**New York**

**Hello from the Empire State of New York. I hope everyone is doing well. I hope that you are all getting out there and shooting plenty of registered targets.**

**We are sorry to say that another New York Shooter has passed away. Joseph Piczko has passed away. Joe started registering targets in 2004. Joe was standing on the 19-yard line. During his career, Joe registered 14,425 singles, 10,100 handicap, and 5,900 doubles targets. The Board of Directors of the New York State ATA wish to express our deepest condolences to his wife Elizabeth and the rest of Joe’s Family.**

**One target attainment to mention. William Wallis has registered 50,000 doubles targets.**

**The 20th annual Empire Grand American is now history. The Tournament was held from Wednesday, April 8, 2024 to Sunday, April 12, 2024. The attendance was down, with the weather being the main factor. Even though the weather was not great, the shoot was still a Competition factor of 3 for All American Points. Nicole Ann Hood broke her first 200 straight during the singles championship and became the Champion for the event. Mike Blaisdell broke a 100 straight in the doubles championship and became the Doubles Champion. Thad Blaisdell broke a 96 and was the Handicap Champion. Justin Slater was the High All Around Champion with a 383 x 400, and John Farina was the Over All Champion with a 936 x 1,000.**

**All trophy winners can be viewed on shootscoreboard.com, the New York State ATA web page, www.nysata.com, and in Trap and Field Magazine.**

**The Board of Directors of the New York State ATA would like to thank all those who volunteered to help during the shoot. It is much appreciated. Thanks.**

**Please remember that the ATA Eastern Zone ATA Shoot will be held from Thursday, July 18, 2024, to Sunday, July 21, 2024, at the home grounds in Cicero. No programs will be mailed out. The program will be posted online at:** [**www.nysata.com**](http://www.nysata.com)**. We hope that you all plan to attend.**

**The New York State Western Zone Shoot was held at Allied Sportsmen’s Club on Saturday, May 18, 2024, and Sunday, May 19, 2024. The singles champion was Doug Kohn with a 196 and Caleb Lindstrom was the runner-up with a 195. Caleb Lindstrom won the doubles with a 94 and Greg Tartick was the runner-up. Matthew McNall was the handicap champion with a 96 and Tim McMurtree was the runner-up with a 92. Finally, Caler Lindstrom was the High Over All winner with a 374 x 400 and Matthew McNall was the runner-up with a 372 x 400. A total of 17,900 targets were thrown during the weekend.**

**There will be one change in the program for the Northeastern Grand American coming this September, starting on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 and ending on Sunday, September 8, 2024. On Friday, September 6, 2024, there will be three events for a total of 300 targets.**

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**The events will be 100 singles, 100 handicap, and 50 pair of doubles. Also, the High Over All of 1,000 targets will begin on Thursday, September 5, 2024. We all hope that you plan to attend.**

**If 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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