

# RELOAD!



## Mid-Winter Martyrdom

It was warmer for Mid-Winter Martyrdom than most of our shoots in March! We started off in the 40s and it quickly went up to the low 50s. At one point, I shed my polar fleece and was shooting in just a long sleeve shirt and my vest! A truly monumental day for shooting in January!

The parking lot at Mid-Hudson Sporting Clays was jam packed for our shoot. Eighty-Seven Travelers and their guests came out during the January thaw in New Paltz. Mid-Hudson Manager, Steve Meyen, had the crews circling the course all day and promptly jumping in to fix machines and load traps. With 16 stations, 32 traps, and four lifts involved, there is bound to be some breakdowns. But the breakdowns were dealt with swiftly and we got everybody on and off the course with no

Jeff Dussetschlager, Chris Martin, and Chris Zibbideo getting ready to tackle the sky high teal on Station 5.

substantial delays. A near flawless day with Paula Moore running the front office and Steve Smith doing anything he could to make sure our day ran well.

Richie Frisella Jr. targets are always creative. The targets for our shoot were some of the best I have ever seen at Mid-Hudson. Let me take that back and say they were without questions the best targets I've ever seen at Mid-Hudson. Nothing over-the-top in terms of speed and distance, yet still making you think and over-think on just about every bird.

A lot of people were having trouble on station 5. The first bird of the report pair was a right to left crossing target. The trap was up on a platform and the target flew through the trees for a while and started descending when it got into the clear. If you waited until you saw the target clearly (like I did), it was losing speed and altitude pretty quickly. The right way to shoot it would be like Steve Jones and start moving your gun when the target was in the woods and break it just as it gets into the clear. The report was a teal from the shooter's left and quartering out. It had a lot of spring which launched it high in the air. Most people that missed this target missed behind it forgetting that it was still moving left to right a little bit.



**Andrej Kirylak**  
definitely needed  
"more cowbell" on the  
high teal on station 5.

Station 3 was a fun station. The first bird was a little blooper about 10 yards in front of the shooter that popped out of the trap, went maybe 8 feet in the air, and came back down. Not hard, but it put your gun out of position for the report. The second target was a high crossing target and if you stayed down at eye level you ended up moving your gun up and across at the same time putting a compound angle on the high crosser.

My personal nemesis was station 1. It was four report pairs with an incoming left to right quartering target. Nothing outrageous, but you still had to pay attention. The difficult bird was a true crossing chandelle going left to right about 30 yards out. When we shot it, the target was in front of the sun and heavy backlighting. That

made it very hard for me to pickup and I couldn't really see it until it peaked and started coming down. At that point I was out of position and the damage was done.

Pizza, Baked Ziti, Sausage & Peppers, and some green stuff that looked healthy awaited us in the clubhouse. I left the green stuff for Lans Christensen who had a healthy dose and limited himself to a single slice. Anthony Regelski Jr. (16) and Devin Anderson (>16) shocked the field tied for HOA at 92. Anthony has been shooting for three years and is training under the watchful eyes of Tom Fiumarello. Devin has worked his way through the NSCA Classes from E to AA in about 14 months. Keep an eye on both of these guys.

Our sincere thanks to Steve Meyen, Richie Frisella Jr., Paula Moore, Steve Smith, and the rest of the crew at Mid-Hudson for doing a great day hosting us. Our thanks also to Dean and Danielle Anglace who give up a ton of time to make sure we can go out and shoot.

— Jeff Hunter

## Annual Meeting Details

The CT Travelers will gather at Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association on Sunday, February 19th at 09:00 sharp. We will have a breakfast sandwiches followed by lively discussion about the business of the Connecticut Travelers. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will shoot FCFGPA's wonderful woods course. This shoot is a fun shoot and there will be no awards as a result.

— Dean Anglace

## Membership Update

At the time of publication, we have a 72% renewal rate. 86 members have not responded to their renewals to indicate which way they want to proceed for 2017. Those 86 renewals are going out by USPS mail this week at \$.49 each. All unpaid members will revert to Guest status and pay the higher entry fee from February on.

— Jeff Hunter

## Seminole Cup

The Seminole Cup has been at Broadfield in Sea Island, Georgia, for the last couple of years. The targets at this year's event will be set by Neil Chadwick and promise to be very exciting! John Kent will lay the Southern Hospitality on thick at this event. Our buddies Art Tonucci and Jimmy Rentz will even get into the spirit by hosting a cocktail, beer, and hors d'oeuvre function every night! This year's event is March 1st through March 5th and you can get more information at <http://seminolecup.net>

## 2017 Shoot Calendar

Date	Shoot	Club
02/19	Annual Meeting	FCF&GPA
03/19	March Madness	Orvis Sandanona
04/07	Spring Trip	MD
04/09	Tax Time Revolt	M&M
05/21	May Minuet	Mashomack
06/17	FITASC Champ	Mid-Hudson
06/18	Club Champ	Mid-Hudson
07/16	Simo Sunday	Orvis Sandanona
08/20	Summertime, Summertime	Guilford
09/17	Septembershutzenfest	Peacedale
10/15	Fall Fest	FCF&GPA
11/19	Super Sporting	Mid-Hudson
Dec	Xmas Shoot	TBD

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**The upcoming CTTRAVELERS Monthly Shoot**

**Annual Meeting**

Sunday, February 19th, 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.

Hot Breakfast Sandwiches served before the meeting in the clubhouse. The meeting will start at 9:00 on the dot and last for two hours or less. Shooting 100 targets immediately following the meeting. No lunch or awards at this shoot.

Your application must be received on or before  
**Wednesday, February 15th, 2016.**

Everybody: \$50  
Juniors (<21) always shoot free!

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

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

	Name List Names paid with enclosed check.	NSCA Number	Jr	Vet1	Vet2	Lady
<b>You</b>						
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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>.