

ATA DELEGATE REPORT
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Well, winter has finally shown up in Minnesota, as reminded by the 7-degree temperature this morning and the heavy fog across frozen lakes. Hunting is winding down in a couple of weeks and I will then again return to the trap shooting fields.

We had our board meeting for Minnesota Trap Shooting Association on December 9th, approving the minutes from September so they can be posted on the web site financials, ATA Delegate reports, and results for MN State Teams to review. Discussion included possible entertainment items at the State Shoot, and they are still on-going. The board approved trophy packages and reviewed the new trophy requirements from the ATA. ATA All American Points are no longer attached to the trophy, but are attached to the top three shooters in each class.

It is very important to renew your ATA memberships and get a new paper card on which to keep your scores and records for classification.

The board voted to drop the penalty yardage restriction on Sub-Jr, Jr and Senior Veterans for Handicap events at our State and MN Zone shoots. The 4-club rule is still in effect as well as target minimums to remain the same as last year for State Team targets.

We made the necessary changes to the shoot card and the shoots will be posted shortly at www.minnesotatrap.com. It was decided to mail gun clubs shoot cards in March as most clubs are not open in the winter; individuals cards will be mailed as soon as they are printed.

The Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association has posted the available NRA Level 1 Coach Training scheduled dates on its website www.minnesotashotgun.org. There will be four sites this year with 35 to 40 students per site. We had to drop the number of class locations due to other scheduling commitments, but we have raised the class sizes up by 15 persons. These classes will be offered in Buffalo, Marshall, Owatonna, and St. Cloud, MN, were announced a week ago on our web site and are filling fast. Remember that youth ages 15 & up can attend, with the 2018 price set at \$145.00, for the two day 16-hour intensive NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coach course. Most students are sad to see the course come to a close. If you are involved with coaching kids for high school trapshooting or adults this course is priceless, as will have a lot of the ins and outs of coaching at the end of the weekend.

Remember that Minneapolis is throwing Jackpot targets on Saturdays throughout the winter, with Buffalo and St. Cloud are throwing targets on Sundays. Please support these clubs. The bills don't stop when the weather gets cold so neither should our support. Alexandria is also throwing Jackpot targets as the weather allows.

Congratulations go out to Walter (Wally) Shelstad (Buffalo) and Roger Lorenzen (Rochester) for being tagged for inclusion in the Minnesota Trapshooting Association's Hall of Fame in July

2018. Wally was nominated by Eric Munson as a contributing member. Roger was nominated by his son, Greg Lorenzen, and David Olson as a shooting member. Both gentlemen will be honored at the Hall of Fame banquet on Friday July 6th, 2018, at the Alexandria Shooting Park in Alexandria, MN.

I thank you for your trust in me to serve as your Delegate. I am available if you need anything please call. My cell is 612-703-6155 or email at Mark@airclimatecontrol.com. Remember, we are not promised tomorrow! Make sure your loved ones know exactly how you feel about them. Do it today!

From our family to yours, we wish you a very happy and joyous Christmas and a safe, blessed and prosperous new year.

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