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Celebrating Our 26th Year



November 2013

OCTOBERSHUTZENFEST

Jeff Hunter

Sunday, October 20th dawned as a crisp autumn day with the temperature hovering around 50. Driving through the Fairfield County countryside on the way to Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association treated us to a spectacular palette of Reds, Oranges, and Yellows. There was no question that this weekend was the peak of fall color!

We always enjoy going to Fairfield County; home of the Connecticut State Shoot. Dominic Uliano, Ed Terry, and John Guay always bring out the tricky targets for the Travelers. Having seventeen stations meant that you had three pair at every station except for a single two pair station.

Station ten was the two pair presentation. The shooting box was on a raised hill overlooking a lower cleared area. The first bird of the pair was a outgoing rabbit below your feet slightly quartering left to right. As we all know, rabbits are tricky enough but when they look like a knife edge, it makes them much more difficult. Station 10s report was a right to left crossing target that took off on the shooter's level but then dipped to below the shooter as it sailed into the lower level.

We all love chandelles, right? Station six was a chandelle from the left that rose behind the fall foliage and then you caught the top of the arc before it started to drop. It was a very smart use of the terrain. The



report on this stand was a going away trap bird that had a little curl on it that made it a little more difficult than a guaranteed “X”.

Station fifteen was another great use of terrain. The trap for the first target was perched atop a knoll to the shooter’s right. As the shooter called for the target, it skirted along the top of the scrub bush and into a clearing. By the time the target got to the clearing, it was slowing down and dropping. If you watched the whole flight path, it was actually descending the whole time following the gentle slope of the knoll. The target on report was an incoming quartering target that had a nice lazy path. If you watched it too long, it dipped behind a tree at the end of its flight.

In the end, Mike Sayed came out on top with an 88! We would like to thank FCFGPA for inviting us to shoot their excellent facilities.

Next month we travel to Long Island for the 5th Annual “Islanders vs. Mainlanders” at Suffolk County Trap & Skeet in Yaphank, NY. If this year goes like the past few years, Richie Shannon will shoot the course the day before to get the extra edge and the Islanders might have a chance. Then again, the key to the Islanders vs. Mainlanders challenge is filling out the classes and sub-classes, so you can be assured we will be bringing a wide cross-section of shooters. The shoot starts a little earlier than normal at 9:00, but we will be having lunch onsite. **Hope to see you on November 10th.**

MY TRIP TO SUPER SCHOOL

Ed Davies

This week I had the privilege of attending the 2013 NSCA Super School on September 30 and October 1, 2013 at M&M Preserve in NJ.

The 2 day clinic, created by NSCA Team USA Manager Judy Morris, gives 12 participants the unique opportunity to learn in small groups from four Team USA, All American champions. Shooter groups of 3 seemed to be selected by approximate ability, so that the individual student could maximize their benefit from the experience.

Our four instructors were all well known to anyone who reads the sporting clays periodicals. Brad Kidd, Bill McGuire, Zach Kienbaum and Anthony Matarese., Jr. each donated their time to spend course and classroom time with our group. The number of titles these shooters have amassed would not fit on this page. If you needed evidence of this just check their scores at the Delaware

Name	Award	Score
Sayed, Mike	HOA	88
Cypher, Lavert	CL1 CH	86
Comiotes, Jim	CL1 RU	85
Calcagnini, George	CL2 CH	81
Rinaldi, Joe	CL2 RU	81
Luppino, Mike	CL3 CH	80
Novella, Anthony	CL3 RU	77
Zimmerman, Eric	CL4 CH	68
Barile, Ken	CL4 RU	66
Barile, Matt	CL5 CH	64
Presto, Jim	CL5 RU	61
Anglace, Andrew	CL6 CH	51
Grisoni, John	CL6 RU	23
Burke, Ted	VET1 CH	84
Masek, George	VET1 RU	82
Leonardi, Ron	VET2 CH	75
Lawlor, John	VET2 RU	70
Kirylak, Ambert	LADY CH	64
Rinaldi, Joan	LADY RU	57
Kutschera, Chris	JR CH	60
Gernert, Keith	JR RU	58
Mastropasqua, Mark	GUEST CH	72

River Classic!
They gave each of us their full attention and the benefit of their knowledge and experience in each session.

I felt like I was a pretty good shooter heading into the school. I'd taken a handful of lessons from Anthony over the last 3 years and have managed to improve significantly. On the Sunday before the clinic I had a lesson in humility shooting the Main event of the Delaware River Classic, and I realized that I had a lot more to learn. After 2 days with Brad, Zach, Bill and Anthony I had managed to not only break every target that had vexed my on Sunday, but also how to continue to improve my game. I became a better shooter and, more importantly, I learned how to continue my improvement.



Front: Zach, Ed, Anthony; Back: Brad, Bill

The NSCA Super School is not inexpensive, but all of the dollars raised go directly to the fund that supports our US shooters at international shooting events. The \$2000 entry fee includes all instruction, targets (I shot about 900) and meals (and the Matarese family knows how to serve a meal!) Ammunition, travel and accommodations are the shooter's responsibility. I viewed this as a once-in-a-lifetime investment in my shooting and in the success of Team USA. From my perspective, it was money well spent.

