

Around the ATA- Minnesota

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Greetings from the North Star State! When you read this column many of you will be hoping Santa Claus shows up with a special gift that you have been waiting for, maybe an instructional video, a new shell pouch, or for the really good boys and girls, a new shotgun. I certainly hope that you have a very Merry Christmas. For the most part by the time you receive your December issue, waterfowl hunting will be near an end in Minnesota. Pheasant hunters will still be in the field, and depending on the amount of snow we have up here in the north, we may be out looking for Wily E. Coyote.

Congratulations to our Minnesota shooters who made the 2019 All-America teams, based on the 2018 target year. Shooters include Scott Gens, Open first team, Eric Munson and Nick Kubasch the Open second team, Colton Sherman the Junior second team, Ben Dietz the Junior Gold first team, Colton Langer the Junior Gold second team, Dean Neumann and Troy Haverly the Sub-Veteran first team, William Van Nieuwenhuyzen the Veteran first team, Randy Cook and Scott Messenger the Veteran second team, Dean Walker the Senior-Veteran second team and Rod Tolman the Chairshooter team. Congratulations to all!

Peter Walker, Randy Jones and I have been working on the All-State teams and they will be finalized and announced in a future column. I am very thankful for all of the hard work and time that Peter and Randy put into this process so that no deserving shooter is left off of the team. The process of selecting the All-State teams are a little like St. Nick does- you know “he makes a list and checks it twice to find out who is naughty or nice”. We do the same thing with the names given to us, making sure the target requirements are met, number of clubs shot at meet the requirement, etc., before finally arriving at what we believe is an accurate list of team members.

Remember that Jackpot shooting takes place each Saturday at the Minneapolis Gun Club and on Sundays at Buffalo.

As I get ready to send this off the “Red Army” (Deer Hunters) are getting set for their season in Minnesota although our archery hunters and youth day participants have been in the field. As always, I can be reached at 507-456-2000 or by email at ptcyr54@gmail.com.