**NEW YORK**

**Hello from the New York State and Happy New Year. I hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe and healthy.**

**I am sorry to say that we have lost some more of our New York State ATA family. Our organization has lost three shooters and a worker at the homegrounds in Cicero.**

**Joseph Lawrence passed away on November 26, 2022 at the age of 68. During his career, Joe registered 53,750 singles, 16,750 handicap, and 1,250 doubles targets. Joe was standing on the 19 & ½ yard line and joined the ATA in 1984. Our deepest sympathies to Joe’s wife Teresa and all of his family on his passing.**

**Jack Gutchess passed away on December 1, 2022 at the age of 91. During his career, Jack registered 104,550 singles, 45,850 handicap, and 50,450 doubles targets. Jack was standing on the 25 & ½ yard line and started registering targets in 1965. Our deepest sympathies to Jack’s family on his passing.**

**Jill L. Smith passed away on December 18, 2022 at the age of 68. During her career, Jill registered 16,550 singles and 1,600 handicap targets. Jill started registering targets in 1981 and was standing on the 22 & ½ yard line. Jill won the New York State Ladies Championship at the New York State shoot three times, in 1998, 1999, and 2002. Jill’s late husband, Rodney Smith, was also an ATA shooter. Our deepest sympathies to Jill’s family on her passing.**

**One of the New York State ATA’s workers at the homegrounds, Chris Fountaine, passed away on December 5, 2022 at the age of 45. Chris worked many years as a score keeper at our shoots in Cicero. Our deepest sympathies to Chris’ wife Tammy and his entire family on his passing.**

**Congratulations must be given to Mike Mincel for registering 100,000 doubles targets. This is quite an achievement. Nice going, Mike.**

**For all of our Canadian friends who need an invitation to get across the US/Canadian Boarder to attend our shoots at the home grounds in Cicero, there is a link on our web site:** [**www.nysata.com**](http://www.nysata.com) **to receive the invitation. New York State ATA Secretary Cathy Flint will assist you on this.**

**If anyone is interested or knows someone who is interested in working the shoots at our home grounds in Cicero during 2023, there is a job application link posted on our web site:** [**www.nysata.com**](http://www.nysata.com) **that can be filled out.**

**If anyone would like to have something written in one of these articles, please contact me at** [**Trapshooterdavec@yahoo.com**](mailto: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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