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May 2012

DOVER PLAINS RAINS

Jeff Hunter

There used to be a television show called "The A-Team" in which a band of dishonorably discharged commandos carried out cartoonish mercenary-style missions each week. Just when it looked like this week's mission was going to fail, Lt. Colonel Hannibal Smith would inevitably say "I love it when a plan comes together!" and miraculously their fortunes would turn around, they beat the bad guys, and all was right with the world.

The week preceding "Tax Time Revolt" brought calls for torrential downpours in Dover Plains, New York. The weathermen were pretty consistent in their predictions calling for rain Saturday night through Monday morning. John Hachmann called me on Wednesday morning reporting that we had about 10 cancellations that day. That trend would continue through Friday when we lost about 30 people due to the impending nasty weather. The packed sporting clays calendar didn't leave us much room to switch the date, so we forged ahead.

Sometime between Saturday night and Sunday morning, the forecast changed. The rain was supposed to hold off until Noon and we might just get some shooting in without getting rained on. The 83 guns that did show up to Ten Mile River Preserve on April 22nd for "Tax Time Revolt" were treated to one of the area's premier sporting clays facilities with perfect weather, albeit chilly, for all but the last 10 minutes. I love it when a plan comes together!

Ten Mile River Preserve had fifteen stations where we tested our skills against target setter Tommy Comolli. All the targets were definitely fair, but fair is not a synonym for easy. Station two was four true pair of a rising trap style bird and a close teal. The targets could have been shot in either order, but most people attempted the trap bird first and then tried to break the teal on it's descent. While we can get excited about chandelles, teals, and rabbits, this station emphasized fundamentals of trap and skeet still are the bulk the sporting clays game.

Station seven was equally difficult, but instead of distance the target setter beat us by lack of speed with a little help from the wind. The shooting platform looked out over the breathtaking view of the Harlem Valley. Off to the left were two machines that were launching a high crossing bird followed by a low bird towards the shooter on report. Both targets had very little spring and the wind power caused them to divert from their flight line. What appeared to be a simple presentation turned out to be a lot of misses in front.

"Stonehenge", aptly named for the rock structures precisely placed on a hillside, was another interesting station. A true pair was launched from the shooters left and climbed up the hill behind the well placed rocks. The lower target quartered away about five feet above the ground all the way up the hill until it ran out of steam and plopped to the earth below. A higher bird was also quartering but much higher off the ground. The interesting use of terrain on the first bird kept a couple of us guessing what the target was really doing.

My squad was just finishing up our last station when the sprinkles started. The last shooter stepped out of the box and we headed down the mountain for food and a warm fireplace. The rain picked up strength and in about 15 minutes everybody was done and getting ready for lunch. Vice-President Dean Anglace raffled off some gift baskets during lunch to raise some money for the Junior Jamboree in September. A world class lunch was prepared by the Ten Mile River Preserve staff as master Statistician John Hachmann compiled the results.

We had a fairly good representation of the classes at "Tax Time Revolt"; even Class 6 was competitive with a total of three shooters! Lots of awards were decided by tie-breaker stations except for HOA where Christian Suter bested the field by a full seven targets with an impressive 95. Christian is on a winning streak having just brought home a win from the "Big Seafood Blast" at M&M the previous week. Congratulations Christian on a very successful week!

Our next outing will be "May Minuet" on May 20th at Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds.

Complete results at <http://www.ctsca.org/node/1677>

Name	Award	Score
Suter, Christian	HOA	95
Anderson, Kurt	CL1 CH	88
Steinkraus, Eric	CL1 RU	87
Comiotes, Jim	CL2 CH	87
Anglace, Dean	CL2 RU	86
LaCavalla, Carl	CL3 CH	76
Monti, Steve	CL3 RU	76
Hutchinson, Don	CL4 CH	77
Schrager, Bob	CL4 RU	77
Satenstein, Kyle	CL5 CH	67
Dinneen, John	CL5 RU	62
Kutschera, Chris	CL6 CH	52
Kutschera, Matt	CL6 RU	46
Kline, Jim	VET1 CH	84
Kirylak, Andrej	VET1 RU	80
Zavada, Ron	VET2 CH	68
Russello, Dom	VET2 RU	67
Steinkraus, Stefanie	LADY CH	77
Hachmann, Kristen	LADY RU	73
Satenstein, Cody	JR CH	52
Onuma, Jeremy	JR RU	38
Anglace, Andrew	JR 3RD	28
Guerner, Keith	JR 4TH	28
Stodolski, Peter	GST CH	76

SHOOT LOGISTICS

There are a couple changes to this month's Shoot Entry Form. If you furnish a contact number, we will know where to contact you in case there are any last minute shoot changes. In addition, if you are registering a Junior shooter, please choose whether the Junior shoots 12 gauge or 20 gauge ammo. This will help us prepare for the day's events.

