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Celebrating Our 25th Year



November 2012

SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jeff Hunter

The Shoot Managers try to be cognizant of other events in the area and not schedule events on top of each other. The “Small Gauge Championships” was a shoot that we scheduled on October 14th, a week early, to avoid a potential conflict with M&M on our normal third Sunday. As luck had it, that weekend was the “Fall Classic” at Dover Furnace and we ended up splitting the shooters between the two events.

The Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association graciously opened their doors to us on October 14th and hosted our “Small Gauge Championships”. Dominic Uliano is quite an advocate on our behalf and we certainly appreciate the opportunity of shooting at FCFGPA. The targets are always great, the food is always plentiful, and the guests are always treated like members.

Dom set sixteen stations for our shooting pleasure. Every single station was hittable with the .410 as my shooting compadre, Andrew Perlman, showed us. Orange birds against the colorful background this time of year can be a challenge. The targets were skillfully set so that most targets had a nice visible window or they were off color.

Station fourteen was a raised platform with a quartering in target followed by an outgoing trap bird on report. The background for the quartering in bird was mostly grass as the platform made us look down on the target. The trap



bird was in the clear blue sky most of the way, so although the leaves were orange they didn't affect the targets.

The limits of the .410 were tested on station 9 which was a rising teal about 35 yards away going away followed by a high left to right crosser on report. Andrew Perlman smacked both birds at least once with his mighty 1100. Both targets were midis, so they were deceptive in both speed and distance.

A hearty smorgasbord met us as we reached the clubhouse. The smaller attendance allowed some new faces to get on the podium. Jim Comiotes came away with his second win in a row with a handicap adjusted 91.

THE SUSQUEHANNA SHOOTOUT

Fred & Carol Roeslein

We left on Friday morning in the rain. Our first stop was Rock Mountain in Meshoppen, Pennsylvania. We met John and Olive Lawlor at Perkins pancake house in Tunkanock. As we were having lunch, Ed and Candy Davies walked in (Ed recognized Fred's rig).

Rock Mountain is a shotgunner's paradise and is considered to be one of the premier courses on the East coast. The new clubhouse is finished and what a beauty it is. Susan and Mike decorated the clubhouse themselves and did an outstanding job decorating the interior and landscaping the exterior. Susan even took us in the kitchen to see how it was set up and the appliances she chose.

Rock Mountain has 16 stations. Each station has several shooting positions so you can shoot various presentations depending on how hard you want to make it. The Rock also has a new eight station "short course." It's perfect for small gauge. We weren't aware of this until later so we stuck to the 16 station course, mixing up reports and simo's at each station.

Name	Award	Score
Comiotes, Jim	HOA	91
Anglace, Dean	20 GA CH	88
Steinkraus, Eric	20 GA RU	84
Hachmann, John	28 GA CH	87
Schrager, Bob	28 GA CH	80
Kiryalak, Andrej	410 CH	80
Perlman, Andrew	410 RU	73
Moritt, Ed	CL1 CH	76
Battaglia, Vin	CL2 CH	72
Hunter, Jeff	CL2 RU	69
Blake, Bob	CL2 3RD	62
Carlucci, Tom	CL3 CH	77
Williams, Lyell	CL3 RU	77
Willinger, Kurt	CL3 3RD	70
Mann, Dick	CL4 CH	79
Przybyski, Ed	CL4 RU	71
Satenstein, David	CL4 3RD	70
Lawlor, Olive	CL5 CH	77
Fox, Gary	CL5 RU	65
Holtzman, Bob	CL5 3RD	57
Repaci, Vince	CL6 CH	60
Novella, Judy	CL6 RU	45
Kiryalak, Ashley	CL6 3RD	34
Parsons, George	VET1 CH	70
Fell, Walt	VET1 RU	62
Leonardi, Ron	VET2 CH	72
Lawlor, John	VET2 RU	70
Willinger, Doris	LADY CH	58
Grant, Gwyn	LADY RU	56
Gernert, Keith	JR CH	60
Francis, Pat	JR RU	43
Zambardo, Tom	GUEST CH	85

When we arrived at the Rock, some shooters were already out on the course. We squadded with John and Olive Lawlor, Ed Davies and Bob Blake. Candy Davies and Karen Blake also tagged along in spite of on and off showers. While they may not shoot, Karen and Candy understand the sport, perhaps too well. Halfway through the course Bob sent the two, in the rain, back to the car to get him some ammo. And, to add insult to injury, Bob didn't even offer them the cart to use for the caddy duties.

