

ATA DELEGATE REPORT
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Well by the time you read this registered trapshooting in Minnesota will have given way to hunting and the cold north winds. We can reflect back on the good days, good shoots and good times with friends and family. For many of us, the cool wind, the lapping water on the side of the duck boat, the wet smell of a dog and the call of geese in the distance will occupy our weekends for a while. Throw in a cackling pheasant and a few antlers and good times are ahead. With the added bonus of spending days with family and the wonderful Minnesota cold weather meals and it doesn't get much better.

For others, the lure of Jackpot shoots at gun clubs will keep them active. Minneapolis and Buffalo Gun Club will have opened their Jackpot shoots by the time you read this. Metro Gun Club and Alexandria may join in a few weeks later, with many offering cash rewards on a Lewis system and some special awards for 50 straights. I will update winter Jackpot shooting in January when I return to shooting clays instead of harvesting game for my freezer. Those oversized targets against a snow covered background make for an interesting day, with friends and fellow shooters.

National Trapshooting Day was held at Buffalo Gun Club on Saturday September 14th, 2013. Top Singles scores for the day were: Ed Deitz (AA-99x100), Michael Holm (A-99x100, in a shoot off over Jr. Max Bunning 25/24), Matthew Clark (B-98x100), Nancy Rawerts (C-98x100), and Dannyelle Moon (D-97x100). Handicap winners included 19 to 21.5 yards- James Block (19 to 21.5yds-99x100), Dave Trushenski (22 to 24.5yds-97x100) and Ken Norman (25 to 27yds-97x100). Doubles were rained out. Great shooting and great scores! Hunter Roeder won the ATA Life Membership that was donated in David Terning's memory. Thanks so much for the donation and congratulations to Hunter who shot a 189 combined score for the Junior honors. Hunter won the title in a shoot off against Max Bunning with a score of 23/25 over 21/25.

Minneapolis held its National Trapshooting Day on Sunday September 15th, 2013. Top shooters in Singles were Glenn Linden (AA-100x100), Steve Richards (A-97x100 with a 25 in a seven way shoot off), Dean Campbell (B-97x100 in a two-round shoot off 24/25), Dave Palm (C-93x100) and Dannyelle Moon (D-91x100). In Handicap Troy Smith (18 to 21.5yds-92x100), Mike Cooper (22 to 24.5yds-93x100), and Mike Crepeau (25 to 27yds-96x100) took the honors. Doubles saw great scores from Glenn Linden (AA-98x100), Roney Langlois (A-95x100), Emma Olson (B-91x100), Claude Banyai (C-92x100) and Troy Smith (D-86x100) with HOA honors going to Mike Crepeau with a 288/300. Junior shooter Emma Olson won the ATA Life time membership donated in memory of Jim Thomas. Thanks again to the generous donors.

Minnesota shooters were saddened to hear that a fellow shooter David Vice of Shakopee, MN, was diagnosed with Stage 4 stomach cancer. Dave has been a member and huge supporter of Park Gun Club for over 30 years and given tirelessly to the sport, including youth shooting. A benefit was held for Dave at Park Sportsman's Club in Orono, MN on Sunday, September 15th. The turnout was fantastic. The funds raised by this benefit will be used to help offset costs as Dave seeks treatment. We speak from

the heart when we say we all wish Dave the best and we will continue to be there to support him through his treatment.

Sally and I traveled to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO to become National Coach Development Staff (Shotgun) this past month. We are now certified by the NRA to train Level 1 Shotgun Coach Class to prospective adults and juniors 15 years of age and older. We look forward to working with many of you in the future as we help to expand our sport. If you would like to be put on our list for the NRA Shotgun Coach, Level 1, please call or email me. We currently have more than 10 people on the list and once we have 20 we will cap the class and run it, probably right after Minnesota hunting season ends. We are honored to have been invited to join the National Coach Development Staff (Shotgun) and are now setting our sites on the NRA Certified Shotgun Coach, Level 3, which is being written as we speak, as well as the Junior Olympics and upcoming National Coach Training Seminars.

The ATA has informed me that the new rule book and bylaws is being reviewed now and will go to print shortly. Also of interest is each gun club throwing registered ATA targets in 2014 will receive five free memberships to give away to shooters whom have never been ATA members before. AIM parents will be allowed to join the ATA for free if they have never joined the ATA previously. State shoots will be receiving increased automatic All-American points per the rule book update. The goal is to have the average cards on line by September 30th for those whom have signed up for this service. All others will receive their average cards by USPS sometime in the middle of October 2013.

Remember, if you have reached a milestone or have information to share about a shoot or event, let me know. Nominations for induction into the 2014 Minnesota Hall of Fall will be taken until November 1st, 2013. If you have someone you'd like to nominate please visit our website at www.minnesotatrap.com to fill out the online form. We will be starting to review the state teams in about the last week of October after all the final year scores are entered at the ATA office.

Have a great fall.

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