

**ATA DELEGATE REPORT**  
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Well, the 103<sup>rd</sup> Minnesota State Shoot is in the books. Many thanks to the hundreds of Minnesotans and out-of-state shooters for making our shoot one of the best in the country. The absence of Ron Noren, Minnesota's ATA Delegate who passed away in office last February, was felt by all at the State Shoot. He was truly one-of-a-kind and continues to be missed. The Minnesota trap shooting winners and results will be reported next month as time is short for this period.

Our annual meeting was held at 8:00am Saturday morning of our State Shoot and nominations were taken for officers and board members. Ballots were cast and all votes counted Sunday morning. The Minnesota Trapshooting Association wishes to thank the outgoing members for their service to the Minnesota shooting community. The MTA also wants to welcome the new and or returning members to the board—Scott Steffen (Vice President), Sally Stevens (Secretary), Mike Michaelis (Northern Zone Director), Steven Richards (Central Zone Director), Mark Stevens (ATA Delegate), Dean Walker (1<sup>st</sup> ATA Alternate Delegate), and Frank Redfield (2<sup>nd</sup> ATA Alternate Delegate). Thanks to outgoing Directors Paul Cyr (former Vice President), David Smith (former Northern Zone Director) and Tim Mackey (former Central Zone Director) for their service to Minnesota shooters. All of your board members and their contact information are on the official MTA website at [www.minnesotatrap.com](http://www.minnesotatrap.com).

I want to share something a little personal and near-and-dear to my heart. My wife, Sally, and I are NRA/ATA Certified Shotgun Coaches (Level II) in Minnesota. I could not help to have a lump in my throat most of the week during our State Shoot. We coach people of all ages and walks of life but our main focus is youth, women, and promotion of registered trap shooting. Last week, time after time, the scoreboards were topped with Minnesota youth shooters outdoing the field—not just one or two birds but by masses. Minnesota is full of hard-working coaches, dedicated family members and committed gun clubs that keep presenting great registered targets and shooting opportunities to the kids. This dedication is paying off. Hats off to everyone involved, and keep up the good work.

To the Minnesota Gun Clubs, I urge you to hold more registered shoots, whether it be marathon or trophy shoots! They all count as ATA targets. For gun clubs that don't throw registered targets now, the MTA will provide you with your first set of trophies and will also provide experienced volunteers to assist your club in running your first shoot. We will teach you and assist in every step of the way. What can be better than that?

Minnesota has thousands of new shooters who do not know who the Amateur Trapshooting Association and the Minnesota Trapshooting Association are or what we do for trapshooters. Get out, share the information, and invite people to an ATA shoot. Feel free to contact me for more information at [mark@airclimatecontrol.com](mailto:mark@airclimatecontrol.com) or 612-703-6155. I'm here to help.

Last, I want to thank the shooters of Minnesota for electing me as your ATA Delegate. I believe most of you know I am passionate about trap shooting, especially registered shooting. I will do everything in my power, to the best of my ability, to support and represent the shooters of Minnesota. If you have concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

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