**New York**

**Hello from New York. I hope everyone is doing well. I hope everyone had a happy Holiday Season and a happy New Year. I know that I did.**

**I am sorry to say that New York has lost another shooter, and I have lost a good friend. Joe Benoit of Rome, New York passed away on October 21, 2024, at the age of 79. Joe began registering targets in 1974. During his career, Joe registered 253,700 singles, 175,500 handicap, and 158,850 doubles targets. Joe was a member of the prestigious 500,000 registered target club of the ATA. Joe was standing on the 25-yard line. Joe was also a past member of the Board of Directors of the New York State ATA. Joe always had a smile on his face and loved to kid everyone. I shot many times with Joe at the Grand American when it was held in Vandalia, Ohio. Joe’s wife Nancy is also a good friend, and she is a member of the New York State ATA Hall of Fame. The Board of Directors of the New York State ATA wish to express our deepest sympathies to Nancy and Joe’s entire family on his passing. Joe will be missed by all of us.**

**Congratulations to New York State ATA Eastern Zone Vice President Sal Schiavo for running his first one hundred (100) straight in singles on October 13, 2024, at Mt. Pleasant Sportsman’s Club. Good going Sal, and nice shooting.**

**The High Averages and the New York State Teams were announced for the 2024 target year. Dan Fadden was the high singles shooter with a 98.44 average. Jenna Euscher was the high lady’s singles shooter with a 97.18 average. Andrew Goodwin was the high handicap shooter with a 90.38 average. Finally, Josh Buchiere was the high doubles shooter with a 92.57 average. Congratulations, everyone, and well done.**

**The *Men’s High Average teams were:* *1st Team,* Dan Fadden - 92.62%; James Flint 91.69%; Chad Landon – 90.70%; Josh Buchiere – 90.05%; and Gary Hoysradt – 89.85%. *2nd Team,* Edwin Johnson – 89.52%; David McMasters – 89.46%; Thomas Walter, Jr. – 89.38%; Mark Johnson – 89.35%; and Vincent Barranco – 89.02%. *3rd Team (Honorable Mention),* Dennis Bobbette - 88.89%; Martin Gawron – 88.40%; Brian Luther - 88.28%; Joe Regan – 86.84%; Kenneth Woodworth – 86.56%.**

**The *Ladies’ High Average team* members were: Heidi Womer – 90.20%; Jenna Euscher – 88.50%; Tammy Wildenstein – 85.19%; Becki Reitz – 84.12%; and Debbie Lineman -82.74%. *The Sub-Junior/Junior Team* was Andrew Goodwin – 88.40%; and Alex Tucker – 87.55%.**

**The *Veteran/Senior Veteran* teams were: *1st Team*, Bob Edwards -92.57%; Urban Womer - 92.19%; Dave Cichelli – 89.60%; Don Alderson – 89.37%; and Keith Miranda – 89.18%. *2nd Team,* William Wallis – 87.78%; Michael Waschitz – 88.34%; Joe Morsch – 85.01%; Randy Lineman -84.67%; and Jim Woodhams – 84.47%.**

**Congratulations to all Team Members on a job well done. Continued success with your fine shooting**

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**Please stay safe and warm during the winter season. Please drive carefully when driving on the winter roads.**

**If you are traveling down south or out west for the Winter Season, please proceed carefully and safely. Enjoy yourself.**

**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****. Please stay healthy, safe, and in good spirits. May God bless you all.**

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