

# RELOAD!

*Celebrating Our 27th Year*



**October 2014**

## **DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL**

Bill Beinert

The Dick Losee Memorial shoot at Mid-County Rod & Gun Club gave us a little taste of fall weather, with just a little nip in the air as we assembled. The wind gave it a bit of a bite, but the day warmed up nicely with blue skies.

Steve Meyen and his staff at Mid-County outdid themselves by providing fair and challenging birds. All of the targets were plainly visible with large windows. Suffice it to say that there were no cupcakes on the menu. Even station 14, a true pair quartering in and showing a lot of face, earned a few misses.

Congratulations to HOA Christian Suter, who bested 66 Travelers and 11 guests with HOA of 92. Average score was 60 with a Median also 60. It is testimony to the course difficulty that this median is 5 birds below our average, and the lowest since January's MidWinter Martyrdom.

Station 19 was clearly the toughest, with no straights at all. A simo pair with an orange flying rabbit (at least that's what it looked like from 30 or so yards out) from left to right, while a black incomer came high from way out there and fell about 35 yards out. Christian Suter managed a 5, but the rest of us had to be satisfied with less (in some cases MUCH less!).

Station 17 was a close second, with only Christian Suter and Fred Tucci running it. It was a report pair, with the first bird coming off a tower from behind and to our right. I didn't know you could attach rocket engines to clay pigeons, but this one was out over the corn field before you could get a hard focus on it. Only a few of us managed to hit it once. Second bird was fairly easy right to left crosser at a manageable distance.

Lunch was up to Mid-County standards (very high!) with barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans and fresh



corn on the cob. We were spoiled in the morning too with a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, hash-brows, rolls, coffee and OJ.

Thanks always to Dean and Danielle Anglace, the Travelers who did all the work to make this shoot a success. We would also like to thank Steve Meyen and the all-volunteer crew at Mid-County for sacrificing their time so we could shoot!

Name	Award	Score
Suter, Christian	HOA	92
Steinkraus, Phillip	CL1 CH	87
Anglace, Dean	CL1 RU	81
Seeger, Louis	CL2 CH	82
Baltazar, Mark	CL2 RU	82
Hunter, Jeff	CL3 CH	73
Blandi, Anthony	CL3 RU	70
Schrager, Bob	CL4 CH	67
Beinert, Bill	CL4 RU	64
Przybyski, Ed	CL5 CH	56
Kutschera, Matt	CL5 RU	54
Burke, Ted	VET1 CH	78
Mann, Dick	VET2 CH	78
Steinkraus, Stefanie	LADY CH	72
Gernert, Keith	JR CH	65
Kutschera, Chris	JR RU	61
Anglace, Andrew	JR 3RD	55
Tucci, Fred	GUEST CH	78

## FALL TRIP

Bob Schrager

As Summer wanes, so does your opportunity to sign up for the CT Travelers Fall Trip! Columbus Day Weekend, October 10, 11 & 12, 2014, the Connecticut Travelers travel along the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania.

Friday afternoon we visit a *real old* friend, Rock Mountain Sporting Clays. <http://rockmountainclays.com>. Many of us have been there before and know that the Rock is a shotgunner's paradise. The presentations shift through woods, over fields, from towers and cliff, and down the valley. It is considered to be one of the premier courses on the East Coast.

Saturday we spend the day with Bill Appel at his facility, Thunder Ridge Sporting Clays, [www.thunderridgesporting.com](http://www.thunderridgesporting.com). It provides a fully automated 16 field, 48 shooting position course. Thunder Ridge is a beautiful course located near Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon. The vistas overlooking the entire valley, as you go around the course are second to none.

On the way home, Sunday morning we shoot Hausmann's Hidden Hollow. <http://hhhsc.net>. Home to this year's Side x Side Classic, it is a great place to work out your sidewise or small gauge guns as well as the big boys. Ernie has installed a Crazy Quail (<http://vimeo.com/86447256#at=0>) for those of us who have a few boxes of shells left at the end of the weekend.

