

# RELOAD!

*Celebrating Our 26th Year*



January 2013

## DICK LOSEE MEMORIAL & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Jeff Hunter

A cloud hung over LaGrangeville on December 16th as we gathered together for the "Dick Losee Memorial Shoot and Christmas Party" at Mid-County Rod & Gun Club. This event is usually the climax of our shooting season filled with joy and happy memories of the preceding year. However, the cloud of Sandy Hook was ever-present in the hearts and minds of all in attendance. After the required safety instructions, club Vice-President Dean Anglace called for a moment of silence to remember the victims of this terrible tragedy.

There have been many days when the Christmas shoot was held during snowstorms, freezing rain, and extreme cold. Who could complain about a 37 degree day with a light mist that only lasted for 30 minutes? The crew at Mid-County again did a marvelous job of setting targets that were both challenging and fun.

Each year we recognize an individual or club that has made significant impact on the sport of sporting clays. Past recipients include industry legends such as Dick Losee, Bruce Buck, Neil Chadwick, and the Fairfield County Fish & Game Club for their contributions to the sport.

This year's honoree was nominated by Carl LaCavalla for his dedication to the Travelers and his lifelong mentoring of fellow shooters. It was no surprise that the Sporting Sportsman of the Year for 2012 is Ron Leonardi.

The Travelers again were sponsoring a toy drive for Toys For Tots, Dutchess County. As each member arrived, they carried a bag of new toys for children in Dutchess County. Clarice Murphy and the Marine Corps thanked Dean Anglace for our support



through the years. A significant amount of money was also raised through auctions and passing of the hat for special needs of the program.

We wrapped up with the traditional drawing for door prizes. This year's top pick was a Beretta Silver Pigeon I, so everybody was hoping the first card called would be theirs. Tension grew as the score cards were tossed about. A brand new member was surprised as her number was called and she got the lucky first pick! Special thanks go out to Joe Cimino at North Atlantic Sportsman for his generous help with this year's giveaway.

If you come away from Mid-County hungry, that is your own fault. This year's feast included Shrimp Cocktail, Stew, Cheese, Crackers, hot appetizers, prime rib, and all the fixings. Add a full hot breakfast at the start of the day and you have plenty of opportunities to fuel the furnace. We appreciate being asked to come back to Mid-County year in and year out to celebrate the season. Thanks to Bill Donaldson, Keith Donaldson, and all the trappers, cooks, and bartenders that give up their Sunday so that we may shoot.

## **SPORTING SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR**

John Hachmann

I first met our 2012 Connecticut Travelers Sporting Sportsman of the Year in 1988. Quickly I realized that I wanted this guy as my friend. Little did I realize that in the coming years he would be more than a just friend. He would become a mentor to me and a part of my family too.

It all started at the Freeport Tuna Club when I purchased my first boat in the summer of 1988. Each weekend I would go fishing with my buddies. "Fishing" not necessarily "Catching". In the afternoon he and his crew would tie up the "Fish Hawk II" and my buddies and I would watch as Cousin John or Sammy would empty the fish box at the stern. Fluke after fluke, the fish were removed and put in buckets to be carried to the cleaning station. Ron would look over and say something like, "Great day of fishing, huh"? or "How'd you guys do"? or the real kicker "Hey,



where are your fish”? Every now and again I would get an invitation to fish on the “Fish Hawk II” and the chance to learn how to tie a knot or properly bait a hook or best of all how to slowly lift the rod when the slightest of tug was felt and then to “set the hook”. Different fish required different techniques, all of which Ron was eager to share. Not only was he happy to teach me but he certainly welcomed and accepted my children almost as if they were his own.

As the years passed and the friendship grew we were introduced to shotgunning. First was Skeet, some Trap and then Sporting Clays. No matter where we went, Ron was always there to offer help and guidance to everyone around. It didn't matter who it was. When Ron saw someone struggling with a station, he would offer some advice and that person would learn how to break that target. They always got it to break, usually much to their own surprise!

No matter what he was doing; whether it was Fluke or Striped Bass fishing, Sporting Clays shooting, Turkey hunting or Pheasant shoots, Ron not only excels, but he does it with a level of class, dignity and gracefulness that has always inspired me and I believe many others to look up to him as a person of expertise and distinction.

