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The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers

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22% of Travelers have paid their dues so far. If you haven't paid your dues, please find that coupon and mail it in with your check. Please do it right now. *This saves time for our volunteers*, and gets you continued membership. If your dues not paid by December 31, you forfeit your membership in the Travelers. Please do us both a favor and pay your dues right now!

Next month, I'll try to find and send coupons to those whose dues we haven't received. That will be your last notice. But avoid that, find those cards and send in your dues. If you cannot find the card, just send your check with "RENEWAL" clearly noted and also with any changes for the Guide Book. We'll try to figure it out.

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SHOOT REPORT Contributed by Jean du Lau

It was nice to have some targets set for a 12 gauge competition. As such, we had more opportunities to enjoy the different gauges and still have a handicap system which works well with such a course.

Some stations were designed with some long shots like stations 1, 12 and 16. The last one was my favorite: a high tower from left crossing at some 45 or 50 yards followed by a trap shot at the same distance ... What a great station!

On Station 10, a rabbit with a limit was coming almost straight, on the edge, "very jumpy,"

followed by a quartering bird from behind the station. Usually the rabbit's trajectory is always a question mark ... With this one, the question was more, "should I shoot it far away or let it come." When you let it come, it jumped, when far away, it was on edge. Well done!

Station 14 with an incomer, was pretty well designed too. Everyone could think that the first target: left quartering bird going down, was the hard one; but the incomer which didn't come so close and was going down as well, was pretty easy to miss over... !

Again, I have to say that I am very impressed by the work of the Fairfield Club's members. No "no bird," everything was smooth, and no one had to wait.

The design of the course was well thought out, innovative and technical. This is now one of the best place to shoot!

Very, very well done to all of you.

Name	Score	Gauge	Award
Mike Primavera	86	.410 ga pump	HOA Champ
Jim Muller	78	.410 ga pump	.410 Ga. Champ
Vinny La Scalza	80	20 ga	20 Ga. Champ
Kurt Willinger	81	28 ga	28 Ga. Champ
George Ostrander	78	28 ga	Class 1 Champ
Dick Mann	74	20 ga	Class 1 R/U
Joe Lachick	73	28 ga	Class 1 - 3rd place
Paul Elsenboss	77	28 ga pump	Class 2 Champ
Ed Shine	75	.410 ga pump	Class 2 R/U
John Lawlor	69	.410 ga pump	Class 2 - 3rd place
George Parsons	73	.410 ga	Class 3 Champ
Charles	71	28 ga	Class 3 R/U

Szabo			
Brian Griffin	70	.410 ga SxS	Class 3 - 3rd place
Sue Uliano	58	20 ga	Class 4 Champ / Lady R/U
Mike Griffin	58	28 ga	Class 4 R/U / Jr. R/U
Peter Hamilton	57	20 ga SxS	Class 4 - 3rd place
J Silver	66	28 ga	Class 5 Champ
Carol Roesslein	56		Class 5 R/U
Ed Ahern	55		Class 5 - 3rd place
Debbie Cornwell	15	20 ga	Class 6 Champ
Jean Du Lau	87	28 ga	Guest Champ
C. Fuller	75	28 ga	Guest R/U
S Teifenthaler	69	20 ga	Guest - 3rd place
Brandon Horn	46	20 ga	Junior - Hon. Men.
Max Hachmann	63	20 ga	Junior Champion
Matt Apgar	49	28 ga	Junior - 3rd
Doris Willinger	61	28 ga	Lady Champion
Fran Gallogly	57	20 ga	Lady R/U
Ginny Tennison	56	28 ga	Lady - 3rd place
Gloria Marwell	56	28 ga	Lady - 4th place
Joe Maresca	77	28 ga	Sr. Veteran Champ
Lavert Cypher	76	28 ga pump	Veteran Champ
Hank Drapou	61	20 ga	Veteran R/U
Dom Russello	59	28 ga	Veteran - 3rd place

FALL TOUR OF THE FINGER LAKES WAS A BLAST!

By Al Anglace

In more ways than one ... it was a blast. The beauty of the colors that painted the lovely flow of the mountains that reign supreme over a most beautiful lake Canandaigua, was definitely a highlight in everyone's conversations. Although a longer than normal ride to get to our destinations this year, the time passed quickly as

you were a witness to the changing of Mother Nature's color guard.

Our first stop on Friday was Bill Appels' "Thunder Ridge" in Middlebury, PA. This venue was in itself worth the ride. Fantastic hospitality, perfectly layed out and groomed course that featured the targets Bill is famous for. One consideration that you don't see at most venues, Bill has set up three shooting stands per station. Very considerate of every level of ability. As you may remember, Bill managed "Rock Mountain" to become a major venue in the Northeast. He and his lovely wife are well on their way to making "Thunder Ridge" a great place to visit for clays as well as a varied hunting venue. All that attended agreed to give "Thunder Ridge" a solid Five Star rating.

