

ATA DELEGATE REPORT
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Most of our Minnesota gun clubs are closed for the year. A few gun clubs, such as Buffalo Gun Club (Buffalo), Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club (St. Cloud) and Minneapolis Gun Club (Prior Lake) remain open and are hosting special shoots and Jackpot shoots throughout the winter season. Please get out and support these clubs. All clubs need income throughout the year; just because the doors close, doesn't mean their bills stop.

Minneapolis, Buffalo and Del-Tone/Luth all held Turkey Shoots last weekend. Minneapolis had a good turn out Saturday, November 23rd. Top shooter turkey winners were Scott Steffen (45), Curt Peterson (45), Jimmy 'Bowen' Walkowiak (42), Scott Messenger (42), Mark Hintz (39), Leo Switala (39), Glenn Linden (34), and Mark Cameron (34). Also winning with a score of 25 were Scott Steffen, Terry Peterson, and Jimmy 'Bowen' Walkowiak. Minneapolis will also host their annual Ham Shoot on December 21st.

Buffalo held a Turkey Shoot on Saturday the 23rd, with winner including Don Wilness (50), Tom Monzel (49), Randy Jones (48), Byron Churchill (48), Ron Smith (46), Ken Norman (46), Byron Churchill (44), Don Wilness (44), Rich Gerlach (42) and John Podergois (42). There were 49 entries on a cold and very windy day.

At Del-Tone/Luth, winners were rewarded with smoked turkeys for winning on Sunday, November 24th. Lucky winners included Ray Steffenson (48), Ray Steffenson (45), Bob Smith (43), Pete Walker (43), Jeff Dahlin (39) and Dick Berger (38). The Lucky Card winner was Troy Smith.

The winter Jackpot season is alive in well in Buffalo, with many new and returning faces each week. So far the leaders are Ken Norman with 3 wins and Chuck Eckstein with 2 wins. Some of the familiar suspects are still out chasing wild game but are expected to return soon, which should tighten up the competition some. Buffalo shoots their Jackpot every Sunday from 10 to 3, so go on out and enjoy a day with the family and friends.

Minneapolis has held Jackpot Shoots since September 28th and a heated race is shaping up. So far Dennis Kecker and Reney Langlois each have 3 wins, followed by Scott Steffens and Jerry Demulling with 2 wins and Terry Petterson, Mark Zahaur and Peter Falk with one win each. On October 5th there was a 3-way tie with Mark Zauhar, Peter Falk III and Jerry Demulling each with 50 straight. That must have been enjoyable. Congratulations.

There will be a NRA Shotgun Coach Class (Level 1) given in Buffalo on January 25-26, 2013. The instructors are NRA National Shotgun Coach Development staff Mark and Sally Stevens (Buffalo). The cost is \$125.00; Space is limited to the first 20 participants. Currently ten spots have already been taken and pre-payment must be received to hold a spot (mySA, PO Box 292, Buffalo, MN 55313) or email Sally at minnesotaysa@me.com. I can be reached at 612-703-6155 for more information. We will also host another class in March with the exact date to still be determined.

The ATA is very interested in recruiting former ATA gun clubs to registered targets again. A few clubs quit because the management burned out and the same people are tired of doing everything all the time. Holding a shoot is work, there are no two ways about it, but that kind of commitment will help to grow our sport so please volunteer to help. Several clubs are looking at starting up again and we welcome them, with some are looking to expand youth shooting. We have over 2,500 new youth shooters looking for venues! If you are interested in hosting or helping to host a registered shoot, please contact me so I can help.

On behalf of my family, the Minnesota Trapshooting Association and all its' members, I wish you all a safe and joyous holiday season. May your lives be filled with the joy of the present and all the precious memories of the past. Happy Holidays.

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