

October 2010 Trap & Field Article
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On behalf of the MTA, I would like to extend our sympathies to the John Bolich Jr. family. John passed away unexpectedly on July 31, 2010 at his home. John is survived by his son David, daughter Suzy, as well as his brother and mother from the Upper Peninsula. John was a first class gentleman who always had a smile on his face and some kind words. John was inducted into the MTA Hall of Fame in 2000 and served two terms as our President. In 2002, John began awarding a Shamrock leather shooting bag in memory of his wife Elaine. This was given to the High All Around winner in Lady II class at our State Shoot. My daughter Jamie was the first recipient of one of these bags, engraved with roses, Elaine's favorite flower.

Minnesota can be proud again of its shooters at the Grand American in Sparta, Illinois held Aug. 3-14. Eighty-seven shooters attending this year's event won a total of 74 trophies. Scott Gens took home the bulk of them with 16 awards, while Troy Haverly captured six pieces of hardware. Congratulations to the ATA State Team Champions in the Clay Target Championship with a score of 990X1000. Members of the team were: Scott Gens, Troy Haverly, Dean Neumann, Pat Laib and Rich Stuntebeck. Minnesota also took runner-up honors in the National Team Race held on Friday of the preliminary days. Members include: Scott Gens, Troy Haverly, Dean Neumann, Mark Zauhar and Robert Munson. The Sub-Junior team made up of: Nick Fetzik, Jona Friesen and Andrew Rentschler took third place in their division.

It was another hot year again at Sparta, but that just made the peach homemade ice cream taste that much better. Now that it looks like the Grand lease in Sparta will be expanded an additional 10 years, there were promises from the IDNR that more shade will be added in 2011. After talking to some of the vendors, it seemed like they had a pretty good year for sales. Next year, with Bill and Lee Ann Martin donating an additional \$200,000 to a HOA Lewis purse, it should be a banner year for the Grand American!

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 of any recognition for shooters accomplishments that should be mentioned in future articles. My phone is 507-381-5908 and e-mail is: Visit our new "official" web site at www.minnesotatrap.com

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