

## **Press Release**

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## AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION AND SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP

SCTP National Director, Tom Wondrash, and ATA Executive Director Lynn Gipson, have announced that the Executive Committees of both organizations have approved a plan to unify the youth shooting sports efforts of both entities beginning immediately.

ATA membership will be required of all SCTP State and National Championship Singles participants beginning in 2015. These State Championship Tournaments, along with the SCTP National Singles Trapshooting Championship, will be registered with the ATA. SCTP members will be encouraged to join the ATA through the SCTP via its online registration system (SHOT v5).

"This isn't a new concept", stated Tom Wondrash. "Event registration and membership with National Governing Body's has been required for many years for the SCTP's Skeet (NSSA) and Sporting Clays (NSCA) national events as well as the USA Shooting's International Events (USAS).....this will be both beneficial and crucial to the growth of the SCTP and youth shooting sports, we look forward to working with the ATA!"

Another feature of the partnership will be funding to the SCTP by the ATA for scholarships and program operating costs.

"Not only is this a landmark partnership for the promotion of youth shotgun target sports, it's a unique "Win-Win" situation", reported Lynn Gipson. "Both organizations benefit from membership and funding, and the student athletes benefit from having their championship scores become a National Governing Body permanent record for use by coaches and others in the future. We look forward to a long relationship, beneficial to everyone involved".