Among the different shooting positions are numerous elevated platforms. Station 16 was one of those stations and had high incomers which became screaming droppers. Ed, Fred and John all had their own theories, get them sooner, let them come in closer. Bob was the only one to run the station with a 28 ga. It was outstanding! John Lawlor ended up high gun with a 9-way to go John.

As always Mike, Susan and Tad Koneski were gracious and we wish them huge success at Rock Mountain. They are hard working people and truly deserve it.

Home for the weekend was the same as last year, The Best Western Victorian Inn, Sayre, Pennsylvania. This year there were a total of 19 shooters and 3 non shooting wives. The Keystone Ramblers were represented by Tom Gravina and his wife Donna from Pittsburgh and Mel and Marilyn Van Fossan from Ohio. Also accompanying us for the weekend was Bob and Gwyn's Ginger who got to pal around on this trip with Dom and Sue Uliano's Maggie.

The Best Western was a great place to stay. There is a bar (where most of us met before dinner for a few adult beverages) and the Travelers had a private dining room both nights with great appetizers, dinner and dessert. The nice thing is that you don't have to worry about driving.

A Toast was made to our founder, Al Anglace, by Bob Schragger and everyone agreed he will be sorely missed on our trips.

For Saturday's shoot at Thunder Ridge, Bob suggested setting up random squads for the shooting in the morning with a different squadding in the afternoon to mix up who you shot with. Everyone thought it was a good idea so Bob handed out sheets for each table designating who you would be shooting with.

On Saturday after a breakfast buffet with eggs fixed the way you liked them (breakfast was included with the room) we headed to Thunder Ridge,



Middlebury Center, Pennsylvania. The weather was a mix of sun and clouds and the leaves were starting to turn so no one was complaining.

Thunder Ridge is a beautiful course located near Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon. Thunder Ridge has 16 automated stations with 48 shooting positions - 3 stands at each station with 3 levels of difficulty—Blue (the easiest), White and Red (the most difficult). Our hosts, Bill and Irene Appel showed us outstanding hospitality.

In the morning Fred and I shot with Ed Davies and Mel VanFossan. We had a great time especially with Fred and Ed going at each other. I'm not sure what the scores were but I'm pretty sure Ed was on top of us all. After a great lunch and sitting around comparing how everyone did in the morning we started out to see if we could improve. In the afternoon we shot with Jim Comiotes, Vinnie & Phil Battaglia and Marcus, a friend of Jim's. We decided to shoot the red

course in the afternoon as almost everyone shot the white in the morning. Station 14 had a high chandelle and a fast quartering target. Nobody on our squad in the morning got the chandelle. Jim Comiotes got all of them in the afternoon! Thunder Ridge was a very challenging course no matter which color you shot. Joan Rinaldi must have had a rough time of it in the afternoon and admitted, "I drink a lot better than I shoot".

Dinner on Saturday was also at the Best Western with wonderful appetizers, dinner and dessert. The non-shooting wives, Candy Davies, Karen Blake, Donna Gravina and Marilyn VanFossan had gone during the day to the Corning museum and store. Candy showed pictures of some of the glass for sale in the store, some of which sold for thousands of dollars. Speaking of pictures, Ed and Candy Davies are going to be first time grandparents. Their daughter Lindsay and son-in-law Chris Davis are expecting a new arrival in February. Ed showed us pictures of the baby's sonogram and Lindsay's baby bump. They are over the moon. Also, Bob is becoming a first time grandfather ... Congrats to all!

