

May 2011 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

It's been a long winter and it's not over yet. As I write, it's the end of March and Mother Nature just dumped a foot of snow on the central and northern part of our state. Freezing temps for at least another week are in the forecast. Just one more opportunity to watch a few more trapshooting tapes and fine tune those shooting skills. Also, extra time to load some more shells and maybe re-read the ATA rule book. I have never looked more forward to opening up our gun club as I am this year. Camping even sounds pretty good right now!

It's mid-May and by now Minnesota shooters should have had an opportunity to shoot in at least one of the many ATA Registered events that clubs have offered. May doesn't always offer the kindest of weather in Minnesota, but we have to get our practice in to get geared up for the prime shooting months of June, July and August. Good Luck to all Minnesota shooters this season!

This challenging winter wasn't the kindest to the Jackpot shooters this year. Some of the weekly winners in March at the Minneapolis Gun Club were: Curt Peterson, Scott Steffen, Dennis Kecker and Charlie Leavitt. At Buffalo Gun Club, it looks like Keith Koosman has the gold belt buckle wrapped up for most wins with 9 so far. Mark Stevens took over 2nd place from "The Weather" with 5 wins. Metro Gun Club was led by weekly winners, Ed Pasno and Chuck Eckstein.

On behalf of the MTA, I would like to express our most sincere condolences to the James R. Petty and Patrick Fischer families. Both left this world at a young age and will be greatly missed by their family and friends. Jim Petty, age 64, passed away at his home in Annandale on March 11, 2011. Jim was an active member of the Kimball Rod and Gun Club. Pat Fischer, age 63, died on March 6, 2011 at Sanford Medical Center in Thief River Falls. Pat was a member of the Thief River Trap Club, serving as its secretary for over 40 years. Pat won the 1981 MN State Handicap Championship, breaking 98X100.

I will be taking a hiatus from next month's article. The 101st MN State Shoot will soon be upon us and our president, Glen Lonneman will be writing the June article to give you some of the highlights. Glen is doing a great job as our president and we are lucky to have one of the hardest working boards that I've been associated with. Make your plans now for our State Shoot!

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. 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.mn-trap.org

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