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The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers

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## NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING OUR 24th YEAR

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The next Travelers Monthly Shoot is "Islanders vs. Mainlanders" on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jeff Hunter

Eighty-Six Travelers and their guests converged at Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association on October 16th for the Small Gauge Championships. The Connecticut Travelers were the first group to have a Small Gauge Championship 15 years ago and we continue with that tradition today. President Al Anglace ordered up another perfect day for shooting and whoever he is paying keeps coming through.



*The infamous station 11*

Whenever we go to FCFGPA, we know to expect some great targets. Dominic Uliano, Ed Terry, John Guay, and the rest of the volunteers at FCFGPA have been doing a lot of work on the grounds. Several new areas were cleared out and they have added a couple new stations. We shot 17 stations of targets that would have been testy for a 12 gauge event let alone the sub gauges.

The only station that I personally had a little beef with was station 11. The presentation was excellent if you were 4'3". A wood pile about 40 yards out hid a trap that launched an incoming teal. Normally this would be a guaranteed X, but not at Fairfield County. Just as the target started to slow, my barrels were obscured by a low-hanging pine tree. Sure, it might be OK for Jimmy Muller, but Ed Davies and the other height over-achievers had quite

a problem with it. The only way I remotely had a chance on the target was to catch it as it exited the wood pile and break it on the ascent. Station 11's report was an outgoing rabbit below your feet.

Station 10 was very difficult for me. A flying rabbit chandelle from the right was hard enough, but very doable at about 25 yards. However, the report of the pair was a high

standard bird from the left that skirted through the trees to the shooter's left and popped up to clear sky at about 40 yards or so. The target was already slowing down by this point, but just picking it up was difficult for the older eyes in the crowd.

The kitchen crew at FCFGPA always treats us like family. A huge spread of salad, rolls, vegetables, stuffing, baked ziti, and roast chicken waited for us when we finished shooting. An ice cream buffet and cake finished off the meal for those of us with a sweet tooth.

In the end, Jimmy Muller came out on top with a Travelers Handicap adjusted 95. Adding insult to injury, Jimmy was shooting his brand new Kreighoff K20 with 28 gauge barrels for the first time ever! Sue Uliano topped the field of ladies with an impressive 71 and Clifford Hulsten won the Juniors crown with a 60.



*Art Tonucci; the king of the 28.*

AWARD	NAME	SCORE
HOA	Jim Muller	95
Guest	Tom Zombardo	77
.410 Champ	Jim Comiotes	92
28g Champ	Art Tonucci	87
20g Champ	Vin Battaglia	85
CL1-CH	Eric Steinkraus	89
CL1-RU	Ira Conklin	82
CL2-CH	Dean Anglace	83
CL2-RU	George Calcagnini	80
CL3-CH	Keith Anglace	81
CL3-RU	Carl LaCavalla	80
CL4-CH	Al Anglace	79
CL4-RU	Ed Moritt	77
CL5-CH	Olive Lawlor	75
CL5-RU	Ed Przysbysik	68
CL6-CH	Kim Anglace	36
CL6-RU	Jack Buchmiller	32
LY-CH	Sue Uliano	71
LY-RU	Kristen Hachmann	69
VET1-CH	Larry Prather	83
VET1-RU	Lans Christensen	80
VET2-CH	Ron Leonardi	80
VET2-RU	Don Brenton	80
JR-CH	Clifford Hulsten	60
JR-RU	Chris Kutschera	31
JR-3RD	Ira Conklin Jr	31
JR-4TH	Matt Kutschera	28

**MYSTERY TRAVELER OF THE MONTH**  
I am practically giving this one away.



**FALL TRIP 2011**

Fred &amp; Carol Roesslein

We left on Friday with the prediction of a rainy weekend. Our first stop was Rock Mountain in Meshoppen, Pennsylvania. On the way we ran into John & Olive Lawlor at a rest stop (which surprised us as John is usually a real early bird) and made plans to shoot with them at Rock Mountain. It showered on and off when we were shooting but nothing a sturdy Traveler couldn't handle. We were fortunate the downpour held off until we were on our way to the hotel in the afternoon. There were 17 stations around the course of which you could shoot varied presentations depending on how hard you wanted to make it. Rock Mountain has added more platforms to shoot from than when I was there previously. Station 16 had five different stands to shoot 2 overhead targets coming off the mountain - quite challenging (if I remember correctly Fred & John did pretty well). Mike, Susan and Tad are constructing a new clubhouse and equipment building that they hope to have done by the fall. The Rock is a shot gunner's paradise and is considered to be one of the premier courses on the east coast. We thank Mike, Susan & Tad for all their hospitality and wish them well in all their endeavors with the Rock.

