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The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers

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NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATING OUR 22nd YEAR

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**The next Monthly shoot is "Salute The Colors" on 11/15.
The next Saturday Shootout Series is "Rematch: Islanders vs. Mainlanders" on 11/07.
Your 2010 Dues are due 12/31**

BIG FUN AT THE SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jeff Hunter

The weatherman was forecasting heavy rain for the 13th Anniversary Edition of the Small Gauge Championships on Sunday, October 18th. The CTSCA hotline was buzzing all day Saturday with shooters cancelling their reservations for the next day's events. With only a handful of participants remaining, El Supremo had no choice but to postpone the shoot until the next weekend. Gwyn Grant mobilized the phone bank and notified the remaining participants about the change.

October 25th dawned a beautiful October morning. Sixty-three Travelers and their guests descended on Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association for the rescheduled event.

Most small-gauge courses are set on the light side to allow the pop-guns a chance at breaking a fair number of targets. Dom Uliano and the crew set a very fair course that challenged the shooters ability without excessive distance. The newly unveiled "Travelers Handicap" (5 for 28, 10 for .410, 0 for pump, 0 for SxS) equalized the gauges.



Station four was a high quartering bird with a 30ish yard teal on report. The teal gave my squad the most problems because by the time we arrived the target was peaking directly in the sun. Five shooters in my squad came away with maybe six broken targets.

The only station where the little pop guns were going to have difficulty was station nine.

The trap style first bird was a good distance away and was rising quickly. The report was another long distance quartering bird. Those of us shooting 7/8oz at least had a chance, but I felt bad for those shooting a .410.

It would have been easy for the crew to just set the same course as the CT State Shoot that was held there just one month before. Although some of the stations were similar, the changes ranged from subtle to drastic. Station 10 was one of those where the targets were similar to the state shoot, but the changing foliage gave the presentation a new level of difficulty.

Lunch was a tasty smorgasbord of rotisserie chicken with all the fixins prepared by the very talented kitchen staff. This year's awards for the class and sub-class winners were a very impressive wooden trophy with a brass engraved placard. The HOA and high in gauge all came home with a glass plaque with a display stand.

The Travelers wish to thank Dom Uliano and the Board at Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association for being flexible with the schedule. Their hospitality proves once again why they are a favorite among shooters.

Name	Score	Award	Gauge
Jim Muller	83	High Over All	.410
Ed Schine	81	28 Gauge Champ	28
Dick Mann	76	20 Gauge Champ	20
John Lawlor	66	.410 Champion	.410
Dan Anglace	75	Class 1 Champion	20
Mark Marache	75	Class 1 Runner Up	28
Ed Davies	67	Class 1 Third Place	28
Larry Prather	74	Class 2 Champion	28
Ed Moritt	69	Class 2 Runner Up	28
John Hachmann	67	Class 2 Third Place	28
Ralph Lowery	81	Class 3 Champion	28
Levin Kruleski	76	Class 3 Runner Up	20
Victor Cairo	67	Class 3 Third Place	28
Jeff Hunter	70	Class 4 Champion	20
Jim Henion	61	Class 4 Runner Up	28
Bob Schrager	59	Class 4 Third Place	28
Bob Holtzman	52	Class 5 Champion	28
Bob Blake	51	Class 5 Runner Up	20
Noelle Feucht	47	Class 5 Third Place	20
Gwyn Grant	48	Class 6 Champion	20
Gil Kenrick	47	Class 6 Runner Up	28
Kim Anglace	34	Class 6 Third Place	20
Kurt Willinger	71	Vet 2 Champion	28
Al Anglace	66	Vet 2 Runner Up	20
George Masek	68	Vet 1 Champion	20
Charlie Szabo	67	Vet 1 Runner Up	28
Olive Lawlor	63	Lady Champion	20
Doris Willinger	56	Lady Runner Up	28
Marti Marache	55	Lady Third Place	20
Carol Roesslein	45	Lady Fourth Place	20
C.J. Ehentraut	60	Jr. Champion	20

Traveler Tidbit

At the 2009 Annual Meeting the membership voted that a current National Rifle Association (NRA) membership will be mandatory to qualify as a member of CTSCA for 2010. Beginning with our January 2010 shoot application, your membership number will be asked for and verified with the NRA.

