



# Reload!

*The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers*

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**MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER**  
**CELEBRATING OUR 24th YEAR**  
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The next Travelers Monthly Shoot is "May Minuet" on May 15<sup>th</sup>.  
The Fall Trip is September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **THE TAXMAN COMMETH**

Jeff Hunter

I don't know why, but I just love shooting at Ten Mile River Preserve. Maybe it's because I only get to shoot there a couple times a year. Or maybe it's because the folks at "Ten Mile River" always pull out all the stops to welcome the Travelers. Historically this has been one of our more popular shoots, and this year was no exception. One-hundred-three Travelers and their guests showed up on April 17<sup>th</sup> to shoot the "Tax Time Revolt".

Al's "right-hand man", John Hachmann, was directing the festivities as el Presidente was feeling under the weather. John is a very punctual person and dispatched the troops at 9:45 on the dot. Andrew Perlman and I learned the hard way that "Travelers 9:45" doesn't mean 10:00 any more as we sauntered up when half the squads were heading to their stations!

I have shot at Ten Mile River Preserve maybe 10 times in the last 4 years. In all those times, I have only shot "The Gorge" at station 14 one time. This station overlooks a magnificent waterfall that is at least six stories tall and 40 yards wide. The first target on this station was a quartering away chandelle that started over your left shoulder, arched as it came into view, and then rocketed down six stories to the bottom of the gorge. Station 14's report was an incoming bird from the other side of the ravine that came in below your feet. Great targets if you understood what they were doing.

The Ten Mile River signature station six was set up with three pairs from four different traps. They managed to throw a left to right bunny, a left to right crosser from a platform, an overhead bird from a crane behind you, and a high incomer in three different pairs. Fun, but exhausting.

Another station that we don't see in action too much was "Stonehenge" at station nine. As you step up to the box, you are presented with about a dozen artfully placed rock outcroppings. The targets were not as beautiful as we had a pair of black standards on report. The first bird was a left to right quartering away target that followed the slope of a hill. It's report was a nice feel-good target that was a high incomer that showed belly for a long time as it was slowing down.



*Infamous Station 6*

Everyone was happy as they descended the hill to partake in a scrumptious meal prepared by the TMRP chefs. Perhaps none were as happy as Christian Suter who hit every target save for four and went home with the HOA at 96. In true gentlemanly fashion he donated his winnings back to the juniors program as did several other generous souls.

### **Travelers Tidbit**

**Has your NSCA class recently changed? Make sure you let Bob Schrager ([Robert@schrager.org](mailto:Robert@schrager.org)) know! Also, check when you register your targets to make sure your class is correct.**

We head up the road on May 15<sup>th</sup> to Mashomack Preserve in Pine Plains. This is the one and only stop at Mashomack this year so make sure your entry forms are in early. Usually this shoot is in direct competition with the Masters Cup at M&M, but the US Open scheduling pushed that competition back a week. This could be your last tune-up for the US Open if you on your way to M&M.

Complete results on [ctsca.org](http://ctsca.org).

### **SPRING TRIP TO MARYLAND**

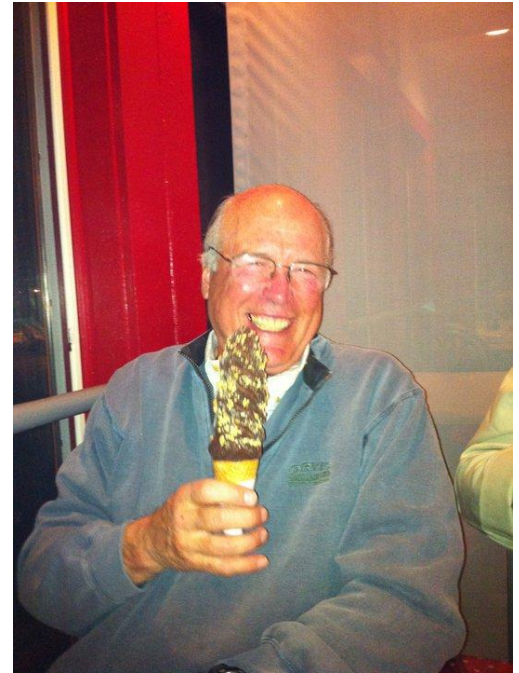
Carol & Fred Roesslein

Fred & I started out on Friday morning to Pintail Point in the rain. It didn't look too promising but the rain stopped when we hit Middletown, Delaware. It was like déjà vu; whenever we start out in the rain it manages to stop in Middletown. When we arrived at Pintail Point it was quite windy, but no rain. There was a contingent of Connecticut Travelers and Keystone Ramblers making their way out to the course. Unfortunately, the rain started half way through and we didn't finish shooting. George Parsons wanted to shoot our 50+ remaining targets, but we prevailed on him to quit and come in with us. Some braved the rain and wind and finished. Pintail offers 22 stations, wobble trap and five stand. The course has a nice mix of reports, simos, and tower stations. It is a really beautiful club and it was unfortunate the weather didn't cooperate.

