good value. We will be calling on our members to promote club membership to other shooters so we can expand our membership base.

We encourage you to peruse the [full meeting minutes](#).

The club business concluded at exactly 11:00 and we headed out to shoot 100 targets on the magnificent Dover Furnace course. While Dover Furnace held a registered shoot the day before, they hustled and changed up the course to present us with new targets.

The report pair on station eight started with left to right crossing target with a little curl to it. The ideal place to hit this bird was right where it transitioned from a snow background to the dark of the forest. This forced you to either take it early or late. If you shot it early, you were out of position for the report. The second bird was a slight quartering bird from right to left with the trap on the shooter's right side. Fun stuff!

The overwhelming theme on the course was "same, but different". On station 13, there were two incoming targets with a slight quartering angle moving from left to right. The first target came in low to the ground and appeared to be moving pretty good. The report also came in left to right, but rose some and then curled into the shooter. Both targets were shot in about the same place, but the first was a quick pull-away whereas the second was essentially aimed at right in your face.

Station 15 was directly in front of a 40 foot high rock wall. The targets were launched on the top of the embankment and was a true pair of right to left high birds. There was a point where the two targets crossed paths, and if you wanted to shoot the first one a little later you could get both with the same shot. While very tempting, George Calcagnini was the only one in our squad that successfully executed the move on his last pair.

Since this was a fun shoot, we didn't crown a champion or give out class awards. We would like to thank Dover Furnace Beretta Shooting Grounds for giving us an exceptional experience.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Jeff Hunter

A couple days ago, a gentleman from Upstate New York contacted me about a gun he just acquired. The gun was a Ruger Red Label and had the Connecticut Travelers Logo engraved on the bottom of the receiver and the words "Tom Ruger Memorial Shoot Off 1995 State of Connecticut Sporting Clays Championship " engraved on the side. He asked me if I knew anything about the gun. Thanks to Bruce Buck and Roland Leong, we have the archives of Reload from 1995 and later at <http://www.ctsca.org/node/1>. The following article by Phil Steinkraus summarized that day in June of 1995 perfectly:

TRAVELERS TIDBIT

If you are paying the day of the shoot, the entry fee is \$80. We put this measure in place at the Annual Meeting. We encourage you to register in advance to take advantage of the standard entry fee; \$75.

JOHN LAWLOR TOPS CT, TENNISON CT 2. DUFFY AND SCHNEIBLE HIGH OPEN

By Philip Steinkraus

The Connecticut State Championship and the Tom Ruger Memorial shoot-off were held at Bristol Fish and Game in Wolcott, CT on June 4. A field of 175 shooters attended the shoot which was held as both an open shoot, and a residents championship. The day started with considerable rain and wind, which hindered plans for an unsquaded, European start. Squads started to wander out onto the course at 10:30 -- an hour and a half after the prescribed start time and this put the entire day behind schedule.

The course consisted of 13 stations and perhaps this supernatural number had something to do with why so many shooters, and their scores, seemed to be under the weather. The course, sited in a densely wooded area, sported a canopy of vegetation that would make Ho Chi Minh jealous. This canopy let scattered amounts of light in creating a light-to-shadow effect that had a lot of shooters squinting and repeatedly cleaning their glasses.



Our Fearless Leader, Al Anglace designed the course and he served up a real doozie. Shooters had opportunities to miss every different type of target; from in your face skeet shots that were so easy you had to miss, to 40-50 yard trap shots, to one particularly difficult station which combined a 50 yard quartering 90 and a fast, diving 110. Some of us would probably have enjoyed more success at this station if we'd thrown our guns at these targets rather than shot at them.

Another particularly menacing sequence of targets were the stations 12 and 13 double whammy. Station 12 was a quartering battue augmented with a climbing 90, and the last 4 targets were true pairs of one 60 and one 90.

Station 13 was set on a levee. The station was on top and the targets were being thrown left to right, 10 feet below the floor of the box! It wasn't so much that these targets were difficult, but rather that this is a terribly awkward way to shoot.

The pre-mounted gun rule was in effect for this shoot and while I have no doubt the winners didn't need to utilize this, yours truly shot a total of 4 stations with a mounted gun. This is a good rule because helps reduce the shooters reliance on eyesight and quick reflex time. If this rule stays in effect, it will surely reduce the temptation for course designers to build stations with lightning-fast, eyesight-contest targets. The membership of Bristol Fish and Game is generous for allowing this state shoot to be run at their home club each year. We would like to thank the entire membership for a wonderful

time and special thanks is owed Bob Head and John Lewis, as well as all the member/volunteers who staffed the shoot.

