

ATA DELEGATE REPORT
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Registered shooting is in high gear in Minnesota and I was able to participate in Friday's Cabela's Shoot at the Owatonna Gun Club. Targets were wonderful and people even better. The Owatonna Gun Club members really know how to spoil shooters! I didn't do my personal best, but left smiling and with a renewed vow to shoot more often, I hope. Thank you, Owatonna.

Our MN State shoot is fast approaching. The shoot is July 5th – 10th, 2016. Minnesota's MTA Youth Day is a Minnesota youth only competition being held July 5th with reduced fee targets of \$20.00 plus the \$3.00 ATA and \$3.00 MTA Fee, with all youth categories shooting a 100 bird event. Youth aged up to 22 years old can shoot for reduced price targets all week. The 200-bird AIM Championship is Saturday, July 9th. The shoot is being held at the Alexandria Shooting Park in Alexandria, MN.

Congratulations to Dean and Betty Walker for inclusion in the MTA Hall of Fame for the shooting category and to Paul Cyr for the supporting category. We will celebrate with all inductees and their families on Friday, July 8th, 2016. Please join us to celebrate our Shooter Recognition Awards and Hall of Fame event, a free-will offering pork chop supper, but remember that tickets are limited and available at the cashier's windows.

We can really use some support and donations for the live and silent auctions for Friday evening. All proceeds will go to registered shooting youth programs and fees incurred at the MN State Shoot and free first time youth ATA memberships. This cost is substantial, around \$15,000 annually, and requires some real effort to crack the needed funds. Please help us to achieve the funds needed with your donations—all cash and gift-in-kind donations will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

Remember the Central ATA Zone Shoot is July 29th- 31st at Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club in St. Cloud, MN. Target prices are \$32.00 per hundred plus the ATA and MTA fees and a \$2.00 per day ATA Central Zone fee. The Central Zone fee pays for awards and pin costs.

High school shooting is winding down. We had a great year instructing youth shooters and training coaches to teach youth shooters. It was most certainly rewarding to see some of the trained coach teams rock the house in the Alexandria tournaments! Way to go to all competitors and coaches. Congratulations are in order for all the winners and good luck at the Minneapolis Gun Club on June 25th. We are proud of all of the MN. Youth shooters accomplishments--you guys and gals are amazing.

We are working on target attainment plaques right now. They are not easy to sort through and help from shooters reaching a level would be greatly appreciated.

I have K-80 raffle tickets and will sell them at the State shoot. I will see about ordering more as I only have about 10 left, so see me for a ticket. They are \$20.00 each.

Again, we are made so aware of how fragile life is. Hug your family members, tell them how you feel about them and leave no doubt. Today is a gift, tomorrow is not promised and to some may not come.

I thank you for your trust in me as your ATA Delegate. I will do my best of my ability for our shooters in the State. If you have any question or concerns please contact, have a great Summer and see you at the great 106th Minnesota State Shoot!

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