

September 2010 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

Minnesota's 100th Annual State Trapshoot lived up to its expectations. Attendance Tuesday thru Thursday was up over 20%, but then leveled off during the weekend. Unfortunately, storms forced postponement of the second 100 of Saturday's Singles Championship until Sunday morning. Because of this, the MN Diamond Badge had to be canceled. I would like to thank the Alexandria Shooting Park crew for thinking of shooter safety and being expedient in pulling shooters off the line. Also, thank you to the MTA board of directors and President, Mark Zauhar for all their hard work put in before, during and after the shoot.

Monday's Youth Day had 179 shooters competing in the College, Sr. High and Jr. High divisions. Down a little from last years record attendance. The AIM competition on Saturday had over 20 squads competing. I would personally like to thank David Smith, Mark and Sally Stevens, Kathy Lahti and everyone else, especially the parents, who help make these youth programs successful.

The food was great again at this years State Shoot. Tuesday evening, the MTA served free pork chops to the shooters. Wednesday evening, George Pappas and crew prepared a free walleye fry. Thursday evening, Bob Schultz of Target Shotguns sponsored a Miss & Out competition and offered free brats and polish to everyone. Donations made at these cookouts were put into our youth fund.

Congratulations to our 2010 Minnesota State Champions:
Singles Champion – Dean Neumann
Handicap Champion – Calvin Nodsle
Doubles Champion – Eric Munson
HAA and HOA Champion – Scott Gens

Major sponsors of our events this year were: River Ridge, White Flyer, Tennessee Roadhouse, Shamrock Leathers, Recob's Target Shop, Pride Engineering, Cabela's, Blaser, and Remington Arms. Show these sponsors your thanks by supporting them and also thanks to all who contributed to Friday's Memorial Handicap.

Friday evenings banquet honored 2010 MTA Hall of Fame inductees, Mark Zauhar and Bill Van Nieuwenhuyzen. The live auction raised over \$18,000 for our Youth Program. Thanks to all the bidders and buyers! A thanks goes out to Dave Dressler from Illinois who was our auctioneer and did a great job. Also, make sure you thank these donors when you see them: Jack Puglisi, Doug Braker gun refinishing (acquired by Jack Swanson), Brian Brophy of Shamrock Leathers, Bruce Bowen Guns, Cabela's, David Gilberg, Minneapolis Gun Club, B&R Guns-Stuntebeck's, George Pappas, Glen Lonneman, Harlan Campbell, Jolene Pappas of Whiteface River Run Kennels, Lester Zwach of River Ridge, MN Dog Squad, Mark Zauhar & Pride Engineering, Lindsay Zauhar, Federal Cartridge, Remington Arms, Scott Messenger, Alex Shooting Park and Tommie Lee. You made our Youth Auction a huge success, thanks!

Saturday mornings Annual Meeting got under way at 8:15AM. President, Mark Zauhar presided. The big item on the agenda was the presentations of four proposals to change the state team requirements. The BOD will make the decision at their September meeting to accept one of these proposals or keep them the same. Elections were held and next years President will be Glen Lonneman, Vice President - Keith Koosman, Secretary - Sally Stevens and Treasurer - Thomas Brooks. Ron Noren was re-elected as ATA Delegate while Mark Stevens and George Pappas were elected as Alternate Delegates.

Around The MTA:

Ken Norman shot his first 100 straight in singles at the Cabela's Shoot on June 11th and then 200X200 at the S. Zone Shoot two weeks later, also at Owatonna. I had the pleasure to shoot on Ken's squad on both occasions. Ken started shooting ATA in 2008. Congratulations Ken, but next time I get post four!

Three shooters hit target milestones during our Centennial State Shoot. They were Eric Munson, who reached 100,000 singles, Jake Slaughter making it to 50,000 singles and Tom Petty who reached the 25,000 singles mark. By the way Eric, thanks for the cake and ice cream.

There was a nice article highlighting Kay Cee Nelson in the Star and Tribune during the State Shoot. Kay Cee shot here first 100 straight in Thursday's Class Singles. She followed that up with another 100 in singles and 97 in handicap at the Summer Handicap Shoot, July 17-18 at Owatonna, in not so nice weather! It's nice to see her father Ron, who doesn't shoot ATA, support Kay Cee so much in her "sport of choice".

Junior shooters showed their shooting prowess at the Northern Zone Shoot at Monticello on June 26th. Tyler Veches, Mariah Michaelis, Nik Fetzik, Krysta Miller, Kyle Rihinen and Tony Friesen all shot 100 straights. It was the first perfect rounds for everyone except Tony. Together they brought home a wheelbarrow full of trophies at our Centennial Shoot. Including, Krysta winning the Ladies State Singles Championship with a 199, Nick winning the Memorial Handicap with a 99, Kyle winning the Junior Singles Championship title and Tony winning Junior HAA and HOA. Looks like our youth programs are working!

Finally, thank you for re-electing me as your ATA Delegate. I will continue to do my best in representing MN trapshooters. 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 new "official" web site at www.minnesotatrap.com

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