

August 2011 Trap & Field Article By Ron Noren

Hello from Minnesota!

The Grand is upon us and I would like to wish every one of the Minnesota shooters who attend this year, good luck...especially when it comes to the Lewis class money that the Martins have so generously provided for us this year. Thank you Bill and Lee Ann!

At the present time I am getting all packed up to go to Winona to attend our MN Southern Zone Shoot. With the State Shoot less than two weeks away, we are right in the middle of Minnesota's trapshooting prime time. Spring rains and wind have made it a challenge for Minnesota's gun clubs this summer. Hopefully the weather will settle down for the remainder of the shooting year.

Make sure you thank the major sponsors of the 101st Annual Minnesota State Trapshoot when you see them. Included are: Gander Mountain, Shamrock Leathers, MN Youth Shotgun Assn., Pluglisi Gun Emporium, Decot Sporting Glasses, Cabela's, Federal Ammunition and Krieghoff International.

On behalf of the MTA, I would like to express our most sincere condolences to the Richard (Dick) Sturk family. Dick, age 83, passed away on Friday, June 10, 2011 in Bemidji, MN. Dick, formerly of Bovey, MN was a member of the MTA since 1966 and had registered over 150,000 targets. In 1991 Dick served as MTA President and on July 9, 1993 was inducted into the Minnesota Trapshooting Hall of Fame.

The 28th Annual Viking Shoot held at Del-Tone/Luth Gun Club in St. Cloud, June 4th and 5th had a nice turnout considering the turbulent weather. Colton Langer shot his first 100 straight at 16's and Frank Redfield achieved the 27 yard line for the first time. Way to go guys!

Owatonna had a very nice attendance at the 14th Annual Cabela's Shoot held on June 10-12. Again, the pork loin feed put on by Mike and crew was a hit on Saturday evening and the deserts that Gayle and company provided were "to die for". Dave, Bernie, Paul and others kept the equipment, squads and trap help running smooth throughout the tournament. It has amazed me for 30+ years, the team work and dedication that the OGC keeps putting forth.

Congratulations to Nik Fetzik, who decided that shooting closer than 27 yards just wasn't acceptable anymore. Nik took punches in all three handicaps (2 ½ yards) at the Cabela's shoot to reach the "back fence". Also at Owatonna, Robert Newman hit all 100 targets in Sunday's "Jim Killen Singles" to earn his 100 straight pin.

Weather ruled at the Minneapolis Gun Club for their Handicap Championship, held on June 17th thru the 19th. On Saturday, the rains didn't let up after drenching the final squad of singles shooters(ours of course!) ...so the 200 bird Handicap Championship,

along with Neil's pig roast, had to be postponed until Sunday. Unfortunately, my brother, son and I had to meet up with the women at the lake, so we were unable to shoot the big event the next day. Sixteen year old, Thomas Mavencamp edged out Jerry Demulling by one target with a 190 to bring home the coveted belt buckle. Thomas is a product of the MN Youth Shooting Program and was coached by Scott Berning.

The following day at Alex I was schooled by my son, Steven, who shot his first 100 straight in 5 years and also shot very well and beat me in the caps and doubles. Squad mate, Darrell Terning impressed me also with his 98 in handicap. It was a pleasure shooting with Mike and Mariah Michaelis along with squad leader, Claude Banyai.

There are always targets flying at the Buffalo Gun Club. Wally has had nice turnouts for his June events. The Youth Shoot on June 4th had 41 shooters with Colm Macnab leading Juniors with a 98 and Cory Herrmann a close second with 97. Sub-Juniors were led by Emma Olson with 95 and Dylan Weber with 92. The team of Emma and Sally Stevens took the Youth/Adult title with 96. Tyler and Jeff Schweisthal also shot a 96, but lost in the tie-breaker.

Congratulations to Rick Ward who shot his first 100 straight at the Buffalo Gun Club on June 19th.

The Bemidji Gun Club had a successful shoot the weekend of June 4th & 5th. Dennis Swearingen, John Wenner and John Nelson shot high scores on Saturday, while Sunday was led by Bob Scribner & John Nelson who led both handicap and doubles.

The MN State High School Championship was held on June 11-12th at the Minneapolis Gun Club and was a huge success. There were over 550 participants from 29 schools this year (13 schools participated in 2010). Varsity Team Champs were from McGregor, the Junior Varsity title went to White Bear Lake and winner of the Novice group was St. Francis. High Gun Overall was Zach Warweg of New Prague and Kaycee Nelson of White Bear Lake was Female High Gun. A big thank you goes out to the Mpls. Gun Club for hosting the event and to all the workers & shooters. Next year looks even better!

Also, don't forget the requirements to be eligible for State Teams. This criteria is not that hard to attain, but can be easily overlooked. For those of you whose goal is to be selected to a Minnesota State Team, here are the requirements:

	<u>Men's Team</u>	<u>Lady's Team</u>	<u>Veteran's & Junior's</u>	<u>Sr. Vets & Sub-Jrs.</u>
16's	*2000	1500	1000	1000
Handicap	1500	1000	1000	1000
Doubles	1000	500	500	0

1. Shooters must shoot 700 singles, 700 handicap, and 500 doubles at Minnesota clubs with the exception of Senior-Vet and Sub-Junior, categories that are not required to shoot doubles.

2. Shooters must complete the HAA (High All-Around) - 400 targets, at either a Minnesota Zone Shoot or the Minnesota State Shoot. ***Junior and Sub-Junior categories are exempt from this requirement.**

3. Shooters must compete at a minimum of 4 clubs in Minnesota. The State Shoot counts as 1 club and the zone counts as 1 club. Example, if the Northern Zone shoot is held in Alexandria in June and the individual shoots there and competes at the State shoot, this would qualify as 2 clubs. If you would shoot in Alex and any of their other ATA shoots, that would count also, for a total of 3 clubs.

* **New in 2011**

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 web site at www.minnesotatrap.com

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