

## 2019 Winter Travel League - Week # 2



The 2019 Winter Travel League season continued this morning at the Richburg Rod & Gun Club as 43 shooters took part in some very cold winter trapshooting. The shoot not only went safely, but also very quickly as 22 squads again registered league scores today. Our goal as a league is to safely run five squads per hour for you. That's one every 12 minutes at the single trap field clubs. At the two-trap field clubs like Richburg, we shoot for eight squads per hour. We exceeded that by a wide margin this morning despite a couple equipment glitches, plus a few shooters being late for their squads. We move quickly, so please be on time (early) for your squad. Being late not only slows us down, but also your squad mates shouldn't stand out in the cold waiting (the temperature never got out of the teens all morning). While it was cold, there was little to no wind to deal with today.

Looking at the scores, yours truly was high-gun for those shooting 100 targets today with a 97 x 100, followed by Portville's Randy Hill with his 94 x 100. John Tucker from Belmont was next with a 90 x 100. Dakota Green from Shinglehouse, PA once again led those shooting 50 targets today with his 49 x 50. Junior shooter Austin Unverdorben from Eldred, notched a 48 x 50 while junior Jake Bell, also from Eldred, Jim Green (Shinglehouse), Cuba's Kody Beil, and Reanne Stannard (also Shinglehouse), all scored 47 x 50 apiece. Perfect scores of 25-straight were posted by Hill, Bell, Unverdorben and Dakota Green, while I managed a 50-straight (home field advantage). Portville's Kelly Karnuth smashed the **green bird** winning back \$3. Lisa again managed to best husband Mike as the *Freeman saga* continues. Richburg's Nick Galayda won our largest 50/50 drawing ever, taking home \$71 out of the \$141 collected, (and he raced back to the gun Club and get it). In the first round of league

shooting, half the money goes to the league and the winner gets the other half. In the second round, the winner and club split the 50/50. Thank you everyone who dropped a couple bucks in there...we will eat well. 37 people enjoyed excellent pancake breakfasts this morning.

We were a bit short-handed today, so a big thank you goes to Dave, Joe, Harold, Brad, Lynn, Nicole, Bill Darling, Ray, Briana, Charlie, Charis Ruxton, and Mike Manzo for helping put on a quality event for you not only out on the trap fields, but also with the breakfast. They volunteer, and they worked hard.

The traveling, winter trap league moves to the Genesee Valley Conservation Club (GVCC) next Sunday at 9 AM where league shooting continues. Seven new shooters joined today, bringing us to up to 52 members now. New and returning trap shooters can still join any time up to the beginning of the second round on February 10<sup>th</sup> in Portville to shoot in the league for \$15.

Our league shoots at five different clubs Sunday mornings through the end of March. A 50-bird trophy shoot, steak dinner, and awards ceremony will be held at the Richburg Rod & Gun Club, (the league's host this year), on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. 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-ending 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 bucks. Extra guest steak dinners will again be just \$8 each. See me if interested.

See you Sunday at GVCC...

*Jon Reitz*

**Host club:** Richburg 2019, Genesee Valley 2020, Cuba 2021, Olean 2022 & Portville 2023