

2018 Winter Travel League - Week # 3



Week #3 at the Genesee Valley Conservation Club went well today. 42 shooters/32 squads took part. It was warmer for a change with temperatures in the thirties with no sun or wind to deal with. The Club ran more than six squads per hour, well better than the league's goal of five. Lynn and the GVCC crew of Mike, Brian, Buz, Craig and John did an excellent job with the shoot today. They always do.

Jake Bell from Eldred again led the way for those shooting 100 targets with a solid score of 95 x 100. Randy Hill of Portville and Jim Green of Shinglehouse were next at 94 each, followed by John Tucker of Belmont with an 89. Bell and Hill had the only two perfect rounds of 25-straight today. Scott Cowles of Olean broke the *Green Bird* winning his 3 bucks back. For the second week in a row, Kody Beil from Cuba won the league's 50/50 drawing AGAIN, netting \$20.....but I haven't paid him yet...

Our league membership now stands at a total of 58 as three more shooters rejoined today. That's nearing our high-water mark of 59 from two years ago, but it's also about all we can handle as a league. We now have 17 junior shooters and three ladies participating in the league.

Of the 17 juniors, I still lack parental consent forms from McKenzie Glover, Natalie Karnuth, Dominic Lockwood, Owen Neudeck and Zayne Tarr. Please get those filled out and turned in Sunday in Olean. I attached the blank form for you.

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, so please think safety at all times; safety involving not only when shooting, but also driving to and from. 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. 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.**

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 at the banquet for your \$15. Extra guest steak dinners will again be just \$8 each.

Just to clarify something as league shooting continues next Sunday in **OLEAN**, not in **CUBA**, where coffee and donuts will again be served.

Jon Reitz

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