

2018 Winter Travel League - Week # 2



Despite the cold, bitter temperatures, 43 shooters competed this morning at the Richburg Rod & Gun Club in the Winter Travel League. despite the cold, bitter temperatures. Just like last week in Portville, it was 10 below zero early in the morning, 0 degrees at the start of the shoot, and 10 above by the end of shooting. (Jim Cooney was smiling). Junior shooter Jake Bell of Eldred led the way with his 49 x 50. Randy Hill of Portville posted a solid 95 x 100, and Jim Green of Shinglehouse broke 47 x 50 to lead the way in the scoring. Perfect scores of 25-straight were posted by Bell, Hill, Dakota Green of Shinglehouse and Bill Darling of Bolivar, all on field #2 interestingly. Randy, (who was sweating over it), also broke the **green bird**, getting 3 bucks back. You had to be there.....

We hit the league goal of eight squads per hour across the two fields without really pushing things due to the cold weather. Kody Beil won the 50/50 drawing, netting \$35, which raised a nice sum of \$70, but Cliff Cole graciously threw in another\$3 after the drawing was paid out and it will go to the league. Thanks Cliff. Please continue to do your part to help support this by dropping a buck or two in there. 17 new shooters joined today, bring us to a total of 55, in this, our 28th year as a league. An excellent pancake breakfast was served by the Club. Many thanks go to Joe Wallace, Dave, Ray, Briana, Harold, Tim, Rich, Bill, Lynn, Nicole and Austin for all their help working the shoot. The guys work hard every week to give you a quality, safe, trap shoot, and we appreciate that cooperation by everyone involved.

Our 500-bird, five-club, traveling trap shooting league shoots Sunday mornings from 9 AM until 12:30 PM from January through the end of March. Gun safety is our top priority. Junior shooters, ages 12-17, and ladies are also encouraged to come out and join in the fun. New, returning, and any other prospective trap shooters can join the league

any time until the beginning of the second round on February 11th in Portville for just \$15. The league entry fee pays for a steak dinner with all the trimmings as well as trophies and other awards. Extra steak dinners will also be available for invited guests. We have ladies shooting, we have kids shooting, we have seniors shooting, and everything in between. If you are new to our league, welcome aboard. Enjoy, but please think safety at all times; safety involving not only when shooting, but also driving to and from.

Please print legibly when you join, sign up to shoot, or fill out parental consent forms if under 18 years of age. **Remember, a valid, legible e-mail address must be supplied in order to receive scores and highlights from the league.** Some of you junior shooters still need to turn in your parental permission consent forms. Please get them filled out and to me by next Sunday at Genesee Valley.

A 50-bird trophy shoot, steak dinner, and awards ceremony will be held at the Portville Conservation Club, (the league's host this year), on Sunday, March 25th. You must shoot the entire 500 birds to be eligible for the 50-bird trophy shoot. Shooters will be broken into three classes (A, B, & C) which are determined by their season-long average over the 500 targets. Whether you complete the entire 500-bird league or not you'll still get a steak dinner for your \$15. Extra guest steak dinners will again be just \$8 each. League shooting continues next Sunday at Genesee Valley where coffee and donuts will be served.

Lastly, this has been a difficult week for me personally. As a lot of you know, I lost my best friend of nearly 14-1/2 years. I would like to thank everyone that expressed their kind words, sympathies and condolences today for Copper. He was a pure-bred, registered, golden retriever; the only blond colored one in his litter of ten pups. He was tough, loyal, smart, and also the reason I started shooting trap to begin with. Your kind words made things just a little bit better today, so thank you.

Jon Reitz

Host club: Portville 2018, Richburg 2019, Genesee Valley 2020, Cuba 2021 & Olean 2022