

Greetings from Ontario, Canada.

Usually the August article of Trap & Field magazine is available at the Grand American so hopefully with this year's early Grand start, the magazine will be ready.

On behalf of all Ontario shooters we wish all competitors at Sparta the very best. And, as Eastern Zone Vice President, on behalf of our many sharp shooters from the "East", have a great competition.

Keep in mind that it takes a great deal of effort, planning and troubleshooting by a great many people to successfully run a competition of the magnitude of our Grand American. If you get an opportunity, thank the ATA personnel and don't forget the many volunteers. There are likely to be a few glitches here and there – there usually are. But overall, our August event is the showcase of our shooting talent, the place where everyone wants to perform at a level that exceeds our wildest dreams.

For many, winning a trophy at the Grand is a life-long accomplishment.

Take pride in the fact that the ATA and not government bureaucracy is in charge of virtually all aspects of our tournaments. It has been in recent years, at least from the numbers I have reviewed,² financially and functionally efficient.

In Canada, it is reported that scientists have recently discovered the heaviest element yet known to science. It is amazing it took so long to discover it and Canada happens to be one of the leading producers. It is called "Governmentium "(Gv). It has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 89 deputy neutrons and 198 assistant deputy neutrons giving it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons. Gv is easy to detect because it impedes every reaction with which it comes in contact. Even a tiny amount of Gv can take a simple task and extend completion from four days to four years. Every time a simple revision is necessary, there is a lengthy metamorphosis where more morons become neutrons, forming isodopes. As money is fed into the mix, it miraculously disappears.

My point here is – be grateful the ATA is in charge of its own destiny. With the checks and balances, oversight and strategic planning and delivery of programs, events and services, it is one of the best "bangs for your buck" available.

Have a great Grand.

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