

# EMBRACING THE PAST

The ATA was founded in 1889 as the American Shooting Association. This was the first governing body for the sport of trapshooting. In 1923 the Amateur Trapshooting Association was born and it is now the oldest and most recognized target shooting sports organization in the world. Throughout the years, this truly "American" sport has grown to become the largest clay target sport in the world.



## ATA Becomes a Non-Profit

In support of a rich charitable and educational heritage the Association became an IRS approved and exempt non-profit organization under IRS section 501(c)(3) in 2004. This allows the Association to offer tax deductibility to contributors.

# ENHANCING TODAY

Today, the ATA has a mission to promote and govern the sport of registered trapshooting throughout the world. Serving the individual members on a daily basis, the ATA also administers to the needs of over 1,200 ATA gun clubs that combine to host thousands of registered ATA shoots and throw millions of registered ATA targets annually.

Each year, the Association is host to the world championship tournament, the GRAND AMERICAN. The "GRAND" is the World's largest shooting tournament and attracts thousands each year. Held at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois, the venue is the largest trapshooting facility in the world with 120 trap fields. Spanning over 1,500 acres, 1,000 camping spaces are available plus sporting, skeet and cowboy action shooting facilities.

## Youth Trapshooting

As the ATA has grown during the years, one of its largest and most successful efforts has been the development of the AIM (Academics, Integrity, Marksmanship) youth trapshooting program. Competitive youth statewide and zone wide events are administered during the year from the ATA national headquarters in Sparta, leading up to the AIM Grand National Championship event during the Grand American. In addition to program administration, the AIM program offers scholarship opportunities annually based upon the themes of the program – Academics, Integrity and Marksmanship.

The ATA is the world's premier trapshooting organization and is devoted to supporting all gun clubs while developing lifelong trapshooters and pro-gun advocates.

# ENSURING OUR FUTURE

As the ATA continues to expand, exceed and escalate, it has chosen to maximize its charitable and tax exempt corporate structure to the benefit of those members of the general public who cherish their firearm freedoms. Through many tax-deductible donations, such as yours, we can continue to improve the sport and to serve the traditions originally founded in 1889.

Please consider making a tax free donation today. Your generous gift will allow the ATA to grow and ensure the future for generations to come. You can direct your tax-deductible donation to any of the fully tax exempt funds.

## Tax-Exempt ATA Funds

*Friends of the GRAND AMERICAN –*

Your donated funds will be used to enhance the success of the ATA's premier event, the GRAND AMERICAN. All donations to this fund are returned

to the membership in the form of added money to Grand American world championship events.

*AIM Youth and Education Fund-*

Donated funds will be used to promote and assist the ATA's national youth program, AIM. Funds will be used to educate, organize, promote and assist our young shooters and are a major component of the annual AIM scholarships.

*Gun Club Fund –*

These funds will be awarded to progressive ATA clubs or gun clubs that want to start offering registered events. The clubs make application for these funds annually, citing intended use. Recipients report their use of the funds to the ATA. The funds may be used to improve club facilities, conduct more trapshooting events or host programs to gain more members.

*General Charitable Fund -*

All funds donated to the ATA General Charitable Fund will be used exclusively for the promotion of registered trapshooting interests throughout the jurisdiction of the ATA. Donations to this fund will help offset many expenses and will help further the sport of trapshooting and the ATA.

**Other Interests:**

*Estate Planning-*

please contact the ATA and we will coordinate the planning of your donations or bequeaths with your personal attorney so that your final wishes and directives serve you with remembered honor.

**AMATEUR TRAPSHOOTING ASSOCIATION  
TAX-EXEMPT FUND DONATION FORM**

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE  ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL

**DONATE TO**

GRAND AMERICAN ADDED MONEY

AIM YOUTH PROGRAM

GUN CLUB FUND

GENERAL CHARITABLE FUND

**DONATION AMOUNT**

\$25  \$50  \$100  \$250

\$500  \$1,000  \$

**PAYMENT METHOD**

CHECK PAYABLE TO ATA

MASTERCARD  VISA  DISCOVER

EXP DATE

CARD #

NAME ON CARD

SIGNATURE

CHECK TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS

**WHERE DOES MY DONATION GO?**

Donations to the ATA are designated to the funds of your choice:

- Grand American Added Money
- AIM Youth Program
- Gun Club Fund
- General Charitable Fund

**HOW DOES MY DONATION HELP?**

Your donations help make the following possible:

- AIM Youth Scholarships
- Gun Club Grants
- Special Events
- Promote and Preserve the Sport



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