

**ATA DELEGATE REPORT**  
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As of today, ATA shooters look ahead to a very busy two months. The Minnesota Zone Shoot is just a few days away and located at Proctor Gun Club (Northern Zone), Beaverbrook Gun Club (Central Zone), and Winona Gun Club (Southern Zone). Just three very short weeks away is the Minnesota State Shoot, (Alexandria) from July 6-12, 2015. There will be a good crowd this year by all reports. Make sure you have your shoot cards filled out and up to date and bring them with you.

By now everyone should have received a program for the Minnesota State Shoot. Prices remain the same for adult with a few changes for youth shooters. Targets on MTA Youth Day are half price, but no shells will be furnished this year due to the huge increase in attendance. Youth shooters will enjoy \$20/100 (targets and trophies only) for the rest of the week plus ATA and MTA fees. These fee increases are due to the sheer size and cost of the shoot. Please remember these costs are bore by the Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association (mySA), a 501c3 nonprofit dedicated to registered trapshooting in Minnesota, and paid for by your bidding in the Live and Silent Auction items during the State Shoot. The Minnesota Youth Shotgun Association also pays for free first year memberships for ATA youth, when signing up through an MTA club, in the state of Minnesota. Your generous donations all help to pay for registered youth shooting discounts during the State Shoot; donations of cash and goods are tax deductible under mySA's 501c3 status.

We are also looking for additional donations for the auctions held on Friday evening, July 10<sup>th</sup> at our Shooter Recognition and Hall of Fame Banquet. If you have an item to donate please contact Sally Stevens at 763-486-0853 or minnesotashotgun@icloud.com and let her know. A special thank you to Scott Messenger, MTA Vice President, for the extraordinary work he is doing arranging items for the auctions.

We are faced with a little uneasiness right now with the World Trap Shooting Grounds and the Illinois Governor threatening to shut down the facility due to budget crisis problems. We believe it may just be political posturing, but plenty of us are keeping a wary eye toward the news with each headline coming forth. Sparta's Mayor is especially vocal, which is good for all of us. Lynn Gipson, our ATA executive director is on top of this, and will notify Delegates of any changes.

The ATA Central Zone Shoot will be held at Alexandria Shooting Park (Alexandria, MN) this year from July 31-August 2, 2015. This promises to be another hot and heavy contest. Last year event, hosted by Owatonna Gun Club, was great and this year promises more of the same.

Then, for me and many Minnesota shooters, we are off to Sparta, IL for the Grand American from August 5-15, 2015. A lot is going on down there. With new leases being signed right now and the budget news with the governor there must be some head-shaking going on with camping spots. I am reminded that the 5- and 10-year leases are open, but if you sign a 5-year and your lease runs out, you may not get another spot for the next 5 years and not at the same price so please do a little research. The ATA is supposed to be taking over the leases this year, if memory serves me right.

I do have tickets for sale for the Golf Cart Raffle at the Grand. I have 39 tickets left and will be selling them at both the Northern Zone and Minnesota State Shoot. I can get more tickets if you want more so let me know!

As you can see, there is lots of action coming in Minnesota in the very near future. Please as always, hug your kids and family members, tell them how you fell about them, as we are not promised tomorrow. Live your life to the fullest, with no regrets, push the envelope and leave your mark on this earth.

Thanks for your confidence in me as your Delegate. I am humbled and consider it an honor to be able to serve you. If you have a concern, a question, or just want to comment on something, give me a shout. Thank you for being a registered shooter and have a wonderful summer.

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