FALL TRIP - STEAKS & CLAYS

Carol & Fred Roeslein

Well folks , the weather Gods were with us once again. There were 30+ Connecticut Travelers and Keystone Ramblers making their way thru picturesque Pennsylvania. Fall colors weren't yet at their peak, but were beautiful nonetheless. We couldn't have had much better weather for this time of year.

Friday started off at Whitetail Preserve, Bloomsburg, PA. A few folks arrived early and shot the course in the morning and again in the afternoon, The club had their kitchen open for lunch. We shot in the afternoon with some of table 85 -Art Tonucci, George Maggiolo and Carl LaCavalla (all of table 85 didn't make the trip this year). Along the way Carlos Chaparro and his lovely wife, Carmen joined our group. It was rather windy and cold which made for some very interesting targets. Whitetail has 20 stations going around in a circle. The second half of the course is in the woods and was made more difficult by the wind and shadows. It was a great course, made even better by my coming in second high on our squad for the afternoon; George came in high, Fred was last of course.

We then drove 1-½ hours to our hotel, The Sheraton. We must thank Bob & Gwyn for negotiating a great price including a breakfast buffet for all the Travelers that had everything you could possibly want to eat.

Friday night's dinner was just down the road at Gregory's Steakhouse. If you like steak this is the place to be. The menu had every kind and size of steak imaginable. You could have ordered the 120 oz. Steak, if you desired, but I didn't see any being served.

After a bountiful breakfast Saturday morning, we headed to Lehigh Valley in Coplay, PA. Lehigh Valley has 17 stations set around an abandoned quarry and large fields. Lehigh is fully automated with 17 A & B stands. A is for beginners or intermediate shooters; B is for more advanced shooters. Fred & I shot with Ed Davies, George Parson and Dick Mann. In the morning we shot the "B" targets, they were challenging throughout the course. I especially liked the targets over the water. After lunch we went back on the course to see if we could improve our scores. This time we shot A & B stations with variations of reports & simos. We didn't get a chance to shoot 5 stand or wobble but Fred & I have shot them in the past and can attest to their fun and challenging presentations. Anyone who has never shot Lehigh should put it on their "must do list". It is any easy day trip.

After a short trip back to the hotel we were off to dinner at The Allentown Brewery. The hotel has a van that took you there and back. It was a great idea, as no one had to worry about finding their way, and we all had a designated driver. The Brewery was really jumping and the Travelers had a private dining room and bar upstairs. They offered an incredible number of beers, including seasonal ones like pumpkin. After a great buffet dinner, it was on to the thousands of dollars worth of door prizes our distinguished President, Al Anglace, brought with him. I believe there was something for everyone. Of course it wouldn't be a complete Travelers trip without Carlos serenading us. We all look forward to this Traveler tradition. Ed Davies was asked to come up and start a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to Andre and Amber Kirylak (could it be he has the loudest voice?). No blue hair for Amber this year - just short in the back and long on the sides. After the festivities we went outside to catch our van back to the hotel.



Sunday morning Amber assembled everyone outside for a group photo for her photography class, on some sort of vintage camera. This and other photos of the trip are posted on CTSCA.org. After the photo it was off to the final leg of our fall trip, Wing Pointe in Hamburg, PA. Wing Pointe has 20 stations that meander through the woods. It was not a very long course and was easy to walk. A few felt the presentations were too easy, more for beginners or small gauges. Yet, I didn't hear of anyone coming away with 100.

I find sometimes the easier targets can be missed just as readily as the harder shots because you get complacent. I personally would never complain or not shoot at a club because the targets were perceived to be soft or hard. Remember a day of shooting beats a day of working!

After lunch with Gwyn, Bob & George at Wing Pointe restaurant it was time to head on home.

