

Twenty MN Clubs To Throw Registered Targets in 2015

These Minnesota gun clubs provide some of the best registered targets in the country. Please support them!

Alexandria Shooting Park
Beaverbrook Tri-County Sportsmens Club
Becker County Sportsmen's Club (Detroit Lakes)
Bemidji Trap & Skeet Club
Buffalo Gun Club
Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club
Fairmont Trap Club
Forest Lake Sportsmen's Club
Fort Thunder Gun Club (Perham)
Glenwood Gun Club



Minneapolis Gun Club
MN Clay Target Sports (Grand Rapids)
Minnesota Sportsmens Club (Zimmerman)
Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association
Monticello Sportsmens Club
Owatonna Gun Club
Proctor Mead Gun Club
St James Gun Club
Waseca Sportsmens Club
Winona Sportsmens Club

If your gun club is interested in adding a registered shoot for 2015, please contact MTA Secretary Sally Stevens at mta.secretary@me.com or 763-486-0853. There is a great trophy incentive package for clubs who have never thrown registered targets before! For more information contact MTA President Scott Steffen at 507-360-9342.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.minnesotatrap.com

The MTA official website has a link for Minnesota gun club newsletters! Clubs, please submit your newsletters for addition on the website by emailing our webmaster at webmaster@minnesotatrap.com.

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MINNESOTA STATE TRAPSHOOT

JULY 6 - 12, 2015

Come
Join Us!

1400 Registered Targets
18 Program & 1 Practice Trap
All Pat Traps with Voice Releases
Blue Sky Background

All
American
Points
Level 4

Monday Trapshooting Hall of Fame Youth Day
Tuesday Preliminary Day; Pork Chop Fry courtesy of MTA
Wednesday HOA Begins
Thursday Full Program; 'Miss and Out' Competition & Free Brats courtesy of Bob Schultz and Target Shotguns
Friday Memorial Handicap; Championship Doubles; Awards Banquet and Youth Fund Benefit Auction
Saturday Championship Singles
Sunday Championship Handicap

Need More Information?

Vendors & Campers
(320) 763-5315

MTA Website
www.minnesotatrap.com

Lodging & Restaurants
Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
(800) 235-9441

Programs
MTA, PO Box 292, Buffalo, MN 55313
mta.secretary@me.com

ALEXANDRIA SHOOTING PARK

Alexandria, MN — (320) 763-5315
(Exit I-94 at Exit 103, left on Cty 29 then left on Cty 87. Look for the sign on the left.)

MTA News

The official newsletter of the MTA

Spring 2015

Understanding the New State Team Requirements for 2015

The Minnesota State Teams have been revamped—make sure you are aware of the new requirements!

2015 State Team Requirement Changes

Mark Stevens, Dean Walker and Peter Falk III reviewed past State Team eligible shooters, team sizes, and ratios of eligible shooters to those placed on teams. They determined that approximately 35% of all Minnesota shooters qualify to be on a State Team, with Sub-Juniors, Juniors, and Women automatically making the team if they fulfill the requirements due to the small numbers of shooters in each category. Almost 50% of Men shooters who qualified for consideration in the State Team made the team.

The MTA agreed to reduce both the team sizes and target requirements so more people will be eligible to make the State Team. **The biggest changes include using the category the shooter denotes at either the Minnesota Zone Shoot or Minnesota State Shoot that year, whichever they attend first, as well as the addition of doubles target requirements for Senior Veterans.** Team sizes are reduced for Men, Women, Juniors and Sub-Juniors, and target requirements are reduced for all categories with the exception of Senior Veterans, who see a slight increase. Good luck to all Minnesota shooters!

Four Youth-Only Chain Shoots for 2015

The Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association is providing four youth-only chain shoots for the 8th year. Locations include Del-Tone/Luth, Waverly, Crow River, and Watertown. For more specifics please visit www.minnesotashotgun.org, call 612-703-6155 or mySA's Facebook page.

MTA Zone Shoots - Don't Miss Them!

