

RELOAD!

Celebrating Our 27th Year



November 2014

BACK IN THE SADDLE

Jeff Hunter

The sunny stretches of beach have drawn Bill Beinert to Key West this month. As such, I have dusted off the keyboard and fired up the old L.C. Smith (typewriter) and tried to remember how to feign writing. As Jackie Gleason used to say, “Awaaaaaayyy we go!”

After a one year furlough, we returned to Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association for our annual “Small Gauge Championships” on October 19th. Dom Uliano, Ed Terry, and John Guay laid out a very fun course that accommodated all levels of the little guns. That’s not to say people shooting a .410 had an easy time, but a few were surprised by the reach of their pop-guns and a half-ounce of #8s.

We started at station four which was a report pair of left to right crossing targets. The first bird was thrown high and fast. It was very difficult to see in the early morning sun until it reached the end of it’s flight at which point it was maybe 30 yards away. I’m sure people shooting this station later in the day had an easier time seeing it. The report was a low and slow bird but petered out quickly. Let’s just say that one of the shooters in our squad blew half his handicap on this station alone.

Station eight was a typical Fairfield County target. A rocking pink straight up and down teal a fair distance away followed on report by a high left to right crossing target. The teal was easy-peasy at the top, but that put you out of position for the crossing bird if you were lazy. The key to this target was picking a hold point for the second bird and getting right to it instead of waiting around



Name	Award	Gauge	Score
Primavera, Mike	HOA	28	84
Anglace, Dean	20g CH	20	84
Theus, Rusty	20g RU	20	84
Murphy, Mike	28g CH	28	81
Galotto, Bruce	28g RU	28	78
Kirylak, Andrej	.410 CH	410	66
Perlman, Andrew	.410 RU	410	61
Gernert, Keith	JR CH	20	65
Barth, Ellen	LADY CH	20	53
Comiotes, Jim	VET1 CH	28	77
Jasensky, Jasen	VET2 CH	28	63
Chaber, Abe	GUEST CH	20	71

watching the pretty pink bird break.

Last, but not least was station two on the five-stand field. The first bird was a right to left high bird and very hittable with a .410. Station two's report was...challenging. The shooting box was basically at the 20 yard line of a trap field and the report was, you guessed it, a straight away trap bird. The .410 with a modified choke on our squad hit this bird once. The 20s hit it a few more times. The cheaters that had 12 gauges had a much easier time.

Dom and the crew always set a fun course. The target setters have a level of sophistication that you would see at a regional shoot. We appreciate the opportunity to shoot a Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association and look forward to it every year.

SPORTING SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Steve Monti

Each year we recognize a person or organization that exemplifies the values and vision of the Connecticut Travelers as the Sporting Sportsman of the Year. Each year the award is given at the annual Christmas Shoot in December. This year's presentation will be at Dover Furnace. If you would like to nominate anybody, CT Traveler or not, as the Sporting Sportsman of the Year, please contact one of the members of the selection committee:

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 Carl LaCavalla (claca23@yahoo.com)
 Jimmy Presto (jjpresto780@gmail.com)

FALL TRIP 2014

Carol Roesslein

Fred and I started the Travelers Fall Trip to Eastern Pennsylvania on Friday morning October 10th. We met John & Olive Lawlor at Perkins in Tunkanock. After a late breakfast we headed to Rock Mountain in Meshoppen for the first leg of our trip.

Rock Mountain is a shotgunner's paradise and considered to be one of the premier courses of the East Coast. The presentations shift through the woods, over fields, from towers and cliff, to down in the valley. There are two courses to choose from. The long course is a 100 bird course with 17 stations. Each station has several shooting positions depending on how hard you wanted to make it. The short course is a 50 bird course with 9 stations and is a good course to practice live bird shooting. When we arrived at Rock Mountain Bob Schrage, Gwyn and Ginger were already out. They had shot in the morning with Dom & Sue Uliano & Maggie. Lauren Fischetti, a new Traveler

this year, was out shooting along with the contingent of the Ramblers; John Anderson, Bruce Riley, Bob Robertson and Ell Vines.

