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*Celebrating our 28th year.
October 2015*



RETURN TO RHODE ISLAND

Jeff Hunter

The last time the Travelers visited Peace Dale Shooting Preserve was on the Fall trip in 2007. Since that time, the grounds have changed ownership and emerged as a top notch shooting facility in Western Rhode Island.

Sunday, September 13th dawned a rainy mess in Western Connecticut. The weatherman was calling for a reprieve nestled around noon, so my faithful companion, Ed Davies, and I headed out despite the questionable forecast. We arrived at Peace Dale Shooting Preserve for "Septembershutzenfest" in the company of 38 other Travelers and their guests. The threat of rain did not deter us from heading out to our stations at 9:45.

Brandon Skuce must have heard his grandfather talk about the days of "Traveler's Tough" targets. Although the sample size is smaller than normal, the scores definitely reflect the difficulty of the presentations. The fun stuff started about station six. Two trap style targets from below your feet as a simo pair that crossed maybe 30 yards out. When Ed Davies pulls out the U3, I start to pay attention. The presentation required you to lock onto one of the two targets and shoot quick in order to get a shot at the other. If you took your time to get comfortable with the first target, the second was in the 45 to 50 yard neighborhood and descending.

Station nine was a true pair of targets from the left. The first bird was an orange midi that flew along the tree-line. It had a fair amount of speed as it flew from about 10 to 2 on a clock face. The second target was a slow standard bird launched from just behind and left of the shooter and quartered away.



We felt the best choice was to shoot the midi before it really got out there and then take a stab at the quartering target while it dropped. The grey skies didn't help at all because the first target was very hard to see against the background. Most people exited with a three or four from this station.

Station eleven looked out over a ravine and was a report pair of a black rabbit chandelle with an orange standard target crossing under your feet. The black rabbit chandelle rose behind the cover of trees only to pop out just before it's apex and descend at a rather rapid rate. The additional complication was that it was probably 40 yards out which give a lot of us fits. The crossing target had a fair amount of spring and hovered just above the ground giving it the appearance of even more speed.

Name	Award	Score
Schwarzer, Chris	HOA	93
Anglace, Dean	Lewis 1 CH	90
Knapp, Duane	Lewis 1 RU	88
Kirylak, Andrej	Lewis 2 CH	71
Fantozzi, John	Lewis 2 RU	70
Shewokis, Mike	Lewis 3 CH	56
Fell, Walt	Lewis 3 RU	55

And then came station twelve. A short window ninety degree crossing target 40+ yards out followed by a jet propelled looper from the left on report. There are separator stations and then there are separator stations. This one clearly drew the line between the haves and the have nots.

The smallish attendance lead President Dean Anglace to give out awards according to Lewis Class rules instead of Travelers Class. At least my measly 69 would have a chance at a prize. Chris Schwarzer bested the field with a 93 and went home with some Focchi ammunition. It was nice to see several of the Lewis Class winners donate their ammo to some of the Juniors in attendance.

Mother nature held off as long as she could. It started raining as we walked to the car after lunch. Some people don't believe in guardian angles, but some of us do.

Our thanks to Sven Soderberg, James Waugh and the staff at Peace Dale Shooting Preserve for a well-run shoot. Thanks also to Dean and Danielle Anglace for having everything run smooth.

FALL TRIP 2015

Bob Schrager

We're only days away from the big trip now! Hopefully you have your reservations in, but if not keep reading for the best trip you will take this year!

Columbus Day Weekend, October 9, 10 and 11, 2015, the Connecticut Travelers will travel to two of the most impressive resort/shooting facilities, Seven Springs and Nemaocolin. Given the length of the drive (it's a little over five hours, presuming you don't stop off at Cabela's on the way), we plan on shooting all day on both Friday and Saturday and finishing up on Sunday morning. That gives you Sunday afternoon and Monday, Columbus Day, to work your way home (and maybe do a bit more shooting on the way home).

Friday, we are spending the day at The Shooting Academy at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort <http://www.nemaocolin.com/activities/sporting-clays-pa> Featuring 35 sporting clay stations spread across three courses, towers and a five-stand pavilion with an integrated Wobble Trap Field, the course can challenge everyone. We will shoot one of the courses in the morning, have lunch in the Clubhouse and then shoot another course in the afternoon.

