

Around the ATA

Minnesota

By Paul T. Cyr

I just returned from the State Shoot and this is my first report for Trap and Field as your ATA Delegate.

The first order of business is to thank Mark Stevens who preceded me as Delegate and served the shooters of Minnesota very well during his term. We look forward to seeing Mark and Sally at shoots around the state in the future. I also want to thank Mark for all of his help in making the transition as smooth as possible following the state shoot.

Although I know many of you, a bit about me, your new delegate. I retired in 2013 after 31 years in education and coaching. I have been involved in ATA shooting since 1976. I have a hard time doing very little so my new jobs are substitute teaching, officiating wrestling and umpiring baseball and softball, hunting, and shooting trap.

This year at our state shoot held at the Shooting Park in Alexandria we had four first time champions. Steve Schmidt won the singles after a four way shoot-off of 199's. He is the second Alexandria native to win the singles (joining Scott Green who won in 2004). Kyler Berens, a junior shooter from Stacy, won the doubles with a 99, plus the shoot-off. Sub-Junior Nick Witt also of Alexandria, topped the field in the Handicap with a 99, defeating three others in a shoot-off. Ben Dietz, a Junior Gold shooter from Elko capped a great week of shooting by winning the All-Around with a 396. Dietz had tied for the doubles and singles, being relegated to the Junior Gold awards in both those events.

Rain did plague the shoot on Tuesday and Wednesday, forcing the postponement of Wednesday's doubles to Friday morning.

The 2018 Youth Auctions generated \$7119 for youth trapshooting. This comes from a combination for live and silent auctions. Thanks again to Mark and Sally Stevens for their efforts on behalf of youth shooters.

Also at the state shoot banquet we inducted two new members into the MTA Hall of Fame. Wally Shelstad, the driving force at the Buffalo Gun Club for many years and Roger Lorenzen, one of the outstanding handicap shooters of his generation were inducted. Unfortunately the extended shoot-offs ran into the banquet a bit, but congratulations once again Wally and Roger.

As I write this I am looking forward to a trip to Cedar Falls for the Iowa State shoot and the Grand. I can be reached at 507-456-2000 or at ptcyr54@gmail.com. Hoping the wind is at your back and the sun warms your face until we meet next month.

Paul T. Cyr