The winners or 'Champions' from each Zone go on to compete against their counterparts during the Championship Rounds at the Minnesota State Shoot. It's great fun, fantastic competition, and a way to show pride for the Zone you live in. The MTA Zone Shoot flyer will be mailed out shortly so keep your eyes open for it—please support these club hosts by participating in these great events!

Donations Gratefully Accepted & Appreciated

This year's Live Auction Event is being held once again on Friday night, immediately following the MTA Shooter Recognition Banquet and MTA Hall of Fame Induction.

100% of proceeds generated from this Live and Silent Auctions benefit ATA shooters, including subsidizing new youth and adult ATA shooters' memberships, and providing reduced-rate targets for youth shooters throughout the State Shoot. If you are interested in donating cash, items, or services please contact Sally Stevens at minnesotashotgun@icloud.com.

Thank you.

Important 2015 Shoot Dates

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| MTA Northern Zone | Proctor | June 19—Marathon June 20-21—Zone Event |
| MTA Central Zone | Beaverbrook | June 20-21—Zone Event |
| MTA Southern Zone | Winona | June 19—Pre-Zone Event June 20-21—Zone Event |
| Minnesota State Shoot | Alexandria Shooting Park | July 6-12, 2015 |
| ATA Central Zone Shoot | Alexandria Shooting Park | July 31, August 1-2, 2015 |
| AIM Championship | Sparta, Illinois | August 1-4, 2015 |
| Grand American | Sparta, Illinois | August 5-15, 2015 |

MTA Board Meeting Highlights from December 2014

The next scheduled meeting of the MTA Board of Directors will take place early May 2015 at Del-Tone/Luth. Watch the website for the specific date, location and time.

ATA Delegate Report

The ATA is once again raffling a golf cart, which turned out to be a very successful event last year. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket please contact Mark Stevens.

Dates for the Grand American in Sparta, IL have been set for August 5-15, 2015, with the AIM Championship being held August 1-4, 2015. The Central Zone Shoot will be held at the Alexandria Shooting Park on July 31 & August 1-2, 2015.

2014 Minnesota State Teams

After reviewing the requirements and process used to determine teams, Mark Stevens announced the 2014 Minnesota State Teams. All those achieving State Team status will receive a letter, certificate, patch and pin in the mail in January 2015.

MTA Hall of Fame Honorees

The MTA is proud to induct Richard 'Dick' Thompson (deceased) into the MTA Hall of Fame for 2015. Dick will be honored during the Friday, July 10, 2015 Shooter Recognition Banquet at the Minnesota State Shoot. Please help the MTA Board of Directors recognize Dick Thompson in the Supporter category by attending the upcoming banquet. Tickets will be available at the cashier's window throughout the State Shoot.

A sub-committee has been created to clarify future Hall of Fame Induction processes and rules, and will bring forth recommendations for discussion and approval during the May 2015 MTA board meeting

Donations for a Shelter at Sparta

Mark Stevens is still collecting donations towards a Minnesota shelter to please contact him at mark@airclimatecontrol.com or by sending your donation to PO Box 292, Buffalo, MN 55313. The cost of a shelter is approximately \$2000 and nearly \$1200 has already been donated by individuals.

Youth Fund Reimbursement

A letter was received from Mark Zauhar on behalf of the Minnesota Youth Shooting Foundation indicating changes to the organization. As the group had no further fundraising activities planned it was decided to distributed current funds 50/50 between the Minnesota Trapshooting Association's Youth Program and the Minnesota High School Clay Target League. The MTA Youth Program is currently being maintained by the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association, a 501c3 nonprofit, and is eligible to receive the \$15,547.46. These funds would be restricted for MTA/ATA youth activities only.

MTA Youth Day Changes

The increase in youth shooters on Youth Day has caused a significant increase in costs. In the past, youth shooters received four boxes of shells and half-price targets, along with free ATA membership for brand new members. This costs the MTA Youth Fund approximately \$40-\$50/ youth shooter and, while smaller attendance in past years made the practice manageable, it has now become nearly impossible to fund with the significant increase experienced and expected in the future.