If you have sent in your entry form and have to cancel at the last minute, please let John Hachmann know by the close of business on Thursday. We commit to a certain number of guns for Sunday's shoot on Friday morning. Once we let our hosts know how many people are coming, that's the number we're paying for.

We are committed to getting each monthly shoot off at 9:45. Please check in at the scorers table so we know you are there and that you have your squad number. We will not be delaying the shoot until everyone gets there.

If you don't stay for lunch and win an award, it will go to somebody else. In addition, don't ask John in April for something you won last October. We will not be schlepping awards back and forth to every shoot. When the award is ammunition, any forfeited awards will be picked up by Steve Monti and be allocated to the Junior Jamboree Day. This is a little different than in the past where the Juniors in attendance split any forfeited ammo.

SHOOT & SCOOT

May brings a new shoot format to the Connecticut Travelers! "May Minuet" will be our first Shoot & ScootSM style shoot. In a Shoot & Scoot, we forgo the continental breakfast and have a full sit-down breakfast before the shoot. Breakfast will open at 8:45 and continue until 9:45 at which time we assemble for our normal welcome, announcements, safety, and a shotgun start as close to 10:00 as possible. When you are done shooting, you can either pack your gear or stay and shoot some more at Mid-Hudson's normal rates. Lunch will NOT be served. If you win your class you will be mailed an award. When the shoot is over, we want your feedback of what you thought of the Shoot & Scoot format.

SM *Andrew Perlman, 2012.*

SPRING TRIP TO MARYLAND

Carol & Fred Roeslein

Fred and I left for the spring trip on Thursday along with John & Olive Lawlor and Bob Burgess. We had made plans to meet and shoot at Hopkins in Kenndyville, Maryland on the way down. We also ran into George Parsons who had left on Wednesday and shot M & M. We look forward to the spring trip each year as it means to us that good weather is right around the corner. Although this winter it seemed that you never had to look far to find good weather.

Hopkins features targets for the expert or novice shooter. There are 28 stations that throw clays over water, fields and woods. They also have the use of 9 different high and low towers. It was a great way to start our trip.

Friday was the official start to the spring trip at Pintail Point in Queenstown, Maryland. Pintail Point is fully automated now. There are 22 diverse shooting stations and all presentations can be modified to accommodate all shooting skill levels. It was windy which made for some interesting targets.

We shot sporting in the morning and then wobble and 5 stand in the afternoon. The weekend “officially” began at noon but some people were there in the morning to get an early start. Bob and Gwyn with Ginger and Doodles (they were babysitting Doodles for the weekend) were there to greet us as we arrived.

Friday nights festivities were at Harris Crab House. We had a wonderful buffet with crab imperial, chicken, shrimp, fish and a carving station.

Saturday’s shooting venue was Owens Station, Greenwood, Delaware. If you ever go to Owens Station make sure you obey the speed limits posted going into Greenwood. Olive Lawlor and Bob Chrostowski both got speeding tickets. We were lucky Olive was in the front of us and saw the cop pull out. Olive’s ticket cost her \$191 and Bob’s was “only” \$145. Hank Drapou also got a ticket on the trip but on the highway by the hotel. Oh they love those “out of state plates.” Unfortunately the trip cost them a little more than expected!



Owens offers 30+ stations in a circle where you can practice a number of presentations. They also have a 5 stand overlooking water. It was a little challenging as you couldn’t see all the trap numbers and where they were coming from. The trapper told us 8 or 9 for the first time was a good score. Of course John Lawlor got in the high teens. Chuck, who managed Owens, always does a good job and goes out of his way to make us feel welcome. We had a wonderful lunch of pulled pork, baked beans and salads. We did discover that the trick to

making things go even more smoother is to get people squadded the day before. Joan Rinaldi wanted me to mention how wonderful their trapper was, unfortunately I didn’t remember his name. Our trapper, Kurt, and all the rest, also did outstanding jobs.

