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Christmas Shoot



Our Christmas trip to the Fairfield County Fish & Game Protective Association was accompanied by some winter weather. It wasn't very cold, but the humidity was high which meant fog rolling through the course – until the fog gave way to rain halfway through.

Mark Mastropasqua braves the fog and rain at the annual Christmas Shoot at FCFGPA.

One hundred and forty one shooters signed up, but the threat of poor weather must have discouraged some, since only one hundred and twelve shot.

Congratulations to Earle Glidden, who left Maine in the freezing rain to come to Fairfield and post an HOA of 92. Median score was 60, 9 birds less than our average this year. I think it was not so much the level of difficulty of the presentations, but the weather conditions that lowered the scores. This was a registered shoot, so we didn't record scores by CTSCA classes, so no breakdown by our class system this time.

Station 12 was a prime example of how the conditions mattered. The A bird was a long low incomer hitting the ground about 30 yards out and a bit to the right. When there was no fog, you could pick it up about 60 yards out – with the fog, it wasn't visible till about 40 yards, making it a very short window.

Station 13 offered a similar challenge. The second bird was a green battue from the right, and, maybe it was my yellow glasses, but I just couldn't pick it up against the fog.

I made a video of one of the stations if you want to see what the fog was like: <https://youtu.be/e4HBCdOBZjQ>

Overall, the birds were very hittable. In better weather, I am sure we would have seen much higher scores.

Later we sat down to a repast of salad, baked ziti with meatballs, potatoes au gratin and prime rib. I have to say the prime rib was a bit on the rare side for my taste – my buddy asked for a “medium” piece, and most of the inside was still mooing.

Rarely do I get a report of an amusing performance, but today was an exception. One of our members (poor reporter that I am, I didn't get his name) broke his first two pairs. On the third pair, his auto threw the first shell onto the cage upright, and it bounced back, coming to rest upright on his right thumb, blocking his vision! Just goes to show, “If it can happen, it will happen.”



We raised over \$650 in donations and hundreds of toys to benefit the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project.

We collected well over 100 toys and, through the auction and cash donations another \$650. These gifts went to the Bridgeport Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project, where 900 children from needy families will celebrate Christmas with smiles on their faces.

Our thanks to Dom Uliano, Bob Schrager, and the crew at Fairfield County for their efforts. Of course thanks to Dean Anglace for organizing it and Danielle Anglace for doing all the work.

Merry Christmas to all!

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.

— Bill Beinart

Congratulations to Dom Uliano who won AA Class and punched up to Master Class. Dom got all of his 20 punches in 2016! — Ed

Yearly Summary

Date	Shoot	Host	Number	High	Median
1/17/2016	Mid-Winter Martyrdom	Mid-Hudson	71	91	68
2/21/2016	Annual Meeting	FCFGPA	65	91	63
3/20/2016	March Madness	Orvis Sandanona	121	95	72
4/10/2016	Tax Time Revolt	M&M	26	84	65
5/08/2016	May Minuet	Mashomack	56	80	59
6/19/2016	Club Championship (AM)	Mid-Hudson	112	93	68
6/19/2016	Club Championship (PM)	Mid-Hudson	53	89	71
7/17/2016	Simo Sunday	Orvis Sandanona	134	95	75
8/14/2016	Summertime, Summertime	Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays	35	94	81
8/21/2016	FITAStic!	Mid-Hudson	44	81	66
9/11/2016	Septembershutzenfest	Peace Dale	21	86	72
10/16/2016	Orange, Orange, Orange	FCFGPA	96	90	67
11/20/2016	Potpourri Party	Mid-Hudson	—	—	—
12/18/2016	Xmas Shoot	FCFGPA	112	92	60
			946	89	68

Bill Donaldson

At press time last month, I got the news that Bill Donaldson had passed away. Along with Peter Wright, Bill was our "Sporting Sportsman of the Year" in 2004. Bill, Peter, and Dick Losee were instrumental in bringing Sporting Clays to Mid-County Rod & Gun Club. Bill was a great friend of the CT Travelers and sporting clays in the Hudson Valley.

From The Poughkeepsie Journal:

UNION VALE - William (Billy) H. Donaldson, 65 of Union Vale, passed away on Monday, November 28, 2016 at his residence. Born on August 31, 1951 in Toledo, Ohio, he was the son of the late William H. Donaldson Sr. and Barbara Page Donaldson. He was a graduate of Arlington High School, Class of 1969. On September 11, 1971 he married Sylvia Anderson. Mrs. Donaldson predeceased him on May 8, 2016.

He Owned and Operated the Family Business, Dutchess Restaurant Equipment Co., Inc., for 47 years, from 1969 until his death. An avid outdoorsman, he loved fishing, bird hunting with his dogs and shooting sporting clays. He was a lifetime member of the Mid County Rod and Gun Club and for 10 years during his membership he was the Chairman of the Sporting Clays.

Billy is survived by his 3 Children; Keith H. Donaldson and wife Karen Donaldson, Scott W. Donaldson and wife Tracey Donaldson and Erin V. Wynkoop and husband Michael Wynkoop; his 5 Grandchildren, Joey, Kaylee, Olivia, Colby and Wyatt; his sister, Susan P. Keeley and brother, Peter D. Donaldson.

There are no calling hours. A Memorial Service will be held 12:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3 at the Mid County Rod and Gun Club, Millbrook, NY

January Shoot Details

Have you noticed the weather lately? Cold. And Snow. But that won't stop us from shooting "Mid-Winter Martyrdom" at Mid-Hudson on Sunday, January 15th. Well, it will stop Bill Beinert, because he will be in Sunny Key West. The rest of us will bang out 100 targets and lunch in New Paltz. This will be a traditional shoot format with a continental breakfast, 100 targets, lunch, and probably some wounded souls and frozen toes.

— Dean Anglace

Membership Update

At the time of publication, we have a 59% renewal rate. 184 Members have renewed, 12 Members have indicated they will not be renewing, and 112 members have not committed one way or the other. While your Annual Dues are considered late on January 1st, we consider January a grace period where all former members will pay the member price. However, all unpaid members will revert to Guest status and pay the higher entry fee from February on.

— Jeff Hunter

2017 Shoot Calendar

Date	Shoot	Club
01/22	Mid-Winter Martyrdom	Mid-Hudson
Feb	Annual Meeting	TBD
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	FCFGPA
11/19	Super Sporting	Mid-Hudson
Dec	Xmas Shoot	TBD

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The upcoming **CTTRAVELERS** Monthly Shoot

Mid-Winter Martyrdom

Sunday, January 22nd, 2017

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 11, 2017**.
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 following the shoot at the Clubhouse.

CTSCA Members \$75; Guests \$90
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.	NCSA Number	Jr	Vet1	Vet2	Lady
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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>.