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 **Hello** **from New York State. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and now are enjoying the Fall colors and change of the season.**

 **The 38th annual Northeastern Grand American is now history, being held from Wednesday, September 6, 2023, to Sunday, September 10, 2023. The tournament was up 1.32 percent from last year. A total of 648 shooters competed in the Championship events on the weekend, and the shoot was a competition factor of 4 for All-American points.**

 **John Kirksey of Maryland was the Singles Champion with a 200 straight and a shoot-off with Runner up Walter Madar, Jr. of Ohio. John Kirksey also won the Doubles Championship with a 100 straight and Michael Fontello of Delaware was the Runner up with a 99. Gary McKeown of New York was the Handicap Champion with a 98 and Thomas Walter, Jr., also of New York, was the Runner up with a 97. In the High-All-Around, Urban Womer was the Champion with a 389 x 400, and in the High-Over-All, Herbert Lewis was the Champion with a 1,155 x 1,200. 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.**

 **The annual meeting of the New York State ATA was held on Thursday, September 7, 2023. The election of officers and directors took place. Rob Oswald became the new President of the New York State ATA. Cathy Flint, Cam Zuller, and Jonathan Karp remain as Secretary, Treasurer, and Legal Counsel, respectfully. Joe Regan is the Western Zone Vice President and Dan Tartick and Chris Mcewen are the Western Zone Directors. Chris Pollichemi is the Central Zone Vice President, and George Hart, Brian Luther, and Wayne Wilcox are the Central Zone Directors. In the Eastern Zone, Sal Schiavo is the Vice President, and Eastern Zone Directors are Vince Barranco, Ed Mezger, and Mike Palazzo. Elected at the New York State Shoot held this past July, are Alternate Delegates Todd Hosbach and Dennis Bobbette. I remain as New York State Delegate.**

 **Appreciation and thanks must be given to Jim Wright for all his years of service to the New York State ATA. Jim is a dear friend, and he was an excellent President of the organization. Jim did a tremendous amount of work over the years, and we all wish him the best.**

 **Thanks must be given to all the Officers and Directors of the New York State ATA and workers, cleaners, Mary Zuller for running the kitchen, cashiering staff, Wayne and Joyce Morris, Ray Greb, Don Neilson and everyone else for making the tournament a success. Special thanks to Greg Pink for his guidance in helping with the computers and operating of his SOS Clays cashiering program. Thank you. The people involved are a wonderful team.**

**Effective on September 1, 2024, the annual dues for the Clubs to remain as registered ATA Clubs have increased to $50 per Year.**

**Congratulations to Salvatore Barone for registering his 25,000 doubles target. Well done.**

 **If anyone would like to have something written in one of these articles, please contact me at** **Trapshooterdavec@yahoo.com** **or phone me at 585-519-9543. Please stay healthy, safe, and in good spirits. May God Bless you all.**

**Dave Cichelli**

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