



# Reload!

Sporting Club Assn.

The Newsletter of the Connecticut Travelers

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### **HOT TIME ON HARD TARGETS AT MILLBROOK ROD & GUN SEPTEMBERSCHUETZENFEST**

By Stefanie Steinkraus

If you miss shooting our signature Travelers “tough” targets then you surely didn’t attend the latest shoot on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Millbrook Rod&Gun! It was a beautiful early fall day; blue sky, the sun was shining and not a breeze in the air.

Station one greeted us with a looping, flying rabbit from the left with a low, left-to-right outgoer/crosser from the same trap. It would have been a hittable pair had it not been for the speed of both. The rabbit was so fast that if you held too close to the trap you never even came close to hitting the bird. The outgoer/crosser had its sweet spot. Unfortunately nature also planted several trees in that same spot. Needless to say that those of us who didn’t stop swinging the gun to spare those arbors (good excuse!) shot right at them and often missed the target. It can only get better, we all thought.

Off to station two: The trapper greeted us with a big smile – they are all very friendly at this club. The hand-trap was behind your left shoulder and threw a simo pair of a 90 and 110 down towards the tree line. Great pair, hadn’t it been for the distance between the two birds. You called for the pair and by the time you had a good focus on the first one the second was almost on the ground. I was lead off shooter and took the first pair right and left. My husband commented that it might be easier the other way around – Ladies don’t listen to your husbands (or maybe it’s only my husband!) Anyway, I listened and it resulted in a double zero! The best policy is always to follow your initial instincts and shoot it the way it feels most comfortable.

All around the course we heard people complaining about the targets but everybody had big smiles on their faces! One of my favorites was station seven. It was on the opposite side of the pond and featured a report pair of high left-to-right crossers. The first target was a standard followed by a midi. Granted, the window wasn’t big but this station was back to basics. Nice, clean stroke on the first one and the remember, the second one is a midi – looks further away but is just as close – but also flies a little faster – therefore it needs more lead—beautiful!

As we made our way around the course. Before the big climb we encountered a station that made me shiver. (Have you ever been hunting where you see that perfect rack out there in the field; you put up your gun, look thru your scope and it is gone; you lower the gun and see it again, it hasn’t moved. So you try your scope again and whatever you are looking for blends perfectly into the background.) That’s just what happened to Susie Clarke and me. We look at the view pair – an incoming, straight-at-you simo pair. It started at about 65 yards out and landed at 30 yards in front of you. Did I mention the trees, the light and shade, the leaves that had already fallen and made a nice background for the dropping targets? One was higher and easier to spot and most of us hit it. The other was lower and seemed to disappear as soon as you hit the first. My first pair I killed the higher incomer, looked into the woods, couldn’t see the second target, only a lot of pieces flying every direction, assumed I had hit the pair with one shot,

lowered the gun just to hear the pair called “Dead--Lost”. Damn, was I loosing it?? The next pair I tried to make sure that I really saw the evil, little things. To be honest I just fired at the biggest piece out there and it happened to be the right chip. The towers were a nice breather. Both targets out in the air, easy to see, no trees to obstruct your view.

Another simo pair was an off-line trap target with a high left-to-right looper. The whole squad did really well here. It looked harder than it was. This station, once again, drove home the importance of hold-points. You don’t need to follow the target forever; have a plan; know where you want to shoot it and make a short move to get there.

It was another beautiful day in Millbrook, The food was wonderful and camaraderie so thick you could cut it with a knife, but it was the smiling face of our fearless leader, Al Anglace that was the best present of the day. Although El Presidente skipped the shooting, he was well enough in the pink to socialize with his tribe. Best wishes for a continued speedy recovery.

The man with a plan was Mark Latakas who beat the rest of us with a well-shot 84.

<b>HOA</b>	Mark Latakas	84
Cl. 1 Champ.	Bruce Galotto	83
Cl. 1 RU	Russ Tagliareni	78
Cl. 1 3 <sup>rd</sup>	George Ostrander	78
Cl. 2 Champ.	Max Hachmann	81
Cl. 2 RU	Mike Canale	80
Cl. 2 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dean Anglace	78
Cl. 3 Champ.	Don Hutchinson	69
Cl. 3 RU	Dean Anglace	68
Cl. 3 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Quagliano	67
Cl. 4 Champ.	Robert Adams	65
Cl. 4 RU	George Maggiolo	64
Cl. 4 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ed Pryzbyski	63
Cl. 5 Champ.	Bob Schraeger	52
Cl. 5 RU	Dennis Stagnaro	48
Cl. 5 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stephen Rice	47
Lady Champ.	Stefanie Steinkraus	74
Lady RU	Kristen Canale	71
Lady 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol Roesslein	63
Vet. Champ.	Doug Moore	79
Vet. RU	Rich Russo	72
Vet. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Cahan	72
SenVet.Champ	Jim Henion	69
Junior Champ	Peter Maggiolo	62
Junior RU	Mike Griffin	53
Junior 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kristen Hachmann	45

