

# RELOAD!

*Celebrating our 28th year.  
November 2015*



## **OCTOBERSHUTZENFEST**

Bill Beinert

Autumn was definitely in the air as sixty-six Travelers and their guests made their way to the Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association. It was definitely on the chilly side as we assembled. Your humble reporter, fresh back from Florida, was all layered up, winter gloves and all. Almost made you forget the beauty of the foliage, both in the trees and the leaves covering the grounds. The foliage played its own role in the shooting game. On several stations, it was very hard to pick up the bird against the foliage until it cleared the tree line.

My squad was definitely feeling the chill as we headed to station 1. After shooting that station with unaccustomed layers of clothing, we all quickly got rid of a layer to avoid the "Pillsbury Dough Boy" feeling that messes up your mount. We didn't need to add the layers back as the sun came out and warmed us up, even as a few snow flurries warned us of what is to come in the next few months.

The birds were magnificent. Change-ups in speed and trajectory were high on the menu. Seven of the seventeen stations featured report pairs with both birds coming from the same general location with different speeds and different trajectories.

I'm not going to single out any particular stations as more special than the rest. It was pretty much an even challenge after challenge throughout the course, with only 17 approaching a "gimmee".

The scores: Congratulations to Mike Primavera with HOA of 92. Dean Anglace took class 1 with an 89. Class 2 went to Jim Comiotes with 90. Class 3 winner was Joe Shea (73). Class 4 went to Ed Przybyski (73) and class 5 Ellen Barth



(60).

Median score for all shooters was 66. Vet1 honors went to Kurt Anderson, Vet2 to Jasen Jazensky, Lady to Sue Uliano and Junior to CJ Ehrentraut.

The lunch was great. Full courses: soup, salad, pasta, meatballs, chicken, potatoes, etc., etc. Up to Fairfield standards, I am told (it was my first trip here).

Our thanks to Dom Uliano and the Sporting Clays Committee at Fairfield for a well-run shoot. Of course thanks to Dean and Danielle Anglace for organizing it.

If anyone has any comments or pictures they'd like to see included, please send me an email within a day or two after the shoot so I can immortalize your (or a buddy's) outstanding (or amusing) performance: editor@ctsca.org.

### **PENNSYLVANIA COVERAGE**

This month we bring you two special reports from the Fall Trip to Pennsylvania. Both authors have a great perspective of the trip and I just had to include both. — Editor

### **FALL IN PENNSYLVANIA**

Joan Rinaldi

On Thursday, October 8, 2015, the intrepid Travelers made their way to the Seven Springs Resort in bucolic Western Pennsylvania for the annual Fall Trip. After years of invitations from the Keystone Ramblers, the group finally agreed to visit this breathtaking part of the US and break bread and clays with our gracious host, Tom Gravina, and other members of the Rambler clan. It was a blast, literally and figuratively, to spend time with this wonderful group over the weekend.

First, a word about the resort; it is GIGANTIC. Our comfortable accommodations overlooked part of the ski area and the venue for Ocktoberfest; a celebration of crafts, food, music, beer tasting and other family activities scheduled for that weekend. The resort boasts seven restaurants, several lounges,

Name	Award	Score
Primavera, Mike	HOA	92
Anglace, Dean	CL1 CH	89
Calcagnini, George	CL1 RU	84
Comiotes, Jim	CL2 CH	90
Ranieri, Carl	CL2 RU	80
Shea, Joe	CL3 CH	73
Sapoznik, Ted	CL3 RU	68
Przybyski, Ed	CL4 CH	73
Evans, Brian	CL4 RU	70
Barth, Ellen	CL5 CH	60
Walsh, Robert	CL5 RU	58
Uliano, Sue	LADY CH	74
Anderson, Kurt	VET1 CH	83
Davies, Ed	VET1 RU	79
Jasensky, Jasen	VET2 CH	68
Moritt, Ed	VET2 RU	54
Ehrentraut, CJ	JR CH	74
Stackpole, Ryan	JR RU	74
Garner, Keith	JR 3RD	66



a day spa, stores, and even a bowling alley! Outdoor activities include horseback riding, hiking, a zip line, and alpine slide. A popular wedding destination, Saturday saw three couples make their vows and host their sizable receptions simultaneously. So when I say "gigantic", I'm not kidding.

Friday's threatening clouds held off long enough for us to get in a round and have lunch al fresco at the Shooting Academy at Nemaquin, a renowned clays destination and equally impressive resort. The targets were varied and interesting; two different courses were available to us and with Tom's guidance, we saw the best, and most challenging, of both.

We took a 10-minute van ride on Saturday to the sporting clays course at Seven Springs. The peak autumn colors were even more spectacular from the mountaintop where the club house and restaurant are located. Three different courses awaited us: the upper, the lower, and the super sporting. The women formed their own squad, continuing a tradition started on previous Travelers trips, and made mincemeat out of the assorted targets presented to them. As they were unencumbered by other male family members offering long-winded shooting advice, opinions or comments, the ladies finished the course in record time and in good humor.



