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The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers

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OCTOBER 2009 NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING OUR 22nd YEAR

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**The next Monthly shoot is "Small Gauge Championships" on 10/18.
The next Saturday Shootout Series is "Rematch: Islanders vs. Mainlanders" on 11/07.**

IN DUE TIME

Dick Orenstein

Travelers' dues notices are in the mail to all members. Please pay your dues promptly to assist in getting this done in an orderly fashion. The coupon that will come in the mail has the relevant data that you have provided and that will go in the Guide Book unless you otherwise specify. Please write very clearly if you add or change any information.

Thanks for your assistance and early payment.

SEPTEMBERSHUTZENFEST

John Hachmann

The cards were stacked against us from the start.

The date had changed, and the weather forecast was not in our favor. Yet 23 Travelers showed up for the Septembershutzenfest at the Millbrook Rod & Gun Club to test themselves, on what I believe, to be the toughest Travelers targets that we see during the year. Yes, once each year Millbrook invites the Travelers and Lavert and his crew get to work setting machines that are challenging for any and all shooters.

Due to conflicts, my squad lost 2 regulars, my daughter Kristen and our head coach Ronnie "Dead Pair" Leonardi as I call him. Down a couple, there was plenty of room for Travelers President Al Anglace to "jump" onto on my golf cart, since mechanical difficulties forced him to leave his machine in the driveway back home in CT. Around 10:15AM the instructions were given and we headed out to see what was in store for us.

Traveler Tidbit

Eye Protection and Ear Protection are mandatory at every Connecticut Travelers shoot.

We started out at the pond at the bottom of the hill. Three see pairs later someone finally said “there it is, I saw it”. What? Where? That was a target? You must be kidding? The second bird was a flat right to left crosser that could not be seen until 1/3 of a second before the bushes (OK, so I exaggerate a little). Somehow we broke a few of them but we all walked away from there scratching our heads and wondering what’s next. Two stations later we arrived at a skyscraper in the woods - a tower with someone waving at us from atop. Wow, this was gonna be interesting!

After some mechanical trouble that forced the crew of Millbrook to completely change out a broken machine 6 stories up, and only a 15 or so minute delay, (gotta give credit for that; they worked their butts off to get Station 8 back on line for us), we got a pair of birds thrown towards us. Towards us, but 50 feet up and traveling at 90 miles per hour! Better not blink! Tough targets, but extremely fun. Most did well here.

Each station that we went to was a challenge and the one that sticks in my head the most was the station where they threw 3 birds, quartering in from the left, not very fast, not too slow, just right, I guess. One member of our squad (that shall remain nameless) was up first, he was going to show us how to do it. This was a 4 pair station, 4 pairs of a 3 bird presentation. We finally had a chance to add some much needed points to our scores. 12 birds later (3 x 4 = 12) we laughed ourselves silly. Only 1 point was added to the card! “Let me at ‘em I said, I’ll show you how it’s done”. 2 out of 12 birds broken, I walked away, shaking my head listening to the rather loud laughter behind me. What the heck happened there?

What can we say about Dean Anglace’s 80? He ground them up like it was a charity fun shoot and bested a very competent field by double digits. At a course where somebody in the 70’s wins it, Dean was definitely in the zone that day! Congratulations on a spectacular day.

A great big “Thank You” to Cathy, Lavert and the entire crew of Millbrook Rod & Gun Club. The effort that they spent preparing for this shoot was tremendous. Unfortunately, low turn out hurt the profits for their club. Please remember that the effort that a club goes through is nearly identical for a shoot of 25 or 125 shooters. If we want to continue to have a choice of ranges that welcome us, we must make the effort to attend and support them.

Class	SubCls	Last Name	First Name	Score
1		Anglace	Dean	80
1	Vet 1	Davies	Ed	65
2	Vet1	Lawlor	John	69
2	Vet2	Moritt	Ed	68
2	Vet1	Burke	Ted	67
2	Vet1	Shannon	Rich	67
2		Hachmann	John	53
3	Vet2	Anglace	Al	56
3	Ldy	Clarke	Susie	48
3		Dennis	Howard	46
3		Miller	David	45
3	Vet2	Roesslein	Fred	36
4	Vet2	Henion	Jim	61
4		Calcagnini	George	52

4	Vet1	Schrager	Bob	49
4	Ldy	Lawlor	Olive	45
5	Vet2	Holtzman	Robert	40
5	Vet1	Fox	Gary	39
6		Mahony	Dan	30
6	Ldy	Anglace	Kim	27
M	GST	Rinaldi	Joseph	50
M	GST	Rotondo	Nick	43
M	GST	Rotondo	Tom	35

Average	51
Median	49
Count	23

TWO TRAVELERS HONORED

Frank DiFabbio

On a sun drenched, fun filled day on September 13th, 2009 two Connecticut Travelers were inducted onto the wall of Fame at the Seymour Fish and Game Club in Oxford, CT. Traveler President, Al Anglace and fellow Traveler, Keith Webb were two of four inductees on this beautiful day. This event coincided with Seymour Fish and Game's annual outing and fun shoot.