## **DO YOUR DUTY—DO YOUR DUES**

We’re inviting you to renew your membership by paying your dues. You help us all by doing this quickly (right now). Please send your \$60 (\$70 for family membership) renewal using the coupon enclosed with this RELOAD. Of course, you should correct the coupon with any changes to the information listed. Again, you help the volunteers by renewing quickly, this month, and using the coupon. If you renew with one check for the shoot and dues, please enclose the coupon along with your registration form. And, for all our sakes, please follow the above, and do it now!!! Just do it!

## IS THERE A FRUSTRATED WRITER LIVING INSIDE YOU?

Join the staff of Reload and let me become your editorial Svengali!

Reload is the ideal place for budding young writers and we offer all sorts of benefits to the semi-professional, semi-literate scribbler. We wouldn't be opposed to you printing your own official-looking business cards with the Reload logo on them, nor would we be opposed to you emblazing your shooting vest with the Reload banner. Hell, I'll even give you a press card for your snap-brim-fedora!

Learn to report our monthly shoots. Learn the difference between insure and ensure. Learn to announce to a room full of people that you're a "gun writer" with a straight face. In short, if you're willing to pretend this publication is something more than a just a newsletter, I'm willing to pretend that spelling and grammar don't count! In all seriousness, Reload is near and dear to my heart and I'd be happy to take on anyone who's got a story to tell and a sense of style in telling it

Can you help? Contact Phil Steinkraus at [philistein@aol.com](mailto:philistein@aol.com)

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### --- 2007 CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR ---

**OCT. 12, 13 & 14 – Fall Tour**, Rhode Island Area Clubs.

**OCT.21 – SMALL GAUGE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**, Fairfield County Fish & Game, Monroe, CT

**NOV. 18 – “SALUTE THE COLORS”** Ye Old Newgate Coon Club, Norfolk, CT

**DEC. 16 – DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL SHOOT / X-MAS PARTY**, Mid County Rod & Gun Club

#### FOR SALE

#### CLASSIFIED ADS

#### WANTED

**For Sale – Browning XS Sporter** - 28 ga., 30" brls., 3 Inv. + flush chokes. Morgan adj. Recoil pad. 14 1/4" LOP. Excellent condition. \$1500.00 OBO. Ralph Lowery, 203 509-2260.

**For Sale – Beretta 390 by Cole Gunsmithing**-AAA fancy wood, competition trigger, polished action, 28-inch mobile choke barrel/IC, Mod, I-Mod, Full, silver oval stock inlay for monogram, blue plastic Beretta hard-case with both standard, Beretta black rubber and Tecknys Gel-tec Pad. Less than 100 shells through this *as new* shotgun—Not just another used autoloader \$1,200.00 OBO Contact Phil Steinkraus (845)876-2570 or [Philistein@aol.com](mailto:Philistein@aol.com)

**For Sale – St. Croix Premier 9.0, 5 weight fly rod and St. Croix CLA456 reel** – Scientific Angler Hard side travel case. Used one time. \$200.00 OBO. Ralph Lowery, 203 509-2260.

**For Sale – Pflueger Purist 8.0, 5 weight fly rod with Cortland Rim Fly reel** – Scientific Angler hard side travel case. Rod is virtually new and reel is used condition. \$150.00 OBO. Ralph Lowery, 203 509-2260.

**For Sale – Parker DHE SXS 12 gauge** – 30” BRLS., imp. cyl. / light mod. fixed chokes. Double triggers, pistol grip. Addition of a third dogs head factory option engraved on receiver to enhance original engraving. LOP 15” front and 14” rear trigger. Professional restoration completed by Larry DelGreggo in 2006. \$6500.00. Contact Al Anglace 203 417-6295 or [aaa738@aol.com](mailto:aaa738@aol.com).

**For Sale – Perazzi MX Stan Baker Sporting** – 12 gauge, 31.5 in brls., choked .010” and .020”, 14.5” LOP, 7 lbs./13oz., KICK EEZ pad, cased. Price reduction: \$4700.00. Contact John Hryncewich at 973 427-0499 or [john@thegunglove.com](mailto:john@thegunglove.com).

**For Sale – Winchester Model 12 (Pre 64) Pump, same serial numbered two brl. set** – 30” Trap and 26” Skeet, both with **raised matted ribs**. Lovely original factory walnut wood. \$2475.00. Al Anglace, 203 417-6295 or [aaa738@aol.com](mailto:aaa738@aol.com).

**For Sale – Golf Cart Conversions** – Ready for any Sporting Course. Built to suit your needs. Keith Anglace, 203 417-5424 or [kaa111@aol.com](mailto:kaa111@aol.com).

