



AUGUST 2017

Reload!

The monthly newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers Sporting Clays Association.

Simo Sunday

by Bill Beinert

One hundred and seventeen of us had a beautiful day at Orvis Sandanona shooting the Ron Leonardi Memorial Simo Sunday. Congratulations to HOA Steve Smith with an excellent score of 91.

And a Simo Sunday it was! Seventeen stations of true pairs with very few cupcakes and lots of challenges. I had the good(?) fortune to start on station 15 - both going out and up, the left one moving pretty fast. If you were feeling a little weak and wanted to play it safe, you took the right bird for an easy X and rolled the dice for the now distant left bird. I was feeling cocky, and whiffed my first pair, broke both on the second, and got one on the third. Ed Przybyski was more cautious, but to no advantage, breaking the easier bird 3 times, but missing the other every time.

In my opinion, stations 7, 10 and 12 were the toughest.

Station 7 featured both birds screaming down into the valley from just to the left of the cage. You had to be quick and disciplined to focus on the lower bird before reaching out to the upper bird now fifty yards out.

Target setters like to force you to take birds far from the sweet spot. Station 10 was an example. You simply had to take the high quartering out bird from the left first before it disappeared behind the trees. Meanwhile, the battue crossing from the right was well past its peak, and dropping fast.

Another target setter trick is to have the birds cross at the sweet spot and station 12 was one of those. Just as you were getting on the quartering-out-from-the-right bird, the crosser from the right rocketed in to just a few feet to the right of the first bird, tempting your eyes to shift focus.

Median score was 69, about average for us. Thanks to Peggy Long and the rest of the Orvis 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.



The Crucible

by Bill Beinert

It wasn't a Travelers' shoot, but enough Travelers attended that I thought it would be of interest to write a short report on it.

Bob Schrager promised us "Travelers Tough" targets. I think he understated the reality. I've shot state and regional championships with easier birds. There were a few stations that were merely challenging. Most of the seventeen stations showed you fast, far or tricky (or sometimes all three) birds.

The scores tell the tale: The median score for the 84 shooters was only 59. The median score for Master Class was only 73! HOA was taken by Earle Glidden with an 81. I shot my lowest score in 5 years!

I won't go into the painful details of each presentation, but I can't resist talking about the rabbit on station 1. It came from behind you and to your right, quartering to your left slightly. It was an airborne rocket the first 10 yards or so (there was no way anyone could hit during that phase). It hit the ground below the vegetation and bounced up, remaining visible for about 5-7 yards before dropping below the weeds again. Sometimes the second bounce was high enough to make it visible, sometimes not. So it was "get in the first bounce or mark an O". On my squad, only Ed Przybyski managed to hit it, and he did it twice!

The Rest

AUGUST LOGISTICS

We make our first visit to Guilford Sportsmen's Association for "Summertime, Summertime" on Sunday, August 20th. Guilford is a private club that throws a couple of public shoots ever year. We are the lucky recipients of an invitation to their club for our August Shoot. There will be a continental breakfast, 100 targets, and lunch at the club after the shoot. Entry form attached and available via Winscore.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

If you are making your way to "The Fork Farm" for the Southeast Regional in late September, make sure you contact Art Tonucci. Art will be hosting a hospitality room at "The Fork" for Travelers and their guests. The Fork Farm is like a lot of clubs in that it is a 15 minute drive from the local downtown area. Art wants us to have a place to relax and refresh if you have time between events without having to leave the grounds. All Art is asking for is a head count. If you're going to the SE Regional, make sure you give Art a buzz at (203) 209-1731 or artrebound@yahoo.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Beretta 12 Gauge A400 Blue Receiver with Recoil Reduction. 30" barrel, three Beretta chokes, two Muller Chokes, and trigger set at 3.5 pounds. Griffin & Howe Katch for shooting trap. Includes hard case. \$1400 firm. Contact Richard O'Conner @ (201) 906-9574.

For Sale: Golf Cart equipped for sporting clays. Best Offer. Leaks a little oil, but runs great. Will pull tow beasts of mountain men up the hill at Ten Mile River Preserve! Can't beat that!

Might be willing to trade for something interesting. Whatcha got? Contact Andrew Perlman @ sellwire@gmail.com or (203) 913-5743.