Based upon early promises to attend, it looks like we again will have a fine turnout. Home for the weekend will be the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, 255 Spring Street, Sayre, Pennsylvania, 18840-1909 Phone: 570/888-7711. We stayed there last time we were in the area and everyone on the trip said we have to go back. We have a block of rooms reserved under the Ct. Traveler name at a special rate. First come, first serve.

If you have any questions, contact me, [robert@schrager.org](mailto:robert@schrager.org) or (if you must) 203.531.6930.

## OCTOBER LOGISTICS

Dean Anglace

We return to Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association for our annual Small Gauge Championships on Sunday, October 19th. Sub-Gauge handicaps will be in effect and will be as follows:

20 Gauge	0 targets
28 Gauge	+5 targets
.410 bore	+10 targets

If you don't have a 20 gauge or lower, you can still shoot your "big boy" gun. However, your scores will not be considered for class and sub-class awards. Please take note that this is not an NSCA Registered event, so you "punch chasers" can take that neglected pea-shooter out of the safe without fear!

## HOW THE HECK AM I IN TRAVELER'S CLASS X?

Jeff Hunter

We frequently get this question when people see their class on the bottom of their scorecard at a shoot. Oftentimes, I have to answer this question on the ride home, but I digress.

Most major shooting organizations group their members into classes. The intent is to have each shooter competing against others of similar ability. Due to the varying degrees of difficulty of sporting clays courses, no system is perfect.

The Traveler's classification system is based on your average at Traveler's shoots. Once you shoot three Traveler's shoots, your average is calculated and you are put into the appropriate class. We believe this is better than arbitrarily dumping new shooters in the lowest class so they can beat up on the people learning to shoot.

All Traveler's are grouped in five classes; Class 1 being the highest and Class 5 being the lowest. The top 10% of all shooters *based on their average at Traveler's shoots* go into Class 1. The remaining four classes are divided equally according to score. For example, if we had 100 Travelers who had at least three scores, the top 10 would be in Class 1, the next 22 would be in Class 2, the next 23 would be in Class 3, the next 22 would be in Class 4, and the next 23 would be in Class 5.

Twice a year, approximately 6 months apart, we re-calculate everyone's class. If you belong in a higher class *based on your scores at Traveler's shoots*, then you go into a higher class. If you belong in a lower class, you will go to a lower class.

You can move up in class based on a points system. If you get three points, you move up to the next highest class. You receive three points for winning your class and are moved up immediately. If you are the Runner Up in class, you get two points. Third place in class receives one point. Once you accumulate three points, you move up in class. So if you finish 3rd in August, September, and October, you're going up to the next class for November.

While the majority of our members are also members of the NSCA, about 1/3 are not. So we have to have a classing structure that takes everybody into consideration and not just those who are

NSCA Members. *(Note, you still earn NSCA Punches for your scores at Traveler's shoots, we just don't do Traveler's Awards by NSCA class).*

As mentioned previously, no system is perfect. We have had cases where somebody at the NSCA's highest class may end up in Traveler's Class 3. That's what the averages tell us. In general, it works. If you feel that YOU are in a lower class than you should be, you can self-declare to a higher class. We strive to have a fair-ish system with a minimum amount of complexity to administer.

I hope this answers your question as to why you are in Class 2 and I am not *(or, at least wasn't until the last shoot).*

## COMMUNITY BOARD

Jeff Hunter

In order to assist finding other Travelers, we are placing a cork board next to the Squad List where you can post your business flyers, business cards, pamphlets, or other marketing materials. Please check out the board at the next shoot if you are looking for somebody. Also, business owners should bring a couple extra business cards to pin up!

In addition, if you would like to advertise your business in Reload!, we are accepting ads from members. Half page ads (7.5" wide x 5" high) are \$50 and quarter page ads (3.75" wide x 5" high) are \$25. All proceeds from Reload advertising will go directly to the Junior's Program. Contact Jeff Hunter ([jhunter@ctsca.org](mailto:jhunter@ctsca.org)) for more details.

