

# RELOAD!

CELEBRATING OUR 29TH YEAR.  
JANUARY 2016



## MISTLETOE MAYHEM & XMAS PARTY

Bill Beinert

It was a bittersweet day at Dover Furnace as 151 Travelers and guests assembled for the final shoot of 2015.

Sweet because of all the holiday cheer, the massive piles of Toys For Tots, the unseasonably warm weather and, of course, the great birds.

Sad because we mourned the untimely passing of Jeff Maiorino, our friend and "Sporting Sportsman Of The Year" in 2014. The impending closure of Dover Furnace, one off the finest venues we have had the pleasure to shoot, was also on everyone's mind.

Seventeen stations of "Traveler Tough" birds awaited us. Stations 11, 12 and 13 warrant special mention.

Station 11 because I broke 3 birds, and found a 6 on my score sheet. I must have been busy taking my notes, so I didn't get the full story, but apparently there had been some problems with one of the traps, resulting in un-hittable birds (I find a LOT of birds un-hittable, but maybe that's why I'm in Class 4). The powers-that-be decided that everyone would get a 6 on the station. Merry Christmas!

Station 12: a report pair, with both traps behind and to the right of the cage. Both birds quartering out, the first low and the second looking to make NASA take notice. Knocked the stuffing out of me.

Station 13, I hate to say it, was an eye test for us older folks. There was a massive delay right there, so I had the opportunity to watch the "fur and feather" presentation for about 15 minutes. The bird was totally invisible to me until it was about 10 yards to the right, and falling. I eventually located the trap about 40 yards out to the left, but still couldn't follow the bird. I watched Dean shoot it, and



it still looked to me like he was shooting an invisible bird. The younger folks seemed to have a lot less trouble with it. As for the rabbit: "Wascally".

The scores:  
Congratulations to George Calcagnini with HOA of 95.

Median score for all shooters was 70. Class 1 (median: 83) was taken by Jim Muller with a 91.

Class 2 (median 79) by George Calcagnini (HOA). Class 3 (median 73) by Chris Schwartz (88). Class 4 (median 70) by Walter Fell (84). Class 5 (median 54) by John DelGigante (70). High Guest was Matt Upton with a 93.

Lunch was hearty and plentiful. Sadly, being the designated driver prevented me from enjoying some fine Italian vino to accompany the pasta, chicken parm and steak that filled my empty belly.

Our thanks to Tyler and Richie and the crew at Dover Furnace for a well-run shoot, and, of course thanks to Dean Anglace for organizing it. We wish Tyler and Richie all the best as they move on to other endeavors.



## SPORTING SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Steve Monti

This year's Sporting Sportsman of the Year has been a member of the Travelers for more years than most. When President Al Anglace asked for volunteers to work on a committee to have a day for Juniors to enjoy the outdoors, this person was the first with his hand up. Through his efforts we had two "Junior Jamborees" which have introduced dozens of young people to the outdoors. He has retired from Entergy Corporation after spending over 20 years at Indian Point. He is a graduate of Queens College and a Veteran. Ladies and gentlemen, our Sporting Sportsman of the Year is Jim Comiotes.



## 2015 SHOOT SUMMARY

Bill Beinert

SHOOT	HOST	NUMBER	HIGH	MEDIAN
Mid-Winter Martyrdom	Mid-Hudson	48	89	63
Annual Meeting	Dover Furnace	32	84	67
The Original March Madness	Orvis Sandanona	70	93	78
Double Taxation - Dover	Dover Furnace	85	89	66
Double Taxation - TMRP	Ten Mile River Preserve	119	96	76
May Minuet	Mashomack	96	84	63
Albert Anglace Memorial Club Champ	Mid-Hudson	53	90	73
Ron Leonardi Memorial Simo Sunday	Orvis Sandanona	128	95	70
Summertime, Summertime	St. Hubert's Lodge	83	89	66
Septembershutzenfest	Peacedale	36	93	69
Octobershutzenfest	FCFGPA	66	92	66
Small Gauge Championships	Mid-Hudson	51	91	70
Mistletoe Mayhem	Dover Furnace	151	95	70
		1018	91	69

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Jeff Hunter

The Membership Renewals were e-mailed out October 31st. If you didn't get a membership renewal form from me via email on October 31st, that either means I don't have your correct email address or I don't know you're a member. Please contact Jeff Hunter ([marist89@optonline.net](mailto:marist89@optonline.net)) if you need a renewal form.

The renewals forms have dwindled to a couple a week. As of December 30th, we have 249 forms back covering about 330 members. That's about 70% of our members.

Dues paid after January 1st are considered late. There is a grace period until the January 2016 shoot. If your membership dues are not paid after the January 2016 shoot, you will end up paying the "guest" fee at the next shoot you attend.

Please send your renewal forms back to me so I can take you off my list. If you send your form to Dean, I won't know about it and we get to have that uncomfortable conversation where I tell you I never received your renewal and you have to prove that you sent it in. Please just send it to me so we can avoid this uncomfortable conversation.

## **JANUARY SHOOT LOGISTICS**

Dean Anglace

Will the warmest December on record continue until January 17th for "Mid-Winter Martyrdom"? We shall see! Whether the weather is good or not, we will visit Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds on Sunday, January 17th for breakfast, 100 targets, and lunch at Pasquale's (248 Main St, New Paltz).

We will gather at the Mid-Hudson clubhouse starting at 8:30 for a continental breakfast. At approximately 9:45 we converge onto the course for 100 targets. Once shooting concludes, we most on to Pasquale's for lunch and awards. This is our first NSCA Registered shoot of 2016, hope to see you there.

## **TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOT CALENDAR**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Shoot</b>	<b>Facility</b>
17-JAN	Mid-Winter Martyrdom	Mid-Hudson*
21-FEB	Annual Meeting	FCFGPA
20-MAR	The Original March Madness	Orvis Sandanona*

\*NSCA Registered

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**The upcoming CT TRAVELERS Monthly Shoot**

**Mid-Winter Martyrdom**

Sunday, January 17th, 2016

Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds  
411 North Ohioville Road, New Paltz, NY

**DIRECTIONS:** NYS Thruway to Exit 18. Continue to end of exit to Route 299. Turn Right onto Route 299 and go about 1/4 mile to traffic light (stay in left lane). Turn left on North Ohioville Road. Go 2.7 miles to the club on the left.

**REGISTRATION APPLICATION**

Your application must be received on or before **Wednesday, January 15, 2016**.  
Continental Breakfast opens at 8:30AM at the Clubhouse.

We will dispatch to our stations at 9:45, please check in so we know you are there.  
Includes a luncheon after the shoot at Pasquale's (248 Main St, New Paltz).

CTSCA Members \$80; Guests \$95; Lunch Only \$15.

**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**

	Name List Names paid with enclosed check.	NSCA Number	Jr	Vet1	Vet2	Lady
You						
2						
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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>.