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## Septembershutzenfest

We returned to Peacedale in Rhode Island this month. There have been some changes since we shot there last September. The 16 station main course now has 3 or 4 traps at each station. The “normal” course is labeled “Pheasant” and is no pushover (I had shot it the week before). The other is labeled “Tournament” and is a little tougher, but not much. The trail is now well packed, so it shouldn’t be too muddy if it has been raining.

They have added an “Executive” course of all cupcakes for new shooters and charity events. The big new clubhouse has been built, but is still being finished, so it is not open yet. Their prices for Fiocchi ammo are the best I have seen.

Dean Anglace instructs Jimmy Muller on proper choke selection. They both tied at 94 and somehow Dean “won” based on the tiebreaker stations.

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Even cheaper than Florida.

Thirty-one Travelers and guests showed up for the fun. A low turnout due to the long drive to Rhode Island and other competing shoots at Orvis Sandanona. I couldn't have made it myself if I hadn't had other business bringing me to eastern Connecticut that weekend. The birds were not "Travelers Tough", but entertaining nonetheless. There were a couple of cupcake stations (11 and 13 come to mind). The most creative station, at least in terms of placement, was station 8 where the cage was set into a notch in a grove of corn stalks. A pair of simo chandelles was thrown high and from the left.



**Walt Fell and Corey Barrette discuss strategy before heading out on the course.**

Station 2 was instructional. The first bird quartered in from the right, peaking at mid tree level, then dropped quickly. Dean said "hit it as a dropper on the way down". Jimmy Muller took it at the transition "when it looked right" and dropped 2 of them. Dean then did what he said he would do, and broke them all. Hint to all Travelers who want to shoot better: SQUAD WITH DEAN! (*at your own peril.* —Ed)

HOA was taken by Dean Anglace with a 94, beating Jimmy Muller (also with 94) by a shoot-off protocol known only to brains bigger than mine. Median score was 76, very high for the Travelers. I was the goat with a low score of 59.

Few things are more valuable in our game than an excuse, so I claim "my stock was too high" as mine for the day. This was the first time I got to shoot my "new" K-80 Parcours. I had been contemplating switching from my rather heavy Pro Sporter to a lighter Perazzi. Bruce Buck suggested that I get a Parcours barrel for my K-80 instead (he called it Krieghoff's attempt to build a Perazzi). A few inquiries told me that I would need a new stock, as well, since the Pro Sporter stock would be too high. Well, a few days later I walked into Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Clays, and there on the "For Sale" table was a low K-80 stock – with adjustable comb(s) and butt pad! I took that as a sign from above, and purchased it on the spot. Getting a Parcours barrel took a bit longer than I expected, but Chris & Audrey Maest in Princeton came up with one for me last week. Chris made the necessary modification so it would fit my current fore-end, I was all set. The comb is still a bit high, so I will have to shoot it to see how much I have to shave off. It's choked a little tight for our game (Mod & IM), but Briley can grind it out and install their "Thin Wall" chokes if I decide to go that route.

Thanks to Sven Soderberg and the rest of the Peacedale crew for making the day so fine. Of course thanks to Bob Schrager and Dean Anglace for organizing it and Danielle Anglace for doing all the work.

If anyone has any comments or pictures they'd like to see included, please shoot 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](mailto:editor@ctsca.org).

— Bill Beinert

## Fall Fest

October means Fairfield County Fish & Game! Fairfield County always throws "Traveler's Tough" targets, and I'm sure Sunday, October 15th will be no different. This will be a traditional shoot format with a continental breakfast, 100 targets, and lunch after the shoot. Registration is available on Winscore and as always, feel free to call me (203) 241-2129 or email ([ctscasporting@gmail.com](mailto:ctscasporting@gmail.com)) for last minute registrations.

— Dean Anglace

## Report Pair Chess Match

Just like in a game of chess, your first move in Sporting Clays can determine the outcome of the game. Sporting Clays is a thinking game just like chess. You need to be several moves ahead of your opponent, the target setter. Mr. Target Setter will use every tool in his toolbox to shave a bird here and there throughout your round. Sometimes he employs the topography, sometimes speed, or a little curl to lull you into a false sense of familiarity.

The "sucker bet" or "Mr. Easy Peasy" is a presentation with a bird floating like it's hung on a string coupled with a faster quartering out bird, each with different trajectories. Looking past the obvious and seeing both targets as separate birds is your first step when viewing the show pair. By placing the "easy" target first, the target setter has succeeded in begging you to take the target early and leaving you with a long transition to the second hold point. Your chance of success is lower because your gun has a long way to travel to setup for the second bird. Sporting Clays is a game of hold points and gun position. Minimizing your gun movements is key to successfully breaking both targets of a pair.

Reading and understanding what the target is doing will determine the shooting technique you will need to use for success. Looking at the puzzle backwards will help you solve it. Start with your second break point and move back to the second hold point. Then figure out where the first target comes the closest to your second hold point. This will be your first break point in the puzzle. It may not be the point in which you are most comfortable breaking the first target, but learning to break the



target at any point in the flight path will put you onto the path of breaking more pairs. By imposing your will on the target instead of what the target setter wants you to do gives you the opportunity to make your move more efficient for both targets.

Shoot to your strengths and be one step ahead of the target setter. A successful smooth transition from the first break point to the second hold point starts with your eyes. The moment you squeeze the trigger and the shot is away, your first move is with the eyes. Move the eyes to the second hold point and the hands will naturally follow. Establish your lead and deliver the shot to the second target.

Your first look at the show pair may not be what it seems. Take your time with the show pairs and watch the entire flight of each bird. Each station is a new riddle, your job is to figure out the riddle before you call for your first scored pair. Look for small transition spots and try to shoot before or after the target transitions. Finding your hold points is the first part of putting together a solid game plan.

— Dean Anglace

### Classified Ad

**For Sale:** Golf Cart equipped for sporting clays. Best offer. Leaks a little oil, but runs great. Will pull two beasts of mountain men up the hill at Ten Mile River Preserve! Can't beat that! Might be willing to trade for something interesting or \$1,000. Whatcha got? — Andrew Perlman, [sellwire@comcast.net](mailto:sellwire@comcast.net), 203-913-5743.



### 2017 Shoot Calendar

Date	Shoot	Club
10/15	Fall Feast*	FCF&GPA
11/19	Super Sporting*	Mid-Hudson
Dec	Xmas Shoot	TBD

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**The upcoming *CTTRAVELERS* Monthly Shoot**

**Fall Feast**

Sunday, October 15, 2017

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 to follow at the clubhouse.

Your application must be received on or before  
**Wednesday, October 11th, 2017.**

*CTSCA Members \$75; FCFGPA Members \$75; Guests \$85; Lunch Only \$0.  
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*

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Contact Number in the event of last minute shoot changes: \_\_\_\_\_

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>.