



# MSA News

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## ‘Straight’ from the President

### Greetings Shooters!

Another shooting season is in full swing! I hope you are getting out and enjoying the shooting. Our weather has finally changed and we are getting less wet and less cold. I hope to see each and every one of you at one of our registered shoots.

The Board of Directors met in April and the plans for the State Shoot in August are well under way. I hope to see all of you there. We have some great awards and trophies planned for our winners.

If you are interested in running for the Board in August, please contact me by phone or email (listed elsewhere in this issue) and submit your name for the ballot. Don't wait too long as we



George Gilliam

have to get the ballots out early.

The MSA website [www.michiganskeet.com](http://www.michiganskeet.com) has all kinds of information about our organization. Please go to it and use the wealth of information that you can find there. Feel free to contact me or

any of the other Board of directors if you have any questions or suggestions. See you at one of our shoots!

George

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# Information You May Want To Know!!

## PLEASE NOTE

Please send all articles and pictures to the Editor, Jane Carpenter @ itzshooter@comcast.net or mail to 16731 N. Gardenia, Fraser, MI 48026.

1) The MSA Board approved a reduction in the minimum target requirements, to align with the revised NSSA standards that make you eligible for the All State Teams and NSSA Teams for 2008/9. These may change in the future back to the original amounts, but until further notice the amounts required are: 12Gauge, 1,000 targets; 20 Gauge, 28 Gauge and .410 are 800 targets; Doubles, 500.

**The Next Annual Referee Clinic, Shoot scheduling and Board of Directors meeting** will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Saginaw Gun Club at 10:00 a.m. The Referee Clinic will be first, followed by the Shoot scheduling and the Board meeting.

As stated in the previous editions of this newsletter, we will not be mailing this newsletter any longer. So, if your friends don't have a computer or email, remember to print them off a copy so they can keep up to date on our association news. Please mail new email addresses to Trish Magyar at miskeet@comcast.net with a subject line of "eMSA news."

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**PLEASE NOTE:** When Filing your shoot reports, PLEASE remember to fill out a **FIRST 100'S REPORT** for the NSSA and KATHY WARNER (MSA). Otherwise our shooters do not get listed in the national publication.

**ALSO, PLEASE** send first 100'S names, date and event to **JANE CARPENTER** to assure the shooter gets a **MSA CERTIFICATE**.

