#### BY-LAWS OF THE WYOMING STATE TRAP SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

#### **ARTICLE I - PURPOSE**

**SECTION 1:** The purpose of this association is to promote and govern the sport of amateur trap shooting throughout the Sate of Wyoming.

#### **ARTICLE II - CORPORATE POWERS**

SECTION 1: The corporate powers of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

**SECTION II:** There shall be no corporate stock.

#### **ARTICLE III - OFFICES**

**SECTION I:** The principal office of this association shall be in a City and County in the State of Wyoming and shall be designated by a majority vote of theBoard of Directors.

**SECTION II:** The resident agent in charge of said principal office shall be designated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION III:** The Board of Directors may change the principal office of the Association from time to time to any other City and County in the State of Wyoming and may change the agent at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATION**

**SECTION I:** This Association shall be affiliated with the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America, P.O. Box 519, Sparta IL that will hereafter be referred to as the ATA.

**SECTION II:** This Association hereby adopts and incorporates as a part of these By-Laws for the purpose of the regulation of all trap shoots conducted hereby in the State of Wyoming, the rules and regulations of the ATA as they may now exist or hereafter be amended.

#### **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1:** Membership may be secured in this Association for a period of one year by any legal resident of the State of Wyoming provided such applicant shall be a current member of the ATA and further that said applicant shall have paid a membership fee in the amount designated by a majority vote for the members at it Annual Meeting.

**SECTION II:** No membership in the Association shall be denied, restricted, or otherwise limited because of the race, color, religion, sex or national origin of the applicant.

**SECTION III:** It being the primary purpose of the Association to promote the sport of trap shooting, the Board of Directors is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to revoke the

membership herein of any member when said member or proposed member does, is doing, has done or threatens to do anything detrimental to the sport of trap shooting with intent to do so, or whose actions are offensive to a substantial portion of the membership at large.

# **ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL MEETING**

**SECTION I:** Once each year at a place selected by a majority vote of the members at its previous Annual Meeting in the State of Wyoming, there shall be an Annual Meeting of the members of the Association for the purpose of transacting the business of this Association and for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

**SECTION II:** Once each year the place selected for the Annual Meeting of the membership in the State of Wyoming, there shall be an annual tournament to determine the various championships, hereafter called the State Shoot.

**SECTION III:** The Board of Directors shall accept from all Trapshooting Clubs in good standing with the Wyoming State Trapshooting Association and Amateur Trapshooting Association of America who wish to apply a request to hold the Annual Wyoming State Trap Shoot. Said club applying will then be put on a rotational basis provided that in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Wyoming State Trapshooting Association each club has sufficient physical facilities and personnel to host the Annual Wyoming State Trap Shoot and has held ATA Registered Trapshoots for the previous two years, and will have facilities including sufficient lodging and restaurants in the area to host the Annual Wyoming State Trap Shoot. Each request is to be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors of the Wyoming State Trap Shoot it will then return to the end of the rotation line if a written request is again submitted to the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Association.(Amended 7/1/1988)

The rotation of the Wyoming State Trap Shoot to be determined by the WSTA delegates from the trapshooting clubs applying for the Wyoming State Trap Shoot. If no compromise is reached between said clubs for the rotation, the rotation will be determined by random means acceptable to all of the delegates applying for the State Shoot. If any club wishes to withdraw from the line of rotation the following clubs next in rotation will move up one year. Once rotation is established any new trapshooting club applying will be placed at the end of the rotation sequence. The rotation is to be started for the 1990 Annual Wyoming State Trap Shoot. (Amended 7/1/1988)(Amended 6/1/2005)

**SECTION IV:** No legal resident of the State of Wyoming shall be allowed to vote at the Annual Meeting of this Association nor shall they be allowed to shoot in competition at the State Shoot unless they have been accepted for membership in this Association and shall have met the requirements thereof.

**SECTION V:** Each shooter, resident and non-resident, attending any ATA registered shoot in the State of Wyoming shall be assessed a daily fee, said daily fee amount is to be set by a majority vote of the members of the Association at its Annual Meeting but in no event shall it be less that One Dollar (\$1.00). It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, or other officers of the Club holding the

shoot to collect and remit such fees to the Treasurer of this Association along with an accounting as to the number of shooters paying such daily fee.

**SECTION VI:** The daily fee as provided shall create a fund, from which this Association through its Board of Directors shall provide appropriate funds for State Association functions. These functions shall include but are not limited to the general administration of WSTA activities and Wyoming State Shoot.

