

## April 2011 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

Greetings from Minnesota! As I write this it's late February and Mother Nature almost had us fooled into thinking it was going to be an early spring. After a few days in the 40's and 50's, winter came back with a vengeance, dumping 12+ inches of snow on us. It's April now and if the ground hog was correct, winter should be well behind us and we should be out on the trap range.

The Spring Grand is almost over and again I'm envious of the 40 Minnesota shooters who escaped the snow and cold to participate. Looking at the leader board from TS.com, I see some 100's being pounded out by Scott Gens, Bob Munson, Rick Nelson and Dean Walker. Other familiar names on the board were Dean Neumann, Scott Messenger, LouAnn Munson, Steve Schmidt, Rod Tolman, David R. Smith, Tom Sletta, Bob Scribner, Kim Krueger, Dick Kokesh, Frandell Johnson, James Beuning, Don Wilness, Gary Pederson, Curt Peterson and Ken Stoermann. Congratulations to all the winners!

Jackpot shooting continues to bring good crowds...when the weather cooperates. Some of Metro GC winners for the month of February were Bob Lalor, Chuck Eckstein, Glenn Linden and Ray Kirchoff. Minneapolis GC's Valentine Shoot had 25 – twenty five straights posted for the day! Len Lindquist and Dave Trushenski posted 49's for top scores of the day. Other weekly winners at MGC were, Scott Steffen, Jim Walkowiak, Dennis Kecker, Dan Ward and Terry Peterson. Over at the Buffalo GC, Keith Koosman is leading in the "Race for the Gold" with seven wins, while Mark Stevens is a distant second with 3 weekly wins.

Finally, April and the first registered ATA events in our state begin after a long and blustery winter. Beaver Brook in East Bethel will hold the first two-day shoot on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Alexandria SP has a shoot the last day of April and the first day of May. May also has the Victor Memorial shoot at Del-Tone/Luth GC in St. Cloud, on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The Buffalo Stampede at BGC, will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Forest Lake SC has a shoot on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The Degner Memorial shoot will be held in Owatonna, also on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Wealthwood GC in Aitken and MN Sportsmen's Club at Zimmerman, will both be holding events on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Two day shoots at Grand Rapids GC and Metro GC in Blaine, will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Fairmont GC will have their first shoot of the year on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also in May, there will be a two day shoot at Winona SC on the 28-29<sup>th</sup> and the North Star SC in Walker will have a shoot on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Rounding out the month are 3-day Memorial shoots at both the Buffalo and Detroit Lakes Gun Clubs on the 28-30<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of places to shoot if the weather cooperates, so go shoot'em up!

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any concerns or questions about trapshooting in our state. I appreciate your responses and suggestions that I've been receiving this winter. Also, let me know of any recognition for shooters accomplishments that should be mentioned in future articles. My phone is 507-381-5908 and e-mail is: [ronnoren@embarqmail.com](mailto:ronnoren@embarqmail.com). Visit our web site at [www.minnesotatrap.com](http://www.minnesotatrap.com)

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