Selection requirements for nomination to the wall of fame include; membership in the club for 15 years or longer, held a position of responsibility in the club, actively participated and promoted the shooting sports, supported the fundamental values of the club, has contributed significantly to the existence of the club by the way of leadership, ideas and/or the implementation of plans for the good of the club and its members.

Al Anglace's contributions have been numerous towards the betterment of the shooting sports and Seymour Fish and Game. Notable accomplishments include; Life Member of Seymour Fish and Game, Shooting committee member and advisor, Club Game Dinner activities, Club Tag Sale organizer, and numerous fundraising events, and Boy Scout shooting instructor. Most recently Al has worked with the National Shooting Sports Foundation to lead "The Art of Skeet Shooting" events at the club that introduces new shooters to the sport.

Al's shooting sports accomplishments are notable, they include; Outdoor Life Magazine 5-time Sporting Clays All American, Vice President and a founder of Sporting Clays of America, National Shoot Coordinator for Sporting Clays of America, 1998 Clay Pigeon Sportsman of the Year- co recipient with Louise Mandrell, Founder and President of Riverside Rod and Gun Club- 1957/1972, and of course Founder and President of the Connecticut Travelers Sporting Clays Association- 1987 to present.

These impressive shooting credentials are also coupled with business and civic duties over the years that include; member of the Seymour Board of Education for 19 years-12 as Chairman,

thirty one year owner of Valley Dodge, with numerous automobile directed leadership and organization membership.

Al received this award in the presence of his wife of 45 years, Joyce and his loving children and grandchildren.

Keith Webb's Seymour Fish and Games presence is equally impressive. He has been a club member since 1973. He is an avid outdoorsman and true sportsman. Keith held the club office of Treasurer, Skeet Chairman, Trap mechanic, and taught CT DEP Hunter Safety classes at the Club. It was at one of the Hunter Safety Courses he met his wife, Liz. He remains to be a key vocal club member, who always has the best interest of the club in mind. Keith also offers impressive skills as a chef, cooking many memorable dinners that occur prior to the clubs monthly meetings. As an accomplished shooter, Keith was a past Seymour Fish and Game Club Skeet Champion.

Keith's wife, Liz and parents were present to see him receive this honor.

It was an honor to be the host and spokesman inducting these fine men onto the wall of Fame at Seymour Fish and Game. Their time and dedication to the club, and the promotion of the shooting sports and outdoor activities is impressive. Al and Keith also join fellow Traveler, Don Brenton- who was inducted in 2008, as well as this years two other inductees, Steve Pupchyk and Geoffrey Turner.



Pictured: Back Row Left to Right -Keith Webb, Geoffrey Turner, Steve Pupchyk
Seated: Al Anglace

KARMA

Jeff Hunter

The principles of Karma are simple enough that even a child can understand them. You do the right thing, and good things will come back to you.

Just the other day at the Zone I shoot at Peconic River Sportsman's Club, an opportunity for karmic justice presented itself. My squad was shooting a rather difficult low incommer and a high crosser with a very short window. The incommer was dancing in and out of shadows and was difficult to see. The first shooter got in the box and attempted the first pair. The trapper called out "Lost & Dead" to which the shooter questioned it should be "Dead Pair". Since I'm all for Truth, Justice, and the American Way, I piped up with "I didn't see anything". The other four pairs of eyes turned around and glared at me and agreed that it was a "Dead Pair". The rest of the people in the squad shot without fanfare and I became the last shooter to take my chances. Both birds of my first pair were clearly broken, but the trapper called out "Lost & Dead". I looked back to my compatriots confident they would confirm the dead pair. They had all moved on to the next station.

A shooting buddy and I have an unwritten rule that we don't tell each other we are shooting well for fear of jinxing the success. We make sure to emphasize when the other is shooting poorly, but leave recognition for a good day of shooting until the end of the round. While shooting a 50 bird sub-gauge event, my friend was down only one bird over 6 of the 8 stations when I commended that he was on fire. I was sorry the second it came out of my mouth. His performance went from spectacular to mediocre missing half on the next two stations. The next day saw both of us shooting very well in the Main Event, yet we continued to reassure each other that our lack of ability was perhaps the worst display of shooting we had ever seen. As we made our way to the last station, I was lamenting about my first two for the day when my former partner said I was probably on track for an 80 anyway. The last station yielded my final deuce on three very easy pairs for a total of 77.

