

November 2012 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

Unfortunately, I'm starting this month's article on a somber note. The passing of Sue Gillard on September 11th came as a total shock to her family and Minnesota trapshooting friends. Sue passed away suddenly at the young age of 60. After retiring this past year as Glenville's Elementary Principal, Sue was about to start enjoying life a little more. Sue always had a smile on her face and was pleasant to visit with. Sue's uncle, Jack Gillard, also passed away on July 27th. The Gillard name was synonymous with the Glenville Gun Club and trapshooting when I began shooting in the early 70's. I believe the Gillard family played a big part in the forming of the club. I would like to thank the Gillard family for all it has given to Minnesota Trapshooting.

Well, we wrapped up another successful year of registered trapshooting in our beautiful state. State Teams should be announced next month. Good luck in all Minnesota shooters in 2013! Everyone who had a reduction coming should have received it by now, if you qualified. If you didn't and feel you should have received a reduction, please call or e-mail me.

There are a couple of marathon shoots remaining on the schedule and the Jackpot shoots have already started. So if you're not lucky enough to be one of the "snow birds" that go down south, you can shoot all winter long on Saturdays at the Minneapolis Gun Club and Sundays at Metro Gun Club and Buffalo Gun Club. If there are any other clubs that would like me to post winners of their winter competition, let me know. Shooters, keep that eye sharp over the winter!

National Trapshooting Day turned out to very rewarding for two of Minnesota's youth. Life memberships were donated by anonymous donors at both Buffalo and Minneapolis Gun Clubs. Kurt Potter of Montrose broke 195X200 combined singles and handicap targets at Buffalo Gun Club on September 16th to claim his life membership. Minneapolis GC held their NTD on September 23rd and Matt Clark won the life membership. Thank you to the donors for supporting our youth!

Dates to remember for 2013: MN State Shoot at Alexandria Shooting Park will be July 8-14. Minnesota will host an ATA Central Zone Shoot on August 2-4 with the site to be determined. Grand American at Sparta, Illinois will be held August 7-17.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any concerns or questions about trapshooting in our state. I appreciate the opinions and suggestions that I've been receiving. Also, let me know about shooters accomplishments that should be recognized in future articles. My phone is 507-381-5908 and e-mail is: Visit our web site at www.minnesotatrap.com

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