**Traveler’s Logo Vests, Rain Shooting Coats, Cold Weather Shooting Coats, Shooting Aprons, Shooting Shirts and Gun Slips.** A few of each left. Al Anglace, 203 417-6295 or [aaa738@aol.com](mailto:aaa738@aol.com).

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### **SCHOLASTIC SPORTING CLAYS TEAM SUPPORT**

The Travelers support the Junior shooters to help defray the expense of ammunition. Last year we asked our members to bring a **box of factory ammo** to the **SMALL GAUGE SHOOT at Fairfield County** to support one of the Scholastic teams from that club: “The Grateful Lead.”

Cash donations will also be accepted by the kids stationed at the registration desk. Last year we donated about \$800.00. **Please consider helping out again this year.**

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### **THE UPCOMING *CTTRAVELERS* MONTHLY SHOOT**

## **2007 CTSCA SMALL GAUGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **11<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOC.  
HAMMERTOWN ROAD, MONROE, CT.**

**THE TRAVELERS HELD THE FIRST OFFICIAL SMALL GAUGE SHOOT IN THE COUNTRY AND WE HAVE ENJOYED NOT ONLY THE GROWTH OF THE LITTLE GUNS WITHIN OUR CLUB BUT ALSO THE FANTASTIC INCLUSION OF THE SMALL GAUGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. OUR HANDICAP SYSTEM HAS PROVEN TO BE AN EQUALIZER WHEN PITTING THE SMALLER GAUGES AGAINST THE STANDARD BEARER, FOR THIS SHOOT, 20 GAUGE. TWELVE GAUGE SHOOTERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE FOR PRACTICE ONLY. COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FASTEST GROWING SEGMENT OF SPORTING CLAYS AND ENGAGE YOUR TALENTS WITHIN THE MAGNIFICENT COLORS THAT MOTHER NATURE PROVIDES FOR US AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. DUST OFF THAT LITTLE GUN AND GET IT READY FOR THE HUNTING SEASON. ALTHOUGH THIS IS BILLED AS A “CHAMPIONSHIP” IT IS MORE OF A FUN DAY FOR ALL.**

**IF YOU DON’T HAVE A SMALL BORE GUN, OUR MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO SHARE OR LEND A GUN. YOU ONLY HAVE TO PROVIDE THE AMMUNITION. NOTE YOUR NEEDS BY**

CHECKING OFF THE APPROPRIATE BOX ON THE RESERVATION FORM AND YOU WILL BE ACCOMMODATED.  
BE A PART OF A REAL FUN DAY. DON'T MISS IT.

### REGISTRATION APPLICATION

– YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 17, 2007 –

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 8:30 AM - \$70.00 ENTRY FEE.  
GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT THIS SHOOT AT \$85.00 ENTRY FEE.  
MAIL THIS FORM, AND YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO "CTSCA" TO  
CTSCA  
91 PARK LANE ROAD  
NEW MILFORD, CT 06776

**NAME(S) – BEING PAID BY THE ENCLOSED CHECK ONLY:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SQUAD WITH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCURRENT SELECTION, PLEASE CHECK IF QUALIFIED: LADY\_\_ , VET.\_\_\_ (55-64), SR. VET\_\_ (65 AND OLDER) OR JUNIOR\_\_ (17 AND YOUNGER).  
I WILL BE SHOOTING A \_\_\_\_\_.**

**\_\_\_ I NEED A LOANER OR SHARED GUN AND WILL CONTACT AL ANGLACE FOR DETAILS ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19.**

**ADJUSTED HANDICAPS: 16 AND 20 GA. 0 – 28 GA. +5, 410 + 10. PUMP AND SIDE BY SIDE PLUS 3. EXAMPLE: 28 GA. PUMP = + 8.**

**REMINDER: CONCURRENT AND HANDICAP PARTICIPATION IS THE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTE SAME ON SCORE CARD.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From Merritt Parkway: proceed to Exit 49N, Rt. 25 Expressway North. Take Rt. 25 (5.2 miles) to route 111 North (toward Monroe). Go right onto Rt. 111 and proceed (4.8 miles) to Wheeler Road. Left onto Wheeler Road and go (1.4 miles) to Hammertown Road. Left on Hammertown and go (0.7 miles) to club driveway on right. From Interstate I-84: Exit 11 (Newtown) turn right at end of exit. Go to traffic light (Route 34) turn right (towards New Haven). Continue on Route 34 (2.5 – 3 miles) to blinking

light, turn right onto Gray's Plain Road. Go 0.5 miles, straight at STOP sign onto High Rock Road. Continue 1.9 miles under RR Bridge and turn left onto Hammertown Road. Go 0.7 miles to club driveway on left.



**Happy Halloween from RELOAD**