The MTA decided to continue to provide half-price targets on Youth Day, with \$20 youth targets (trophies-only) from Tuesday-Sunday of the State Shoot. Free shells will no longer be distributed on Youth Day.

These are just some of the highlights from the last MTA Board Meeting.

Complete minutes are available on the MTA website at www.minnesotatrap.com.

Donations Needed for Live & Silent Auction at State Shoot

This year's Live and Silent Auctions will be organized by the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association, a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to ATA youth competition and coach education. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by the IRS; cash donations are 100% tax deductible!

All proceeds from the Live & Silent Auction will be used to support the MTA Youth Day and ATA youth-only programs.

For more information or to donate contact Mark Stevens (612-703-6155) or Sally Stevens (763-486-0853).

Congratulations to our MN All-State and our All-American Shooters

There were 64 Minnesota shooters who achieved placement on the 2014 Minnesota All-State Teams, 10 Minnesota shooters who made a 2015 All-American Team, and eleven youth shooters placed on AIM Teams. Congratulations!

Minnesota All-State Teams

Men's Captain
Scott Gens

Men's 1st Team
Dean Neumann
Eric Munson
Patrick Gottberg
Zach Warweg
Troy Haverly
Glenn Linden
Mike Cooper
Glen Lonneman
Peter Walker
Nik Fetzik

Men's 2nd Team
Nick Kubasch
John Stone
Frank Redfield
Randy Cook
Paul Cyr
Jason Vlasak
David Harris
Mark Stevens
Matt Bickell
Robert Newman

Women's Captain
Sally Stevens

Women's 1st Team
Betty Walker
Julie Wiens
Jennie Stone
Vicky Townsend
Kathy Shane

Sub Junior Captain
Max Bunning

Sub Junior 1st Team
Kyler Berens
Lane Berning
Bryan Brotte
Gunnar Gens
Jack Knaus

Sub Junior 2nd Team
Kyle Hanson
Jordan Freiberg

Veteran's Captain
Dean Walker

Veteran's 1st Team
Scott Messenger
James Lembke
Michael Crepeau
Byron Churchill
David Stearns

Veteran's 2nd Team
Robert Wynnemer
Kim Krueger
Don Wilness
Thomas Brooks
Bob Scribner

Senior Vet's Captain
Alan Klotzbach

Senior Vet's 1st Team
Lou Kosiba
Garry Bonin
Thomas Sletta
Carl Bendeich
Glenn McLeod

Senior Vet's 2nd Team
George Day
David Friesen
Kenneth Koester
Frاندell Johnson
Charles Eckstein

Junior's Captain
Colton Langer

Junior's 1st Team
Ben Dietz
Brittany Vajdl
Rachel Stoddard
Max Hartman
Emma Olson

Junior 2nd Team
Dannyyelle Moon

For team requirements, as well as a complete listing of the 2015 All-Americans and 2015 AIM All Stars, please visit the following websites:

www.minnesotatrap.com

www.shootata.com

www.aim4ata.com



How many years have you participated in the Minnesota State Shoot??

The MTA Board of Directors wants to honour those shooters for their many years of supporting the Minnesota State Shoot.

If you have participated in the Minnesota State Shoot for 10+ years, please let us know by emailing mta.secretary@me.com or use the MTA History link at www.minnesotatrap.com.

AIM All-State

Junior Team
Hunter Hedtke, Cpt
Max Hartman
Hunter Roeder
James Winther
Cole Haeska

Sub-Junior Team
Sam Hedtke, Cpt
Brandon Heitz
Cole Hoffman
Matt Baloun
Chrystal Moon

Pre-Sub Team
Jack Knaus, Cpt

Minnesota All-Americans

Men's 1st Team
Scott Gens

Men's 2nd Team
Eric Munson
Dean Neumann

Junior Gold 1st Team
Zach Warweg

Junior Gold 2nd Team
Nik Fetzik

Sub-Junior 1st Team
Max Bunning

Sub-Junior 2nd Team
Gunnar Gens

Sub-Vet 2nd Team
Bill VanNieuwenhuyzen

Veterans 2nd Team
Dean Walker

Senior Vet's 2nd Team
Lou Kosiba