**SECTION VII:** The Gun Club designated to hold the State Shoot shall submit for approval its full program to a Committee of three people appointed by the President of the Association. The Program Committee may approve or modify, 120 days prior to the State Shoot, the program governing the Annual State Shoot. The State Shoot will be held in accordance with the then current rules of the Amateur Trapshooting Association. (Amended 4/1997)

# **ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1:** The Board of Directors shall consist of a panel of directors elected one each from each Gun Club in the State of Wyoming authorized to conduct ATA registered trap shoots. One director and one alternate from each Gun Club shall be nominated by its local board of directors, and be presented to the State Association nominating committee prior to the WSTA Annual Meeting. In addition to the above directors and alternates, there shall be two "Directors-At-Large" directors, selected from those whose services to the State Association are for the betterment of the organization, and/or from those who represent clubs which do not shoot registered targets, but are integral parts of Wyoming trapshooting; said directors shall not be from clubs already represented by a director are to be elected and qualified by a majority vote of the Association members at its Annul Meeting, and are to be elected for a period of service of one year. Vacancies on the Board from those clubs which shoot registered targets, shall first be filled by the alternate from that Gun Club, and said Gun Club shall nominate a new alternate and submit his name for appointment by the Board of Directors of the Association. A vacancy by a "Director-At-Large will be filled by Board appointment. (Amended 7/2/1983)

**SECTION II:** Recognizing that a smooth transition of authority is imperative to consistent management, should said Annual Meeting be held while the State Shoot is in progress the newly elected Board of Directors shall not assume their duties until the successful completion of the State Shoot, except that they shall elect officers as provided for in Article VII Section IV.

**SECTION III:** The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct, manage and control the assets and affairs of the Association, and to make rules and regulation, not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Wyoming, or the By-Laws of this Association, for the guidance of the officers and a management of the affairs of the Association.

**SECTION IV:** The Board of Directors shall hold an annual meeting of the Board of Directors immediately following their election by the membership for the purpose of electing a President, a Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be one of the elected Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer may be an elected Board member or he may be appointed from the membership. The President and Vice-President will have term limits of two

full consecutive years in one office. A person may serve more that on two-year limit, providing it is in a different office. After sitting out one year, the person may hold the office again for another two-year limit. (Amended 7/4/1997 and 7/3/1998)

**SECTION V:** The Board of Directors may hold special meetings at any time when called by the President or Vice-President, or a majority of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION VI:** A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be that number of directors that is one member more than one-half the total number of the members of the Board.

# **ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

**SECTION I:** PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the President of this Association to preside at all meetings of the membership, to sign with the Secretary-Treasurer the records of the Association, to preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors hereof, to appoint such miscellaneous officers and committees as are necessary to efficiently carry on the activities of the Association, to see that the purpose for which the Association was organized be carried into effect, and to call when he deems necessary meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall also have the authority to sign all instruments for the payment of funds if the Secretary-Treasurer is unavailable to do so. (Amended 7/5/1985)

**SECTION II:** VICE-PRESIDENT: it shall be the duty of the Vice-President of this Association to assist the President in his conduct of business, to officiate and act in his place and stead.

**SECTION III:** SECRETARY-TREASURER: It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to keep full and complete records of any and all activities of this Association, including minutes of all regular and Annual Meetings of the membership, and to keep a complete and permanent record of the meetings of the Board of Directors hereof, to keep a correct roll of all members, to attend to all correspondence, to file all documents, to collect and deposit all funds of the Association in a bank account in the name of the Association, to keep accurate books of account of all funds received and entrusted to him, and of all expenditures made on behalf of the Association, to prepare a financial report for the membership at the Annual Meeting, to sign all instruments for the payment of money, to approve all applications for ATA registered Shoots in the State of Wyoming, and to perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him from time to time.

**SECTION IV:** COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS: The President, Vice-President and ATA Delegate shall serve without compensation. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive an annual compensation in the amount determined by majority vote of the members and shall be reimbursed for any and all expenses incurred in the fulfillment of his duties.

## **ARTICLE IX - HONORARIUMS**

**SECTION I:** The Association shall award to the State Single Champion, or his runner-up, Ladies I, Ladies II, Singles Champion, Junior Singles Champion, Sub-junior Champion, Junior Gold singles Champion, Vet Singles Champion and Senior Vet Singles Champion should any represent the Sate in the Annual Champion of Champion's Race at the ATA Grand American tournament, a sum of money in an amount determined by majority vote of the members. An individual for each State Shoot may receive only one such award. The maximum amount to be given out by the WSTA will be \$1500.00. That amount is to be divided equally between the participants with a maximum amount being \$500.00 to each participant. (Amended 7/4/1997)

**SECTION II:** The Board of Directors of the Association may award an Honorary Life Membership, without payment of any further membership dues in the Association, to any member that has reached the age of sixty-five (65) and who, by his past actions, has contributed materially and beneficially to the sport of amateur trapshooting in the State of Wyoming and such Honorary Life Member shall have the privilege of attending any and all meetings of the Board of Directors to offer his advice and counsel for the good of the Association, except that he shall not vote at such Board of Directors meetings.