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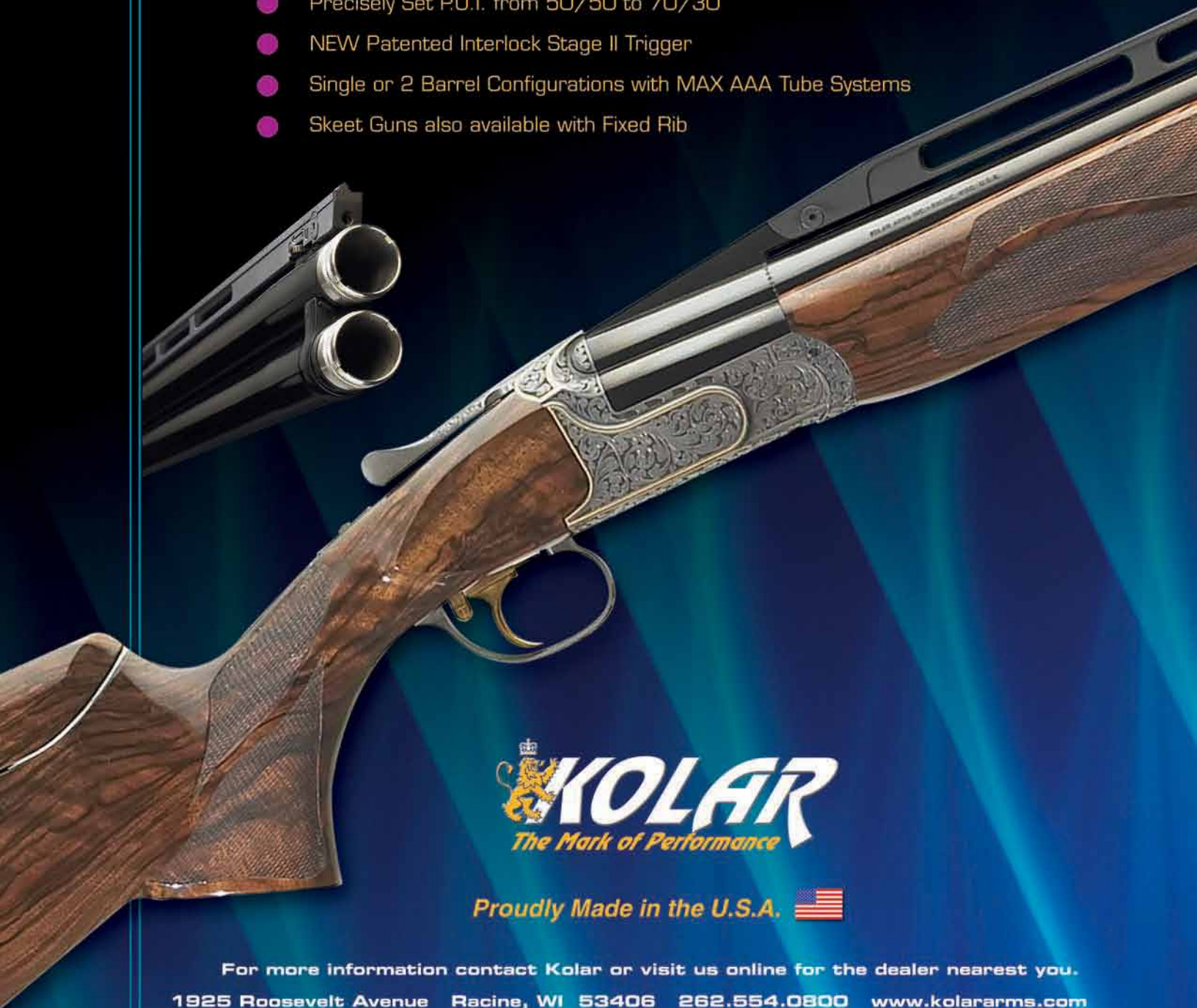
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# Tom Pavlack Makes It “Ten In A Row” Lou Raden High Volume Target Award

Congratulations to Michigan's 10,000 + in registered targets in 2010. The year 2010 found us with only (1) shooter who made the “10,000 registered targets” club. He will receive the beautiful 10,000 target pin award from the N.S.S.A. Headquarters with his name engraved on it. This year marks the tenth year for the Lou Raden Memorial High Target Award and it goes once again to Tom Pavlack.

As it says on the trophy in Lou's own words, “These shooters pay little heed to weather

conditions and here in Michigan we taste every possible weather condition known – when it's time to shoot – they do it!!

For all of his hard work, Tom will be the recipient of his tenth in a row, “Lou Raden Memorial High Volume Target Award.” Tom will receive this honor at the State Shoot Saturday night ceremonies in August.

Congratulations to Tom, the only Michigan shooter who shot over 10,000 registered targets. His total was 13,350!



Tom Pavlack

## Congrats to Our Shooters!!

# 2011 All Americans

With limited weather conditions in our State, it is very important to note that congratulations are in order for Michigan's Twelve N.S.S.A. 2011 All-Americans!!!! They are listed below:

