**NEW YORK**

 **Hello** **from New York State. I hope that everyone will have an enjoyable Easter Holiday at the end of the month.**

 **I am sorry to say that I have lost two more of my trapshooting friends that have passed away.**

 **Mike J. Costa passed away on Saturday, December 23, 2023, after a long battle with cancer. Mike was 71 years of age at the time of his passing. At the time of Mike’s passing, he had registered 12,500 singles, 2,300 handicap, and 2,600 doubles targets. Mike was standing on the 19-yard line and started registering targets in 2002. Mike was on the Board of Directors of Mt. Morris Sportsman’s Club and was also the Trap Mechanic. Our deepest sympathies to Mike s wife Cindy and the rest of his family on his passing.**

 **Norman L. Loss passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, after a short illness. Norm was 65 Years of age. During his career, Norm registered 30,800 singles, 10,700 handicap, and 1,400 doubles targets. Norm started registering targets in 1999 and was standing on the 20-yard line. Outside of trapshooting, Norm enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and spending time with his grandchildren. Norm was a life member of Barre Sportsmen’s Club and a charter member of Albion Rod and Gun Club. Our deepest sympathies to Norm’s wife Debbie and his entire family on his passing.**

 **God forbid, if any trapshooter does pass away, the ATA has posted on their web page a form that can be completed for “Completed Careers” and can be shown on the back pages of Trap and Field Magazine.**

 **If anyone is interested in camping at the 2024 Grand American, camping reservations are now opened. There is a link on the ATA web page where you can book your reservation online.**

 **Tickets are now available for the Gun Club Raffle for the Kolar Regal Trap Combo. Tickets are $20 per ticket or 6 for $100 and can be purchased online. Also, ATA delegates and state secretaries have tickets for sale. The drawing will take place at the 2024 Grand American on August 9, 2024.**

 **Please remember that the first shoot at the home grounds in Cicero, New York will be the 20th annual Empire Grand American. The tournament starts on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, and ends on Sunday, May12, 2024. We all hope that you plan to attend.**

 **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.**

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