

## **Around the ATA                  June 2019**

Greetings from the North Star state! Winter has given up and Minnesota shooters are trying to make up for lost time as you read this column in the first week of June.

Our High School shooters are finishing their spring season leading up the world's largest trapshoot in Alexandria beginning on June 10<sup>th</sup> and running through the 17<sup>th</sup>. About 8,000 competitors will shoot for team and individual awards at the Alexandria Shooting Park, home of the Minnesota State Shoot.

The Minnesota state zone shoots will be held in early June with the Northern Zone being held at Bemidji on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Central Zone at Forest Lake on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and the Southern Zone at Fairmont on June 15<sup>th</sup>, with June 16<sup>th</sup> being the rain day.

The Owatonna Gun Club host the top early season shoot, the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Cabela's Shoot on June 6<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the great competition and prizes, the club prides itself on having the best food in the state, as well as the complementary supper for shooters and friends on Saturday.

Nick Kubasch won the All-American shoot off at the Southwestern Grand in San Antonio at the beginning of April. Nick also was the AAA winner in the Event 10 Singles. Curt Peterson was SV winner in the Class Doubles and the Handicap Championship. Eric Munson tied for the Singles with a 199 and after lengthy negotiations with Debbie Ohye Neilson was force to flip and lost to finish runner-up. He also won two doubles trophies and a yardage group award in the Tuesday handicap. The weather was quite nice although the wind did blow a little at times.

Hopefully by the time you read this you will have blown the dust out of the barrel of your trap gun and are getting ready for the Zone and State shoots.

We want to wish a speedy recovery to Mark Stevens who had a little heart issue (if there is such a thing!). My sources tell me that with a little modification to his diet and some roadwork, he will be as good as new very soon.

Lastly, as you read this the Minnesotans who traveled to the Missouri State shoot should have returned with a trophy and good story, or two.

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