

Subject: letters to the editor

In response to the recent "Fitasc in the woods" review, which we found to be extraordinarily surprising...we never knew there were two Mid-Hudson Sporting Grounds...clearly the reviewer had been to a different venue as the Mid-Hudson we know bears little resemblance to the one reviewed.

"Cleared of all standing organic material" sounds like a catastrophe beyond perception, and I wouldn't go within a thousand miles of such a disaster. On a more digestible level, the reviewer laments the loss of "tighter quarters", "smaller targets", and "optical tricks".... these are the very elements that we are outgrowing in the sporting clay evolution. Target setters are graduating past "trickery" and "short windows", and into the class of nuance and subtlety.

Mid-Hudson has done nothing but improve under new ownership, and enjoys a loyal, supportive base of dedicated shooters. Both the new shooter and the seasoned veteran are on the course every day, and I bet there are no criticisms from either group justifying the review. As an aside, we shot the course within days of the reviewer: for fun, I brought my 28ga, choked LM both bbls, never changed chokes, and had a blast all day. Everything was within the reach of any gauge.

More importantly, I think it is profoundly counter productive to publish negative material concerning a sporting facility in these times....we are all trying our best to keep enjoying this sport that we love....

Respectfully,

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