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*Celebrating our 28th year.
April 2015*



MARCH MADNESS

Jeff Hunter

Old Man Winter continued his incessant roar through early March. The Annual Meeting was held on March 1st as snow and ice prevented reasonable travel the previous weekend. But March 1st was no tropical paradise either. Snow and cold ruled the day once again.

Fast forward to March 15th and the remnants of Winter's wrath were prominent throughout the Hudson Valley. The piles of snow at Orvis Sandanona towered, but all the roads were clear as was the course. Even the threat of afternoon rain would not deter 70 Travelers and their guests from shooting "The Original March Madness".

Peggy Long and Donna Galotto at Orvis Sandanona organized quite an event for us. We started the day with a hot breakfast of eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, fresh fruit salad, and pastry. The "Shoot & Scoot" format continues to be popular with most participants enjoying the pre-shoot breakfast.

Pink targets continue to infiltrate normal sporting clays competition. Station Six had a true pair of left to right quartering pink targets thrown off a manual trap. The pink targets were brilliant against the snow white background. Some shooters were lucky enough to have the targets come out on top of each other and managed to get both with a single shot. You couldn't count on having a pair close together, so you still had to have a plan when they didn't.

The flat light of the overcast day played tricks with us on station five. A quartering bird from the shooter's right was glowing against the snow. Once it got high enough, the target transitioned to the leafless trees and it was hard to see.



Station one was quite challenging for me. The first bird of the pair was launched off a trap about 15 yards away on the shooter's right off a platform. It sailed high in the air in a pretty straight line. The report was an outgoing teal type bird from about 10 yards right in front of the shooter. I don't know if it was because station one was our last station or what, but it was one of the most difficult stations for both myself and Tom Fiumarello.

Some shooters had the unique opportunity to hit a "lucky" green bird. If you hit the green bird, you got a free round at Orvis Sandanona! Ed Davies and Rob Boissonneault saw the lucky birds on our squad and pulverized them both.

We had a great squad with Darcie Shewokis acting as the team manager. Rob Boissonneault was on fire with his best round ever and was smiles from ear-to-ear. The sight of somebody just starting out and having his best day ever left me with a warm feeling that Ron Leonardi was watching over us that day.

Congratulations to Robert Chambers who seems to excel at Orvis Sandanona and came home with a 92 and HOA for the day. Neal Peragine was Vet1 Champion, Paula Moore was Lady Champion, and Keith Gernert captured the Junior Crown.

APRIL SHOOT LOGISTICS

Dean Anglace

We have something very special planned for you on Sunday, April 19th.

Name	Award	Score
Chambers, Robert	HOA	93
Knapp, Duane	Class 1 CH	89
Anderson, Kurt	Class 1 RU	88
Steinkraus, Eric	Class 1 3RD	86
Comiotes, Jim	Class 2 CH	85
Galotto, Bruce	Class 2 RU	85
Robertson, Dan	Class 2 3RD	84
Jasensky, Jasen	Class 3 CH	88
Hutchinson, Don	Class 3 RU	83
Shewokis, Mike	Class 3 3RD	82
Evens, Brian	Class 4 CH	83
Cioffi, Mike	Class 4 RU	78
Satenstein, Cody	Class 4 3RD	75
Boissonneault, Rob	Class 5 CH	70
Walsh, Rob	Class 5 RU	69
Knapp, Kerrianne	Class 5 3RD	65
Peragine, Neal	Vet 1 CH	85
Moore, Paula	Lady CH	79
Houlihan, Claire	Lady RU	74
Gernert, Keith	Junior CH	83
Anglace, Andrew	Junior RU	72
Tucci, Fred	Guest CH	83

There are two significant events in April; paying your taxes and shooting "Double Taxation"! You might say we're giving you sort of a refund with our event in April because we're having two shoots on the same day!

