

April 2012 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

As I'm writing this, the Spring Grand is almost over and again I'm envious of the 40+ Minnesota shooters who escaped the snow and cold to participate, although it hasn't been too bad of a winter in good'ol Minnesota. Looking at the leader board from TS.com, it looks like we had some successes in the Preliminary events. Dean Neumann was HOA Runner-up and Dean Walker was HOA Runner-up in Veteran's. Scott Gens continues his dominance in Handicap with a 99 and 100 in the early days of Spring Grand week. I see some 100's being posted by Steve Schmidt, Zach Warweg and Bill Van Nieuwenhuyzen. Zach also posted a 99 in the doubles. Congratulations to all the winners!

Jackpot shooting continues to thrive in these balmy temps we've been having this winter. Some of Metro GC winners for the month of February were Bob Lalor, Glenn Linden and Bob Smith. Minneapolis GC's Valentine Shoot had nearly 50 entries on a cold and windy day. Dan Ward's 46 was tops for the day. Other weekly winners at MGC were, Dennis Kecker (50), and Rich Ronning. Over at the Buffalo GC, Ken Norman and Mark Stevens are tied in the "Race for the Gold" with five wins, while Keith Koosman is right behind with 4 weekly wins. Other February winners at BGC were Jim Hessler and Bill Smith.

It's April and if the weather continues to cooperate we will have some nice turnouts at the first registered ATA events in our state. Marathons at Alex, Waseca and Buffalo are scattered throughout April and May. Beaverbrook in East Bethel will hold the first two-day shoot on the 21st & 22nd. Alexandria SP follows with a shoot on April 28 & 29th. In May we have the Buffalo Stampede at BGC, to be held on the 5th, then on the 6th it's the Victor Memorial shoot at Del-Tone/Luth GC in St. Cloud. Beaverbrook has a shoot on May 12 followed by one in Grand Rapids on the 19th. The Metro GC will be hosting the "Metro Open" on the 19th and 20th of May. The Degner Memorial shoot will be held in Owatonna, also on the 20th. Rounding out the month are three day Memorial shoots at both the Buffalo and Detroit Lakes Gun Clubs on the 26-28th. Plenty of places to shoot, so go shoot'em up!

Just received my copy of the 2011 T&F Average Book and noticed that Lou Kosiba had the ATA's second highest All Around Average in Sr.Vets and Bob Munson also finished 2nd in Veteran's. Congrats to both! Although Bob is now a North Dakota resident, the Munson's will always be considered Minnesotan's to me. The MTA wishes Bob and LouAnn the best!

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. Visit our web site at www.minnesotatrap.com

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