**New York**

**Greetings from New York. I hope everyone is doing well. I hope that you all have had an enjoyable summer and now starting to enjoy the Fall.**

**The 2024 ATA Eastern Zone Championship, which was held at the New York State Home Grounds in Cicero, is now history. The tournament was a success and everything went well during the shoot. Rob Nihtila, Jr. from Massachusetts was the Singles Champion with a 200 in the event and a shoot-off with Dan Fadden of New York, who took Runner Up Honors, also with a 200. Dave Shaeffer, Jr. of Maryland was the Doubles Champion with a 99 and Mike Fontello from Delaware was the Runner Up with a 98. During the Handicap Championship, Chris Vendel from Pennsylvania was the Champion with a 95 and Dan Fadden was the Runner up with a 92. In the High All Around, Dave Shaeffer, Jr. was the Champion with a 389 x 400 and Chris Vendel was the Runner Up with a 387 x 400. Finally, in the High Over All, Chris Vendel was the Champion with a 956 x 1,000 and Rober Nihtila, Jr. was the Runner up with a 950 x 1,000. All Trophy Winners can be viewed on the New York State ATA web page:** [**www.nysata.com**](http://www.nysata.com) **and in Trap and Field Magazine. This was excellent shooting by everyone.**

**The ATA Eastern Zone, which was held from Thursday, July 18, 2024 to Sunday, July 21, 2024, had a total of 626 Shooters in the Championship Events, making the tournament a competition factor of 4 for All American points.**

**The Board of Directors of the New York State ATA would like to thank everyone who attended the shoot. Also, thanks to all those persons who worked during the shoot. Without your attendance and help, the shoot would not have been a success. Thank!**

**Some target achievements to be mentioned. Anthony Valvo and Kenneth Fagnani have registered their 25,000 handicap targets. Vincent Barranco has registered 75,000 singles targets and 50,000 doubles targets. Finally, Don Alderson has registered 75,000 handicap targets. Great going, guys.**

**A special achievement has to be mentioned. Urban Womer has now registered 500,000 combined targets. That is wonderful achievement that very few ATA shooters have accomplished. Great going, Urb.**

**The Grand American has now been completed in Sparta, Illinois. A total of 41 New Yorkers made the trip to Sparta and competed. As always, the Grand was a success and conducted excellently.**

**Anyone wishes to have something written in one of these articles, please feel free to contact me by phone at 585-519-9543 or email me at** [**Trapshooterdavec@yahoo.com**](mailto:Trapshooterdavec@yahoo.com)**. Please stay healthy, safe, and in good spirits. May God bless you all.**

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