



NEWSLETTER

FOR ATA SHOOTING COACHES

July 2009

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

AIM Grand Championships:



Pre-registration is now posted on the AIM web site www.aim4ata.com along with the program for the inaugural AIM Grand Championship, August 8-9 in Sparta, IL! Pre-registration ends August 1st but kids may still come to the AIM Grand and sign up there for both AIM and for the AIM Grand Championship. Pre-registering now will make August 7th go more smoothly. Remember: (1) There is no requirement to have shot in your AIM State Championship to shoot in the AIM Grand. Everyone is welcome! (2) Shooters with less than 500 registered targets this target year will be placed in penalty class B per the AIM Handbook.

AIM T-Shirts For Your Shooters:

FREE AIM T-Shirts are now available for all AIM members. Have your kids (with their parents since there is a shipping charge) go to the AIM web site to fill in the required information. If you, the coach, wish to order for your entire team, you must call Mindy Greer, 937-898-4638 x 539, so she can assist you with the proper procedure for a bulk order so each shooter is recorded properly.

Fund Raiser For Your Team:

Do you need to raise funds for your team? The ATA has teamed up with Cabela's Outfitters to bring you the ATA/Cabela's Great Gear Give-away! All your team has to do is sell tickets to this sweepstakes for \$5 each and your team keeps \$3 and sends \$2 to the ATA. There is NO up-front cost to your team. Prizes for this sweepstakes include a \$4,500 Cabela's Prize package, Shotguns, Ammunition, and an ATA Life Membership! For more information on how your team can participate in this great fund raising opportunity, visit: www.shootata.com and look in the "Recent News" section of the home page.

ATA Shooting Coach Of The Year Award:

Each year ATA requests nominations in various categories and one of those is ATA Shooting Coach of the Year! Last year's co-Coaches of the Year were Jim Sable and Mark Stevens, both from Minnesota. Nominees must be "ATA Shooting Coaches". Use the following link to access the nomination form:

www.shootata.com/Content/News/ATA_Recognition_Awards.aspx

2009 ATA Youth Recognition Award:

Award winners have been announced on the AIM and ATA web sites. They will be honored at the Grand as well as in the September issue of this newsletter and in the October issue of Trap & Field.

Winner: COLLIN WIETFELDT, Michigan
Second Place: JESSICA WHALEN, Wisconsin
Third Place: JACOB GOGNO, Pennsylvania

We appreciate the generous donation by Frank Brownell of Brownells, Inc. for the scholarship awards! Suggest to your shooters they view 2009 application to get an idea of what is required so they can apply in 2010: www.shootata.com/Content/Youth_Trapshooting/youth_award.aspx

ATA Recognition Awards:





ATA will be presenting different Awards at this years Grand American! The nominees will be reviewed by a panel of judges from ATA and Trap & Field and winners will be announced at an official ceremony at the Grand American. The awards include: Gun Club of the Year, Official of the Year, Photograph of the Year, Volunteer of the Year & ATA Shooting Coach of the Year.

Visit: http://www.shootata.com/Content/News/ATA_Recognition_Awards.aspx to make a nomination.

Welcome Our Newest ATA Shooting Coaches:

Our March 2009 newsletter reported 548 credentialed ATA Shooting Coaches. We are now proud to have 747 ATA Shooting Coaches! Now is a good time to schedule a Trap Coach School in your area for this fall.

Upcoming Trap Coach Schools:

 July 31-Aug. 1	Memphis, MO	Local Contact: Corey Stott
 September 12-13	Corinth, MS	Local Contact: Tom Yeager
 October 3-4	Baltimore, MD	Local Contact: Mike Kinch
 November 14-15	Highland Lakes, NJ	Local Contact: Sue Stephens

To schedule a Trap Coach School contact ATA Coaching (coaching@shootata.com or 937-898-4638).

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 To Level II - "Certified Coach":

Congratulations to who have continued their education (taking the ASEP Course and First Aid) to become Level II Coaches: Bob Bezokas, Charlie Thompson, and Ken Wolbers. 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 Edie Fleeman for recognition in this newsletter and on the ATA web site, plus you'll receive a new "Level II" rocker patch!

In Memoriam:

Although we are busy welcoming new coaches, we must occasionally say good-bye. Mary Polkinghorne (North Dakota) passed away in March. In addition to being a top-notch shooter, she was a mentor to many and a supporter of youth programs.

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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