Saturday night's dinner was at Fisherman's Inn right across from the hotel (I think Bob did this so Carlos wouldn't get lost). Forty plus people dined on prime rib, crab cakes and chicken. Tom Gravina from the Keystone Ramblers introduced Jason Miller, Director at Nemaocolin, Pennsylvania. Jason reminded everyone that CTSCA members can take advantage of the Keystone Ramblers membership which provides a discount for shooting, accommodations and clothing. A number of people already have taken advantage of this offer including Fred and myself. Nemaocolin is a wonderful venue. Tom also introduced Wes, the new manager of Schraders, (he used to work at Pintail) . Wes said that Schraders is upgrading their already excellent venue. Among other changes, they will be going automatic over the next few months.

Saturday night festivities wouldn't be complete without Carlos Chapparo singing for us. He sang Happy to Birthday to Hank Drapou and Red who was with the Keystone contingent (sorry I didn't get her name). After which he sang a beautiful rendition of "Will you still love me tomorrow" and he received a resounding applause. You could see from the look on Carmen's face that she was so proud of him.

Bob Schrager made a toast both nights. Bob explained that the British have a tradition of toasting their monarch after dinner. He proposed therefore to start a new Travelers' tradition—a toast to our El Supremo, who was very much missed. . Therefore we toasted our Monarch, Al Anglace! Everyone received a silver water bottle with the Travelers 25th anniversary logo, compliments of Al. It was a wonderful way to end the evening.



Sunday we were off for the final leg of our trip, Schrader's Bridgetown Manor, Henderson, Maryland. Schraders had 15 station thru the woods emulating teal, rabbits, doves and pheasants. The targets were challenging especially when we are all tired from 3 & 4 days of shooting. I believe Ed Davies came in high for the day which isn't to surprising as he is a great shot (*Is there two Ed Davies' in the club? --Editor*). Bob Blake really impressed me by shooting a pump gun and for awhile he was on top. Schraders also offers a wonderful elevated 5 stand with 3 different presentations and wobble trap, which, I must confess, I was too tired to shoot.

As always we thank Bob and Gwyn for all the effort they put into our trips. Bob is already at work planning for the Fall trip.

CART DO'S AND DONT'S

Golf carts and ATVs have become an integral part of our sport. We use them to haul our aging bodies and all the associated paraphernalia we “must” have with us to complete our round. Here is a summary of the “Rules of the Road” for motorized vehicles:

- DO park your trailer in a designated trailer parking area.
- DO NOT use the course as your opportunity to “open ‘er up”.
- DO stay on the cart path.
- DO follow the Tonucci Axiom; two person carts are for two people, not four.
- DO NOT go screaming past somebody shooting in the box.
- DO leave room on the cart path for other vehicles to pass.
- DO NOT pull up three feet from the shooting stand.
- DO NOT go into areas if they are roped off.
- DO be courteous of walkers and give them the right of way.
- DO have proof of insurance available for your vehicle at host clubs that request it.

Remember that we are invited guests at a great number of clubs where we shoot. We want to respect their facility so we are invited back another time. Cart courtesy is just another way to show our appreciation to our hosts.

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2012 TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

May 20	May Minuet (Mid-Hudson)
June 17	Rudy Passero Memorial Club Championships (Mashomack)
July 15	Summertime, Summertime (Orvis Sandanona)
August 9-12	Great Eastern Lobster Classic (Addieville East Farm)
September 16	Septembershutzenfest (Ten Mile River Preserve)
September 28-30	Fall Trip
October	Small Gauge Championships (FCFGPA)
November 11	Islanders vs. Mainlanders (Suffolk County Trap & Skeet)
December	Dick Losee Memorial Shoot & Christmas Party (Mid County)

