

September 2011 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

Minnesota's 101st Annual State Trapshoot ran about as smooth as any that I've been associated with. Total entries were down about 5% from last year's Centennial Shoot, but were up slightly (1.4%) over 2009 numbers. The weather was great the whole week and the scores showed it. I would like to thank the Alexandria Shooting Park crew for running a very organized shoot and also the MTA board of directors and President, Glen Lonneman for all the hard work they put in before, during and after the shoot. I felt the new computerized classification and squadding system worked better than expected. We had a few glitches to work out, but the system proved to be a time saver and minimized errors. Vickie Townsend did a very professional job in setting the system up and training the help. Thank you Vickie!

Monday's Youth Day had 154 shooters competing in the College, Sr. High and Jr. High divisions. We were down 25 shooters from last year's attendance. Team Champions were: College - St. James Gun Club, High School – Crow River Sportsman's Club, Jr. High School – Crow River Sportsman's Club. Steven Noren was Hi Gun in the College division with 198 and Jon Haverly was runner-up with 196. Cody Ziemer was Hi Gun in the High School division with 194 topping Colton Schoen in a shoot off and Kurt Potter was High Gun in the Jr. High division with 98 after a shoot off with Emma Olson. The AIM competition on Saturday was also down in attendance from last year. Having the Youth Shoot on the day after the Fourth of July may have had a negative impact on our numbers. Next year we will be back to having the event on Monday, the week following the 4th. 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 year's State Shoot. Tuesday evening, the MTA served free pork chops to the shooters. 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 the MN Youth Foundation.

Congratulations to our 2011 Minnesota State Champions:

Singles Champion – Nick Kubasch
Handicap Champion – Rich Wolf
Doubles Champion – Eric Munson
HAA Champion – Glen Lonneman
HOA Champion – Eric Munson

Major sponsors of our events this year were: Gander Mountain, Shamrock Leathers, MN Youth Shotgun Assn., Pluglisi Gun Emporium, Decot Sporting Glasses, Cabela's, Federal Ammunition and Krieghoff International. Show these sponsors your thanks by supporting them and also thanks to all who contributed to Friday's Memorial Handicap.

The banquet on Friday evening honored 2011 MTA Hall of Fame inductee, Virginia Hines Schmidt. The live auction brought in over \$24,000 for the MN Youth Foundation. I haven't heard the net figures yet. Thanks to all the bidders and buyers! Dave Dressler from Illinois was our auctioneer and did a great job. Thank you Dave! Also, make sure you thank these donors when you see them: Jack Puglisi, Doug Braker gun refinishing, Brian Brophy of Shamrock Leathers, Cabela's, David Gilberg, B&R Guns-Stuntebeck's, George Pappas, Glen Lonneman, Harlan Campbell, Jolene Pappas of Whiteface River Run Kennels, Lester Zwach of River Ridge, Mark Zauhar & Pride Engineering, Lindsay Zauhar, Federal Cartridge, Remington Arms, Scott Messenger, Alex Shooting Park, MTA and Tommie Lee. You made our Youth Auction a huge success, thanks!

The Saturday morning Annual Meeting got under way at 8:05AM. President, Glen Lonneman presided. Elections were held and Ron Noren was re-elected as ATA Delegate while Mark Stevens and George Pappas were re-elected as Alternate Delegates. Completing the 2nd of a two year term next year will be President - Glen Lonneman, Vice President - Keith Koosman, Secretary - Sally Stevens and Treasurer - Thomas Brooks.

Notes:

Dates for the 2012 MN State Shoot will be July 9th – 15th.

We have had eight different Singles Champions in the past eight years, as well in the Handicap Championship.

Jim Dickman served BBQ Ribs at the MN Southern Zone Shoot at Winona and I must say that they were some of the best ribs that I've ever tasted. Thank you, Jim!

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 web site at www.minnesotatrap.com

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