

July 2012 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

What started out as being nice weather in February and March, soon turned to wind and rain in April and May. It's been tough finding a nice weekend to shoot some quality targets around the state. Our league nights have been fighting 30-35 mph winds during the month of May. We should be in the midst of our State Shoot by the time you read this and hopefully we are having some great shooting weather. I would like to thank all the shooters who attended our State Shoot!

I would also like to thank the event sponsors at our State Shoot. Without them we would have a hard time making our budget. Please drop by their booths or stores and give them a "Thank You" for their support. I didn't have a complete list of sponsors to date, but they are listed in the State Shoot Program. Let's also not forget the businesses and individuals who advertise in our program and donate to our auctions. Try and patronize as many as you can and thank them for their support to our sport of choice.

Alexandria Shooting Park will be hosting an ATA Central Zone shoot on August 3rd thru the 5th. It's a great place to shoot and a nice warm-up for the Grand.

Congratulations to the following shooters who reached target milestones this past year. Neil Winston attained the 175,000 mark in Doubles. Dean Neumann has fired at 125,000 Handicap targets. Dean Walker and Troy Haverly have recently reached 75,000 Singles, while Richard McCoy and George Day made it to 50,000. Attaining the 75,000 milestone in Handicap were Gary Hoyne, Tom Townsend and Scott Gens, while Claude Banyai made it to the 50,000 mark. Dean Walker has also reached the 50,000 plateau in Doubles. Sorry if I missed anybody...let me know.

Twelve Minnesota shooters competed at the Missouri State Trapshoot in May. Some of the trophy winners include, Curt Peterson, Eric Munson, John Mor and Scott Gens. Scott took home both HOA and HAA in AAA and also was Champion in the Directors Handicap with a 99.

The Jackpot Finale was held April 21st at the Minneapolis Gun Club and had a whopping 92 entries! Curt Peterson and Gerald Demulling tied for high with 49. Metro Gun Club had their Final Jackpot on April 1st. Top scores were Glen Linden with 48, followed by Chuck Eckstein with 47 and third place was won by Troy Smith with a 46.

Buffalo Gun Club held their 7th Annual Ladies Day on April 17th and had 16 women attend. Head coaches, Mark and Sally Stevens were assisted by John Farrell, Gene Lack, Wally Shelstad, Mark Smith and Mike Wingert. Patrick Macnab and Spenser Wilson assisted as Jr. Coaches. The "Buffalo Stampede" held on May 5th had 29 entries with Zach Warweg breaking 100X100 in the Singles. Handicap was led by Ken Norman with a 97 and Mark Stevens a close second with 96. Doubles were canceled due to rain. Six shooters out of 52 entries hit perfect 50's at the "May Mad Money Event" held May 6th at

the BGC. Mark Stevens and Nick Kubasch took 1st and 2nd respectively in a shoot-off over Sally Stevens, Ken Norman, Tom Crawford and Wally Shelstad.

Sally Stevens reports that the 5th Annual Minnesota Youth Chain Shoot is in full swing. There have been three chain shoots so far and considering the weather, pretty good attendance. The first chain shoot was held on April 29th at the Alexandria Shooting Park. Waverly Gun Club hosted one on May 12th and the Crow River Sportsmans Club had its shoot on May 19 in St. Michael. The remaining two are to be held at Monticello Sportsmans Club on June 3rd and the Watertown Rod & Gun Club on July 29th. The MTA donates trophies and provides lunch to the shooters. To learn more about the chain shoots, its sponsors, winners and upcoming events, as well as youth shooter information for the Minnesota State Shoot, please visit www.minnesotaysa.org.

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