



NEWSLETTER

FOR ATA SHOOTING COACHES

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ATA wishes to thank the NRA for their development and support of the NRA/ATA Trap Coach School program.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST ATA SHOOTING COACHES!

NRA/ATA Trap Coach Schools in New York, Missouri and Virginia produced 23 graduates, plus we welcome graduates from the NRA/USAS Shotgun Coach Schools for a total of 506 ATA Shooting Coaches!


TAKE AIM for ATA!





ATA has launched our own youth program ... AIM for ATA! AIM stands for Academics, Integrity and Marksmanship -- a program which encourages good sportsmanship and personal responsibility through competition to make trapshooting a life-long avocation. AIM grows with the shooter from age 11 and under through college, with the objective of producing a well-trained future for ATA and local clubs. Focused on registered competition and the ATA Rule Book, AIM presents a level playing field with categories and classes that will ensure fun and fair competition for shooters of all ages and skill levels. Awards will be presented to individuals as well as teams at the State, Zone and National levels. The AIM Grand Championship will be held in conjunction with the Grand.


In order to insure this well-trained future for ATA, we need to have a well-trained coach cadre. At least one coach for each team will need to be an ATA Shooting Coach by the end of target year 2010, either through the NRA/ATA Trap Coach School or the NRA/USAS Shotgun Coach School. The Zone VPs are working with their State Delegates to name AIM State/Provincial Directors. By mandate of ATA President Reed, these Directors are to be ACTIVE members of the youth trapshooting community. As the Directors come onboard, their contact information will be added to the web site. At this writing, AIM State Directors are in place for Alaska, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin!


Quick Facts:


 AIM is for individuals as well as teams. You don't have to be a part of a team to register.


 The 300 registered targets required before the State Shoot must be shot in the current target year. An individual's average used to compute Class for squads is the current average as shown on your average card.


 Singles is the main event but coaches are encouraged to teach their athletes the whole game of trap - handicap and doubles, too!

 For Collegiate and Graduate participants who sign up for AIM - your ATA membership fee is at the Junior rate of \$12!

 Everyone is welcome at the AIM Grand Championship! There are no "qualifiers", no requirement to shoot the State Shoot, but each participant has to have at least 500 registered targets before entering the AIM Grand Championship.

 100% of the registration fee will be returned in awards and scholarships.

 If there is not a trap team at the college in your town ... start one! Local Clubs may have AIM teams of collegians if there are not enough shooters at one college to form a squad. However, the idea is to get more people involved and have your college represented!

 Individuals may move up only one age group to help fill out a squad. If someone on your squad gets sick, simply replace that person with another and recompute the squad's average to determine what class the squad competes in. Substitutions are unlimited.

View AIM information on the new web site www.AIM4ATA.com as well as www.AIM4ATA.ca (a direct link to aim4ata.com). AIM includes Canada too! There is also a link on the www.shootata.com for the new AIM web site. Direct your questions to ATA Coaching.

2009 ATA YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD

The 2009 version of the ATA Youth Recognition Award is up on the web site. Applicants for this award must be capable of competing as a Junior (or younger) during the entire 2009 target year. The big news is the increased scholarship amounts, thanks to a commitment by Frank Brownell of Brownells, Inc.! When you order from Brownells, say thank you! Also increased this year is the minimum number of electives required, so get your kids to work! Applications must be postmarked on or before May 1st. View information and download the 2009 application at:

www.shootata.com/Content/Youth_Trapshooting/youth_award.aspx

UPCOMING COACH SCHOOLS

March 28-29, 2009 Buffalo, Minnesota

March 28-29, 2009 Sparta, Michigan [date subject to change to move off Easter weekend]

Now is a great time to schedule a Coach School for the spring! Contact ATA Coaching - (coaching@shootata.com) for information. The facility will need a classroom big enough for your attendees (minimum of 10 students), one or two regulation trap fields for field exercises, and an energetic local organizer. Coach Schools are listed on the ATA, NRA, and SCTP (Events Section) web sites.

SCHOOLS AND TRAPSHOOTING

Don Carlson, President of the Bellevue Road and Gun Club in Nebraska, read in the September issue of the *Newsletter for ATA Shooting Coaches* that ATA Co-Coach of the Year Jim Sable from Minnesota was able to get the shooting as a lettering event in his local school system. Don writes, "We at our club have had that in effect for several years and it works well. Our students are proud to be able to wear a letter for trapshooting, awarded by the Bellevue Public School System, as I am sure the MN students are also." Don has been a coach for over 30 years! Do you have a success story in your area? Let's hear about it! Maybe there is a coach who would like to know how to get trapshooting in his/her local school system.

COACH MERCHANDISE

Visit the ATA Store part of the ATA web site for shirts and merchandise embroidered with the Coach logo! Only ATA Shooting Coaches may order these items and they will be sold only through the web site. ATA Shooting Coaches are allowed to use the Coach logo on business cards pertaining to coaching trapshooting.

LEVEL II – "CERTIFIED COACH"

Congratulations to Mark Horton (Flintville, TN) who has continued his education (taking the ASEP Course and First Aid) to become a Level II Coach. When you achieve Level II, besides notifying Don Sipes at NRA (703-267-1401, dsipes@nrahq.org), please contact ATA Coaching for recognition in this newsletter and on the ATA web site and to receive your Level II rocker!

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