When the cards came in and the day was finally over, it was clear Andy Duffy's excellent score of 87 would carry the day, and the HOA. Charles Schneible came in an 83 which was also untouchable for RU.

When all the numbers were tallied, it was shootoff time! Because this is both an open and state shoot, there are always an unusually high number of shootoffs. The second annual Tom Ruger Memorial shootoff was also run in addition to class shootoffs.

The late Tom Ruger was a great patron and early proponent of sporting clays in America and Ruger has sponsored a series of shoots around the country in his memory. The Connecticut State Shoot Tom Ruger Memorial Shootoff has all open and resident winners shoot pro-sport from the trap handicap marks on a skeet field.

It was Andy Duffy who emerged victorious from a particularly grueling shootoff with Charles Schneible, and took home the gold inlaid Ruger 20-Gauge over and under. That makes two championships in one day for Andy--there's a reason why he's the reigning NSCA national champion. RELOAD! sends warm congratulations to Andy on a truly superb performance! [The week after this, Andy won the Big Pig, shooting a 98 on the last day. The next week he won the Great Eastern. As of this writing, Andy is going out to the finals of the Jeep Classic. Any bets? - Ed.]

John Lawlor, with a score of 82, earned the dual distinction of being both AA1 Open and Connecticut State Champion. John was also the Tiger of the Tiny Tube, winning the .410 sub-gauge sporting the day before. Well shot, John.

In a shootoff that had everyone on the edge of their seats, Ginny Tennison, after already shooting a very competitive 78, cranked it up again and edged out Paul Gitsis for the Connecticut State Champion Runner-Up title. Congratulations to Ginny for her tenacity and poise in the heat of competition. She worked hard and earned this title.

Wow, what a great piece of history! It must have been quite a memorable day, because when I contacted Andy Duffy, he replied that he remembers the gun and every target in the shoot off. Further research revealed that Dave Baron of Baron Technology, Inc. had done the engraving on the Ruger.



FIND US ON FACEBOOK

The official CT Travelers Facebook page is at <http://www.facebook.com/ConnecticutTravelersSporting>. If you are on Facebook, you can drop by and "Like" us. Most of our

critical information will still be put on the website (<http://www.ctsca.org>), but we will post links on our Facebook page.

BOY SCOUT SHOOT

Nile Pullin

Please join us for the annual CT Long Rivers Council Boy Scout shoot (registered) at Dover Furnace on Friday, April 26th. This event helps some kids get to camp and other events, that could not go otherwise. It is also an opportunity to pick up 100 registered targets in the first part of the year on a weekday. See flyer at the end of Reload! for early bird discount. There are contact phone numbers and emails on the flyer or feel free to contact me with any questions (nilepullin@yahoo.com). As always, any donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.

SPRING TRIP

Bob Schragger

I know that some of you are still digging out from the last snow-and some more snow flakes are predicted for this weekend. But take heart. Spring is on the way. Spring training has started and the clocks Spring ahead in just a couple of weeks.

And, believe it or not, the best harbinger of Spring, the Connecticut Travelers' annual Spring Trip is fast approaching. In six short weeks we'll be shooting on the Eastern Shore.

Our Spring 2013 trip, Chesapeake Clays, will see the Connecticut Travelers travel to Maryland on April 5-7, 2013.

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, all-automatic now, three five-stand presentations and a wobble trap will entertain us. We've always had a great time there. Lunch is available in the clubhouse if you want-mark the reservation form.

Sunday morning, we stop off on the drive home at Hopkins Game Farm, Kennedyville, Maryland. <http://www.hopkinshunting-clays.com> Past host of the U.S. Open and this year's host of the Northeast Regional, Hopkins, one of the premier clays courses in the country, offers 28 automated stations that throw over water, woods and field. Everyone will have a good send-off for the drive.

Dinner on Friday will be the overloaded buffet at Harris's Crab House, Kent Narrows, MD, an institution of the Eastern Shore. Carved beef, crab imperial and all the rest of that good stuff await you. Saturday night we walk across the street for a sit down dinner at the Fisherman's Inn, Grasonville, MD. Select your entrée (crab cakes, prime rib or Chicken cordon bleu) on the attached reservation. 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 (until March 4) 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 (plus tax)(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.

The reservation form is attached. I must have your reservation in my hands by March 28 so I can tell the restaurants how many are attending.

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

And until then, stay warm.