Bob Schragger once again made a toast to our founder, Al Anglace. Carlos Chapparo couldn't make the trip this time because of shoulder problems. Bob asked if anyone would like to take his place and sing – there were no takers. Carlos, you still have the job and everyone hopes you can make the spring trip. After raffling off thousands of dollars worth of prizes,



we sat around talking and the women decided they wanted to shoot together on Sunday when we went to Binghamton Rod and Gun Club. The husbands could shoot together. The Women vs. The Men.

On Sunday after another great breakfast we started the last leg of the trip to Binghamton Rod & Gun Club, Kirkwood, New York. Binghamton has 16 automatic sporting clays station, skeet, trap, 5 stand plus international trap and skeet. We were all looking forward to the Wives vs. Husbands. There was myself, Olive Lawlor, Gwyn Grant, Joan Rinaldi, Sue Uliano and Marilyn Van Fossman. Non shooting wives with us were Karen Blake, Candy Davies and Donna Gravina, even Ginger and Maggie came with us. Karen pulled for us and Candy supplied candy to keep our energy levels up. I don't know about the men but the women had a ball. We decided to hoot and holler every time one of us shot so the men would think we were doing well. Poor Joan Rinaldi had a clay target that went awry break on the top of her head at station 4. (A reason to always wear a hat while on the course). Joan was bleeding, but still wanted to shoot the station (She got all six). We were all teasing her later that the hit in the head made her shoot better.

When we got done we made our way back to the clubhouse to check how well the husbands did. Needless to say, they beat us handily (but we had a lot more fun). Next time (and there will be a next time) we have to come up with a handicap system. Some then shot the international bunker. It is essentially a long trap house with 5 oscillating traps that can spit out super fast targets. They randomly can go 45 degrees left to 45 degrees right, plus a vertical component. The five shooters are about 16 yards back and hold their gun at a mark on the trap house. A voice activation control is at each shooting station. You fire at only one target on each station and then rotate. Two shots are allowed and are usually needed. This is a hard and fast game but very addicting. All is computer controlled and the layout is on a hilltop overlooking some beautiful scenery. The targets are in plain sight, you just have to hit them. Our thanks to Emil Misata and the terrific Binghamton club members for letting us shoot there.

It was another great Travelers trip. Once again a big thanks to Bob and Gwyn for the time and effort they put into all our trips. Bob is already putting plans together for next years' Spring and Fall trips. It would be wonderful to set a new attendance record.

TRAVELERS TIDBIT

Membership renewals for 2013 will be going out shortly. Please return them with updated information as soon as possible.

25th ANNIVERSARY LOGO GEAR

We still have some of the CT Travelers 25th Anniversary gear left. We will be bringing the following items to the remaining shoots for 2012:

- Blue or Khaki colored Golf Shirts with "CT Travelers, 25th Anniversary" embroidery (\$25)
- Pink or Yellow colored Ladies Golf Shirts (\$25)
- Grey or Pink T-Shirts with the CT Travelers 25th Anniversary Logo screen printed on the back (\$10)
- Blue or Khaki colored baseball caps with "25th Anniversary" embroidery (\$15)
- Blue or Khaki colored golf towels (\$10)

If you have been on the fence about buying, now is the time to get your logo gear for the best selection.

TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DONATION

Once again we will be supporting the "Toys for Tots Dutchess County" at this year's Christmas Shoot at Mid-County. If you are unable to attend the Christmas Shoot, we will also be collecting toys at the Islanders vs. Mainlanders shoot on November 11th.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your CTSCA membership renewal will be coming in the mail very shortly. The shoot managers are committed to delivering a traditional CT Travelers shoot for \$75. We believe that the CT Travelers is best value in the area and we will continue to be competitively priced in the future.

The membership dues have held steady for a number of years. Many of the places we shoot have raised their prices over the years. In today's environment, we will have to raise the price of a single membership from \$60 to \$65. A family membership will go from \$70 to \$75 and the Junior membership will remain at \$15.

2013 SCHEDULE CHANGE

The September 2013 shoot has changed from Sunday, September 22nd to Sunday, September 15th. The shoot managers agreed to change the date in order to avoid conflict with "The Orvis Cup" and to stay on a "third Sunday" schedule. If you have any questions, please consult the schedule in Reload or contact Jeff Hunter (jhunter@ctsca.org) or Dean Anglace (danglace@charter.net).