### Open First Team

Kurt Grates, Utica

### Open –Honorable Mention

Brent Edwards, Royal Oak

### Lady Second Team

Trish Magyar, Rochester Hills

### Sub-Junior Second Team

Jeffrey P. Rimer, Woodhaven

### Triple-Sub–Honorable Mention

Pete Pantalena

### Sub-Sub Senior First Team

Kurt Grates, Utica

### Sub-Sub Senior Second Team

Dave Scott, Grand Haven

### Sub-Senior First Team

Al Magyar, Rochester Hills

### Sub-Senior Honorable Mention

George Gilliam, Jr., Mt. Morris

### Senior Honorable Mention

Pat Wusthoff, Ypsilanti

### Veteran–Honorable Mention

Roger O. Day, Linden

### Senior Veteran–Honorable Mention

Oliver R. Heth, Ortonville

# 2011 Honor Squad

To be considered, a shooter had to shoot concurrent standards and have the highest average increase over the previous year. Only three categories are considered: Men's Open, Ladies Team and Sub/Junior–Junior Team. Congratulations to our two shooters who made these teams!

### Mens Open Team

William Crawford, Washington

### Sub/Junior – Junior Team

Edward Bowker, Delton

# JOE GUN “TWO GUN BLAST”

By Terry R. Walsh

One thing you have to respect about Michigan skeeters: they are a tough bunch. Looking more like waterfowl hunters heading for the marshes, twenty-two shooters posted some excellent scores in spite of steady morning rains on April 16th. Thomas Holton and Mark Murphy both posted 99s in the 12 gauge event. Murphy won the shoot-off and the 12 Gauge Championship. Class winners were Ed Howe (A1), Thomas Holton (B1), Jim Schultz (C1), and Christina Banning (D1).

The lunch break was a welcome one. Andrea Schymanski headed up the kitchen staff, and shooters enjoyed homemade scalloped potatoes and ham, hot chicken noodle soup, fresh baked cookies and muffins, and plenty of hot coffee. Seconds were definitely the rule.

The rain remained relentless for the afternoon 20 gauge shoot, and the wind built steadily, gusting up to 20 mph. Douglas Haines, Thomas Holton, Len Smith and Terry Walsh all posted 95s. Walsh outlasted the other three in the shoot-off and claimed the 20 Gauge Championship. Class winners were Douglas Haines (A1), Len Smith (B1), Justin Broecker (C1), Jim Schultz (D1), and Grant Murphy (E1).

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Mark Murphy



Terry Walsh takes 20 Gauge Event



Justin Broecker shoots 1st 50 straight



Tom Holton takes HOA

# 2011 Class All American Teams

## *Congratulations to our 17 Winners in Michigan!*

Class All-American Teams have replaced Class All-Zone Teams and provide more opportunity for individual shooter recognition. The points race is updated regularly on this page so shooters know their standings in the race throughout the year.

Calculation is objective, based on numbers only. The first requirement for eligibility is that NSSA minimum registered target standards must be shot: 800 12-gauge; 500 20-gauge, 28-gauge, and .410 bore; and 300 doubles targets. Targets must be shot at registered shoots or in registered leagues to count for this recognition.

Points are awarded based on the number of competitors in each class in a shoot, eliminating geographical differences, and are awarded at registered shoots as follows:

- 100 % of the class points listed below are awarded if there are 50 or more shooters in the class in attendance.
- 75 % of the class points are awarded if there are between 30 and 49 shooters in the class in attendance.
- 50 % of the class points are awarded if there are between 10 and 29 shooters in the class in attendance.
- 25 % of the class points

are awarded if there are fewer than 10 shooters in the class in attendance.

Maximum points awarded:

- 100 points for class 1st in a 100-target event
- 75 points for class 2nd in a 100-target event
- 50 points for class 3rd in a 100 target event

Points are awarded proportionately based on the number of targets shot. For example, a 50-target event would provide 50 points for class 1st; 37 points for class 2nd; and 25 points for class 3rd.

Event Champion, runner-up and third will get 100 points in their class.

All shooters in classes AAA thru E are eligible if they are classified in the 4 guns (12, 20, 28, and .410) and have shot the Class All-American minimum targets, including the 300 Doubles targets. Here is how the program works:

- Selection will be based on HOA Class at the beginning of the shooting year. The calculation of the HOA for new shooters will be based on the first 5 events of the current year that are used to establish their classification in each of the 4 guns. Targets shot at these 5 events will also count towards the Class All American



minimum target requirements.