We departed to the Inn On The Lake, Canandaigua, NY, where we would call home until Sunday morning. In short order we were cleaned up and on our way to the Heron Hill Winery for dinner. It just seemed to be that everyone we engaged was very happy to have us there. Wonderful wine, about twenty or so bottles, a great dinner, tasting over, participation gifts and door prizes exhausted, we were headed back to the Inn.

With a panoramic view of the head of the Lake, the early fishermen heading out and the thousands of geese trading for their favorite spots, we enjoyed our breakfast while countering each others most exciting moments so far.

Whaleback Farm, the much heralded Sportsmen's Preserve, located on a plateau atop the mountain at the East side of the Lake, was our next destination. Bruce Lindsey, a longtime friend of the Travelers, since our inception, owner of Whaleback, greeted everyone with his usual upbeat personality. The plan was to shoot one hundred targets in the morning that were to be more suited for the little guns. I guess Bruce hung around the Travelers a little to long as these targets seemed to be more representative of "Traveler Tough" presentations. All-in-all, nobody cared as they proceeded through the

lovely scenic grounds in the company of personable trappers.

After a great NY Strip Steak lunch, most of us not willing to remove ourselves from the dining hall, we proceeded to challenge the second half of our program. It was this part of the day that we were amazed at just how beautiful Whaleback really was. Imagine you are about two thousand feet above a most beautiful lake. The shot is designed to travel through a fifty foot funnel of gloriously colored trees. Your gaze is uninterrupted until you focus on the painted mountain across the lake. Fantastic! Oh, even the targets were orange.

We bid Bruce a collective thank you and proceeded back to the Inn to prepare for our Saturday evening dinner.

Sunday morning found everyone packed and ready to go bright and early. Off to Binghamton Rod and Gun Club; our final destination. It must be noted that it was a toss up between shooting and visiting the roadside stands the natives manned to see which one we liked the best. Local favorites, grape pie and jelly were the most popular selections with the one dollar pumpkins filling up any available space left in the vehicle.

Our good friends at Binghamton extended their usual friendly reception to us and it was greatly appreciated. Especially the loan of their personal golf carts. After being humbled by their challenging target presentations we were again on the road homeward bound.

I can't remember when I had a better opportunity to relax and enjoy the beauty that abounds here in the great Northeast. It was a wonderful trip with a great bunch of Travelers and their guests.

THE UPCOMING TRAVELERS' MONTHLY SHOOT

CTTRAVELERS
"SALUTE THE COLORS"

Ye Olde Newgate Coon Club

Colebrook Road (Route 182), Norfolk, CT.

Sunday, November 19, 2006

It is always a pleasure to tackle the great target presentations at the Olde Newgate Coon Club. This time of year it is very special! The color of the beautiful Northeast Connecticut woods adds a distinct exclamation point to having fun with your gun. And, Theresa Kelly's lunch is also something we look forward to. You will certainly have your fill of great targets, scenic beauty and great food.

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST OPEN AT 8:30 AM. SHOOT BEGINS AT 9:45 AM. GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT THIS SHOOT AT THE \$60.00 ENTRY FEE.

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

--- Your application must be received by Wednesday, November 15, 2006 ---

NAME(S) – ONLY list names being paid by the enclosed check:

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If possible, please squad with:

Concurrent: Lady___, Vet___ (55-64), Sr. Vet___ (65 and older) or Junior___ (17 and younger).

REMINDER: CONCURRENT AND HANDICAP PARTICIPATION IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTE SAME ON THE SCORE CARD.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CTSCA AND MAIL WITH YOUR RESERVATION TO: CTSCA, 91 PARK LANE ROAD, NEW MILFORD, CT. 06776

SPECIAL NOTE FOR MEMBERS WITH CARTS AND OR TRAILERS: NO TRAVEL IS ALLOWED ON ROUTE 182 IF YOUR CART IS NOT A REGISTERED FOR THE HIGHWAY VEHICLE, EVEN TO CROSS THIS ROAD. GO TO THE GREEN ROAD (ROAD PAST THE COURSE ROAD) ON LEFT. FOLLOW GREEN ROAD TO BAR WAY (SIGN) AT OPEN FIELDS LEADING TO THE COURSE.

DIRECTIONS: From the intersections of Route 95 (Bridgeport), or Route 15 (Merritt Parkway), or Route 84 (Waterbury) and Route 8: Go north on Route 8 to Route 44 near Winsted, CT. (approx. 28 miles from Routes 8 and 84 intersection at Waterbury). Leaving Route 8 turn right onto Route 44 West. Continue 8.4 miles. Turn (hard) right onto Route 182 (Colebrook Road), at the gas station. Proceed 0.6 miles to the club. Club phone: 860 542-5028.