A while ago I entered an informal sub-gauge competition with a 20 gauge. I didn't notice until the day of the shoot that the only ammo I had was 1oz loads which strictly prohibited by NSCA rules. It wasn't a registered shoot and there was no money involved, so am I really hurting anybody? I was smashing the straight away birds, but couldn't hit anything with any sort of angle on it. What was going on? It was like I just started shooting yesterday. After I turned in a pitiful score, I read the ammo box top. Instead of my normal 7/8oz 1300fps shells, the 1oz loads came in at 1160fps.

Karma, so simple a child can understand.

WEBSITE UPDATE: REGISTRATION

Jeff Hunter

Unfortunately, we had to change the registration policy on CTSCA.org. Previously, anybody could create an account as long as they had a valid email address. This policy gave everybody the ability to create an account in a few minutes and respond to an article if they wished.

However, somebody not associated with the Connecticut Travelers took it upon themselves to create an account and start posting garbage all over our site.

As such, every account will have to be approved by a human being. When you register, I will get an email message and I will contact you to verify your identity. The process may take up to a day to complete, so I appreciate everyone's patience. Accounts already created will not be affected in any way.

The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

2009 CTSCA SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

13TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association
Hammertown Road, Monroe, CT.

THIS IS THE MOST EXCITING SHOOT OF THE YEAR FOR OUR MEMBERS. IT HINTS ON THE TURNING OF THE LEAVES TO PRICELESS FORMS OF NATURE; OUR ENTERING THE HUNTING SEASONS THAT ARE MOST POPULAR; IT GIVES US A CHANCE TO TAKE THE LITTLE GUNS OUT FOR A WALK.

THE TRAVELERS' NOT ONLY HELD THE FIRST OFFICIAL "SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS" BUT HAVE FOSTERED SMALL GAUGE PARTICIPATION IN EVERY SHOOT THAT WE SPONSOR TO THE DELIGHT OF THE MANY LITTLE GUN ENTHUSIASTS.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SMALL GAUGE SCATTERGUN, OUR MEMBERS WILL BE HAPPY TO SHARE THEIR GEMS WITH YOU. JUST PROVIDE THE AMMUNITION. NOTE YOUR NEEDS BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THE RESERVATION FORM. YOU CAN ALSO SHOOT THE BIG GUNS AND HAVE A GREAT DAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS. NO "PICKLE DISH" COMPETITION FOR LARGER GAUGES.

BE A PART OF A **REAL FUN DAY** OF CLAYS SHOOTING AT A PREMIER SPORTING CLUB.

DIRECTIONS FROM MERRITT PARKWAY: Take ex. 49N, Route 25 Expressway North. At the end of Route 25 Expressway (5.2 miles) go right onto Route 111 North (toward Monroe). Go 4.8 miles to left onto Wheeler Road. Go 1.4 miles to left onto Hammertown road. Go 0.7 mile to club driveway on left. 203 426-8351,

FROM INTERSTATE I-84: Exit 11 (Newtown) turn right at the end of the exit. Go to traffic light (Route 34) turn right (toward New Haven). Continue on Route 34 (2.5 to 3 miles) to blinking traffic light. Turn onto Gray's Plain Road. Go 0.5 mile, straight at the stop sign onto High Rock Road. Continue 1.9 miles under RR bridge and turn left onto Hammertown Road. Go 0.7 mile to club driveway on left. 203 426-8351.

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REGISTRATION APPLICATION

**YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009**

Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30 AM – Shooting starts at 9:45.

\$65.00 Members, \$75.00 Guests (non CTSCA or FCF&G members).

Mail this application with your check, payable to “CTSCA” to:

CTSCA, 16 DAVIS ROAD, SEYMOUR, CT. 06483

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT SEND EXPRESS MAIL SIGNATURE REQUIRED!!!

LIST NAMES(S) THAT ARE BEING PAID WITH THE ENCLOSED CHECK ONLY:

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| 3. _____ | GA. __ | HNDCP. __ | 4. _____ | GA. __ | HNDCP. __ |
| 5. _____ | GA. __ | HNDCP. __ | 6. _____ | GA. __ | HNDCP. __ |

HANDICAPS: 12, 16 & 20 GA. 0 – 28 GA. 5 – 410 BORE 15

JUNIOR MEMBERS RANKED NO HIGHER THAN B CLASS AVERAGE: 28

GA. 10 – 410 BORE 20. ADD 5 FOR PUMP AND SIDE X SIDE.

