

ATA DELEGATE REPORT
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Phones are ringing and the emails are coming in strong with calls and texts from coaches, youth & adult ATA shooters wanting to know the dates of various shoots, or how do we sign up to throw registered targets, or is there still a spot on the coach training class in Owatonna. They are buzzing and Minnesota shooters really have the itch! In our conversations I inform them that AIM Shoots are from January through July every year.

Youth who are AIM members and who shoot at a registered shoot simultaneously have their scores entered in Monthly Shooting events. They are eligible for trophies from the ATA so youth shooters— watch the mailbox!

We have conversations about how those NRA Level 1 class dates are full at that location and “NO” we cannot run another class besides the ones we are doing already this year. We give them the dates of the other classes and locations we are hosting this spring yet. Some have signed up from hundreds of miles away; there’s a real need and desire for volunteers to do their best while sharing this sport we love, so quality coach training is highly desired in our state.

We also inform them that Buffalo Gun Club, Minneapolis Gun Club, Delt-Tone/Luth Gun Club and Alexandria Shooting Park are throwing Jackpot shoots. We also give them information that Buffalo Gun Club is open for all MN high school shooters to practice on Thursday nights, which has been extremely popular. Buffalo is also throwing its third ATA shoot of the winter on March 24th. So far the other winter shoots have been well attended as is the Jackpot Shoots every Sunday. The 2018 Minnesota Youth Chain Shoots dates & locations are posted at www.minnesotashotgun.org under the youth shoot tab at the top along with other Level 1 NRA Coach training opportunities.

Shooters are eager to get out and blow the cobwebs out of the guns. Youth shooters should be doing between 50 and 100 proper gun lifts every night right now in a mirror. (With a parent’s permission and an unloaded gun, of course!). The High School program in Minnesota will be bigger than ever this year. Students should be gearing up and coaches should be in the final stages of preparation. It is only a couple of weeks away.

Remember we have Raffle tickets for the annual ATA gun give away at the Grand this year. I will begin selling them soon and will have plenty on hand at the MN State Shoot the first week of July.

MN State Shoot programs and registered shoot cards are being printed now and should be out shortly. You can find a registered shoot on the www.minnesotatrap.com site. We want to welcome sShooters Gun Club of Marshall, MN into the registered shooting venue and ask your support. Their first shoot in April 14th and 15th. Shooters has already demonstrated the ability to draw MN, South Dakota and Iowa shooters to their club. Sally and I will be at that location on the 14th and 15th to help in any way we can. We hope to see you there.

Please keep Archie Hazzard and his wife, patrons of Buffalo Gun Club in your prayers. Archie and his wife had a roll-over accident a couple of weeks ago and both he and his wife were injured. They are

recovering in a nursing home in St. Paul. Fellow ATA shooter Charles (Chuck) Eckstein had open heart surgery last month and is in recovery. We wish Chuck and the Hazzards a speedy recovery.

Sally and I are eager to see you on the shooting line in a few weeks. Our schedule is full but we will be doing more shooting this year, albeit spur of the moment decisions, in Minnesota. We would sure welcome you onto our squad or for a round of conversation (AKA chin wag in Canadian!).

Congratulations to Wally Shelstad of Buffalo and Roger Lorenzen of Winona on being selected for induction into the Minnesota Hall of Fame in July 2018. You deserve the honors!

We could use your donations for the MN State Shoot youth auction. The Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association puts on the auction, is a 501c3 and anything donated will receive a donations slip for taxes. All funds raised will be used to support and pay for registered youth shooting ½ price targets at our State Shoot. We really need your help.

I am always humbled to be your Delegate. Thank you for allowing me to serve. If you have a question or concern I would be happy to discuss it with you. I can be reached at Mark@airclimatecontrol.com or my cell phone at 612-703-6155.

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