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TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

The dates below are tentative, please check the most current Reload! for confirmation.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shoot Name</u>	<u>Venue</u>
March 17	The Original March Madness	Orvis Sandanona
April 5-7	Spring Trip	Maryland
TBD	Travelers FITASCTIC	Mid-Hudson
April 21	Tax Time Revolt	Ten Mile River Preserve
May 19	May Minuet	Lehigh Valley SC
June 16	Albert Anglace Memorial Championships	Mashomack
July 21	Simo Sunday	Orvis Sandanona
August 18	Doverpalooza	Dover Furnace
September 15	Small Gauge Championships	Ten Mile River Preserve
October 20	Octobershutzenfest	FCFGPA
November 10	Islanders vs. Mainlanders	Suffolk T&S
December 15	Dick Losee Memorial & Xmas Party	Mid-County

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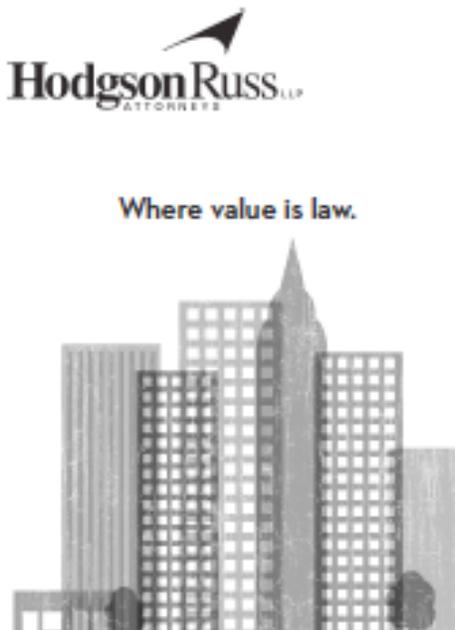


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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

The Original March Madness Often imitated, never duplicated!

Sunday, March 17, 2013

Orvis Sandanona
Millbrook, New York

DIRECTIONS: Taconic Parkway North to NY Rte. 44 East exit. Turn right off ramp and follow Rte. 44 to Rte. 44A on left. Turn left onto 44A and continue to club driveway on the left. (845) 677-9701

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Your application must be received on or before
Wednesday, March 13, 2012.

Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM.
A luncheon will be served following the shoot at

Copperfield's Resturant

(Right Turn out of O/S to Rte. 44. Right turn onto 44, 1.5 miles to Copperfield's)

CTSCA Members \$75 (Day of shoot \$80); Lunch Only \$15; Guests \$90.

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:

CTSCA, c/o John Hachmann, 35 Columbine Lane, Kings Park, NY 11754

	Name <i>List names being paid with the enclosed check.</i>	Junior <i>Circle One</i>		Lady	Vet1	Vet2	Guest	Unable to attend lunch
You		12	20					
2		12	20					
3		12	20					
4		12	20					
5		12	20					

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>.



The CT Travelers Sporting Clays Association Guidebook committee is collecting advertisements for our 2013 book.

A full page advertisement in the Membership Directory is only \$100.00

The 2013 CTSCA membership directory will be printed in February and distributed in March of 2013.

Without the support of our members & advertisers, printing of this book will not be possible! Please support your club with an ad.

Please e-mail your advertisement in .PDF format to: johnhachmann@yahoo.com

Checks can be snail-mailed to:
CTSCA
c/o John Hachmann
35 Columbine Lane, Kings Park, NY 11754

Please include a printed copy of your advertisement with your check. Make all checks payable to... CTSCA

Your pre-designed ad will be printed in "Black & White" and should measure approximately 3" in width x 5" in height.

Don't be bashful, ask your employer to purchase an ad also.



CTSCA Spring Trip 2013 Chesapeake Clays



You can participate in any or every part of the weekend. Designate your activities below.
All Shooting costs and cart rental charges will be paid by you
directly to the range on the day of the shoot.

Friday, April 5 12.30 pm

Pintail Point, 511 Pintail Point Lane, Queenstown, Maryland 21658 (410.827.7029)
100 Sporting Clays

Saturday, April 6 9.30 am

Schrader's Bridgetown Manor, 16090 Oakland Rd, Henderson, MD 21640 (410.758.1824)
100 Sporting Clays
Lunch Break
100 Sporting Clays

Sunday, April 7 10.00 am

Hopkins Game Farm, 13003 Turners Creek Rd, Kennedyville MD 21645 (410.348.5287)
100 Sporting Clays

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN CART RESERVATIONS

Questions: Bob Schrager, Robert@Schrager.org or (if you must) 203.531.6930

Please complete reservation below and mail to be received by March 28, 2013 to
Robert Schrager, 1540 Broadway, 24th FL, New York, NY 10036