## 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>
October 10-12	Fall Trip	Pennsylvania
October 19	Small Gauge Championships	FCFGPA
November 9	Salute The Colors	Ten Mile River Preserve
December 21	Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace

## CONTACTING THE TRAVELERS

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

## Small Gauge Championships

Sunday, October 19th, 2014

Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association  
310 Hammertown Road, Monroe, Connecticut

**DIRECTIONS from Merritt Parkway:** Take Exit 49N, Route 25 Expressway North. At the end of Route 25 Expressway (5.2 miles) go right on 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 miles to the club driveway on the right.

**DIRECTIONS from I84:** Take 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 miles) to blinking light. Turn onto Gary's Plain Road. Go .5 miles, straight at the stop sign onto High Rock Road. Continue 1.9 miles under RR bridge and turn left onto Hammertown Road. Go .7 miles to club driveway on the left.

### REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Your application must be received on or before  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2014.**

Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM at the Clubhouse.  
Safety at 9:45, Shotgun start shortly thereafter.  
Lunch following the shoot at FCFGPA Clubhouse

FCFGPA Welcomes you to bring your motorized vehicle  
(ATV, Golf Cart, Mule, etc.) as long as you bring proof of insurance.

This shoot is **NOT** a NSCA Registered Event

CTSCA Members \$70; FCFGPA Members \$70; Guests \$85; Lunch Only: \$0.

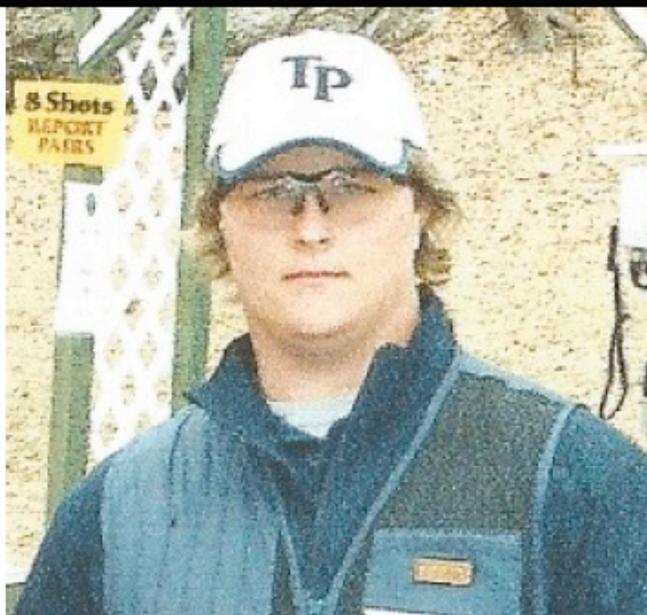
Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:  
**CTSCA, c/o Dean Anglace, 355 Housatonic Trail, Southbury, CT 06488**

	Name <i>List names being paid with the enclosed check.</i>	Jr	Lady	Vet1	Vet2	Guest	Gauge
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>.



# Earl Scott Carlin Memorial Shoot

Join us for  
100 Sporting Clays Targets  
Sunday, October 26, 2014 10:00 Shotgun start  
to celebrate Scott's love of the shooting sports.

Our Hosts:

**Beretta Shooting Grounds at Dover  
Furnace**



\$250 per person includes  
Continental Breakfast, Targets, Ammo, Cart, Lunch and Awards  
8:30-10:00 Registration, 10:00 Shooting start  
Trophies for High Gun, 2 Runners-up and 3 Lucky Shots  
**Auction and 50/50 Raffle**

For questions or to get more information: Mark Corbett - [skeeterxxv@gmail.com](mailto:skeeterxxv@gmail.com)  
**Pre-registration encouraged** for planning but not required

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Street : \_\_\_\_\_ City : \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip : \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

If possible please squad me with: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to "Caroline Corbett" Send to: Caroline Corbett, 41 Jo-Mar Dr., Sandy Hook, CT 06482*

# Fun Shoot to Support The Connecticut Food Bank



## Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**

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

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

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**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 2015**

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