Wait, what? Ten Mile River Preserve and Dover Furnace Shooting Grounds are teaming up to give us TWO separate 100 target events on April 19th. Shoot either Dover Furnace or Ten Mile River in the morning, eat lunch at Ten Mile River Preserve, and shoot another event at the other in the afternoon.

Both shoots will be European start (6 shooters per squad max). Meet your crew and go out to shoot. Once you complete the first 100 targets, head over to Ten Mile River Preserve for a BBQ lunch. When lunch is done and you're all rested up, head back out and shoot another 100 targets. Courses will open at 9AM and last shooter has to be on the course by 2PM.

What's the price of this Tax Time Extravaganza? \$125 for members or \$150 for non-members. If you'd rather only shoot 100 targets at Dover Furnace or Ten Mile River Preserve, it's \$80 for members or \$95 for non-members.

This is a great opportunity for people who need targets for the NE Regional; or if you just want to shoot two great venues in one day!

Please, please, please pre-register for this shoot. Call me, email me, text me, let me know you're coming. We will have a lot of score cards and lunch tickets to put together for this shoot.



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MEMBERSHIP DUES

John Hachmann

Our membership renewal rate is somewhere around 80% at this point. However, there are some members who have not renewed as of March 28th. If your 2015 membership dues are not paid by the April Shoot, you will be considered a Guest. In addition to paying the additional guest fee, you will also not be considered for Class awards or Sub-Class Awards.

CART DO'S AND DONT'S

Golf carts and ATVs have become an integral part of our sport. We use them to haul our aging bodies and all the associated paraphernalia we "must" have with us to complete our round. Here is a summary of the "Rules of the Road" for motorized vehicles:

- DO park your trailer in a designated trailer parking area.
- DO NOT use the course as your opportunity to "open 'er up".
- DO stay on the cart path.
- DO follow the Tonucci Axiom; two person carts are for two people, not four.
- DO NOT go screaming past somebody shooting in the box.
- DO leave room on the cart path for other vehicles to pass.
- DO NOT pull up three feet from the shooting stand.
- DO NOT go into areas if they are roped off.
- DO be courteous of walkers and give them the right of way.
- DO have proof of insurance available for your vehicle at host clubs that request it.

Remember that we are invited guests at a great number of clubs where we shoot. We want to respect their facility so we are invited back another time. Cart courtesy is just another way to show our appreciation to our hosts.

SPRING TRIP 2015

Bob Schrager

Forty-five of us, a mixture of Travelers and Keystone Ramblers, started off this Spring with many bangs.

Friday, the first day of Spring, was chilly and damp. A few of us who drove in Thursday evening, including George Parsons, Gwyn and myself, got an early start at Pintail Point. For those who haven't been to Pintail this year, the news is very good. They have new traps at all of the stations, a new wireless card system, and, along the river, a second course with eight new stations shooting into the open fields. There was a good mix of targets—including close in quarterers and crossers, high slicing outgoers, and developing incomers. Something for everyone.

Those of us who got there early had some light snow flurries that turned to damp snow and sleet as the morning went on. It wasn't too bad at first





of crab imperial (a house specialty), steamed shrimp and freshly carved roast beef. As you can see from the picture, the crawfish was also excellent. Many of us finished up the meal with a nutty-buddy. Join us next year for one if you don't know what that is.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny. We drove over to Shrader's for a day of shooting that reminded us that you don't need to wear heavy winter clothes to shoot sporting clays. After a brisk spring morning, we were shooting in shirt sleeves. At Shrader's we had sixteen stations available to us including their signature tower, Too Tall. Again, good news for our next visit. The gravel operation is finally finished and within three months, the back side of the course finally should be reopened.

After a lunch of pulled pork, we chose to go out and re-shoot the course. Some decided to drive back to Pintail and shoot there, having missed it on Friday. Whichever you did, it was a fine day for breaking clays.

That evening's social events included dinner at Fisherman's Inn, a toast to celebrate the Traveler's founder, Al, and thousands and thousands of dollars in souvenirs for each attendee.

