



NEWSLETTER

FOR ATA SHOOTING COACHES

March 2009

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

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www.AIM4ATA.com



Check out the web site and sign up your kids, your coaching staff, your volunteers! AIM Registration is \$13 and ATA youth membership is \$12 (AIM members in the Collegiate and Graduate categories get the \$12 ATA youth membership rate too). When you sign up as an AIM Coach, you may join the AIM Forum for coaches. Most AIM State/Provincial Directors are in place and hard at work, but we could use a few more. If your State/Province isn't represented, please consider stepping up to the plate and involving your friends too. To find out if your State/Province is represented, go to www.aim4ata.com and click on "Contacts". AIM

State/Provincial Championships are being scheduled and many are in conjunction with the regular State/Provincial Shoot so the kids can be a part of "that which is ATA". Same with the AIM Grand Championship! The dates are August 8-9, a weekend in the middle of the Grand. Remember, everyone is welcome at the AIM Grand Championship. There are no qualifiers other than to have 500 registered targets by the time the Grand rolls around. If the target requirements are not met, your team may still participate with penalty classification per the AIM Handbook. 100% of the AIM registration fee will be returned to AIM participants in awards and scholarships.

AIM ONLINE ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOOT:

Details are posted at www.aim4ata.com. This is a fun way to get in some of your 300 registered targets before your State/Provincial Shoot and earn prizes in your Zone. Dates are the weekends of May 2 and May 9.

2009 ATA YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD:

The May 1st deadline is fast approaching! Application must be postmarked on or before May 1st. Applicants for this award must be capable of competing as a Junior (or younger) during the entire 2009 target year. We appreciate the generous donation by Frank Brownell of Brownells, Inc. for the scholarship awards! View and download the 2009 application at: www.shootata.com/Content/Youth_Trapshooting/youth_award.aspx

WELCOME OUR NEWEST ATA SHOOTING COACHES!

Our NRA/ATA Trap Coach School schedule is quite full for this spring (see below) and the Schools are filling up to capacity! 25 graduated from the Ohio Coach School March 7-8. We welcome them for a total of 548 ATA Shooting Coaches!

UPCOMING TRAP COACH SCHOOLS:

March 28-29, 2009	Sparta, Michigan
March 28-29, 2009	Buffalo, Minnesota (FULL!)
April 4-5, 2009	Downers Grove/Morris, Illinois
April 13-14, 2009	San Antonio, Texas
April 17-18, 2009	Las Vegas, Nevada
April 25-26, 2009	Devils Lake, North Dakota
May 2-3, 2009	Lexington/Wilmore, Kentucky
May 9-10, 2009	Java Village, New York

To schedule a Trap Coach School contact ATA Coaching (contact information at the close of this newsletter). 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 AIM, ATA, and NRA web sites.

COACH MERCHANDISE:

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



MOVING UP:

One of our first Junior ATA Shooting Coaches, Marshall Sample (NC), has turned 18 and is now Level I. LEVEL II – CERTIFIED COACH: Congratulations to Bob Harden (WV), Steve Johnson (AR), Ralph Wetzel (OH) who have continued their education (taking the ASEP Course and First Aid) to become Level II Coaches. When you age-up to Level I or educate-up to 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, plus you'll receive a new "Level II" rocker patch!

NEWS!

The September issue of this Newsletter reported on ATA Co-Coach of the Year Jim Sable's mother/son/daughter end-of-season shoot. Jim updates us:

"The Plymouth (MN) Gun Club will have a "Mother/Child League" this summer. I did a mailing to the junior members and their moms and the response has been phenomenal. Whoever would have thought that the Mother/Son/Daughter shoot and picnic last fall would have taken off like this? A lot of the moms said they are 'going to need some help to be respectable.' It looks like we'll be open an extra day this summer just for the moms. Dale Carnegie sure knew what he was talking about when he said 'enthusiasm is contagious'. The moms can hardly wait to get started. This is going to be great!"

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you register as an AIM Coach, showing your dedication to sustaining the sport for years to come.

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