Friday night dinner and cocktails were at Harris Crab House. Fred & I didn't join in the festivities that night but from the pictures posted and comments from those that did, a great time was had by all!

Saturday morning we went to Schrader's Bridgetown Manor in Henderson, Maryland. Schrader's offers 22 stations and a five stand with varying degrees of difficulty. Not one to brag, but I beat Dick Mann, Fred and Paul Ragusa with a 20 on level six! Schrader's also offers wobble trap. The grounds at Schrader's can be tailored to challenge the most expert shooter or the beginner. After shooting in the morning, the Schrader's staff had a wonderful lunch of sloppy joe's, hamburgers, hot dogs with sides of salad.

With a heavy stomach we made our way out on the course to try our luck again. Luck/Skill was with Gwyn and me; I beat Fred and Gwyn beat Bob! Hooray for the women! The weather was with us and the sun shined and temperatures rose. Gwyn was able to show off the beautiful new vest Bob had made for her for X-Mas. It was very colorful with butterflies and frogs. Nice job Bob. Most men wouldn't know where to begin, let alone pick out the material and have it made for a woman.



*Dick Mann seeking comfort food after his crushing defeat.*

Saturday Night dinner and cocktails was also at Harris' Crab House. They put on a fantastic buffet with crab imperial (which is to die for), a carving station, fish, chicken and side dishes to go along with it. Saturday Night wouldn't be complete without Carlos singing for everyone. This year Carlos started us with Happy Birthday to Tom Gravina of the Keystone Ramblers. Tom also donated two gift certificates to Seven Springs Sporting Clays in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Fred and I were one of the lucky recipients. The highlight of the evening was Carlos serenading Bob and Gwyn who have recently gotten engaged. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the both of them; they are truly a great couple! Bob and Gwyn said they want to make Ginger (their new dog) legitimate. John & Judy Steenbock also were recognized for traveling the furthest; Knoxville, Tennessee. Our el Presidente, Al Anglace, presided over the festivities, announcements, and the usual thousands of dollars worth of prizes (something for everyone). We were glad Al could make the trip and appreciate all he does for the Travelers! After dessert it was time to head back to the hotel and dream about the targets hit or missed for the day. A Good time was had by all.



*President Al Anglace breaking a pair*

Sunday Morning we shot at Hopkins Game Farm in Kenndyville, Maryland. We hadn't shot here for a while and it was a great venue to get back to. The Keystone Rambler contingent went to Prince George's Trap and Skeet outside of Washington

as it was on their way home. Hopkins offers 28 automated stations that are thrown over water, woods and fields. They also have the use of 9 different high and low towers. Congratulations go out to Gwyn who shot in the 70's for the first time.

This year's spring trip only had half the turnout, 36 people, as previous years. Could be the economy or M & M had their Seafood Blast the same weekend. Fred and I haven't missed a spring or fall trip yet. As far as we are concerned the trips are part of what being in the Travelers is all about. Shooting with familiar faces and meeting new friends, regardless of your shooting ability.

A special thanks to Bob Schragger and Gwyn Grant for all their hard work in making these trips possible. It is much appreciated by all who attended.

Our fall trip will be Sept. 23, 24 & 25th-Rock Mountain, Thunder Ridge and Catskill Pheasantry. I'm sure before long Bob will let us know the details.

If at all possible, please try to be a part of the camaraderie.

### **FITASC: FACT OR FICTION**

Jeff Hunter

I have always wanted to try FITASC, but was afraid I would look like a fool the first time out due to all the rules. Let's face it, who wants to pay a dollar a bird to look silly? "Fairfield's Annual FITASC" on Good Friday gave me the opportunity to explore FITASC in somewhat familiar surroundings. As a first-timer, here are some things I learned that first day:

**Myth #1:** There are a lot of rules - *FACT*

Yes, there are a lot of rules. As I waded my way through the shooters gathered for coffee before the shoot, I got all sorts of advice.

"There's not a lot of rules, it's just like regular sporting" was Steve Monti's advice, "just don't move your gun before you see the target."

"The most important thing to remember is to shoot low-gun" was Dave Tarducci's advice.

"Did you bring a collared shirt?" came from Rusty Theus.

Ed Davies suggested that it is very important that you keep your feet in the hoop. "And don't let either of your feet touch the hoop! And don't shoot after a 'no bird' is called."



Everybody had a different piece of advice that was "the only thing I needed to know".

**Myth #2:** The targets are harder than regular sporting - *FICTION*

Is FITASC different than regular sporting? Yes. Are the targets more difficult? No. Every target is different just like in regular sporting. The difference in FITASC is you don't get the opportunity to correct yourself on the second pair. You see a target and you get one opportunity to shoot it. As my squad-mate, Dean Anglace, said "You get two shots at every single, how hard can it be?"

**Myth #3:** New people are not welcomed - *FICTION*

The same people you shoot with on Sunday are the people that shoot FITASC. You know most of them already; this is just another opportunity to meet a shooting partner. Let your squad-mates and the referees know that this is your first time and you will be fine. You will get lots of advice your first time out (see Myth #1).