The trip ended up to be a wonderful shooting weekend with glorious weather in spite of the forecast. Our thanks once again for all the effort Bob & Gwyn put into making the arrangements for us. Bob has already started making plans for 2010 Spring (4/9-11/2010) & Fall trips. Please mark your calendars now for a great time!

2009 CONNECTICUT TRAVELERS' MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Please take a minute to reply to this short but important club survey. Every two years we ask for your input to help shape our future club functions. The 2010 Shooting Calendar will be announced in early December of 2010 and your input is asked so we can attempt to visit your favorite clubs.

2009 SHOOTING CALENDAR SURVEY

Please rate the ranges that you would most want the Traveler's to visit in 2010 from 1, being the least and 5, being the most favored. Please check only one preference per range.

	1	2	3	4	5
Orvis Sandanona	—	—	—	—	—
Ten Mile River Preserve	—	—	—	—	—
Mid County Rod & Gun Club	—	—	—	—	—
Mid Hudson Sporting Range	—	—	—	—	—
Dover Furnace Sporting	—	—	—	—	—
Millbrook Rod & Gun Club	—	—	—	—	—
Ye Olde Newgate Coon Club	—	—	—	—	—
Fairfield County Fish & Game Club	—	—	—	—	—
Addieville East Preserve	—	—	—	—	—
Catskill Pheasantry	—	—	—	—	—
Nine Partners Pheasant Farm	—	—	—	—	—
Vernon National Shooting Preserve	—	—	—	—	—
Suffolk Trap & Skeet Club	—	—	—	—	—
Masomack Preserve	—	—	—	—	—
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Kindly respond by November 16, 2009. If you prefer to keep your preferences private, you can email this form to editor@ctsca.org. If you care to share your preferences, you can leave a reply to the story on [ctsca.org](http://www.ctsca.org) at <http://www.ctsca.org/node/1038> (your vote will count only once).

CONTACTING THE TRAVELERS...

CTSCA.ORG - Webmaster: Jeff Hunter (jhunter@ctsca.org).

CTSCA Home Office: Al Anglace, email aaa738@aol.com (by far the best way) or telephone 203 417-6295 if you absolutely must.

Editor: Phil Steinkraus, e-mail editor@ctsca.org

Membership, Address Changes and Shooting Class status: Contact John Hachmann, at email obuc@optonline.net.

Guide Book advertising and other questions contact Dick Orenstein at email oren@umich.edu or call 203-226-5251.

Past issues of *Reload!* are available online at www.shotgunreport.com and www.ctsca.org

TENTATIVE 2009 CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 7	REMATCH: ISLANDERS VS. MAINLANDERS
NOVEMBER 15	OLDE NEWGATE COON CLUB
DECEMBER 13	MID COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB

FOR SALE CLASSIFIED ADS WANTED
See listings at ctsca.org

THE UPCOMING **CTTRAVELERS** MONTHLY SHOOT

“SALUTE THE COLORS”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

YE OLDE NEWGATE COON CLUB

THROW BACK CLAYS AND GREAT FOOD
COLEBROOK ROAD (ROUTE 182), NORFOLK, CT.

OVER THE YEARS THE TRAVELERS HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED FORWARD TO A CHALLENGE FROM THE HOST TARGET SETTERS. THEY USE EVERY PRESENTATION THAT WOULD UTILIZE THEIR GROUNDS TO ENTERTAIN, AND OCCASIONALLY TORMENT US. THE “COON CLUB” HAS A NATURAL SETTING OF CLIFFS, BOGS, FOREST AND MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVIUS TARGET SETTERS TO CHALLENGE OUR GANG IN A VERY ENJOYABLE WAY. TO DIGEST ANY “AGITA” CARRIED OVER FROM THE COURSE YOU CAN DEPEND ON RELAXING IN THE DELIGHTFUL CLUB HOUSE AND THE PROSPECTS OF A GREAT MEAL SERVED UP BY THERESA KELLY AND HER FINE STAFF.

