

## **Around the ATA            April 2019**

Greetings from the North Star state! I returned to the great white North from what I was hoping would be sunny Tucson and the Spring Grand, but for the most part was disappointed in the weather. While we did not encounter any below zero weather (thank goodness) we did have record breaking snow on the morning of the doubles championship and generally poor weather throughout Spring Grand week. Two things that you could not purchase in Tucson during that time were long johns and portable electric heaters! For many of the Minnesotans that made the trip, the weather was a topic of conversation, not only in Arizona, but back at home as the state was hit with several February blizzards that left school districts scrambling to alter schedules and the governor considering allowing for the shortening of the school year attendance rules due to the missed instructional days. Snowmobilers and retailers selling snow blowers were doing well as were those people who move snow in the winter. The ice fisherman had plenty of ice, but too much snow in places to get onto the lake. Back in Tucson, Minnesota had 52 shooters at the Spring Grand, 5<sup>th</sup> most of any state or province behind Arizona(87), California (77), Wisconsin (73), and Iowa (55). Minnesotans did win a few trophies and I will try to update you about those next month.

The reality of returning home for many of us is that we are still in the grip of a real winter and the hope of an early spring and a return to the trap range in a real dream.

Remember our Jackpot shooting at St. Cloud, Zimmerman, Buffalo, and Minneapolis. See the MTA website for contact information and times and date.

As I send this off I am preparing for a trip to Fargo to get my hip replaced and some relief so shooting will be more enjoyable this summer. You can contact me at 507-456-2000 or at [ptcyr54@gmail.com](mailto:ptcyr54@gmail.com).

Until next time,

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