

**ATA DELEGATE REPORT  
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Today is warm and sunny as I write this--we have had our fair share of storms and weather, and perhaps soon it will settle down. We are just a few short weeks away from the Minnesota State Trap Shooting Tournament which will be held at Alexandria Shooting Park in Alexandria, Minnesota on July 3 – 9<sup>th</sup>. We would like to invite all of you to our shoot. We believe, and many have told us, that it is one of the best shoots out there. We did hit a snag in scheduling the shoot and must hold it over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in order to let our neighboring states hold their shoots without us interfering. We apologize for this, but have no other choice, we rely on their business, just as much as they rely on ours.

Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> is the MTA Youth Day with 100 reduced-price Singles targets. Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> is Warm Up Day with 100 Singles, 100 Handicap and 100 Doubles targets. Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> is the start of the HOA with 100 of each targets again. Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> is 100 of each target and we will also have a Miss-and-Out contest with grilled brats, donated by Bob Schultz Target Shotguns. This is a fun event and we hope to see you all there. Friday is the start of the Diamond Badge, with the first 25 targets of the Memorial Handicap; the second half will be the first 25 targets of Singles on Saturday. It is also the Minnesota Doubles Championship shoot.

Friday evening we will have an awards banquet to honor all Minnesota shooters' accomplishments over the past year. We will also induct Steve and Kathy Shane (Fairmont, MN) and Tom Townsend (Alexandria, MN) into the MTA Hall of Fame. Scott Messenger personally has asked that all past HOF inductees attend and welcome these individuals into this prestigious club. Banquet tickets are \$20.00 or less and there will be a very short live auction held for raising funds for ATA youth shooting in Minnesota. Target attainment plaques will also be distributed at this banquet. It is always a good time. Saturday will be our 200 bird Minnesota Singles Championship, with Sunday starting out with the MTA's annual meeting, elections, and Handicap Championship.

We could really use some donations for both the live and silent auctions for the MN State Shoot. All items donated will be tax-deductible through our 501c3 partner, the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association.

Owatonna will be hosting the ATA Central Zone Shoot on July 28-30, 2017. This is an awesome location for this shoot, plenty of trap fields, parking, and the people are outstanding. Come and join us. The Minnesota Zone shoots are done and the High School shoots are over for the spring, congrats go out to the hundreds of coaches and thousands of youth shooters on another safe and fun season. Please join us for registered ATA shoots at many of your local clubs.

The ATA Grand American starts on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is an event for all ATA shooters and I will be there for the entire event. Look me up when you get there. Again, remember that the Grand is all about the experience. You can compete with shooters from the USA and all around the world at one venue! It is eye opening to shoot with an Australian and a Brazilian on your squad. The colors, the sites, and the sounds are a once in a lifetime experience. I would be so happy to show you around.

We from Minnesota would love to see you on our shooting line for our state shoot. Good luck in all your shooting adventures.

Once again, hug your family and friends, make sure they know how you feel. We are not promised tomorrow. Today is what counts! Family first. If you have any questions or comments you can contact me at 612-703-6155 or [Mark@airclimatecontrol.com](mailto:Mark@airclimatecontrol.com) . Thanks for your confidence in me as your ATA Delegate, I am humbled.

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