

ATA article for October 2017

Greetings from Ontario, Canada.

As I write this article in late August, the target year is all but over. I congratulate all Ontario shooters on their accomplishments this year. There were at least 19 Ontario shooters that attended the Grand and many of these competed in the various Champion of Champion races. When I last checked, we have contenders in at least three of the Category All-American Teams. Ontario is one of fourteen (14) of the provinces and states that comprise our Eastern Zone. It is a Zone that has some great competitors both currently and historically. As one of the ATA VP's, I am immensely proud of the accomplishments of all our Eastern Zone shooters. Well done.

For those of you that chase All American team points, you will find that there are some significant changes in store for the new target year. All American Team points have historically followed the trophies with add on points for tie-points and score-points. It was time consuming and sometimes difficult to quickly and accurately calculate these points. Many shooters simply waited to learn how many points they earned at a competition once Kathy Key (et al) inputted them. Under the new system, points will not be tied to trophies but rather to scores, making it easier and faster for all to compute and reducing the administrative work expected of the host club. Host clubs will no longer be burdened with the cost of providing trophies just to enable shooters to qualify for points. It will still be important to win the top trophy (or in the absence of a trophy, the top score) in a person's category as top-level points are at stake, but apart from that for the most part it is the score attained that will dictate the points earned. At the conclusion of each event, I suspect most shooters will be able to compute their points earned by a fast review of the scoreboard. Hopefully this new system will work well for everyone. You can view the new system rules at <http://www.shootata.com/Portals/0/pdf/AllAmericanWeb.pdf>.

By the time you read this article in Trap & Field both the NE Grand (in New York) and the Dixie Grand (at its new location in North Carolina) will be history. We will see how the new All American Team point system plays out in real time.

All the best for fall shooting.

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