Saturday we spend the day at our base of operations, Seven Springs Mountain Resort <http://www.7springs.com/sporting-clays-at-seven-springs/> Rated one of the best facilities in the country, there are two challenging courses and a super sporting course that take advantage of the natural beauty of the surrounding Laurel Highlands. Again, we will shoot one course in the morning and the other course in the afternoon.

At both resorts we will be taking advantage of special member rates thanks to the Ramblers.

Sunday morning, we start for home with a stop at Buffer Creek Sporting Clays <http://www.buffercreeksportingclays.com> for some shooting on rolling fields and woodlands. I haven't been there but I understand from the Ramblers that we will find 16 stations with wireless Promatic traps and a really nice 5 stand.

Home for the weekend will be Seven Springs Mountain Resort. For those non-shooters in the group, Seven Springs offers many alternative activities including the Trillium Spa, a perfect place to relax, unwind and renew, or, for those that want a more active time, the Laurel Ridgeline Canopy Experience, fishing, swimming, an Alpine slide, horseback riding, a chairlift ride, and more. Dinners both Friday and Saturday will be at Seven Springs. We have a block of rooms reserved under the Ct. Traveler name at a special rate of \$179. We recognize that rate is a bit higher than usual. If you prefer to stay somewhere less expensive, in Donegal PA (about 20 minutes away) there is a Holiday Inn Express (724.593-1881) and a Days Inn (724.593.7536) with less expensive rates.

Columbus Day Weekend is a very busy time at Seven Springs given the opportunity for a longer weekend with excellent leaf peeping. Rooms fill up fast. If you haven't already made your reservation, stop waiting.

Attached is the meal/shoot reservation form. Please select your meals and choose your entrees. Then send in the form with a check payable to CTSCA.

If you are interested in carpooling or are willing to take someone with you, let me know (also whether you prefer to be a driver or passenger). I will keep a list and try to match you up.

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

OCTOBER SHOOT LOGISTICS

Dean Anglace

October brings us back to our Connecticut home base at Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association. We visit FCFGPA on Sunday, October 18th in a traditional shoot format. Shotgun start at 9:45 with lunch and awards following the shoot. The October shoot is our last NSCA Registered Shoot of the year.

We visit Ten Mile River Preserve in November for our Small Gauge Championships and Dover Furnace for our Christmas Shoot.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR SAFE WON'T OPEN

Jeff Hunter

You have keyed in the same code 10 times and your gun safe still won't open. Do not panic.

First and foremost, check the battery. Batteries can last anywhere from two to four years depending on use. You would like to think that you'll replace the battery at the first of every even numbered year, but let's face it, you're going to forget. But fret not, the battery is usually inside the cover of your keypad so you can access it while the safe is locked.

Next, we want to check to make sure your code still works. If your lock sounds like it's spinning but not opening, then you have the right combination. If not, the combination might need to be reset. Check out your documentation (you don't keep your safe papers in your safe, right) and see how to reset your code.

So you've replaced the battery, reprogrammed the code, and the lock still won't open. Now what? Sometimes the lock gets jammed against the door mechanism and doesn't operate freely. You can rock the lock mechanism back and forth using the handle on your door. Sometimes that does it, sometimes not.

If none of those things work, you have a problem. Not an insurmountable problem, but something that is going to take the checkbook to solve. The next step is to visit <http://www.savta.org>, the website of the Safe and Vault Technicians Association. Here you will find the name and number of a Vault Technician who will setup a time to come out and open your safe. It will include drilling a hole in your safe behind the keypad which will ruin your existing lock.

Once your safe is open, the lock will have to be replaced. The cost of a new lock is in the \$100 range and it's about a 4 hour operation from start to finish.

Kenneth Carpenter From Tri-County Lock & Safe (203-948-5892) recommends you check your safe documentation to see if the manufacturer recommends you replace your lock at regular intervals. The electronic motor in the lock is something that can fail over time. It is a heck of a lot cheaper to have the lock replaced when you can open the safe!

