



MSA News

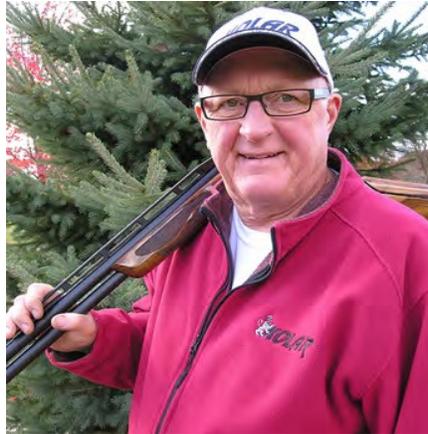
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‘Straight’ from the President’

The 2014 Skeet season is in the record books. I trust that each of you had a successful season by enjoying the many shooting opportunities. The Michigan State Shoot was again a huge success. Congratulations to everyone who won, placed and had a successful shoot. A special thanks to the Detroit Gun Club for their hospitality and all the great staff. Preparing and hosting the Michigan State Shoot requires the assistance of the MSA Board of Directors. Each member of the Board must be recognized for their contributions to make the shoot a huge success. There are so many tasks/duties that must be completed for everyone to have a great shooting experience! If you missed the Michigan State Shoot, please plan to attend next year. Based upon the information available, there were 112 HOA participants and we threw 57,400 targets. The number of targets thrown was down from the previous year. Let's make every effort to support our Michigan State Shoot.

We welcome Jerry Barefoot to the MSA Board of Directors. The MSA membership continues to grow. As of November 1, 2014, the total membership was 631 with 344 Junior Shooters represented. There are 25 lifetime members. Total, we have 107 new Junior Shooters and 22 new members since January 1, 2014. Each of you can be very proud of your contributions to the Michigan Skeet Association. Your Association is the 5th largest in the country based upon membership.

There is a change with dues cards for MSA members. As always, in January members will receive a notice that dues shall be paid. Upon paying your dues, a list of paid members will be posted on the website. MSA membership renewals will not receive a dues card. If you are a new



member during the coming year, upon paying your dues, you will receive a membership card indicating that you are now a member of the MSA.

Great news! The Jackson County Sportsman Club has now joined the MSA and will be throwing registered targets during the 2015 skeet season. Please make every effort to attend their one-day shoots and help them get started in our great sport. The contact information will be available on the website. The MSA now has 19 member clubs.

The MSA held its winter meeting on November 1, 2014. The Referee Clinic was held with many from across the state participating and becoming certified for 2015. The Scheduling of shoots in Michigan for 2015 was completed. Please be reminded that the MSA Board adopts the Shoot Schedule. Therefore, shoot dates cannot be arbitrarily changed. If a club experiences an issue with a shoot date, contact David Schiebel to initiate the possible change process.

The MSA Board of Directors held its meeting and addressed a full agenda. The MSA Newsletter has changed slightly. As you have shooting news become available at your clubs, please type, add any

pictures and send to Jane Carpenter for proofing and review.

We will now publish the "MSA News" on the MSA website, as the information becomes available. Trish Magyar, our webmaster, will post all information received on the MSA website under "MSA News" Therefore, your "Michigan skeet news" is quickly available for all to enjoy. The MSA news is only as good as the information being sent to Jane Carpenter from the member clubs. I ask each club to participate by writing a monthly news/information article (with pictures) and forward to Jane Carpenter. The Friendship Shoot will continue to be part of the State Shoot exactly as in 2014. How the Top 10 state team is selected was discussed with several new ideas presented. Beginning in 2015, the All-State Team (Top Ten) will be selected based on the years HOA average. The lowest two scores in each gauge will not be eliminated. The AAA class will be available in all guns and HOA at the State Shoot. The issue of requiring a minimum number of targets to be shot in Michigan was addressed. There was a full and complete discussion with multiple concepts and views presented. The Board of Directors determined the MSA will not require a minimum number of targets to be shot in Michigan.

The offer was again made to host a preliminary shoot on Thursday before the State Shoot. There are positives and challenges to hosting this shooting event. The Board determined to revisit the concept and have further discussion at the April meeting.

As always, please contact me with your questions or comments. Enjoy the winter months and continue to shoot targets!