

2018 Winter Travel League - Week # 5



48 of 60 shooters from the Winter Travel League posted scores this morning at the Cuba Rod & Gun Club. Bill Malone and the rest of the Cuba crew ran a good, safe trap shoot today. The Club ran eight squads per hour, which is the goal of the league for the two-trap field Clubs. It was warmer again today, with temperatures right around 32 degrees and some intermittent wind to deal with.

Looking at the scores, Jim Green from Shinglehouse blasted a big score of 98 x 100 today. He was followed by Jeremy Mikolajczyk of Olean with a strong 96 x 100 and Cuba Club rep Bill Malone of Allegany with 92 x 100. There were five perfect scores of 25-straight today as Mikolajczyk ran the middle 50, Jim Green had two 25-straights and son Dakota Green had one. Randy Ours Sr. broke the *Green Bird* and Gary Stuckey has your three bucks.

This next paragraph pains me... The Beil family of Cuba kept the 50/50 drawing winnings in the family for the **FOURTH** week in a row as this time dad Carl Beil pocketed yet another \$18.

Our league membership now stands at a total of 60 members with one more week that shooters can still join the league. Ten years ago, when Club reps Lynn Pomeroy, Randy Hill, Mike Bunce, Charlie Jurenko and I reorganized the league, we were at just 19 members from the previous year. Our goal was to get to 40, and then 50, and now we're at 60 for the first time ever as that's an all-time high for the 28-year history of our league. We have 17 junior shooters and three ladies participating in the league.

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. 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 targets 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. See you next week at the Portville Conservation Club as breakfast will once again be served. Shoot well.

Jon Reitz

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