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Outdoorsmen Converge on Clear Lake

On September 15, 2012, Roofers from various locals from around the country, along with brothers and sisters of other AFL-CIO unions, will converge on Clear Lake, Minnesota, for the Second Annual Twin Cities Sporting Clays Shoot, sponsored by the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers.

This important event will be held at Wild Marsh Sporting Clays for the benefit of the Union Sportsmen's Alliance (USA), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of uniting the union community to expand and improve hunting and fishing access and wildlife habitat throughout North America.

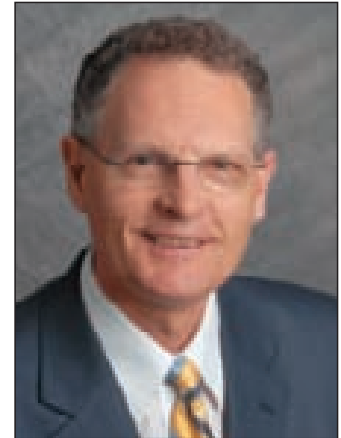
I personally invite Local Unions to field a team to compete with other Locals and enjoy a day of good fun and camaraderie. All proceeds from the event will go right back to work for you making the USA an even greater benefit for its members, while helping support the USA's national and local conservation efforts.

The USA holds 25 sporting clays and trap shooting competitions throughout the country each year. Last year's Roofers-sponsored event was the largest and most successful of any first-time USA shooting tournament, and I expect that through your involvement the 2012 event will be bigger and better yet. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the members and officers of Local 96, Minneapolis/St. Paul for their assistance and donated time to make these events a reality. You can find the USA shooting events schedule online at www.unionsportsmen.org.

Did you know that more than 70% of AFL-CIO union members hunt, fish, shoot or spend time in the great outdoors? It's a fact! And that is why your Union is involved with USA, working to create solidarity through the great outdoors by connecting union members on a lifestyle level. The USA is not just a club; it is a way for union members with a passion for the outdoors to unite for the protection of wildlife and the environment. It is a way to expand and improve hunting and fishing access. It is a way to assure

that our children and grandchildren will have the same opportunities that we have.

This year the USA celebrates its 5th anniversary. You can read more about what your organization has accomplished beginning on page 6. Among other things, you'll read about the launching of the "Boots on the Ground" conservation program, which brings together skilled union volunteers to tackle wildlife habitat and access projects, and about the TV



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show Brotherhood Outdoors, which features hardworking union sportsmen and women like you. Brotherhood Outdoors is the only 100% union-sponsored, union-dedicated TV program out there, and it was just voted by viewers as the Best Combination Hunting/Fishing Show on the Sportsman Channel.

Ask the Trustees

On page 19 you will find our newly created forum designed to answer questions from participants of the National Roofing Industry Pension Plan (NRIPP) and the National Roofing Industry Supplemental Pension Plan (NRISPP). This will be a regular feature of our magazine.

Whether you are a member nearing retirement or a newly indentured apprentice, your questions will be answered, with selected questions and answers printed in the next issue of the magazine.