**Myth #4:** This is a game for experts - *FICTION*

I'm not an expert by any stretch of the imagination and I had fun. FITASC is a little more mentally challenging than regular sporting because you see 100 different presentations and you have to figure out every single one.

**Myth #5:** You'll look like a doofus - *FACT/FICTION*

I'm 6'8", I always look like a doofus. Who cares? Let's go have some fun!

**Myth #6:** There is a lot of waiting around - *FACT*

In my limited experience, it takes about twice as long to shoot 100 FITASC targets as it does regular sporting. Quite frankly, I wouldn't want to shoot any more targets that day anyway because it was mentally exhausting.

**Myth #7:** You have to know French to call for the target - *FICTION*

No, a regular old "PUUULLLLL" will suffice.

I am glad I tried FITASC. You will probably see me shooting it again when the opportunity presents itself. Maybe we can squad together; I have some advice to make it easier for you...

## **CORRECTION**

We failed to extend our congratulations to Ted Burke for making the Connecticut State Team in AA Class. Congratulations Ted!

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2011 TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

MAY 15	MAY MINUET (Mashomack Preserve)
JUNE 19	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds)
JULY 17	SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME (Orvis Sandanona)
AUGUST	GREAT EASTERN LOBSTER CLASSIC (Addieville East Farm)
SEPTEMBER 18	SEPTEMBERSHUTZENFEST (Ten Mile River Preserve)
OCTOBER 16	SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (FCFGPA)
NOVEMBER 20	SALUTE THE COLORS/ISLANDERS vs. MAINLANDERS (LI)
DECEMBER 18	DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (Mid County)

**FOR SALE CLASSIFIED ADS WANTED**  
See listings at [ctsca.org](http://ctsca.org)

"100% percent of shots not taken don't go in."

*Wayne Gretzky*

The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

**“MAY MINUET”  
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011  
MASHOMACK PRESERVE  
7435 ROUTE 82  
PINE PLAINS, NEW YORK**

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**DIRECTIONS:** Taconic Pkwy. North to NY Rte. 44 East, Millbrook exit. Turn right off ramp and follow Rte. 44 ¾ mile to Rte. 82. Turn left onto Rt. 82 and proceed approx. 14 miles , passing through the town of Stanfordsville. Look for a sign post on the left with the green private road sign “Daniel’s Way”. The club’s entrance is one mile past this sign on left. It is a gravel driveway with the number 7435. 518 398-5161.

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**REGISTRATION APPLICATION  
YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011.**

**Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30 AM.  
A luncheon will be served following the shoot at  
COPPERFIELD’S RESTAURANT  
(RT. 44, MILLBROOK)**

**\$70.00 entry fee for Members and \$85.00 for Guests.  
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 YOUR NAME AND THOSE THAT ARE BEING  
PAID WITH THE ENCLOSED CHECK ONLY:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

If possible, please squad me with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your application must be received by the required date for preferred squading.**

**YOU MUST BE AN NRA MEMBER TO MEET THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENT  
OF CTSCA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011!**

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**SUNDAY MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

**WE ARE HAVING A NSCA REGISTERED FUN SHOOT  
STARTING AT 10:00AM**

**\$ 50 for 100 TARGETS**

**PART OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS SHOOT WILL BE  
EARMARKED FOR LAND MANAGEMENT**

**Lunch will be available**

**PRE- REGISTRATION APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED AT THIS SHOOT**

**For your Navigator: 310 Hammertown Rd Monroe CT. 06468**

----- CUT HERE AND ENCLOSE THE BOTTOM PORTION -----

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NSCA# \_\_\_\_\_ CL \_\_\_\_\_ CONC \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE SQUAD ME WITH:

1. \_\_ Yourself \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT COST \$50.00 per shooter**

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

**Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_**

*Land Management Shoot*

**Coon Club Clays  
Route 182 (Colebrook Rd)  
Norfolk, CT  
Presents  
"Big Bird Blast"**

**Date: Sunday June 5, 2011**

**200 Sporting Clays Targets, 24 presentations over 16 stations.**

**A NSCA Registered Event. Shoot # 532412. Also open to all shooters.**

5 shooters per squad, limited to the first 40 guns.

Course opens @ 9:30 AM. Squaded start.

This is a **"Reservation Only"** shoot, Sorry no walk-in's...

Cost will be \$ 80.00 per shooter (includes Targets, & Trappers Tip)

Attention ATV user's you can park your vehicle and trailer by stations 8, 9, &10 until that space is full. First come first served. Remember do not block bar-ways or any roads.

**Registration deadline is May 31, 2011.** For more information contact Joe Gimelli @ (860) 605-4725 or email: coonclubclays@earthlink.net

Return Bottom Portion

**Reservation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Coon Club Clays**

**Mail to: Joe Gimelli 34 Mary Dr. New Hartford, CT 06057**

Please register me for (\_\_\_\_) entries @ \$80.00 each

Squad me with 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_

NSCA # \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