Some memorable quotes from our instructors:

- ☒ "There is no such thing as lead." - Brad Kidd
- ☒ "I always see some lead" - Bill McGuire
- ☒ "The rabbit will tell you when it wants to die" - Zach Kienbaum
- ☒ "C'mon Ed; FOCUS!" - Anthony Matarese, Jr.

For information on the 2014 Super Schools, including one at M&M, contact Judy Morris at judy@morrisj.com.

SPORTING SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Each year we recognize one person or organization that has exemplified the values and vision of the CT Travelers as the Sporting Sportsman of the Year. Each year the award is given at the Christmas Shoot at Mid-County. The Sporting Sportsman Selection Committee is starting this year's search early and we would like any suggestions for people to consider.

You can contact any of the committee members with your suggestions; John Hachmann (johnhachmann@yahoo.com), Steve Monti (spmonti@msn.com), or Jeff Hunter (marist89@optonline.net).

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-- Robert Montgomery Knight

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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 10	Islanders vs. Mainlanders	Suffolk T&S
December 15	Dick Losee Memorial & Xmas Party	Mid-County
January 19, 2014	Mid-Winter Martyrdom	Mid-Hudson
February 16	Annual Meeting	Dover Furnace
March 16	The Original March Madness	Orvis Sandanona
April 27	Tax Time Revolt	Ten Mile River Preserve
May 18	May Minuet	Mashomack Preserve
June 14	FITASC Championship	Mid-Hudson
June 15	Albert Anglace Memorial Club Championship	Mid-Hudson
July 20	Simo Sunday	Orvis
August 17	Doverpalooza	Dover Furnace
September 14	Small Gauge Championships	Ten Mile River Preserve
October 19	Octobershutzenfest	FCFGPA
November 9	Islanders vs. Mainlanders	Suffolk County Trap & Skeet
December 21	Dick Losee Memorial Shoot and XMas Party	Mid-County

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

Islanders vs. Mainlanders

Sunday, November 10th, 2013

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.

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 6th, 2013.

Continental Breakfast opens at **8:00AM** at the Clubhouse.
Safety at **9:00**, Shotgun start shortly thereafter.
Lunch following the shoot onsite at Suffolk County T&S

Club open for Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays after Lunch.

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

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:

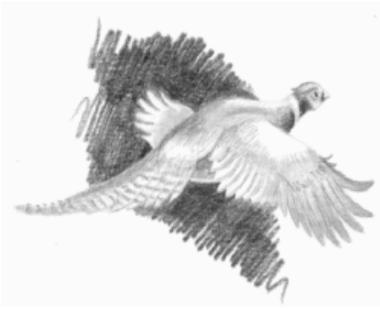
CTSCA, c/o John Hachmann, 35 Columbine Lane, Kings Park, NY 11754

	Name <i>List names being paid with the enclosed check.</i>	Junior <i>must provide own ammo</i>	Lady	Vet1	Vet2	Guest	Unable to Attend Lunch	Islander or Mainlander
You								
2								
3								
4								
5								

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>.



**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME
Newtown CT.**

SUNDAY DEC. 8th 2013, starting @ 10:00am

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

\$70.00 for 100 Targets & Lunch

This shoot will be Limited to 125 shooters

This year again we will Welcome Lunch 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:

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| 1. _____ | Shoot fee _____ | Lunch Only _____ |
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| 3. _____ | Shoot fee _____ | Lunch Only _____ |
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| 6. _____ | Shoot fee _____ | Lunch Only _____ |

Christmas Shoot: \$70 _____

Lunch Only \$20 _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO; FCF & GPA

Total _____

Send payment to:

Dominic Uliano

34 Swamp Rd.

Newtown CT. 06470

Fun Shoot to Support The Connecticut Food Bank



Sunday November 17th 2013

Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association

\$65 FOR 100 TARGETS & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Lunch will be provided for \$10 or Free if you donate a bag of Non-Perishables

Please come and support this worthy cause let's make a difference for some of the families facing the economic hardships of today. A portion of the proceeds will also be donated

THIS IS A NSCA REGISTERED EVENT

**.REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 8:30 am; THIS WILL BE A SQUADED START
STARTING AT 10am**

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THE FUN.

PRE- REGISTRATION APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED AT THIS FUN SHOOT

----- CUT HERE AND ENCLOSE THE BOTTOM PORTION -----

Name: _____ NSCA# _____ Class _____ Conc. _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____ PLEASE SQUAD ME WITH:

1. Yourself 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

EVENT COST \$ 65.00 per shooter

Don't forget your Non- Perishable donation !!! Or Lunch \$10 _____

*Make all checks payable to "FCF &
GPA"*

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

**Send to: Dominic Uliano
34 Swamp Road
Newtown, CT 06470**



Winter League Sporting Clays 2014

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME, NEWTOWN CT.

Our winter Sporting Clays league will be starting on Sunday December 15th, 2013, 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 29th The Banquet will be scheduled to take place on March 9th 2014. 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. 12th 2013**

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: _____ / _____ / _____

EMAIL: _____

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

Mail To: **Dominic Uliano**

34 Swamp Rd

Newtown CT. 06470

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