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 **Hello** **from New York State. I hope that everyone stays warm and dry during the winter season. When traveling, please be careful on the roads.**

 **I am very sorry to say that New York State and I have lost a good friend. Robert H. “Bob” Wagner, past President of the New York ATA, passed away on December 6, 2023, at his home in Odessa, Florida at the age of 78. During his shooting career, Bob registered 156,750 singles, 116,900 handicap and 129,950 doubles targets. Bob joined the ATA in 1980 and was standing on the 26.5-yard line. Bob’s last registered targets were shot in 2016. Bob was also a member of the New York State ATA Hall of Fame. He also was a lifetime member of the Bath and Branchport Rod and Gun Clubs. The Board of Directors of the New York State ATA would like to express our deepest sympathies to Bob’s wife Ellen and his entire family on Bob’s passing. Bob will be missed.**

 **Congratulations to New York Shooters Jim Flint and William Wallis for making the 20,000-target club for registered targets shot in 2023. This is quite an achievement for shooting. Well done fellows.**

 **Some target attainments to be mentioned. William Cerosaletti has registered his 25,000 doubles target. Vincent Barranco has registered his 50,000-handicap target. Congratulations.**

 **The high averages for 2023 for New York State have been determined. Daniel Fadden was the High Male Singles Shooter with an average of 98.33%. Heidi Womer was the High Ladies Singles Shooter with a 97.69% average. The High Handicap Average was posted by Edwin Johnson with a 91.62% average. Finally, Josua Buchiere was the High Doubles Average Shooter with a 93.87% average. Good going, and congratulations.**

 **The New York State High Average Teams have been announced. On the Men’s first team were Daniel Fadden, James Flint, Brian Luther, Chad Landon, and Edwin Johnson. On the Men’s second team were Vincent Barranco, David McMasters, Josua Buchiere, Joseph Regan, and Martin Gawron. On the Men’s third team were Todd Hosbach, Thomas Walter, Jr., Mark Johnson, Cono Natale, and Thomas Lander. Congratulations.**

 **The New York State Ladies Team members are Heidi Womer, Tammy Wildenstein, Leslie Slater, Deborah Bell, and Debbie Lineman. Congratulations.**

 **The New York State Veteran/Senior Veteran first team were Urban Womer, Bob Edwards, Keith Miranda, William Wallis, and Dave Cichelli. Members of the second team were Don Alderson, Michael Waschitz, Randy Lineman, Joseph Morsch, and George Panarisi. Congratulations.**

 **The High Average Sub Junior/Junior member was Alex Tucker. Congratulations, Alex.**

 **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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