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 95 (BRIDGEPORT), OR ROUTE 15 (MERRITT PARKWAY), OR ROUTE 84 (WATERBURY) AND ROUTE 8: GO NORTH TO ROUTE 44 NEAR WINSTED, CT. (APPROX. 28 MILES FROM THE ROUTE 84 AND 8 INTERSECTION AT WATERBURY). LEAVING ROUTE 8 TURN RIGHT AT END OF EXIT ONTO ROUTE 44 WEST. CONTINUE 8.4 MILES THROUGH WINSTED CENTER TO ROUTE 182 AT THE TEXACO GAS STATION. TURN HARD RIGHT ONTO ROUTE 182 (COLEBROOK ROAD); PROCEED 0.6 MILE TO THE CLUB. CLUB PHONE: 860 738-3619.

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009

**PLEASE NOTE: CHECK IN AND A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST OPENS AT
8:30 AM AT THE LODGE – SHOOTING BEGINS AT 9:45 AM AT THE
COURSE.**

CARTS NOT REGISTERED FOR HIGHWAY USE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CROSS OR TRAVEL FROM THE LODGE TO THE COURSE. WHEN LEAVING FOR THE COURSE YOU CAN DRIVE THROUGH THE COURSE ROAD TO THE PARKING LOT AT THE UPPER END OF THE COURSE. PLEASE DO NOT OBSTRUCT COURSE ROAD BY PARKING IRRESPONSIBLY.

ENTRY FEE: \$65.00 MEMBER - \$80.00 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 NAME(S) THAT ARE BEING PAID WITH THE ENCLOSED CHECK ONLY.

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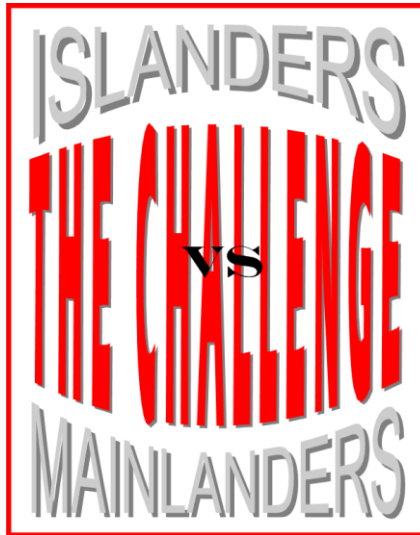
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HANDICAPS: 28 GA. 5 – 410 BORE 15.

CONCURRENT SELECTION, PLEASE CHECK IF QUALIFIED: LADY___, VET 1 (55-69)___,
VET 2 (70 AND OVER)___, JUNIOR (17 AND YOUNGER)___

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SHOOTER TO RECORD ANY CONCURRENT PARTICIPATION AND HANDICAP THAT IS EARNED BY GAUGE ON THE INDIVIDUALS' SCORE CARD. NO EXCEPTIONS!

NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT PRE-REGISTER BY THE DEADLINE YOU ARE NOT PRIVILEGED TO DESIGNATE SQUAD PREFERENCE.



Saturday,
November 7th
Suffolk County Trap & Skeet



Last year's "The Challenge: Islanders vs. Mainlanders" was organized to determine which region in Travelers territory was the best. Little did we know that there would be more controversy as a result! Complete details of the new rules are on CTSCA.org.

Suffolk County Trap and Skeet has graciously offered to host "The Challenge" again for 2009. We will shoot 100 targets on their woods course over 12 stations. They have a limited number of four person carts available for \$20. Call Mark at (631) 924-5600 to reserve your cart. Personal Golf Carts and Registered ATVs welcome. Shoot registration opens at 9:00 AM at the clubhouse followed by safety instructions at 9:45AM for a 10:00AM shotgun start. Skeet, Trap, Wobble Trap, Five Stand, and the course will be open after the shoot if you wish to make a full day of it.

Lunch: We will gather at a local restaurant for a lunch after the shoot. In Saturday Shootout Series fashion, lunch is completely optional and not included in the entry fee. Please indicate with your registration if you intend to attend lunch so we can provide the restaurant with an approximate head count.

