

**ATA DELEGATE REPORT
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Winter has a death grip on Minnesota with the trap fields, once discovered, under 4 to 6 feet of snow after last week's storm. Buffalo Gun Club had to call in the heavy equipment, along with member Keith Koosman, to clear the fields. Thanks, Keith! The snow level is now 30 inches. Some office buildings have snow half way up the windows and no room to put more snow. Snow banks on the edge of roads are now over 15 feet in some places. The ground hog that claim winter was 6 weeks away have been put on alert. They are now in hiding!!

Meanwhile, far away from here the Spring Grand is just about to start in Tucson, AZ. and many "Minnesota Snow Birds" will be in attendance. Good luck shooters and bring trophies and warm weather home!

Minneapolis, Del-Tone/Luth, Beaverbrook and Buffalo gun clubs are still holding Jackpot shoots. Brave souls are venturing out in miserable weather to attend. Zack Warweg recently visited both Minneapolis and Buffalo and won honors at both. The last couple of weeks have found Zack Warweg, Mark Cameron, and "Jimmy Bowen" in the money at Minneapolis Gun Club. Del-Tone/Luth's recent winners include Ed Dietz, Ray Steffenson, Troy Smith, Tom Zitur and Bob Smith. Buffalo has a race between Ken Norman, Chuck Eckstein, Maxwell Hartman, and Wally Shelstad for top honors. Please support these clubs. Staying open in the winter is an expensive choice. Your customer support helps with the year-round costs.

There has been another class added for persons wanting NRA Level 1 Shotgun Coach training, on April 5th and 6th. The class will be in Buffalo, MN. Sally and I have trained nearly 50 coaches in the last three weeks with over 50 more currently signed for March and April. Only a few spots remain, as of this writing, for the April class so hurry! You may email minnesotaysa@me.com for a spot. The class is 16 hours long and the cost is \$125.00.

The 2014 Minnesota Shoot Date calendar is posted on the MTA's official website (www.minnesotatrap.com). The Minnesota State Shoot will be held July 7th – 14th, 2014 at Alexandria Shooting Park in Alexandria, MN. More and more people are telling me they are coming this year. Should be a great time. It doesn't seem like trap season is just around the corner, but it is. Get out and support your local clubs. Take a kid or two with you. "Teach your kid to hunt and you will never have to hunt for your kid!" Let them live the dream too! We are.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time.
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