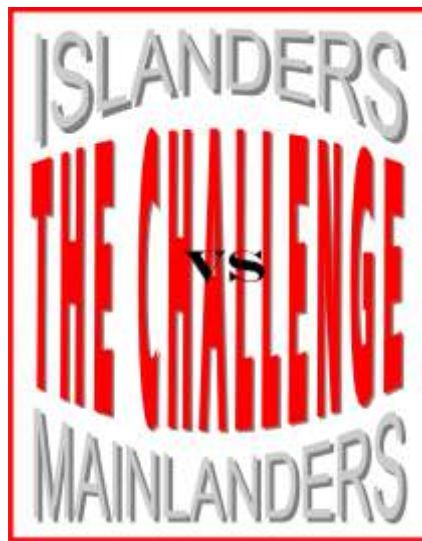
IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SHOOTER TO RECORD ANY CONCURRENT PARTICIPATION AND HANDICAP THAT IS EARNED BY GAUGE OR TYPE OF GUN ON THE INDIVIDUALS' SCORE CARD. NO EXCEPTIONS.

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SQUAD ME WITH: _____

CONCURRENT SELECTION, PLEASE CHECK IF QUALIFIED:

LADY __, VET. 1 (55 – 69) __, VET. 2 (70 AND OVER) __, JUNIOR (17 AND YOUNGER) __.

__ I NEED A LOANER OR SHARED GUN AND WILL CONTACT AL ANGLACE FOR DETAILS ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17.



Saturday,
November 7th
Suffolk County Trap & Skeet



Last year's "The Challenge: Islanders vs. Mainlanders" was organized to determine which region in Travelers territory was the best. Little did we know that there would be more controversy as a result! Complete details of the new rules are on CTSCA.org.

Suffolk County Trap and Skeet has graciously offered to host "The Challenge" again for 2009. We will shoot 100 targets on their woods course over 12 stations. They have a limited number of four person carts available for \$20. Call Mark at (631) 924-5600 to reserve your cart. Personal Golf Carts and Registered ATVs welcome. Shoot registration opens at 9:00 AM at the clubhouse followed by safety instructions at 9:45AM for a 10:00AM shotgun start. Skeet, Trap, Wobble Trap, Five Stand, and the course will be open after the shoot if you wish to make a full day of it.

Lunch: We will gather at a local restaurant for a lunch after the shoot. In Saturday Shootout Series fashion, lunch is completely optional and not included in the entry fee. Please indicate with your registration if you intend to attend lunch so we can provide the restaurant with an approximate head count.

Register: Register for this shoot by sending an email to Jeff Hunter at jhunter@ctsca.org or by calling (203) 858-6443. Registration deadline is Friday, November 6th at High Noon. Your entry fee is due the day of the shoot. Car-pooling is definitely recommended. Whether you want to drive or ride, drop me an email at jhunter@ctsca.org and I'll put you in touch with other participants in your area. Guests are welcome and encouraged at this shoot.

Entry Fee: \$40 for members and guests, Junior Travelers shoot free.

Address: 165 Gerard Road, Yaphank, NY 11980

Directions: Long Island Expressway (495) to Exit 67. Take County Highway 21 towards Yaphank/Brookhaven. Turn left on Gerard Rd (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

NSCA: You can register your targets with the NSCA for an additional \$5.

Approximate Travel Time from:

Commack, NY	0:30	Bridgeport, CT	2:00	Edison, NJ	2:00
White Plains, NY	1:25	Waterbury, CT	2:30	Goshen, NY	2:15
Poughkeepsie, NY	2:35	New London, CT	2:20 (ferry)	Trenton, NJ	2:30

Registration appreciated, walk-ins always welcome!

If you do not pre-register by the deadline, you are not privileged to designate squad preference.

CONTACTING THE TRAVELERS...

CTSCA.ORG - Webmaster: Jeff Hunter (jhunter@ctsca.org).

CTSCA Home Office: Al Anglace, email aaa738@aol.com (by far the best way) or telephone 203 417-6295 if you absolutely must.

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Guide Book advertising and other questions contact Dick Orenstein at email oren@umich.edu or call 203-226-5251.

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TENTATIVE 2009 CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2-4	FALL TOUR
OCTOBER 18	FAIRFIELD COUNTY PROTECTIVE ASSOC.
NOVEMBER 7	REMATCH: ISLANDERS VS. MAINLANDERS
NOVEMBER 15	OLDE NEWGATE COON CLUB
DECEMBER 13	MID COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB

FOR SALE CLASSIFIED ADS WANTED
See listings at ctsca.org