

ATA article for April 2017

Greetings from Ontario, Canada.

I recently attended the Tucson Trap Club for the Spring Grand. As part of the E.C., we had meetings in advance of the main 1,000 targets. This is the first time I have shot ATA targets at this club. Over the years I have shot international trap and double trap there at World Cup events, team selection matches, etc. This is a great facility. It takes a while to figure out the handicap targets as the speed and trajectory seem different compared to our Eastern Zone targets.

What I found particularly appealing about Tucson is that I got to talk to a great many shooters and their spouses who are seldom able to attend shoots in the east. The young shooters I used to know as Juniors and Sub-Juniors have grown up and are still in the sport. Many have young families and careers. I was amazed at how many people thanked me for my Trap & Field articles as they find them informative. I appreciate all of your kind words and will do my best to include information that appeals to shooters on both sides of our border.

Many shooters ask me about my son Drew and when he will be returning to ATA trap. Soon I hope but Drew concentrated very hard on international (Olympic style) trap up to and including the Pan Am Games in Toronto where he made the shoot-off round. He did not shoot at all in 2016 and may get back into some shooting in 2017. But like many youngsters, trapshooting has to sometimes take a back seat to career and family. Drew works for a company that specializes in brokering liquefied petroleum deals. Drew's specialty is "naphtha" and he works long hours on the road covering their offices in Sarnia, Calgary and Houston and meeting clients throughout the United States and Canada. He is seldom far from his phone. In early July Drew will marry his longtime fiancé Lindsay, an elementary school French teacher. She spent a lot of time over the years in student exchanges to France. Guess where they are getting married – a resort about four hours outside of Paris, France. And our daughter Destiny who some of you may remember worked at the Grand when in Vandalia at the Trap & Field desk is getting married this Easter Friday in New York City. She is a buyer (shoes) for Lord & Taylor in NYC.

My wife Beverley and I are thinking someday in the not too distant future we may be blessed with grandchildren (maybe future trap shooters).

Drew and Destiny both say hello to all.

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