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TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

The dates below are tentative, please check the most current Reload! for confirmation.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shoot Name</u>	<u>Venue</u>
November 11	Islanders vs. Mainlanders	Suffolk T&S
December 16	Dick Losee Memorial Shoot & Xmas Party	Mid County
2013		
January 20	Mid-Winter Martyrdom	Mid-Hudson
February 17	Annual Meeting	Dover Furnace
March 17	The Original March Madness	Orvis Sandanona
April 5-7	Spring Trip	Maryland
April 13-14	Travelers FITASCTIC	Mid-Hudson
April 21	Tax Time Revolt	Ten Mile River Preserve
May 19	May Minuet	TBD
June 16	Albert Anglace Memorial Championships	Mashomack
July 21	Simo Sunday	Orvis Sandanona
August 18	Doverpalooza	Dover Furnace
September 15	Small Gauge Championships	Ten Mile River Preserve
October 20	Octobershutzenfest	FCFGPA
November 10	Islanders vs. Mainlanders	Suffolk T&S
December 15	Dick Losee Memorial & Xmas Party	Mid-County

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

Islanders vs. Mainlanders

Sunday, November 11, 2012

Suffolk County Trap & Skeet
154 Gerard Road, Yaphank, NY 11980

DIRECTIONS to Suffolk County Trap&Skeet: 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.

DIRECTIONS to Lunch: Lunch will be catered at the Rocky Point Fire House (GPS 40.952986,-72.942920). From Suffolk T&S, take a right onto Gerard Road and follow it back to Rt 21. Take a right onto Rt 21 and go over the Expressway. Rt 21 will end at an old gas station and a yellow house/business. Take a left onto N Main/Rt 21 and drive about 1 mile and take a right onto Rt 21/North Mill Road. Stay on North Mill Road for about 7.5 miles. North Mill Road will change names as you go, but will always be County Route 21. Rt 21 turns into Hallock Landing Road. Hallock Landing Road will intersect with North Rocky Point Landing Road. The firehouse is on the left at this intersection, parking on the right side of the firehouse. If you want to feed an address into your GPS, use "185 Rocky Point Landing Rd, Sound Beach, NY" (not the actual address, but puts you right there).

Toys For Tots Pickup: Once again, the CT Travelers will be supporting the "Toys for Tots" of Dutchess County at our December Shoot. If you are unable to make the December Shoot, we will happily take your donations at the "Islanders vs. Mainlanders".

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Your application must be received on or before **Wednesday, November 7, 2012.**

Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM at the Clubhouse.
We will dispatch to our stations at 9:45, please check in so we know you are there.
Includes a luncheon and awards.

CTSCA Members \$75; Guests \$90; Lunch Only \$15.

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 <i>Circle One</i>		Lady	Vet1	Vet2	Guest	Unable to attend lunch	Islander or Mainlander
You		12	20						
2		12	20						
3		12	20						
4		12	20						
5		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. If you need assistance filling out this form, please consult <http://www.ctsca.org/node/1762>.



Winter League Sporting Clays

2013

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME, NEWTOWN CT.

Our winter Sporting Clays league will be starting on Sunday December 9th, 2012, and we will be offering breakfast and lunch at our state of the art facility. We are able to accommodate 120 shooters, Members and Guests are welcome, we give members the opportunity to sign up first, so my suggestion to you would be send this registration form in right away with your deposit 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** shoot December 23rd The Banquet will be scheduled to take place on March 10th. 2013. Above dates are subject to change to accommodate any inclement weather dates that the league would be cancelled. **Guests are welcome and will be registered after Oct. 15th 2012**

League Fees: Sign Up- Members and Guests \$20.00

Weekly Fees: Committee - \$10.00 Members - \$15.00 Guests - \$25.00

Name: _____ **Mem.#** _____ **Guest** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **ST:** _____ **Phone:** _____ / _____ / _____

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Please include sign up fee with registration. Make checks payable to: **FCF&GPA**

Mail To: **Dominic Uliano**

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Squadding preference; 1. yourself 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

WINTER LEAGUE 2013

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