

September 2012 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

Great weather, great targets and great friends about sums it up for Minnesota's 102nd Annual State Trapshoot! I would like to thank the Alex Shooting Park staff who ran this shoot as smooth and seamless as always. I also want to thank the MTA board of directors and President, Glen Lonneman for all the hard work they put in before, during and after the shoot. Total entries were up 3.5% over last year. For some reason Wednesday's entries were down almost 8%, but every other day had increases. The few glitches that were in the new computerized classification and squadding system last year were corrected and shooters seem to be accepting the change. Vickie, Katie and Julie did a great job in managing the "behind the scenes" computer issues. Thanks to all the other people who helped make this shoot one of the best run State Shoots in the nation.

Monday's Youth Day had 184 shooters competing in the College, Sr. High and Jr. High divisions. We were up 30 shooters from last year! Team Champions were: College – Alexandria, Sr. High – Hibbing and Jr. High – Buffalo. Jon Haverly was Hi Gun in the College division with 193 and Ryan Bartl was runner-up with 188. Kurt Potter won in a shoot off over Nik Fetzik in the Sr. High division with 199's. Max Hartman was High Gun in the Jr. High division with 98 and Emma Olson was runner up with 97. The MTA provided half-price targets, 100 free shells and a free lunch to all the shooters. I would personally like to thank Mark and Sally Stevens, David Smith, 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. Thursday evening, Bob Schultz of Target Shotguns sponsored a Miss & Out competition and offered free polish sausage to everyone. Donations made at these cookouts were put into the MN Youth Foundation. And of course the daily dose of ice cream during this hot week was a welcome relief!

Congratulations to our 2012 Minnesota State Champions:

Singles Champion – Glenn Linden
Handicap Champion – Scott Messenger
Doubles Champion – Scott Gens
HAA Champion – Scott Gens
HOA Champion – Scott Gens

We have had nine different Singles and Handicap Champions in the past nine years.

There were four, double-digit trophy winners among our young shooters. They were: Mariah Michaelis in Ladies I, Joel Emery in Jr. Gold, Nik Fetzik in Juniors and Emma Olson in Sub-Jrs. Note: After the Singles Championship, the HOA in all classes except AAA were led by either a Junior or Sub-Junior. Great shooting by our youth!

Additional results can be found on our web site www.minnesotatrap.org

Major sponsors of our events this year were: Shamrock Leathers, MN Youth Shotgun Assn., Decot Sporting Glasses, Cabela's, Federal Ammunition and Alex Power Equipment & Kubota Tractor Corp. Show these sponsors your thanks by supporting them and also thanks to all who contributed to Friday's Memorial Handicap.

The Shooter Recognition Banquet on Friday evening honored the 2011 State Teams, 2011 State Shoot winners, Target milestone recipients and MN 2012 All-Americans. The live auction netted over \$15,000 for the MN Youth Foundation. Thanks to all the bidders, buyers and Mark Zauhar for organizing the auction! Dave Dressler from Illinois was our auctioneer and did a great job. Also, make sure you thank these auction donors when you see them: Doug Braker gun refinishing, Cabela's, David Gilberg, George Pappas, Glen Lonneman, Harlan Campbell, Jolene Pappas of Whiteface River Run Kennels, Lester Zwach of River Ridge, Mark Zauhar & Pride Engineering, Lindsay Zauhar, USA Shooting Team, Mike Zauhar, Zach Warweg, Scott Messenger and George Jacobson. You made our Youth Auction a huge success, thanks!

The Saturday morning Annual Meeting got under way at 8:00AM. President, Glen Lonneman presided. Elections were held and Glen Lonneman was re-elected to a two year term as President. Paul Cyr was elected to Vice President. Sally Stevens and Thomas Brooks will stay on as our Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Ron Noren was re-elected as ATA Delegate while George Pappas and Mark Stevens were re-elected as Alternate Delegates.

Dates for the 2013 MN State Shoot will be July 8th – 14th.

I was honored to present 27 yard pins to Colten Langer and Zach Warweg, who both recently made it to the back fence. That's a big milestone. Great job guys!

Zach Berg of Buffalo recently carded his first 25 straight at the Buffalo Gun Club. Now that you broke the ice, there should be plenty more of them, right Zach?

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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