Teaching others to excel and passing along his knowledge and his passion for a sport is a quality that Ron certainly does possess. Ron is the epitome of a “Sporting” Sportsman and it is my privilege to present this Bronze Elk to Ron as a token of appreciation from the Connecticut Travelers for his many years as a Mentor and Friend to us all and to those special friends that we have lost along the way. I know that as we stand here today, our beloved friend Al Anglace is looking down from above, smiling and giving that little nod of approval for our “2012 CTSCA Sporting Sportsman of the Year”, Ron Leonardi.

## **ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

The 26th Annual Meeting is coming up on February 17th. In years past we have opened up the floor for discussion of new business. Many years we run out of time to discuss important issues that affect all our members. We request that you contact the club secretary, Jeff Hunter, with any new business so those issues can be put on this year's agenda. Any issues not on the agenda may not get discussed. We are going to keep the meeting to two hours.

## **25th ANNIVERSARY LOGO GEAR**

We still have some of the CT Travelers 25th Anniversary gear left. We will be bringing the following items to selected shoots in 2013:

- Blue or Khaki colored Golf Shirts with "CT Travelers, 25th Anniversary" embroidery (\$25)
- Pink or Yellow colored Ladies Golf Shirts (\$25)
- Grey or Pink T-Shirts with the CT Travelers 25th Anniversary Logo screen printed on the back (\$10)
- Blue or Khaki colored baseball caps with "25th Anniversary" embroidery (\$15)
- Blue or Khaki colored golf towels (\$10)

If you have been on the fence about buying, now is the time to get your logo gear for the best selection.

## **MEMBERSHIP/GUIDEBOOK UPDATE**

John Hachmann

Your CTSCA membership renewal forms were sent out in early November. If you have **NOT** received your renewal form yet, please contact John Hachmann (johnhachmann@yahoo.com).

Your membership renewals are due by December 31st and any member not in good standing on January 31st will not be included in the Guidebook. This year's Guidebook will be going to print early in February.

We are also looking for advertisers to offset the cost of printing the Guidebook. Each ad is \$100 and is a full page in the book. All ads will be printed in the Guidebook and at least one issue of Reload! Please see the flyer on the penultimate page of this edition of Reload!

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## TENTATIVE CTSCA SHOOTING CALENDAR

The dates below are tentative, please check the most current Reload! for confirmation.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Shoot Name</u>	<u>Venue</u>
January 20	Mid-Winter Martyrdom	Mid-Hudson
February 17	Annual Meeting	Dover Furnace
March 17	The Original March Madness	Orvis Sandanona
April 5-7	Spring Trip	Maryland
April 13-14	Travelers FITASCTIC	Mid-Hudson
April 21	Tax Time Revolt	Ten Mile River Preserve
May 19	May Minuet	Lehigh Valley
June 16	Albert Anglace Memorial Championships	Mashomack
July 21	Simo Sunday	Orvis Sandanona
August 18	Doverpalooza	Dover Furnace
September 15	Small Gauge Championships	Ten Mile River Preserve
October 20	Octobershutzenfest	FCFGPA
November 10	Islanders vs. Mainlanders	Suffolk T&S
December 15	Dick Losee Memorial & Xmas Party	Mid-County

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## Mid-Winter Martyrdom

Sunday, January 20, 2013

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

**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 16, 2013.**

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.

CTSCA Members \$75; Guests \$90; Lunch Only \$15.

Mail this application and your check payable to CTSCA to:  
CTSCA, c/o John Hachmann, 35 Columbine Lane, Kings Park, NY 11754

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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>.



The CT Travelers Sporting Clays Association Guidebook committee is collecting advertisements for our 2013 book.

A full page advertisement in the Membership Directory is only \$100.00

The 2013 CTSCA membership directory will be printed in February and distributed in March of 2013.

Without the support of our members & advertisers, printing of this book will not be possible! Please support your club with an ad.

Please e-mail your advertisement in .PDF format to: [johnhachmann@yahoo.com](mailto:johnhachmann@yahoo.com)

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Please include a printed copy of your advertisement with your check. Make all checks payable to... CTSCA

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