Rock Mountain is now a Beretta range with Beretta rental guns and merchandise for sale. Also, in addition to a beautiful club house there is a new covered event pavilion with seating for over 250. Mike and Susan Koneski always make everyone feel welcome and we wish them well in all their endeavors at the Rock. Susan gave us a heads up they are going to have a three day SxS shoot next year. So all you SxS shooters will have a new venue along with the Vintager's and Hausmann's Hidden Hollow.

Home for the weekend was once again, the Best Western Victorian Inn, Sayre, Pennsylvania. The Best Western is a great place to stay. We had dinner both nights in a private dining room with wonderful appetizers, dinner and dessert. Friday and Saturday nights we all met in the bar beforehand for cocktails. It was nice (and safe) not having to worry about driving.

After a complimentary breakfast (included with your room) we all made our way to Thunder Ridge in Middlebury Center, Pennsylvania. Thunder Ridge is a beautiful course located near Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon. The fall foliage was at its peak and the scenery from the back stations on the course was spectacular!

After shooting in the morning, we had a nice lunch in the club house, then it was back out for an afternoon of more shooting. We shot the easier stations in the morning, (supposedly) and the harder in the afternoon. Thunder Ridge is owned and operated by Bill and Irene Appel and they couldn't have been more accommodating and gracious hosts. If you have never been to Thunder Ridge you should make it a priority to visit.

Saturday night found us once again meeting in the bar for cocktails and tales of how well (or not) we shot that day. We had a wonderful dinner and Bob gave away the usual thousands of dollars' worth of prizes.

After a breakfast buffet on Sunday, it was off to Hausmann's Hidden Hollow. Hidden Hollow is located in northeast Pennsylvania. It is in the beautiful Endless Mountains of Susquehanna County. Their course consists of 16-22 sporting clays stations. A tower field, covered five stand and skeet field offer both the experienced and novice shooter the opportunity to improve his or her shooting ability. The course is great for those bird



hunters looking to improve their shooting skills, with some stations offering some fast birds with a short window. Even though Ernie and Helen Hausmann had to leave for their annual hunting trip, they welcomed us with open arms. Their son, Ernest, checked in on us throughout the day as we shot the course. Truly a nice venue and a nicer family.

We couldn't have gotten a more beautiful and scenic fall weekend to shoot. We didn't have a large group this trip, due to date conflicts and the economy, but those who were there had a wonderful time. Hopefully, next year's Spring and Fall trips will have more shooters participating. The Ramblers are already working on putting together for us a very special 2015 Fall Trip to western Pennsylvania, shooting at Nemaquin, Buffer Creek and Seven Springs.

Thanks once again to Bob and Gwyn for the time and effort they put into these trips.

NOVEMBER LOGISTICS

Dean Anglace

We return to Ten Mile River Preserve to "Salute The Colors" on Sunday, November 9th. This deviates from our usual "Third Sunday" schedule so please plan accordingly. The November shoot has a little twist as we will gather at Ten Mile River Preserve for breakfast and shooting, but head over to Dover Furnace for lunch.

If you just can't shoot enough at Ten Mile River, Dover Furnace is offering Travelers who participate in "Salute The Colors" a special rate of \$35/100. Contact Jeff @ Dover Furnace for more information.

CART DO'S AND DONT'S

Golf carts and ATVs have become an integral part of our sport. We use them to haul our aging bodies and all the associated paraphernalia we "must" have with us to complete our round. Here is a summary of the "Rules of the Road" for motorized vehicles:

- DO park your trailer in a designated trailer parking area.
- DO NOT use the course as your opportunity to "open 'er up".
- DO stay on the cart path.
- DO follow the Tonucci Axiom; two person carts are for two people, not four.
- DO NOT go screaming past somebody shooting in the box.
- DO leave room on the cart path for other vehicles to pass.
- DO NOT pull up three feet from the shooting stand.
- DO NOT go into areas if they are roped off.
- DO be courteous of walkers and give them the right of way.
- DO have proof of insurance available for your vehicle at host clubs that request it.

Remember that we are invited guests at a great number of clubs where we shoot. We want to respect their facility so we are invited back another time. Cart courtesy is just another way to show our appreciation to our hosts.

TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shoot Name</u>	<u>Venue</u>
November 9	Salute The Colors	Ten Mile River Preserve
December 21	Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

Salute The Colors

Sunday, November 9th, 2014

Ten Mile River Preserve
266 Berkshire Road
Dover Plains, New York

DIRECTIONS: Route 84 West, exit 20/Route 684 North to the CT/NY State Lines. Take Route 22 North towards Pawling. Continue on 22 North to Dover Plains. At the traffic light turn right onto Mill Street (just past McDonalds) and continue to Berkshire road on the left. Follow Berkshire road to the Lodge. (845) 877-3560. Park in the lot adjacent to the lodge, conveyance will be provided to your starting shooting stand.

REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Your application must be received on or before
Wednesday, November 5th, 2014.

Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM at the Lodge.
Safety at 9:45, conveyance to your starting station will be provided.
Includes a luncheon at Dover Furnace after the shoot.

CTSCA Members \$80; Guests \$95; Lunch Only \$15.
There will be trappers at this shoot.

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:
CTSCA, c/o Dean Anglace, 355 Housatonic Trail, Southbury, CT 06488

	Name <i>List names being paid with the enclosed check.</i>	Jr	Lady	Vet1	Vet2	Guest	NSCA Number	Unable to Attend Lunch
You								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								

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>.

Fun Shoot to Support The Connecticut Food Bank



Sunday November 16th 2014

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**



I Can't Believe it's this Time of year Again!!



Winter League Sporting Clays

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME, NEWTOWN CT.

2015

Our winter Sporting Clays league will be starting on Sunday December 14th, 2014, 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. The Banquet will be scheduled to take place on March 8th, 2015. 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. 1st 2014**

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

Weekly Fees: Committee - \$10.00 Members - \$15.00 ****Guests - \$30.00

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

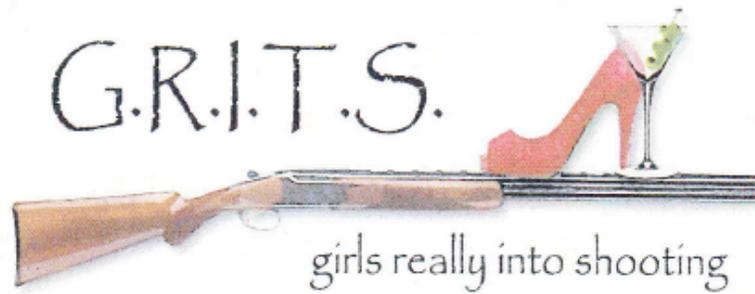
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WINTER LEAGUE 2015

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



Non-Profit Organization

The GRITS (Girls Really Into Shooting)

They are an independent group of girls that started in Virginia, with Elizabeth Lanier as founder. They shoot once a month for the sheer fun of it, and several times a year they take a road trip or go on some type of shooting adventure. If you love to shoot shotguns join this new chapter starting in CT soon.

Company Overview

As Elizabeth Lanier once stated "My favorite four letter word is PULL!!!" Her passion for the shooting sports is contagious and her desire to share that passion led to the formation of an amazing group of women called the GRITS!!!!

GRITS = Girls Really Into Shooting

These ladies love to shoot! Whether the targets have feathers or not, our mantra is "If It Flies, It Dies!!" We are an independent group who shoot once a month for the sheer fun of it, and several times a year we take a road trip on some type of shooting adventure . . . wing shooting, side x side events, or trying new sporting courses or old favorites. If you love to shoot shotguns, share your adventures here and come join us any time! The group consists of stay at home moms, working moms & retired professionals, artists, doctors, lawyers, teachers, even a hot air balloon pilot who also happens to fly airplanes for fun as well. (VA chapter).

If you think you would like to join, we would love to have you. We will shoot formally once a month at various locations and try to get together as often as possible in between. We will do an overnight getaway twice a year and travel. You do not need to be a proficient shooter by any means. We welcome all beginners to seasoned shooters and everything in between. Truth be known, at the end of a shooting day, no one really talks about the hits or misses, just all of the fun!! We shoot for the pure pleasure of it!! If you would like to join this new chapter please fill out the info or contact me for info on the new CT Chapter of GRITS.

Ready . . . PULL!!!!

As I receive the by-laws and more info on starting a chapter here in CT I will get the info out to anyone interested. Contact: Barbara Carlson 203-300-8173 or bichonmom@mail2me.com.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Email: _____