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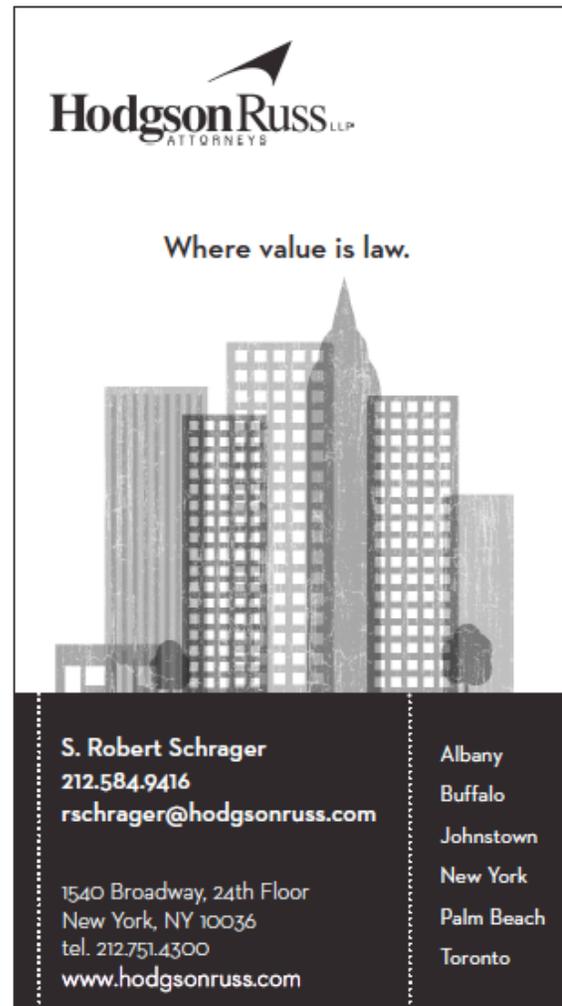


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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

May Minuet

Sunday, May 20th, 2012

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

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, May 16th, 2012.

Full Sit Down Breakfast opens at 8:45AM through 9:45AM at the Club House.

Safety & Announcements at 9:45 followed by a shotgun start shortly thereafter.

This is our first "Shoot-n-Scout" format shoot. There is no lunch at this shoot, but awards will be mailed to the winners. Travelers wishing to stay on to reshoot the course are welcome for Mid-Hudson's normal rates.

CTSCA Members: \$75; 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 Circle One		Lady	Vet1	Vet2	Guest
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3		12	20				
4		12	20				
5		12	20				
6		12	20				

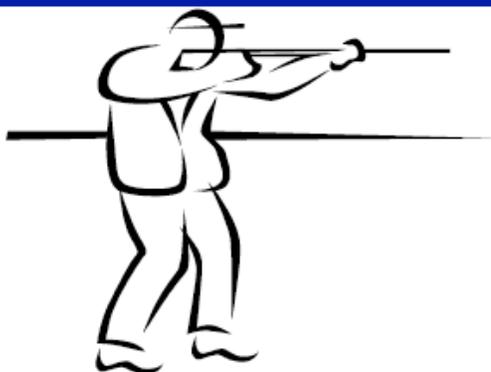
Contact Number in the event of last minute shoot changes: _____

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.

Join us for the Annual Sporting Clay Shoot for Scouting

Saturday, May 19, 2012
Hosted by the
Wallingford Rod and Gun Club
411 North Branford Road, Wallingford, CT



Course of Events

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Registration & Breakfast

9:00

Shooting Begins

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Luncheon, Recognition, & Raffle

Fun Shoot

With Raffles, Auctions,
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Eye and ear protection is mandatory.

Sponsor Levels

Event	\$2,500	2 teams of five shooters, ammo, raffle tickets, signage and recognition at event.
Gold	\$1,200	1 team of five shooters, raffle tickets signage and recognition at event.
Silver	\$750	1 team of five shooters, signage and recognition at the meals.
Corporate Team	\$450	1 team of five shooters and signage at one station.
Station	\$100	Signage at one of the stations.
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Wounded Warrior Benefit Shoot Registration Form

Sunday, May 27th

Registration forms also available online at www.vernonnational.com

1 Name: _____ Adult / Youth (circle one) Email: _____

Phone: _____ Are you a veteran? Yes / No (circle one) If yes, branch _____
Add to email list: Yes / No (circle one)

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Phone: _____ Are you a veteran? Yes / No (circle one) If yes, branch _____
Add to email list: Yes / No (circle one)

- Registration starts at 8 am
- Opening Ceremony at 9 am
- Shotgun Start at 10 am
- Trophies awarded by Lewis Class
- Continental Breakfast and BBQ Lunch included
- Raffles & Entertainment

_____ # **Adult Entry Fees** (100 targets) Sun, May 27 \$100/person Total enclosed: _____

Total due: _____

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