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 **Hello** **from the New York State. I hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe and healthy. Now that the warmer weather is here, I hope that everyone is out shooting plenty of registered targets.**

 **I am sorry to say the I have learned of the passing of the wife of New York State ATA Hall of Fame Member Mike Mincel. Mike’s wife passed away this past winter in Florida. The Officers and Board of Directors of the New York State ATA would like to express our deepest condolences to Mike and his entire family on the passing of his wife.**

 **Some target achievements to report. Joe Morsch has registered his 25,000 doubles target. Eddie Cotton now has a combined total of 100,000 registered targets. Also, Salvatore Barone registered a combined total of 100,000 registered targets. Good going and keep it up!**

 **As I write this article, the 50th New York State Eastern Zone Shoot will be held as a telephonic shoot at Whortlekill Gun Club and Peconic River Sportsmen’s Club on Saturday, April 29, 2023 and Sunday, April 30, 2023. Once I receive the results, I will pass them along to you in another article.**

**The 50th New York State Central Zone Shoot will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, and Sunday, June 11, 2023 at Toad Harbor Gun Club. The events will be 200 singles on Saturday and 50 pair of doubles and 100 handicap on Sunday. We hope that you all plan to attend.**

 **The 50th New York State Western Zone Shoot will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2023, and Sunday, June 18, 2023 at Hamburg Rod & Gun Club. Once again, the events will be 200 singles on Saturday and 50 pair of doubles and 100 handicap on Sunday. We hope that you all plan to attend.**

 **Please remember that the 162nd New York State Shoot will be held at the home grounds in Cicero, New York starting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 to Sunday, July 9, 2023. For your information the state shoot has been reduced from a six day event to a five day event.**

 **If anyone is interested in becoming a Gunsmith, it has been posted on the ATA web site,** [**www.shootata.com**](http://www.shootata.com) **that a scholarship is being offered for anyone interested. The amount of money is $2,500 for the scholarship. Details about the scholarship and the application are on the website. The application must be post marked by July 1, 2023.**

 **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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