# **ARTICLE X - ATA DELEGATES**

**SECTION I:** As provided by the rules of the ATA this Association shall elect by a majority vote of the members at the Annual Meeting an official delegate and two (2) alternates, who shall be life members of the ATA, to the Annual Meeting of the ATA at Sparta, Illinois to represent the State of Wyoming. The ATA delegate or alternate when the delegate is not available, is to act as liaison between the WSTA Board of Directors and the ATA, and as such is a voting member of the WSTA Board of Directors. The WSTA will provide \$500.00 to the ATA Delegate of Alternate that will attend the Annual Meeting of the ATA. (Amended 7/4/1997)

## ARTICLE XI - HANDICAP AND CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

**SECTION I:** The Handicap and Classification committee of the Association shall consist of President, Vice-President and the ATA Delegate and all WSTA Directors and Alternates. The ATA Delegate shall act as chairman. It shall be known as the State Handicap Committee.(Amended 6/1/2005)

**SECTION II:** The State Handicap Committee shall handicap all Wyoming shooters according to the rules of the ATA.

**SECTION III:** The State Handicap Committee shall have the power to rule as to the eligibility of any shooter to qualify as a resident of the State of Wyoming for the purpose of becoming a member of the Association or to shoot as a Wyoming member at the Annual State Shoot, and the decision of the State Handicap Committee shall be final.

## **ARTICLE XII - HALL OF FAME**

**SECTION I:** The Association shall cause to be formed a Wyoming State Hall of Fame to honor outstanding contributors for the purpose of the Wyoming State Trapshooting Association.

**SECTION II:** The By-Laws and general conditions of the Wyoming State Hall of Fame shall become an incorporate part of these By-Laws.

# ARTICLE XIII - ORDER OF BUSINESS

**SECTION I:** the following shall be the order of business at all meetings of the Board of Directors, subject to variation by the will of the Board:

- 1. Roll call of officer
- 2. Reading of previous meeting minute
- 3. Correspondence
- 4. Secretary-Treasurer's report
- 5. Report of the committee
- 6. Unfinished business
- 7. New Business
- 8. For the good of the Association
- 9. Adjournment

**SECTION II:** The following shall be the order of business at all Annual Meetings of the general membership, subject to variations by the will of the membership:

- 1. Roll Call of Officers
- 2. Reading of previous meeting minutes
- 3. Report by the President regarding the condition of the Association and of the past year's activities.
- 4. Report by the Secretary-Treasurer
- 5. Report by the ATA Delegate
- 6. Elections to Hall of Fame
- 7. Election of Board of Directors
- 8. Election of ATA Delegates and 1st and 2nd Alternates
- 9. Old Business
- 10. New Business
- 11. For the good of the Association
- 12. Adjournment

# ARTICLE XIV - WYOMING STATE TRAP SHOOTING ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION 501 3C CHARITY

It was moved and second at the July 2nd 2011, State Shoot General Membership Meeting to create a 501 3C Foundation.

On January 6, 2012 the Wyoming State Trapshooting Board of Directors conducted a conference via telephone and e-mail. The purpose of the meeting was to set up the 501 3C Charity accounts.

The Foundation will be under the direction of three (3) WSTA members, they will be nominated as all other committee members and voted upon by the Officers and Board of Directors at the Annual Fall WSTA Meeting. Each term will be for three (3) years.

The function of the Foundation is to secure donations using the IRS 501 3C, giving the donor a 100% tax-deductible donation.

Three Board Members will invest and distribute any funds only when the Savings Account has reached the amount of \$100,000.00 or more. This will only be done with WSTA Board Approval.

## Inaugural Board Members are:

Gary Wilson, 7115 Maria East Ln., Cheyenne, WY, Term expires 2021 savings

Roxy Skogen, 104 S Wolcott, Suite 735, Casper, WY, Term expires 2019 savings

Gary Olson, 1122 Main St., Torrington, WY, Term expires 2020 - chk/savings

# **ARTICLE XV - AUDIT COMMITTEE**

At least two months prior to the annual meeting the President shall appoint three (3) members of the WSTA to be an audit committee. Two (2) members shall be chosen form the Board of Directors and one chosen from the general membership. All members of the committee shall be members of the ATA.

The duties of the audit committee will be to conduct a general audit of the financial records of the WSTA. The committee will then report their findings to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Such findings may include accuracy of the records and offer recommendations as to management of the funds and records.

The President may replace any member of the committee as necessary.

The WSTA Secretary-Treasurer shall provide the audit committee with all records as requested. (Amended 7/5/1993)

## **ARTICLE XVI - FISCAL YEAR**

**SECTION I:** The Fiscal Year for the Corporation shall begin on the 1st day of June of each year.

## ARTICLE XVII - ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

**SECTION 1:** The By-laws of the Association as adopted may from time to time be modified, changed, enlarged, amplified or amended by resolution, such changes should be adopted by a vote of a majority of voting members of the Association at the Annual Membership meeting. All proposed changes should be submitted in writing to the President prior to the first day of June immediately preceding the Annual Meeting. The President shall furnish a copy of the proposed changes or amendments to the remainder of the Board prior to June 10 in order that such changes

may be considered by the general membership prior to the Annual Meeting. (Amended 7/3/1992)

**SECTION II:** These By-Laws are hereby adopted with the express understanding that the Association is formed with a Not-For-Profit status, and that, should future unforeseen circumstances bring about the dissolution of the Association, the assets, after debt, would be donated to a Not-For-Profit organization that subscribes to the same basic ideals that brought about the formation of the Wyoming State Trapshooting Association.

**SECTION III:** These By-Laws are adopted by the general membership at this Membership Meeting held on this 3rd day of July 1981 at Laramie, Wyoming. Amendments are as noted.