Home for the weekend was the Best Western Victorian Inn, Sayre, Pennsylvania. It turned out to be a great place; friendly and helpful staff and a bar with music. Originally the Travelers were going to get a separate room for the dinner festivities but as only 17 Travelers came on the Fall Trip we had 2 tables in the dining room. It actually worked out great - everyone got to choose off the menu or you could choose the buffet. It was quite the feast every night, appetizers, main course and dessert. In the morning we had a wonderful breakfast buffet included with our room. Bob & Gwyn out did themselves.

We all missed El Presidente, Al Anglace, and on Saturday night Bob presented everyone with a bottle of wine compliments of Al. Prior to dinner on Saturday some of us were in the bar and Ed Davies commented that he thought Joan & Joe Rinaldi made the cutest couple. Of course, when the wine was passed out they were recognized as the cutest couple by Bob. We all missed Carlos Chapparo not being able to sing this year as we were in the main dining room - perhaps the next time.

Saturday after a hardy breakfast we made our way to Thunder Ridge, Middlebury Center, Pennsylvania. Thunder Ridge is a beautiful course located near Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. The weather was spectacular and the scenery beautiful with the fall colors starting to pop. Even if you didn't shoot well you couldn't complain. Thunder Ridge has 16 stations with 3 different shooting levels. We shot the middle presentation in the morning. After a great lunch, we shot the the red course, the harder level.

Thunder Ridge is owned and operated by Bill & Irene Appel and they couldn't have been more accommodating and gracious hosts. If you haven't been to Thunder Ridge yet, you should make it a priority to visit.

Sunday we shot at Catskill Pheasantry, Long Eddy, New York. You better have a good GPS and map as it can be a challenge to find. Carlos Chapparo got lost going to Thunder Ridge and, as he was supposed to be at Catskill Pheasantry and didn't show, he might still be trying to find his way. Anyone who knows Carlos and how he always gets lost at least once every trip knows better than to follow him—as Joan & Joe Rinaldi now know! We were both following Carlos to

Thunder Ridge when he kept going instead of turning. He eventually found his way after a phone call to Irene.

Catskill Pheasantry is located in the scenic foothills on the Catskill Mountains. Catskill Pheasantry normally offers two 10 station courses but they set up a 16 station course for the Travelers. It was a great small gauge course. The courses are cut out of the hillsides and are very unique, fully automated with flood lights on each stand for night shooting. You Giant and Jet fans out there might be interested to know that the same lights are used to light up the field Giants Stadium. Also, the stands are all covered to make shooting in the rain no problem.

Fred and I started out shooting by ourselves; everyone else had gone out by the time we got there. Half way thru we ran into Bob and Gwyn (who were shooting with John, Olive and Ed Davies) and hooked up with them. Gwyn and Bob had a 4 person cart and it was so cute to see Bob driving up front and Gwyn and Ginger sitting in the back, Ginger was practically in Gwyn's lap. Fred asked Gwyn when she and Bob were getting married and she replied she didn't know because Bob was shooting every weekend ! Perhaps she should pick a weekday. Catskill Pheasantry also has a great covered 5 stand. Fred and I and Paul Ragusa were the only ones to stay and shoot it. It was well worth the extra time before we headed home.

It was a great weekend and the weather gods provided us with great weather for Saturday & Sunday. It was a shame more Travelers couldn't make the trip, the theory was partly the economy and Hurricane Irene. We didn't have any of the Keystone Ramblers from Pittsburgh because of the devastation in Pennsylvania.

We all got to see firsthand the damage that Irene caused in upstate New York and Pennsylvania. Bridges washed out and whole towns that were flooded, businesses and houses with all their contents on the street. Truly a tragedy for those folks who were affected.

As always a big Thanks to Bob and Gwyn for making all our trips as wonderful as they are. We all appreciate the time and effort they put into them.

I'm sure Bob is already planning our spring trip to Maryland. It would be great to see record numbers come on our next adventure.

### **AS A MATTER OF FACT...**

Bob Schrager

We're back from the Fall Trip, we've shot the Small Gauge Championship and the leaves are turning our favorite orange color. While the snows of winter may be in the future and it is too soon to get the winter coats out of storage, it's never too early to mark your calendars and make your hotel reservations for the Spring Trip. So this is your early bird announcement.

Our Spring 2012 trip, the Tax Time Getaway, will see the Connecticut Travelers travel to Maryland on April 13-15, 2012.

Friday afternoon we start the weekend at Pintail Point, Queenstown, Maryland. [www.theriverplantation.com](http://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 Owens Station. Greenwood, DE. [www.owensstation.com](http://www.owensstation.com). 66 shooting stations over 5 separate courses plus a computerized 5-stand overlooking the water with upland targets that will sharpen your skills. Lunch will be available in the clubhouse.

