

ATA DELEGATE REPORT
JANUARY 2014
Mark Stevens, Minnesota

Winter has definitely hit with its horizontal snow and blustery freezing winds! Clubs throwing Jackpot shoots in the cold include Buffalo Gun Club, Minneapolis Gun Club, Del-tone/Luth, and Beaverbrook. Waverly and Metro are throwing League targets. Please give these clubs your patronage (visit www.minnesotatrap.com for club addresses). It is not easy keeping trap fields open in the winter. There is additional expenses with snow clearing and ice controls, not to mention wear and tear on equipment. Help these clubs by supporting their efforts. After all we are Minnesotans and cold doesn't bother us!

The Minnesota Trapshooting Association had its winter meeting at Minneapolis Gun Club on December 7th. It was a good meeting and very constructive. During the meeting the 2013 MN State Teams were approved and will soon be posted on our official website. Two nominees were voted into the MTA 2014 Hall of Fame. They are Troy Haverly (New London, MN) nominated by Pat Gottberg and Jim Fetzik (Penngilly, MN) nominated by Ken Koester. Congratulations to both of these fine gentlemen.

Owatonna Gun Club has agreed to hold the ATA Central Zone Shoot for 2014, and the MTA would like to thank Paul Cyr, Kyle Wolfe and the Owatonna board for this decision. I can taste the desserts now, as Owatonna is famous for their spread of goodies at big shoots. Minneapolis Gun Club was slated for this event but their shoot calendar was full and had to postpone to another year. If your club is not in the rotation, and is of sufficient size and capabilities to hold the ATA Central Zone Shoot, and wishes to hold this shoot, let me know. Right now the clubs in the rotation are Alexandria Shooting Park, Del-Tone/Luth, Minneapolis, Owatonna, and Proctor.

Mark Zauhar and his youth shooting foundation recently resigned from running the MN State Shoot Live and Silent Auctions. We thank him for his many years of support with this event. Mark and Sally Stevens, on behalf of their 501(c)3 nonprofit (Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association), volunteered to take over this endeavor with a great deal of support needed from MTA board members. All cash donations are 100% tax deductible. Minnesota youth shooters can use your support through both donated items and cash to help with continuing youth programs across the State as well as at our State Shoot. If you wish to donate or volunteer your time to help run the Live and Silent Auctions, please contact us at your earliest convenience. You can reach Sally at minnesotaysa@me.com or Mark at 612-703-6155. Any ideas or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

The January NRA Shotgun Coach Class (Level 1) being held in Buffalo is full with 25 attendees, and the March school in Buffalo MN, to be held on March 16th - 17th has 12 confirmed spots with 13 remaining open as of this writing. I would suspect it will be full in a few days, and we will plan for an additional date if needed. If you are interested in taking the coach class please contact Mark or Sally Stevens, and we will get you into the next open school. We will hold as many as needed to get the job done.

We are saddened to learn of the passing of David Blanshan of Windom, MN. I shared a few trap shooting lines with David over the years. He was a good representation of the gentlemanly side of our sport. He always enjoyed a shoot, but the camaraderie was his forte! For more information see the MTA web site. David, you will be missed. Hold you family tight, always treat them like it will be the last time you see them, for you never know what tomorrow will bring. To the family of David, the MTA offers our sincere condolences.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your ATA Delegate. I consider it a privilege to serve and will work hard for our sport. I am humbled by your trust in me. If you have suggestions and or questions, please contact me at mark@airclimatecontrol.com or 612-703-6155.

Mark Stevens
MN ATA Delegate