

July 2010 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

By the time you read this the Minnesota “Centennial” State Trapshoot will be over and hopefully a successful one for the MTA and shooters alike. I would like to thank everyone who attended this years events!

I finally was able to make it to my first ATA shoot this spring and it was the Al Degner Memorial shoot at Owatonna. It was a beautiful day with almost 100 shooters in attendance. Like always, the hospitality and food were great! It was nice to see and talk to shooters and friends that I hadn't seen in months. Also, the Degner name brings back memories from some of my first trapshooting tournaments in the 70's. Blooming Prairie, St. Cloud, Lester Prairie and Mankato Gun Clubs were some of my favorites shooting venues back then. Competing against shooters such as Hein, Delaney, Robey, Wilson, Heil, Wong, Bauer, Miskoff, Kegley, Spenger, Schwichtenberg, etc. etc., inspired me to keep shooting.

Around the MTA:

Congratulations goes out to shooters who most recently reached target milestones. In singles it was Bob Munson with 250M, Larry Overby and Jeremy Weller with 125M, Pamela Johnson and Robert Hosch with 100M, John Nelson and Gary Dodge with 75M, Sue Gillard and John Mor with 50M. In handicap, Neil Winston reached 150M while Frandell Johnson and Dennis Vlasak made it to 100M. Finally in the doubles, Jim Beuning hit the 100M level and Mark Zauhar fired at 75M targets.

There is still time to purchase rattle tickets for the Blaser F3 Combo. Proceeds go towards the Minnesota Youth Shooting Fund. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from directors and officers of the MTA. There will only be 600 tickets sold. The drawing will be held at the Minneapolis Gun Club's National Trapshooting Day shoot on Sept. 25th.

Minnesota shooters won numerous Out of State trophies at the Missouri State Trapshoot in May. Eric Munson was HOA Champ while Scott Gens and Bob Petty won Class AA and A respectively. Lou Ann Munson won the HOA for the Ladies and Tyler Veches was the Jr. Champ. Scott Gens also won HAA in Class AA.

Sally and Mark Stevens report that the Minnesota Youth Chain Shoots are in full swing. Thirty-seven shooters showed up at the Crow River Sportsmans Club on May 22nd, but the shoot had to be canceled due to storms. Fortunately there are six more shoots for our youth to participate in this year. Thanks to the MTA, John Berning-Berning Sports, Buffalo Gun Club and the Stevens for their donations to this program.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any concerns or questions about trapshooting in our state. I appreciate your responses and suggestions that I've been receiving. Also, let me know of any recognition for shooters accomplishments that

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