

Roland,

I have long respected your opinions and enjoyed your site. However, I must take exception to your commentary with regard to Mid Hudson. You may have heard this before: “play the music the people want to dance to”. Our great sport has evolved (I don’t like it just as much as you) into just as you describe it. Did we let it go away? Maybe so? But, the shooters are no longer coming from the Hunting discipline. Yes, it has now become a clays game. It is difficult to make a living throwing clay targets. The ranges had to change to accommodate revenue just like any other business. Venues had to change to allow for maximum participation.

As far as the target presentations at Mid Hudson, I also miss the trees, logs, bouncing rabbits that Huey threw years ago. As far as the distance and quality of the targets compared with other ranges, I disagree that you “choke down” and bring 7.5 loads. Responding to your “The people I talk to” in your commentary, I solicited opinions from recent guests at MH to verify my convictions. Based upon my information and personal knowledge; you’re wrong on this one buddy.

I wish you would have thrown a couple of bouquets to the new owners for improving the grounds. The “plug in” convenience is a very contemporary addition. It dilutes the small increase in price somewhat. But then there is no “trapper tip” which really calls it a wash. All in all, I rate it a much needed venue that does a good service to the shooters and the sport.

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