Sunday morning on the way home, we visit Schraders Bridgetown Manor, Henderson, MD. <http://www.schradershunting.com/aboutus.aspx> 24 sporting clays stations, three five-stand presentations and a wobble trap will ensure that everyone will have a good send-off for the drive.

Dinner on Friday will be at Harris's Crab House, Kent Narrows, MD, an institution of the Eastern Shore. Saturday night we walk across the street for a sit down dinner at the Fisherman's Inn, Grasonville, MD. 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 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 give us an extra special rate so everyone will have money for shells and crabs). First come, first serve.

More information and sign up forms will be circulated as the dark days of winter are upon us.

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



Last month's Mystery Traveler was Lindsay Davies Davis.

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**2011 TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR**

NOVEMBER 13 ISLANDERS vs. MAINLANDERS (Suffolk Trap/Skeet)  
DECEMBER 18 DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS PARTY (Mid County)

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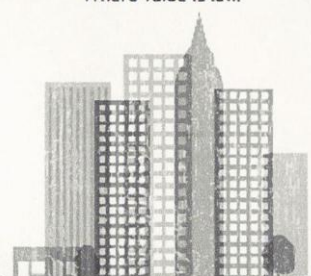
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The upcoming CTTRAVELERS Monthly Shoot  
"THE CHALLENGE: ISLANDERS VS. MAINLANDERS"

Sunday, November 13, 2011

Suffolk County Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays  
165 Gerard Road, Yaphank, N.Y. 11980

**DIRECTIONS:** Long Island Expressway (495) to Exit 67 South. Take County Highway 21 towards Yaphank/Brookhaven. Turn left on Gerard Road (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.  
**Car pooling:** Whether you want to drive or ride, drop Jeff Hunter an email at [jhunter@ctsca.org](mailto:jhunter@ctsca.org) and he will put you in touch with other participants in your area that are attending. Guests are welcome at this shoot.

**REGISTRATION APPLICATION**

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011.

**Registration and Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM. Shooting begins at 9:45 AM.**

Entry Fee, \$60.00 **CTSCA Members**, \$75.00 for all Guests.  
\*\*\*100 TARGETS & AWARDS\*\*\*

A CATERED LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOOT AT THE ROCKY POINT FIRE HOUSE.

(Directions will be available at the shoot.)

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 THOSE NAMES THAT ARE BEING PAID WITH THE ENCLOSED CHECK ONLY.  
IF YOU ARE NOT PAYING FOR A PERSON, LIST HIM AS A PERSON THAT YOU WANT TO BE SQUADED WITH, IN THE AREA BELOW.***

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

**List shooters that you would like to squad with here:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your application must be received by the required date for preferred squadding)

**Concurrent selection: please check if qualified:**

Lady \_\_\_\_, Vet. 1 (55-69) \_\_\_\_, Vet. 2 (70 and older) \_\_\_\_, Junior (17 and younger) \_\_\_\_.

**Handicaps: 28 gauge +5. 410 bore +15.**

**You are responsible for noting any concurrent or handicap on your score card.**

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

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Coon Club Clays  
RT 182 (Colebrook Rd)  
Norfolk, CT  
Presents 12<sup>th</sup> Annual  
“Christmas at the Coon”

Date: Sunday December 4, 2011 (Rain, Sleet, Snow, or Sun)

Full Buffet Breakfast @ The Clubhouse from 8:00 AM until 9:00 AM

100 Sporting Clay targets presented over 16 stations. “NSCA” shooters can register these targets.  
Course opens @ 9:45 AM squaddled start.

**Limited to the first paid 80 shooters.**

Full sit down dinner back at the Clubhouse for 1:30 PM

Cash Bar Available....

Door Prizes will be given away.

Cost is \$ 100.00 per shooter, includes all meals, targets, and Trappers Tip.

Targets Only “No Meals” is \$ 60.00 per shooter.

Dinner Guests “All Meals” is \$ 40.00 per person.

Registration Deadline is November 30, 2011

ATV, UTV, & Golf Cart user’s can park their vehicles & trailers in the Big Game Lot by Station 8 & 9. First come first served. DO NOT BLOCK ANY ROADWAYS...

For more information contact: Joe Gimelli @ (860) 605-4725 or email: [coonclubclays@earthlink.net](mailto:coonclubclays@earthlink.net)

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**RESERVATION FORM**

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

**Tel #** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ -\_\_\_\_- \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**NSCA Shooter #** \_\_\_\_\_ **INCLUDE \$ 3.00 Target Registration Fee**

**Make Checks payable to: “Coon Club Clays”**

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

**Register me for** \_\_\_\_\_ **entry @ \$ 100.00 each.**

**Targets only.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entry @ \$ 60.00 each.**

**Dinner Guest** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$ 40.00 each.**

**Squad Me with:** 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Selection’s: Boneless Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_

Surf & Turf \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Sole \_\_\_\_\_