Register: Register for this shoot by sending an email to Jeff Hunter at jhunter@ctsca.org or by calling (203) 858-6443. Registration deadline is Friday, November 6th at High Noon. Your entry fee is due the day of the shoot. Car-pooling is definitely recommended. Whether you want to drive or ride, drop me an email at jhunter@ctsca.org and I'll put you in touch with other participants in your area. Guests are welcome and encouraged at this shoot.

Entry Fee: \$40 for members and guests, Junior Travelers shoot free.

Address: 165 Gerard Road, Yaphank, NY 11980

Directions: Long Island Expressway (495) to Exit 67. Take County Highway 21 towards Yaphank/Brookhaven. Turn left on Gerard Rd (obey posted speeds, notorious speed trap) for about a mile and the club is on the left in South Haven County Park.

Club Phone: (631) 924-5600

GPS: 40.809145, -72.903283

NSCA: You can register your targets with the NSCA for an additional \$5.

Approximate Travel Time from:

Commack, NY	0:30	Bridgeport, CT	2:00	Edison, NJ	2:00
White Plains, NY	1:25	Waterbury, CT	2:30	Goshen, NY	2:15
Poughkeepsie, NY	2:35	New London, CT	2:20 (ferry)	Trenton, NJ	2:30

Registration appreciated, walk-ins always welcome!

If you do not pre-register by the deadline, you are not privileged to designate squad preference.



Winter League Sporting Clays

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME, NEWTOWN CT.

2010

Our winter Sporting Clays league will be starting on Sunday December 13th, 2009, and NSCA shooters will be able to register their targets. We offer breakfast and lunch at our state of the art facility. We are able to accommodate 120 shooters, Members and Guests are welcome, so my suggestion to you would be send this registration form in right away, if you or anyone in your family is interested in shooting our Winter League. The league will run for 10 weeks, 60 targets each week and the squads will be the same every week. Targets will change from week to week with a certain degree of difficulty as the league progresses. We will not break for Christmas or New Years this year, we will, weather permitting be doing 10 straight weeks with the banquet tentative for March 7th, 2010. Above dates are subject to change to accommodate any inclement weather dates that the league would be cancelled. **Guests may be signed up after Nov. 1st, 2009**

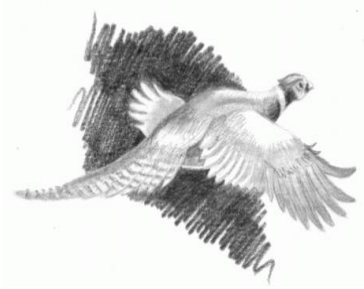
League Fees: Sign Up- Members and Guests \$20.00
Weekly Fees: Committee - \$10.00 Members - \$15.00 Guests - \$25.00
NSCA Target Fees: \$ 2.00 ea. week

Name: _____ **Mem.#** _____ **Guest** _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **ST:** _____ **Phone:** _____ / _____ / _____
EMAIL: _____

Please include sign up fee with registration. Make checks payable to: **FCF&GPA**
Mail To: **Dominic Uliano**
34 Swamp Rd
Newtown CT. 06470

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Please use this same form for Guests and please send it in ,ASAP



***CHRISTMAS SHOOT
 GAME DINNER
 FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME
 NEWTOWN CT.***

SUNDAY DEC. 6TH STARTING @ 10:00AM

Registration opens at 8:30am; this will be a Squaddered shotgun start

\$65.00 for 100 targets & lunch

This shoot will be Limited to 125 shooters

*This year we are adding something a little different and are going to Welcome
 Dinner Only Guests ***** Cost \$20*

Please separate and send in the bottom

Pre -Registration is Recommended
REGISTRATION APPLICATION

NAME(S) – BEING PAID BY THE ENCLOSED CHECK ONLY:

- 1. _____ SHOOT FEE _____ DINNER ONLY _____
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO; FCF & GPA

SEND PAYMENT TO:

DOMINIC ULIANO

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

34 SWAMP RD.

NEWTOWN CT. 06470