• If you are selected for an Open All-American Team, you are not eligible for consideration. Selection for an All-American Concurrent Team is not a factor. You could be selected for both teams.

• League class places will count and be included at the end of the year.

• Monthly targets will not be considered.

• There is no additional administrative burden for our clubs. The computer will automatically assign points based on reported class wins and places 2nd and 3rd.

• There is no need to travel away from your local area. Shoot at your surrounding clubs and have an equal chance for consideration.

• Open All-American will be selected first, then Class All-Americans to insure there is no duplication.

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# 2011 Class All American Teams

## *Congratulations to our 17 Winners in Michigan!*

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The following teams will be selected in classes AAA-E for a total of 245 shooters each year.

**1st team** – 10 shooters – Will receive Class All-American Team Pin and Patch, Recognition Certificate, and Letter of Congratulations

**2nd team** – 10 shooters – Will receive Class All-American Team pin and Recognition Certificate

**Honorable Mention Team** – 15 shooters – Will receive pin and certificate.

All will be listed in the annual Records Annual and in *Skeet Shooting Review*.

### Congratulations to our great Michigan shooters!

#### AAA Class Teams

Howie Bailey, Honorable Mention

#### A Class Teams

Tom Pavlack, First Team

Pat Wusthoff, First Team

Rich Curlett, Second Team

David Pratt, Honorable Mention

#### B Class Team

Terry Eicholtz. Second Team

#### C Class Team

Dan Hankinson, First Team

Edward Bowker, Second Team

Richard Trawinski, Second Team

Ed Bowker, Honorable Mention

#### D Class Team

Jerry Barefoot, Honorable Mention

Richard Rine, Honorable Mention

Kent Dolmyer, Honorable Mention

#### E Class Team

Sharon Barefoot, Second Team

Spencer Marsden, Second Team

Garrett Curlette, Second Team

Jim Van Eaton, Honorable Mention

## JOE GUN “TWO GUN BLAST”

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Thomas Holton won the HOA Championship with a fine 194. Class winners were Terry Walsh (A1), Len Smith (B1), William Schymanski (C1), and Jim Schultz (D1).

The rain stopped just long enough for pictures and a “Hat Shoot” honoring promising young shooter Justin Broecker, who shot his first registered “50”. Congratulations Justin!

A special thanks to our lead sponsor, Joe Gun Sporting Goods in Sanford, and to Chuck’s Auto Body, also in Sanford, for their generous support. Thanks, too, to all the shooters and referees who braved the elements and made the shoot successful. As always, Building and Grounds Manager Kelly Vilet had the club in top shape for the event.

# Michigan's Ten Best!

## “All State Team”

After a very successful new format, starting in 1997, that calls for no individual to appear on more than one team, the Michigan Board of Directors voted on continuation of this system to elect Michigan Teams. The 10 All-Staters will be on that team only. Then in order, according to gun averages, the five highest shooters in each of the four gauges and doubles, followed by the Concurrent H.O.A. winners.

To qualify for the “All-State Team,” members had to shoot the National “Standards” of 1,200-12 gauge, and 1,000 each of 20, 28, .410 and 500 doubles. They will be listed on the plaque in our Hall of Fame at the Detroit Gun Club, will receive belt buckles and certificates and will receive the right to wear our \*Josten made “All-State” ring. The team in order of averages is listed below: (Please note: Due to the economy the “standards” were reduced both Nationally and in Michigan until further notice. 12 Gauge: 1,000; 20, 28 & .410: 800; and Doubles: 500).