Spring 2013 Shooting Reservations

NAME(s) _____

SHOOTERS:

Friday, April 5 12.30 pm
Pintail Point 100 Sporting Clays

Number _____

Saturday, April 6 9.30 am
Schrader's Bridgetown Manor
100 Sporting Clays AM

Number _____

100 Sporting Clays PM

Number _____

Sunday, April 7 10:00 am
Hopkins Game Farm 100 Sporting Clays

Number _____



CTSCA Spring Trip 2013

Chesapeake Clays



Friday, April 5, Saturday April 6 and Sunday April 7, 2013

Friday, April 5—

12.30 PM: **Pintail Point**, Queenstown, Maryland

7:00PM: Dinner: **Harris Crab House**, Grasonville, MD

Saturday, April 6—

9:30 AM: **Schrader's Bridgetown Manor**, Henderson, MD
Lunch at **Shraders** (optional)

7.00 PM: Dinner: **Fisherman's Inn**

Sunday, April 15—

10:00 AM: **Hopkins Game Farm**, Kennedyville, MD

Accommodations: Best Western Kent Narrows Inn, 3101 Main Street, Grasonville MD 21638 (410.827.6767). Rooms reserved in the name of Ct. Travelers at a reduced rate of \$79.00 per night. Available (by calling direct) on a first come, first served basis. Rooms will be held until March 4, 2013.

Mail to Robert Schrager, 1540 Broadway, 24th FL, New York, NY 10036
—Your Reservations must be received by March 28, 2013—



Meal Reservation Form

Restaurant Reservations **MUST** be Pre-Paid with this Form
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CTSCA

Name: _____ Name _____

Email _____

Friday Eve: Harris Crab House – \$49.00 per person X _____ = \$ _____
Dinner Buffet

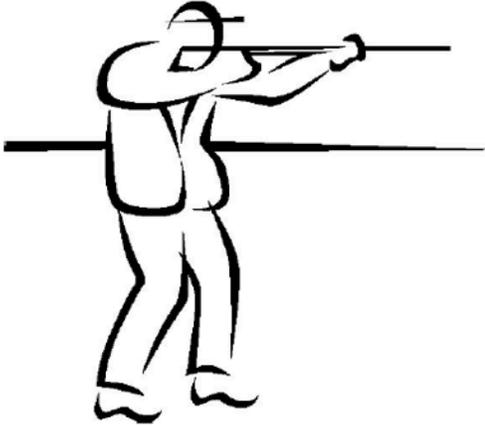
Saturday Lunch: Schrader's – \$15.00 per person X _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Eve: Fisherman's Inn – \$50.00 per person X _____ = \$ _____
Select from the following:

____Crab Cakes ____Prime Rib ____Chicken Cordon Bleu

Total due with Reservation: \$ _____

Join us for the Annual Sporting Clay Shoot for Scouting



Course of Events
8:00-9:00 a.m.
Registration & Breakfast
9:00-9:15 a.m.
Mandatory Orientation
9:30 a.m.
Competition
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Luncheon, Awards & Raffle

April 26th 2013

All participants receive breakfast, lunch, raffle, awards & prize competition. All Shooters will need to bring your own shotgun and ammo. Golf cart & gun rentals are available; please contact us if you need either. Limited amounts of ammo will be available for a fee. Eye and ear protection is mandatory.

Competition Format:
100 Traditional Targets
Modified Lewis Class System
Register Targets Available

Sponsorship Levels Include:

Tournament	\$2,500	2 teams of four shooters, signage at event & sponsorship recognition.
Luncheon	\$1,000	1 team of four shooters, signage at event & recognition at the Luncheon.
Breakfast	\$750	1 team of four shooters, signage at event & recognition at the Breakfast.
Corporate Teams	\$600	1 team of four shooters & a station sponsorship.
Station	\$150	Signage at one of the stations. (does not include shooter)
Individual Shooter	\$150	Lock in last year's rate of \$125 if registered by April 1st!

You may register on line at www.ctrivers.org/mbtclayshoot or use registration form below.

- A benefit shoot to support the Scouting programs in Connecticut.
- Supporting the Connecticut Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America's 28,000 youth members!
- Includes breakfast, lunch and beverages. Also lots of awards, prizes, raffles. Plus lots of fun...Scout's Honor!
- A premier event for corporate teams and individual shooters, from novice to expert.

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Phone: _____	Fax: _____ Email: _____
Sponsor Level: _____	Fee: \$ _____
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