*Rambler Tom Gravina showing us how it's done.*

Drinks and dinner at The Grille both evenings provided the group with some tasty offerings and lighthearted camaraderie with our hosts. They even had a recessed shotgun in the bar! Everyone joined in to wish both Andre Kirylak and his daughter Amber a Happy Birthday, just a few days apart from each another. What a great location for celebration!



Buffer Creek was our last shooting destination on Sunday morning. The course is situated on a rustic working farm and is challenging. After the first two difficult (for me, impossible) stations, this venue should have been renamed "Bufferin Creek", but the targets eventually became more reasonable. The sunny, crisp

autumn day offered some spectacular views, and happy memories of a great weekend with the Keystone Ramblers.

## **PENNSYLVANIA FALL TRIP**

Bob Schrager

Thirty-five Connecticut Travelers and Keystone Ramblers spent Columbus Day weekend peeping at spectacular foliage and grand views, shooting at challenging targets, eating delicious food and most importantly, enjoying warm comradeship. After years of entreaties from Tom Gravina and other Ramblers, we finally gave in and enjoyed Rambler hospitality in western Pennsylvania at Nemaocolin, Seven Springs and Buffer Creek.



Home for the weekend was Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Located in the Laurel Highlands, it is at an elevation of about 3000 feet (as you go west from the resort there is nothing higher until you get to the Rockies). We drove in on Thursday (after stopping at Cabela's of course), the weather was perfect and as we climbed up into the Highlands the trees changed from mostly green to bright reds and oranges.

Friday, we woke up to cloudy skies and forecasts of rain and thunderstorms. We knew, however, that Nemaocolin has two covered five-stands and that the lower course has ten covered stations. So we grabbed our rain gear and headed out. But we need not have worried. Al was there in spirit (and speaking to the weather gods on our behalf). The rain held off and we were able to shoot all morning, have a delicious lunch and then shoot for about an hour and a half afterwards before the rain started.

Nemaocolin has two sporting courses, the lower course is more "in-the-woods" and was set somewhat easier; they were



having a corporate shoot on the lower course in the afternoon. The upper course is more open and was set stiffer. Joe and Joab Rinaldi and Ramblers Karen Kashauba and Richard Leonard joined up with Gwyn, Ginger and myself. We shot most of the lower course, switched and shot about half of the upper course and had lunch. Karen and Richard had to leave so Tom Gravina and Tom Millham joined us and we shot the rest of the upper course before the rain. Both courses had a good mix of targets that made us pay attention and have plenty of fun.

The next day dawned with a beautiful blue sky. We drove up the mountain (the Seven Springs sporting club is above the ski slopes) broke up into squads of four and five, each with a trapper, and went out to break some clays. The ladies, Amber Kirylak, Joan Rinaldi, Karen Kashauba, Kate Hutchinson, Gwyn and Rambler Cindy, decided that they were going to all shoot together and drove off singing, "Girls Rule, Boys Drool". So Joe Rinaldi, Ed Davies, Ramblers Tom Gravina and Richard Leonard and I enjoyed a "boys day out."

Seven Springs also has two clays courses. Both contain several stations in the woods and several in open fields. Out of the thirty odd stations we shot, there was a good mix of stations that made you think, stations that made you work and stations that reminded you that there is no such thing as an "easy" station. Two of the nicest courses I have ever shot.

Needless to say, we walked off the course at the end of the day feeling that we had really gotten our monies worth. Especially as we were shooting at "Rambler Rates" — \$45 for 100 clays including the cart.

Those that weren't shooting (or who only shot in the morning) enjoyed the spa, plenty of leaf peeping, fall craft sales, a beer tasting (with, of course, pumpkin beer), Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water house and the Flight 93 Memorial.

Both Friday and Saturday evenings we had dinner at The Grille which is the restaurant located at the Seven Springs Sporting Clays lodge. A fully stocked bar, great views of autumn leaves and Lake Tahoe, excellent food (those that had the Rib Eye one night and the Roast Beef the next had half a cow that died happy at each meal) and good comrades made the meals something special. And of course, there were the thousands and thousands of dollars' worth of presents to cap things off!

Sunday we stopped off at Buffer Creek Sporting Clays on the way home. While Buffer Creek may not be as fancy as either Nemaquin or Seven Springs, the targets were just as much fun. They warned us that they had set the course "Travelers Tough." Indeed they had. There were a few stations that would have been perfect for the Crucible. We knew we were in for it when we saw the first station, a high curving



incomer followed by a fast, quartering, slicing bird which started 35 yards in front of us on the left and which landed 68 yards away. Again, nothing was unfair and there were plenty of stations set to make everyone happy.

If you couldn't join us on this trip but want to really enjoy yourself at any of these venues, remember all Travelers have a standing invitation to take advantage of the special rates available to Keystone Ramblers. Just send me an email and I'll put you in touch with Tom Gravina who will set things up for you. And you'll probably get an invitation to join some Ramblers if you want company.