NORTH AMERICAN SHOTGUN CLASSIC

Dean Anglace

Congratulations to Duane Knapp for winning HOA at the North American Shotgun Classic at Dover Furnace. Duane won the Side x Side Main event with his Grandfather's 16 Gauge SxS!



*Dr. Chuck DeVinne and Duane Knapp
courtesy of Kerianne Knapp*

TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOT CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shoot</u>	<u>Facility</u>
09-11 OCT	Fall Trip to Western PA	Western PA
18-OCT	Octobershutzenfest*	Fairfield County
15-NOV	Small Gauge Championships	Ten Mile River Preserve
13-DEC	Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

Octobershutzenfest

Sunday, October 18th, 2015

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.

Traditional Shoot Format

Safety & Announcements at **9:45** followed by a shotgun start shortly thereafter.
Lunch and Awards to follow at the clubhouse.

Your application must be received on or before
Wednesday, October 14th, 2015.

CTSCA Members **\$75**; FCFGPA Members: **\$75**, Guests **\$85**; 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	NSCA Number
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>.



CTSCA Fall Trip 2015

The Keystone Get-Together



Friday, October 9, Saturday, October 10 & Sunday, October 11, 2015

Friday, Oct 9—

9:00 AM: **Nemacolin Woodlands Resort**
Lunch at *The Shooting Academy* (optional)
7:00PM: Dinner: *Seven Springs*

Saturday, Oct 10—

9:00 AM: **Seven Springs Mountain Resort**
Lunch at *The Grille at Sporting Clays* (optional)
7:00 PM: Dinner: *Seven Springs*

Sunday, Oct 11—

10:00 AM: **Buffer Creek Sporting Clays**
Somerset, PA.

Accommodations: **Seven Springs Mountain Resort.**, Seven Springs, PA, Phone: (866) 437-1300 at a special Ct. Traveler rate. Available (by calling direct) on a first come, first served basis. Columbus Day Weekend is a very busy time at Seven Springs so if you are considering joining us, you should make your room reservations as early as possible.

Mail to Robert Schrage, 1540 Broadway, 24th FL, New York, NY 10036
—Your Reservations must be received by October 1, 2015—

Meal Reservation Form			
Restaurant Reservations MUST be Pre-Paid with this Form			
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CTSCA			
Name: _____	Name _____		
Email _____			
Friday Lunch: Nemacolin –	\$17.00 per person	X _____	= \$ _____
Friday Eve: –	\$49.00 per person	X _____	= \$ _____
<i>Select from the following:</i>			
____ Prime Ribeye	____ Blackened Cajun Perch	____ Chicken Breast (Asiago Cream Sauce)	
Saturday Lunch: Seven Springs –	\$18.00 per person	X _____	= \$ _____
Saturday Eve: –	\$49.00 per person	X _____	= \$ _____
<i>Select from the following:</i>			
____ Chipotle Rubbed Prime Ribeye	____ Panko Baked Perch	____ Balsamic Grilled Chicken	
			Total due with Reservation: \$ _____



CTSCA Fall Trip 2015

The Keystone Get-Together



You can participate in any or every part of the weekend. Designate your activities below.
All shooting activity costs and cart rental charges will be paid directly to the range.

Friday, Oct 9 9:00 am

The Shooting Academy, Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort

100 Sporting Clays

Lunch Break

100 Sporting Clays

Saturday, Oct 11 9:00 am

Seven Springs Mountain Resort

100 Sporting Clays

Lunch Break

100 Sporting Clays

Sunday, Oct 12 10:00 am

Buffer Creek Sporting Clays, Somerset, PA

100 Sporting Clays

Carts are included at Nemaocolin and Seven Springs

Buffer Creek Cart Reservations Must be Made on Your Own.

Questions: Bob Schrage, Robert@Schrager.org or (if you must) 203.531.6930

Please complete reservation below and mail to be received by October 1, 2014 to
Robert Schrage, 1540 Broadway, 24th FL, New York, NY 10036

Fall 2015 Shooting Reservations

NAME(s) _____

_____ SHOOTERS:

Friday, Oct 9

The Shooting Academy, Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort

Number _____

Saturday, Oct 10

Seven Springs

Number _____

Sunday, Oct 11

Buffer Creek

Number _____