December 2011 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

Greetings from Minnesota! First of all I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a joyous Christmas and New Year holiday season. This is the time of year to make spending time with family and friends a priority. Please be careful as you travel during the upcoming holidays.

I want to invite all out-of-state shooters to make your plans now to attend the 2012 Minnesota State Trapshoot held at the Alexandria Shooting Park, July 9th thru the 15th. ASP is one of the finest shooting venues that you will find in the country. The target presentation and background are fantastic and the crew at Alex knows how to put on a shoot. The MTA offers many non-resident trophies to make it worth your while. To top it off, the Alexandria lakes area is beautiful that time of year. You won't be disappointed!

Targets thrown by Minnesota Gun Clubs in 2011:

MTA – Alex.	379,725
Owatonna GC	130,900
Buffalo GC	112,850
Del-Tone/Luth GC	106,100
Winona SC	56,500
Alexandria SP	56,000
Monticello SC	45,200
Minneapolis GC	36,500
Bemidji GC	30,775
Waseca SC	28,550

Beautiful October weather set the stage for some great shooting and nice turnouts at Jackpot Shoots around the state. Minneapolis Gun Club was led by its very own Jimmy "Bowen" Walkowiak with 50 straight. Other winners at MGC were Scott Messenger, Jerry Demulling, Reney Langlois, Scott Steffen and Leo Switala. Metro Gun Club's weekly winners were Glenn Linden, John Bacon, Curt Peterson and Bob Smith. Over at Buffalo GC, Ken Norman had high score the first two weeks. Come on Ken, give someone else a chance!

Mark "Smitty" Smith shot and broke the one-millionth target thrown at Buffalo Gun Club on Octbober 9, 2011. Congratulations to both!

I would like to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year". Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any concerns or questions about trapshooting in our state. I appreciate the opinions and suggestions that I've been receiving. 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: ronnoren@embarqmail.com. Visit our web site at www.minnesotatrap.com

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