Our last day, we stopped off at M&M Hunting on the way home. Once again the day was bright and sunny but it was a few degrees cooler—a good sweater was sufficient. As to be expected, the Materase's had stations that challenged us to focus hard. Devito Alley was still set from the "Long Bird-Short Bird" shoot. Half the stations consisted of 50 long birds that made you think of school buses as you planned your leads. The other half was 50 short birds but Anthony did not make it a simple choice as to which bird to take first. If you didn't want to work that hard, the novice/intermediate course also was available.

If you couldn't join us for this shoot, we hope you can shoot with us in the Fall when we travel to western Pennsylvania for Columbus Weekend at Nemacolin and Seven Springs.

(and it helps that the first dozen stations are covered) but, as we were finishing up around noon and the majority of the group arrived, the temperature warmed up and everything turned to rain. We, and most others, decided that there was enough shooting left to do that we passed on the afternoon.

That evening the rain stopped and we met at the bar at Harris' Crab House to enjoy a few adult beverages. As usual, the folks at Harris' treated us to a fine meal

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Dean Anglace

Mashomack Preserve has a conflict with our scheduled shoot on May 24th. As such, we are rescheduling "May Minuet" to Sunday, May 31st.

Many of you may know that Peace Dale Shooting Preserve has changed hands recently. A few of us made a trip out to Rhode Island on Saturday, March 28th to shoot the course and evaluate if they are ready for a Travelers event. They are most definitely ready so we are scheduling our September shoot for Peace Dale Shooting Preserve. We will have more details as we get closer (<http://pdshootingpreserve.com>)

TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOT CALENDAR

Date	Shoot	Facility
19-APR	Tax Time Revolt & Uprising*	Ten Mile River
31-MAY	May Minuet*	Mashomack Preserve
21-JUN	Albert Anglace Memorial*	Mid-Hudson
19-JUL	Simo Sunday*	Orvis Sandanona
16-AUG	Summertime, Summertime*	St. Hubert's Lodge
13-SEP	Septembershutzenfest*	Peace Dale Shooting Preserve
09-11 OCT	Fall Trip to Western PA	Western PA
18-OCT	Small Gauge Championships	Fairfield County
15-NOV	Salute The Colors*	Ten Mile River Preserve
13-DEC	Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace

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The brave souls who participated in the Annual Meeting Fun Shoot. Photo courtesy of Gene Celentani.



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The upcoming CTTRAVELERS Monthly Shoot

Double Taxation

Sunday, April 19th, 2015

Ten Mile River Preserve
Dover Furnace Shooting Grounds
Dover Plains, New York

DIRECTIONS to TMRP:

Route 84 West, exit 20/Route 684 North to the CT/NY State Lines. Take Route 22 North towards Pawling. Continue on 22 North to Dover Plains. At the traffic light turn right onto Mill Street (just past McDonalds) and continue to Berkshire road on the left. Follow Berkshire road to the Lodge. (845) 877-3560. Park in the lot adjacent to the lodge.

DIRECTIONS to Dover Furnace:

Take Route 22 North at Brewster, NY, for approximately 21 miles to Dover Furnace Road. Turn left onto Dover Furnace Road and proceed approximately one mile to club entrance on left at the stone pillars.

Your application must be received on or before
Wednesday, April 15th, 2015.

European Start. Both courses open at 9:00 and you must be on the course by 2:00.

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:

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

Name: _____

NSCA Number: _____

Travelers Vet1(55-69)

NSCA Class: _____

Sub Class: Vet2 (70+)

Junior

Lady

Event

200 Targets Preregistered + Lunch

Member

____ \$125

Guest

____ \$150

Junior

____ \$0

100 Targets @ TMRP Only + Lunch

____ \$80

____ \$95

____ \$0

100 Targets @ Dover Only + Lunch

____ \$80

____ \$95

____ \$0

Lunch Only

____ \$10

____ \$10

____ \$0

Contact Number in the event of last minute shoot changes: _____

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>.