

**ATA DELEGATE REPORT
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Mark Stevens, Minnesota**

Spring is here in Minnesota, and with it so is trap shooting. Most clubs are dusting off the counters, cleaning up the ranges, and throwing High School targets again. Shooting is in full swing at nearly every club in the state. Registered ATA shoots begin in earnest this weekend with Beaverbrook and Buffalo leading the pack.

We have trained many adult and youth coaches this past winter, and most of them are excited about passing on their newly gained knowledge. Sally and I have received some wonderful emails in the past few weeks from coaches whom said they thought they knew everything about coaching, but found out they knew significantly less. Some say they are shooting way beyond their own expectations. Others say they never had such profound results with youth shooters as now. Those emails feel good. Coaches work long hard hours on their own time and most all on their own dime and notes like this are so appreciated. Thank you.

Minnesota Trapshooting Association had their April board meeting last Saturday. Items discussed were prices for targets this year at the State Shoot at Alexandria Shooting Park from July 5-10, 2016. The prices will remain the same as last year. We also discussed the banquet, Miss and Out event, Hall of Fame inductees, youth events, work hours, trophy packages, the program and printing of the program. Discussion on event sponsors etc.

Elections are up for President, Delegate and Alternate Delegates again. Scott Steffen has decided to run for President again, Mark Stevens for Delegate, Dean Walker for Alternate Delegate #1 and Tom Petty is assumed to want to run for #2 Alternate. Sally Stevens notified the board that upon the end of her term as Secretary she will be stepping down. The board hinted they may have a replacement. Sally volunteered to help in every way possible to make the transition smooth and seamless.

Please remember to support your gun clubs. The Minnesota Zone Shoots for Southern and Northern Zone are May 21st and 22nd. Southern Zone is Worthington and Northern Zone will be held in Monticello. The Central Zone Shoot will be held on June 18-19 at Forest Lake, MN.

The Minnesota Shotgun Association is looking for Live and Silent Auction Items for the State Shoot. These donations and their proceeds will be used to promote and run MN. Registered youth shooting only. The monies pay for such items as reduced price targets for the State Shoot for youth, and free first year ATA memberships for youth. The costs are usually around \$15,000.00 per year. We appreciate all the help we can get from donors. With youth shooting growing in the state we can only expect the costs to rise higher each year. Please contact myself or Sally with any donations. All donations are tax deductible under our 501-c-3 status.

I thank you for your confidence in me as your delegate. I will continue to work to earn your trust. It is an honor to be of service and I thank you. Hug your family, you know the lines..... Good luck out there this year. May the rain and wind be light and the targets be bright.

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