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8/20: Summertime, Summertime* @ Guilford

9/17: Septembershutzenfest* @ Peacedale

10/15: Fall Fest* @ FCFGPA

11/19: Super Sporting* @ Mid-Hudson

DEC: Xmas Shoot @ TBD

Save the Date

September 14, 2017 from 8am to 2pm

Mark your calendars to join Bradley Funeral Homes at a Sporting Clays Shoot at the Hudson Farm Club to benefit Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss.

Sporting Clays, often referred to as "golf with a shotgun" is a safe, exciting, and rapidly growing sport. Teams of four will traverse the scenic stations, each presenting the challenge of breaking a moving clay target with varying speed, distance, and direction. Beginners and those who are "a little rusty" will enjoy personalized attention in small groups from highly-qualified instructors.

Aiming to help a great cause...

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, is a grief support center for children, young adults and families dealing with the loss of a parent, sibling or child. They provide free peer grief support year round for as long as is needed and are currently serving over 220 children and families from over 44 New Jersey towns in their Mountainside center every two weeks. Their goal is to create communities where grief and loss are transformed into resilience, empathy and compassion; and create communities where no child grieves alone.

**Register at www.events.hudsonfarmnj.com/imagine**Contact Scott Bradley with questions or for information about sponsorship opportunities.
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2017 Sporting Clays Tournament



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Second Annual

Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut Sporting Clays Tournament

Fairfield County Fish and Game Protective Association

310 Hammertown Road, Monroe, CT 06468

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2017



100 Bird NSCA

Registered Sporting Clays Event

Over \$20,000 in Prizes & Silent Auction Items

Includes Ammunition & Shooter Gift

Breakfast, Snacks, & Lunch

Team & Individual Prizes to Top Score Men/Women

One golf cart per squad provided

Schedule of Events

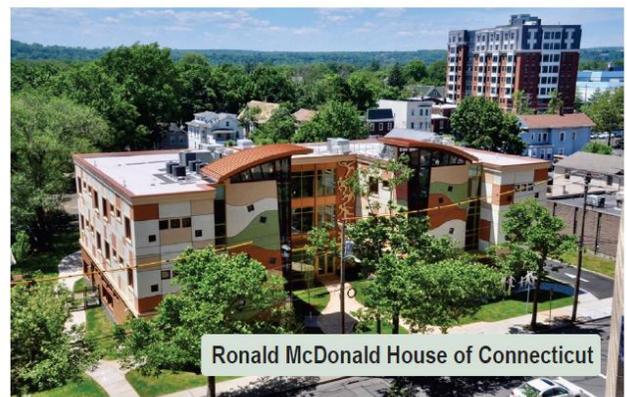
- 8:30am Registration & Games**
- 9:45am Shooting Begins Shotgun Start**
- 1:00pm Lunch**
- 1:30pm Silent Auction and Raffle**
- 2:00pm Awards and Live Auction**

Individual Shooter \$250

Squad of up to Six \$1,000



Fairfield County Fish and Game Protective Association



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The Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut is a “home away from home” that keeps families together when misfortune strikes their child with life-threatening illness or injury.

The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

Summertime, Summertime

Sunday, August 20th, 2017

Guilford Sportsman's Association

Hart Road, Guilford, CT

DIRECTIONS: I95 North to Exit 58 (CT-77 N/Church St). Turn North on Church Street (left if you're coming from the West, right if you're coming from the East). Follow CT-77 for 4.5 miles and turn right on CT-80 E. Follow CT-80E for 1.3 miles and turn left on Hart Road. Club Phone (203)-457-9931.

We appreciate your application on or **before Wednesday, August 16th**. Sign up also available on Winscore.

Safety and instructions at **09:30** and shooting starts at **10:00** sharp. Awards based on Lewis Class will be mailed to all winners.

Continental Breakfast and Lunch after the shoot at the clubhouse.

CTSCA Members: \$85; Guilford Members: \$85; Guests: \$90; Lunch Only \$0.

Juniors (21 & Under) 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	NSCA Number	Jr	Vet1	Vet2	Lady
	List Names Paid with Enclosed Check					
You						
2						
3						
4						
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Contact Number in the event of last minute shoot changes: _____

Please squad with: _____