



BREAK CLAY WITH TRMA *recap*

The energy was high and the camaraderie unmatched as TRMA members, partners, and supporters returned to the range on October 15th for this year's Breaking Clay with TRMA fundraising event. The popular sporting clays competition once again brought together a dedicated field of participants who were eager to support TRMA's mission — while enjoying a beautiful day outdoors.

Breaking Clay has become more than a sporting event — it is a powerful driver of TRMA's ongoing efforts to support our region, its workforce, and our member companies.

Celebrating Purpose and Progress

During this year's awards ceremony, TRMA Executive Director Ray Woodworth took the mic as emcee, offering a strong reminder that the spirit of this event goes far beyond a scorecard. His remarks underscored the significant progress TRMA continues to push forward:

- Expanding safety and workforce development support for regional manufacturers
- Growing partnerships that inspire the next generation of skilled workers
- Supporting the long-term solution for our region's critical water supply challenges
- Strengthening economic vitality through industry leadership and collaboration

Each clay broken feeds momentum for these vital initiatives — making every shot count.

Competition remained a highlight, and impressive shots were in no short supply! As always, the awards brought big smiles and well-earned bragging rights:

Top Shooter Award

- **Chad Both** — demonstrating once again the skill and consistency that makes him a standout on the leaderboard

Top Team Award

- **Mid-States Industrial** — continuing their legacy by securing the top honor and a place on the TRMA perpetual trophy

This beloved event is only possible through the strong support of TRMA's dedicated sponsors, whose partnership ensures Breaking Clay continues to thrive each year:

- Title Sponsor: Joliet Electric Motors
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The event would not be possible without the generosity of our incredible sponsors. Their continued commitment ensures Breaking Clay remains a strong annual tradition — one that empowers TRMA to serve our member community year-round.

Thank you for helping fuel this tradition — both on the range and across our community.

From improving workplace safety programs to developing tomorrow's manufacturing workforce, the impact of this event reaches far beyond the range. TRMA extends our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended, volunteered, sponsored, and participated — you are the reason this mission moves forward.

We look forward to seeing everyone back next year to take another shot at making a difference!



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