

March 2011 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

With December's snow and January's cold, cabin fever has set in. Looking back a year ago we had 70 degree temps at the end of March. Maybe we will get lucky again and melt this frozen mess early. Finally got the PW up and running, so hopefully I can get some shells loaded up in February and get back into the trapshooting frame of mind.

The MTA annual board meeting was held at the Minneapolis Gun Club. Scheduled for the first Saturday in December, the meeting was postponed until Sunday because of the threat of a snowstorm. Here are some of the highlights: Net income for the MTA in 2010 was up by more than \$16,000, with the majority coming from youth fundraising. The State Shoot had an increase in target revenues by nearly \$8,000, but only showed a modest net income. The board is looking into purchasing a new computer system for the State Shoot. Classification, squading, cashiering would become automated along with new monitors. Campground broadcasting is also a possibility. MTA Hall of Fame nominations will now have a deadline of November 1st. There will be a form on our website that can be filled out with the required information and then be forwarded to the ATA Delegate and Alternate Delegates. For further business conducted at our board meeting, please go to the MTA website listed below.

Congratulations to Virginia (Schmidt) Hines for being voted into the 2011 MN Trapshooting Hall of Fame. Virginia, who shot her first ATA targets in 1976, was a nine time ATA All-American and a four time ladies State Singles Champion. She was the 13th woman to reach the 27 yard line in the ATA. Virginia, where are you? We want you back shooting in the MTA.

Jackpot shooting has been a challenge with the harsh winter that we've had. January winners at Metro GC were Pat Heule and Tony De Forge. Top shooters at Minneapolis GC were Jeff Hoppes, Mike Stadt and Scott Steffen. The "Race for the Gold" at Buffalo has Keith Koosman with six wins holding a commanding lead over The Weather, which unfortunately has won three times. Mark Claycomb, Mark Stevens and Irve Zettervall were also winners at the Buffalo GC.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any concerns or questions about trapshooting in our state. I appreciate your responses and suggestions that I've been receiving this winter. Also, let me know of any recognition for shooters accomplishments that should be mentioned in future articles. My phone is 507-381-5908 and e-mail is: ronnoren@embarqmail.com. Visit our web site at www.minnesotatrap.com

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