### 2011 All-State Team

1)	Kurt Grates, Captain – Utica	.9901
2)	Dave Scott, Grand Haven	.9847
3)	Al Magyar, Jr., Rochester Hills	.9824
4)	Brent Edwards, Royal Oak	.9821
5)	Howie Bailey, West Olive	.9771
6)	George Gilliam, Jr., Burton	.9748
7)	Dave Schiebel, Kalamazoo	.9707
8)	Pat Wusthoff, Ypsilanti	.9663
9)	Ray Pollister, Elk Rapids	.9648
10)	Bob O'Brien, Ray	.9606

### Our Michigan High Gun Teams and Concurrent H.O.A. winners

Our Michigan High Gun Teams and Concurrent H.O.A. winners (except Senior Veteran & Sub-Junior: 700; 500; 400; 400; 300 & Rookie: 700; 500; 500; 500; 300, being less) qualified for this honor by shooting the following minimum targets in two (2) gauges: 1,000-12 gauge, and 800 each of 20, 28, .410 and 500 for the doubles team. They will receive belt buckles and certificates and are listed below in order of guns.

### 12 Gauge Team

1. Denny Tanis, South Lyon
2. Rich Curlett, Rochester Hills
3. Trish Magyar, Rochester Hills
4. Ken Cochran, Livonia
5. David Pratt, South Rockwood

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# All State Team

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## 20 Gauge Team

1. Larry Crites, Farmington Hills
2. Ryan O'Leary, Battle Creek
3. Jim Sykes, Belleville
4. Dave Ewers, Leonard
5. Dave Ruokolainen, Gwinn



Kurt Grates



Dave Scott

## 28 Gauge Team

1. Glenn Ulbrich, Oxford
2. Lauren Best, Howell
3. Duane Lamley, Blissfield
4. Tom Pavlack, Otsego
5. Pete Pantalena, Sterling Heights



Al Magyar



Brent Edwards

## .410 Team

1. John McGinnis, Westland
2. Doug Keister, Dearborn
3. Ed Howe, Oscoda
4. Jeffrey Rimer, Woodhaven
5. Don Nelson, Grand Haven



Howie Bailey



George Gilliam

## Doubles Team

1. Edward Bowker, Delton
2. Mike Pepper, Grand Haven
3. Jeff Strauss, Spring Lake
4. Dan Doubblestien, Otsego
5. Ken Meyers, Jenison

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# All State Team

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## 2011 Michigan Concurrent H.O.A.'s

**Sub-Junior:** Garrett Curlett, Rochester Hills

**Junior:** Nick Sage, Saranac

**Sub-Sub-Senior:** Christina Baning, Flint

**Sub-Senior:** John Massman, Livonia

**Senior:** Len Smith, Grand Blanc

**Veteran:** Roger O. Day, Linden

**Senior Veteran:** Oliver (Bob) Heth, Ortonville

**Lady:** Loraine Malloy, Macomb

**Retired Military:** Mike McDade, Riverview

**Rookie:** Jerry Barefoot, West Bloomfield



Dave Schiebel



Pat Wusthoff



Ray Pollister



Bob O'Brien

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**Resounding Congratulations to all 45 members of our Michigan Teams!!!**

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# THE 2011 CLARK BROWN OPEN

by Rick Trawinski

The Detroit Sportsmen's hosted it's first 500 target of the 2011 campaign, The Clark Brown Open, on April 15,16 and 17th. As the "skeet gods" would have it, this was a good news and bad news affair. The good news was if you were expecting rain, snow and winds exceeding 45 mph, this was your shoot. If this was not your cup of tea, then this is where the bad news comes in.

The Doubles Event started on Friday to winds in the steady 20 - 25 mph range. Many a shooter thought they were on a sporting clays course, as low house targets on station one were traveling directly over the high house. Saturday's morning conditions were a "bit" easier as the winds calmed down but the rain greeted the competitors. Oddly enough Event Champ Rich Curlett came out of the Saturday shooters as well as Runner Up - Rick Marsh and Event 3rd Kent Dolmyer. Class winners were A-1 Pete Pantalena, B-1 Gordon Novak, C-1 John Klida, and D-1 Frank Pantalena.

