

## 2018 Winter Travel League 50-bird Trophy Shoot



41 eligible shooters from the Winter Travel League posted scores this morning at the Portville Conservation Club in the 50-bird trophy shoot. Randy Hill and crew did their usual excellent job with the shoot. It was cold and extremely sunny with temperatures in the twenties and lots of wind. Targets were both tough to see and tough to break with the strong winds.

Junior shooter Dakota Green of Shinglehouse won the A Class trophy, breaking 48 x 50 with the only perfect 25-straight on the day. Bob DaPolito of Olean won the B Class award with 45 x 50, while Mike Freeman, also of Olean won the C Class trophy with his 39 x 50. Jim Green of Shinglehouse was crowned the high-gun winner for the regular season, besting Junior Jake Bell of Eldred by just one target. Randy Hill of Portville took home third place honors. Lisa Freeman of Olean won the high lady trophy and Dakota Green won the high junior award for the season. U.S Army veteran Bill Darling was awarded the Winter Travel League's Special Recognition Award for 2018 for his work over the years. Darling ran the league from 2000 thru 2006. Mark Pangburn Jr. of Richburg won the *Green Bird* award for the season, breaking the first *Green Bird* thrown, also back at Portville in the first week of the season. 50-straight patches went to Jake Bell, Cliff Cole, Dakota Green and Jeremy Mikolajczyk. Pat Dunn won the 50/50 drawing netting \$23.

All of the league members and their guests enjoyed an outstanding steak dinner with all the trimmings for their \$15 league fee. Special thanks go to PCC as our host for the year, the Olean Times Herald for their coverage of the league, Charlie Jurenko for all he does, and Mary Jo at B & N Trophy of Olean.

See you next January back at the Portville Conservation Club...

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