

October 2016

President's Message

The Skeet Season in Michigan may be winding down but there are multiple opportunities to shoot fall targets. Check the calendar on the MSA Website and support our clubs!

The Michigan State Skeet Championships was a huge success. Please go to the MSA website as the results have been posted. In addition, you will find the results at the Detroit Gun Club website and photos on the MSA Facebook page. Congratulations to all the winners and those who placed and won awards. It appeared that the Friday night awards was a great idea as it certainly provided more time to honor all those who won awards and the Saturday evening Hall of Fame was provided additional time. The 2nd Annual Big Gun Handicap was held on Thursday before the State Shoot and it was a huge success. Congratulations to all who won and placed. The added money is a bonus! Please mark your calendars for next year's State Shoot (August 24th-27th) and plan to attend.

A special thanks to all who worked tirelessly to host the Michigan State Skeet Championships. The Detroit Gun Club was most gracious and provided a terrific venue for the shoot. Many thanks to Scott and Debbie Behnke and all of their staff as they worked tirelessly to provide a first class shooting opportunity!

Please join me in thanking all Board of Directors for their efforts to host the State Shoot. The State Shoot is one of the primary responsibilities of the Board. They are working to make your skeet shooting opportunity a success!



Please check the statistics below for participation at the State Shoot:

- 4 gun participants 97
- 5 gun participants 88
- Total number of participants 125
- Number of Sub Junior and Junior participants 19

This data demonstrates that participant numbers have decreased. The Board of Directors will be considering possible reasons and solutions to the issue.

Following the election at the State Shoot, Bill Nielsen has been elected to the Board and will begin serving at our next board meeting. Also, John Fournier has resigned his position as a board member. John was a valued member of the Board and will be missed. John's contributions over the years are well recognized. Thank you for your work!

The following membership data is the most recent available.

- There are 27 Life Members in the MSA
- There are 374 Sub Junior and Junior Shooters in Michigan
- There are 190 paid members of the MSA in 2016

Michigan and the entire MSA can be very proud of the attendance at the recent Mini and World Championships. There were 33 MSA members in attendance at both events. That is the second largest State Attendance at both shoots. Congratulations to all that participated. Please see the NSSA/NSCA website and check the scores of the Mini and World Championships. You will find that Michigan shooters did very well by placing in the top three, class and concurrent places. Just to name several participants that did very well are Al Magyar, Gordon Novak, Brent Edwards and Tom Pavlack. There are just too many people to mention that demonstrated accomplishments so please go online and check out the results. Congratulations to Gordon Novak, who, at the National Hall of Fame Banquet, received the 28 gauge High Average Leader Award.

A good friend of Michigan Skeet won the 28 Gauge World Championship. Bruce Christian from Indiana is a well-known participant at Michigan Skeet shoots as the majority of his target are shot in Michigan. The entire MSA congratulates Bruce for his accomplishment.

Mark your calendars! The annual MSA Meetings will be held November 5, 2016 at the Saginaw Gun Club. Prior to the MSA Board Meeting is the Referee Clinic (beginning at 10 am) and 2016 Shoot Scheduling Meeting will immediately follow. Please be reminded that the Board of Directors approved a 50 mile rule which took effect at the beginning of 2016. Clubs may now schedule shoots on the same days providing they are at least 50 miles apart.