Finally, something to keep you warm as the temperatures start to drop. Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 8-11, 2016. That will be the Spring Trip to the Eastern Shore; the unofficial start of next year's shooting season.

## **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. 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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## **NOVEMBER SHOOT LOGISTICS**

Dean Anglace

I received a call a couple weeks ago from Ten Mile River Preserve. They were sorry, but couldn't accommodate our "Small Gauge Championships" on Sunday, November 15th. We have been going to Ten Mile River Preserve for about 10 years and it is always one of our most attended shoots. They will surely be missed this year.

We scrambled and managed to book our Small Gauge Championship for Mid-Hudson on the same date. Lunch and awards will be at Pasquale's Restaurant (248 Main Street, New Paltz). Dig out your sub-gauge guns and bring them out to New Paltz for a fun day!

Traveler's Handicaps apply; 28 gauge = +5, .410 = +10.

## **STEVE RICE**

from <http://www.journaltribune.com>

*Stephen R.P. Rice of Saco (formerly of Elmhurst, New York) passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, at home. He was 73 years old.*

*Born on April 8, 1942 in Manhattan, he was the son of Hugh and Helen (Callahan) Rice.*

*Raised in Queens, New York, Stephen graduated from Delahanty High School in Jamaica. While a college student at St. Francis College in Biddeford, he met his wife and life partner, Susan (Dupuis) Rice, at a Valentine's Day dance. Stephen and Susan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21.*

*After college, Stephen served his country as an electronics counter measures operator on the Boeing B52 Stratofortress in the United States Air Force from 1962- 1966. Following his service, he was employed by AT&T in New York and retired after 30 years.*

*An outdoors enthusiast, Stephen enjoyed fishing and shooting and was a life member of Scarborough Fish and Game Association.*

*Stephen is survived by: his wife, Susan (Dupuis) Rice; his daughter, Sarah Henris and her husband Jason; his son, Stephen P. Rice and his wife Lisa; and his four grandchildren, Jason, Sean, Sabrina, and Mackenzie.*



I first met Steve Rice at a shoot I like to call the "Noah's Ark Shoot" at the Old Newgate Coon Club back in 2006. It was one of my first shoots as a Traveler and I was squadded with Steve and Ed Prysbyski. Even though the rain poured down non-stop that day, we still had a good time.

I shot with Ed and Steve quite a few times over the years and they eventually invited me to some Long Island Shoots at Peconic River Sportsman's Club and Suffolk County Trap & Skeet. We managed to catch up at the Lobster Classic this year. He was loving the retirement life in Maine and had grown quite a pony tail! Rest in peace my friend. — JH

## **TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOT CALENDAR**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Shoot</b>	<b>Facility</b>
15-NOV	Small Gauge Championships	Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds
13-DEC	Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

**Small Gauge Championships**

Sunday, November 15th, 2015

**Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds**

411 North Ohioville Road, New Paltz, NY

**DIRECTIONS:** NYS Thruway to Exit 18. Continue to end of exit to Route 299. Turn Right onto Route 299 and go about 1/4 mile to traffic light (stay in left lane). Turn left on North Ohioville Road. Go 2.7 miles to the club on the left.

Traditional Shoot Format

Safety & Announcements at **9:45** followed by a shotgun start shortly thereafter.  
Lunch and Awards to follow Pasquale's Restaurant (248 Main St, New Platz).

Your application must be received on or before  
**Wednesday, November 11th, 2015.**

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

**Juniors (<21) always shoot for free!**

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:

**CTSCA, c/o Dean Anglace, 355 Housatonic Trail, Southbury, CT 06488**

	Name List Names paid with enclosed check.	Jr	Vet1	Vet2	Lady	NCSA Number
<b>You</b>						
2						
3						
4						
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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 8<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**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"*

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

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_**



# Saint Hubert's Club

## Annual Turkey Shoot

Sunday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

10 AM ~ 100 Shot Sporting Clays Competitive Round

12:30 PM ~ Deep Fried Turkey Homestyle Harvest Dinner

Entry Fee: \$95 (includes round, dinner and prizes) Members \$85

Squad of 4 only \$350 (limited to 12 squads maximum)

Dinner only for your guests \$40 per person

Course will be set for a GREAT TIME for all

***Break all 100 targets and your entry fee is on US***

HOA wins \$50 and a Ham

Top Shooter each Lewis Class wins a turkey

Surprise prizes ~ when you break an exploding target!!

Out of town shooters receive a special room accommodations rate

RSVP with credit card deposit required

Minimum of 12 confirmed shooters to hold the event (maximum of 48) so please  
RSVP quickly.

RSVP needed for dinner guests also since seating is limited

RSVP to [SaintHubertsClub@gmail.com](mailto:SaintHubertsClub@gmail.com) by November 8th