## January 2013 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

Happy New Year from Minnesota! I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2012.

Another fall with beautiful weather made for great attendance at the Jackpot Shoots around Minnesota in November. Minneapolis Gun Club weekly winners were Ken Norman, Scott Steffen, Reney Langlois and Dennis Kecker, who topped all shooters three different weeks. Buffalo Gun Club weekly winners were led by Keith Koosman, Mark Stevens, Bob Smith, Gene Lack, Don Wilness and Roger Hanson. Trapshooters can shoot all winter long on Saturdays at the Minneapolis Gun Club or Sundays at the Buffalo Gun Club. Del-Tone/Luth GC had a winter/turkey Jackpot shoot on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, but didn't catch the results. Keep that eye sharp and support your clubs over the winter!

Top Ten MN Clubs for Targets Thrown in 2012

MTA State Shoot	393,275
Owatonna Gun Club	131,500
Alexandria Shooting Park	114,925
Buffalo Gun Club	100,900
Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club	95,000
Minneapolis Gun Club	79,550
Monticello Sportsmen Club	56,200
Bemidji Trap and Skeet Club	27,300
Winona Sportsmen Club	25,900
Waseca Sportsmen Club	20,550
Total	1,045,100

Last year the top ten clubs threw 927,100 targets, so we had almost a 13% increase in targets thrown in 2012 for that group. Can we attribute the 2 yard reductions or the new categories for the increases? Or is the economy improving a little. Hopefully this trend will continue!

Mark your calendars now to attend the Minnesota State Trapshoot held at the Alexandria Shooting Park, July 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 14th. It's a great place to shoot!

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any concerns or questions about trapshooting in our state. 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 is: ronnoren@embargmail.com. Visit our web site at www.minnesotatrap.com

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