

March 2012 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

This could be an interesting year of ATA trapshooting with the addition of the three new categories and also the two yard reductions handed out to most trapshooters. It was a bold move by the EC and hopefully will entice shooters to shoot more targets. Costs of additional trophies for the new categories could be an issue, but with some redistribution of trophies in other categories and classes, net trophy cost increases can be kept at a minimum. Shooters have the right to refuse all or part of the reduction they received and that can be done on-line. If you feel there was a mistake made or have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

What a contrast in weather compared to last year! January temps in the 50's enabled a couple of us to shoot a few quality rounds at our local gun club. Hopefully this balmy weather will continue and we can get some extra practice in before registered shooting starts. Get out and support your local gun clubs this spring and practice at the new yardage that the ATA so graciously gave you.

The MTA annual board meeting was held at the Del Tone/Luth Gun Club in St. Cloud on Saturday Dec. 3rd. Net income for the MTA in 2011 was up by about \$1,000. This was after the Youth Fund reimbursed the General Fund for expenses. The MTA will be selling Krieghoff Scholarship Fund Raffle Tickets at this year's State Shoot. Proceeds go towards the ATA Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund. Drawing will be held on August 17th at the Grand. No one was voted into the 2012 MN Hall of Fame this year. Mark Zauhar reported that the MN High School State Shoot may have 50 teams and 1200 students participating in 2012 and may move to Alex for a one day shoot. For further business conducted at our board meeting, please go to the MTA website listed below.

Jackpot shooting has had some great weather and the entries are way up over last year's harsh winter. Recent winners at Metro GC were Pat Heule, Tony De Forge, Glen Linden and Troy & Bob Smith. Top shooters at Minneapolis GC were Rich Ronning, Dennis Kecker, Jimmy Bowen, Curt Peterson, Troy Smith, Dan Ward and Scott Steffen. The "Race for the Gold" at Buffalo GC has Ken Norman leading Keith Koosman, five wins to four. Weekly winners were Mark Stevens, Koosman and Norman. Jackpot shooting will continue at these clubs for a few more weeks, so get out there, support your local club, win some money and fine-tune your shooting skills for the upcoming year.

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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