The good news again was that the rain stopped, even though it looked as if it could at any time. The bad news back came the winds. With mother nature's breath howling at a constant 20 - 25 mph, the 12 gauge event began. After fighting the wind and very sporting targets, Mike Delgado came out as the 12 gauge



Garrett Curlett shoots "First 50" in registered targets

event winner after a shoot off with Frank Pantalena who ended up Runner up, while 3rd went to Jeff Desano. Class winners were A-1 Pete Pantalena, B-1 Rich Curlett, C-1 Rick Trawinski, D-1 Jane Carpenter, and E-1 Garret Curlett. Garrett not only broke his first 25 straight in the 12 gauge but decided to tack on another for 50 straight. You had better watch out Rich as "The Legends" offspring is on you tail.

After a slight break the 28 gauge event began. Mother nature took it's toll on most of the shooters except young Gordon Novak. Gordon managed to brave the elements and post a fine 97 to take the Event Champ title, with the father and son duo of Frank and Pete Pantalena battling it out for Runner up and 3rd. Pete came out victorious and took the runner up title while dad had to lick his wounds and settle for third.

Class winners were Rich Curlett A-1, John Klida B-1, Bill Crawford C-1, and Gerald Novak D-1. After battling the winds on Friday and Saturday it had to get better, right?

With the first 2 days in the books, day 3 started out as Saturday left off, only more interesting. The winds increased from a constant 20 - 25 to a constant 35 with gusts up to 50 mph. Who said it couldn't get worse. In the 20 gauge scores plummeted like the temperatures and Rich "The Legend" Curlett managed to crush 96 of the "orange devils" to win the event, while Gordon Novak and Pete Pantalena were Runner up and 3rd respectively. Class winners were Jeff Desano B-1, Mike Delgado C-1 and Gerald Novak D-1.

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# THE 2011 CLARK BROWN OPEN

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If the 20 gauge wasn't humbling enough, now it was time to bring out the .410!!! On top of it the weather conditions deteriorated (who thought they could) to wind and snow showers. Ah, spring in Michigan. Of all the entries only one shooter managed to put a nine as the first number in his score and that was Pete Pantalena. Pete took the event with a fine 91 in the worst conditions of the weekend. With score in the "teens" on many a score sheet, the shooters began to limp in. Event Runner up went to Gordon Novak (can anyone tell him he should take up fishing) while 3rd went to Rich Curlett. Class winners were B-1 Bill Crawford, C-1

Kent Dolmyer and D-1 Jim Van Eaton.

Now all that was left to do was tally the weekend scores and see how the "Armageddon Open" played out. HOA title went to Pete Pantalena, with Gordon Novak Runner up and Rich Curlett 3rd. Class winners were B-1 Rick Trawinski, C-1 Bill Crawford, D-1 Jim Van Eaton and E-1 Garrett Curlett. The HAA title again went to Pete Pantalena with Rich Curlett Runner up and Gordon Novak 3rd. The final event of the weekend to be determined was the handicapped watch shoot and that title went to Frank Pantalena, way to go Frank!!

With The Clark Brown Open in the books we want to take time to thank all our sponsors, Lawry Shooting Sports, Medical Weight Loss Centers, Family Dentistry, Paxton Arms, Decot, Hodgdon, Briley, MEC, Lonesome Charlie's and Weingartz. Next we want to thank all the volunteers with a special thanks to Kristen Pantalena, who without out their help our shoot wouldn't be what it has become.

Remember to mark your calendars for August 5-6-7 for the Ted Hanaford / Great Lakes Open. With over \$2,500 in "guaranteed" money and prizes it is a shoot worth attending!

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# The Genesee Sportsman's Club Shamrock Open

By Jane Carpenter

The day started looking pretty but it was darn cold out there. We skirted the raindrops all weekend and wondered "where is Spring?" It was May 21st but no one would have know it. But 22 shooters faced the crazy wether and went out to shoot.

The Doubles event saw George Gilliam take the outright championship with a perfect 100. AA1 went to Denny Tanis; A1 went to Rich Curlett with 90; B1 was won



George Gilliam takes Doubles



Fred Richards takes 12 Gauge Event



Bob Refice takes 28 Gauge Event



Terry Walsh takes 20 Gauge Event

by Gene Hill; B2 was John Klida; C1 went to Ed Howe; C2 to Terry Walsh; and D1 to Bill Crawford.

The 12 Gauge event brought no perfect scores and was won with a 99 by Fred Richard. AA was won on the field with a shoot off between Denny Tanis and George Gilliam with nice 97's.

Denny took AA1. A1 was won by Terry Walsh with a 97 and A2 went to Ed Howe with his 95. B1 went to Rich Curlett with a lovely 98. C1 was taken by Gene Hill; and C2 by Christina Baning. D1 was Jane Carpenter and D2 went to Tony Bierek.

In the 20 Gauge event we once again had no perfect scores but

Terry Walsh took the event with his lovely 99. Denny Tanis took AA1 with a 98 and George Gilliam took AA2. A1 went to Rich Curlett; B1 went to Rick Trawinski; and B2 to John Klida. C1 was Gene Hill: and C2 was Tom Irish. D1 went to Garrett Curlett and D2 to Gene Swanson.

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# The Genesee Sportsman's Club Shamrock Open

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The shooting being done, some headed for dinner, and some headed for their motor homes or trailers, and some headed to the local restaurant for a bite of dinner. The day was over.

Sunday arrived with some sun and out to the fields we went!

The 28 Gauge shooters headed for the fields. No 100's were to be found and the event was taken by a 99 shot by Bob Refice. AA1 went to George Gilliam. A1 was won by Pete Pantalena; A2 by Ed Howe; B1 was taken by Frank Pantalena; and B2 by Gene Hill. C1 went to Bob Edwards and C2 went to Christina Baning. D1 went to Gordon Novak.

The squads headed out for the .410 event. The .410 event once again brought no perfect scores. The title of event champ went to Pete Pantalena with a nice 96. A1 went to George Gilliam; and A2 was Ed Howe. B1 went to Rich Curlett; and B2 was Gordon Novak. C1 was taken by Rich Trawinski; C2 by Frank Pantalena. D1 was Christina Baning and D2 was Garrett Curlett.

The HOA went to George Gilliam with runner-up taken by Rich Trawinski. A1 went to Ed Howe; B1 was won by Rich Curlette; C1 was taken by Gene Hille; D1 went to Christina Baning; and D2 to Garrett Curlette.



Pete Pantalena takes 410 Event



George Gilliam takes the HOA Event and Rich Trawinski takes Runner-up

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Rockford Sportsman's Club	Dan Vincent	(616) 490-4067
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Wayne County Sportsman's Club	Dave Pratt	(734) 728-8144
West Walker Sportsmans Club	Rick Zandstra	(616) 204-6240

## MICHIGAN SKEET ASSOCIATION Register Shoot Publicity Recap Form

**ATTENTION SHOOT MANAGEMENT: Please file this form with your check to MSA.**

This form was developed to enable you to provide some basic and vital information to the MSA for the purpose of developing a write-up for your shoot. This write-up will appear in the next available issue of the MSA News. Your association, as well as your club members and guests, will appreciate your efforts. Please print or type clearly so we can record this information accurately. Thank you for your help.

**CLUB NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF SHOOT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHOOT DATE(S):** \_\_\_\_\_ **NUMBER OF SHOOTERS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**INTERESTING SHOOT FACTS (Number of shoot anniversary, ie. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual, etc.; brief bio of person who shoot is named after; name and thanks to sponsors, if any; charity recognition, if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**WINNERS & SCORES (Please be accurate with spelling of names)**

**HOA WINNER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HAA WINNER** \_\_\_\_\_

**12 GAUGE WINNER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **20 GAUGE WINNER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**28 GAUGE WINNER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **.410 WINNER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LADY HOA WINNER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUNIOR HOA WINNER** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHOOT CHAIRPERSON:** \_\_\_\_\_

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