



# MSA NEWS

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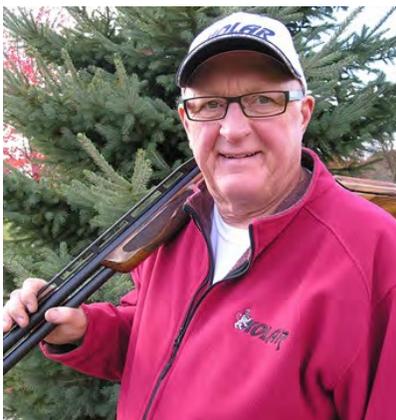
## Straight from the President

The Skeet Season in Michigan may be slowing down but there remains multiple opportunities to shoot targets. Fall registered shoots can be a most enjoyable time of the year.

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 a Summary of the Shoot with pictures. An added plus is a Summary of the Big Gun Handicap event held on August 27, 2015, the day before the beginning of the Michigan Skeet Championships. This added opportunity to shoot targets became a huge success. Great fun was had by all. This event has grown for next year. At this time, from donations across the state, the added money is now \$1,000. Remember the event is handicapped in an effort to provide successful opportunities to all shooters. A big thank you to Denny Tanis for bringing forth the idea of the handicapped shoot and helping to fund the event.

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. A huge thank you to Scott and Debbie Behnke and all of their staff that worked tirelessly to provide a first class shooting opportunity!

The MSA welcomes Al Magyar and Mike Stewart as they were elected to the MSA Board.



Many thanks to Jim Moll and Tom Pavlack for many years of service to the MSA Board!

The following information has been shared previously but it requires further discussion.

- There are 27 Life Members in the MSA
- There are 375 Sub Junior and Junior Shooters in Michigan
- There are 182 paid members of the MSA in 2015

Upon review, it is easy to see the need to increase club and registered shooters. Individually, to participate in our sport requires significant time and financial support. I am asking all the clubs in Michigan to think deeply about increasing the number of participants in the MSA. Please, at your club meetings have thorough discussion regarding how to increase the paying MSA members. The MSA now has 20 clubs providing registered shooting opportunities. With the additional shoots added to the calendar the participation levels at the shoots may even decrease. Therefore the need to increase the number of registered shooters is paramount.

The annual MSA Meeting will be held November 7, 2015 at the Saginaw Gun Club. Prior to the MSA Board Meeting is the Referee Clinic and Shoot Scheduling Meeting (beginning at 10 am) for 2016. Please be reminded that the Board of Directors approved a 50 mile rule which takes effect in 2016. Clubs may not schedule shoots on the same day, providing they are at least 50 miles apart.

MSA will publish the "MSA News" on the MSA website. The individual clubs must generate the information and forward to Jane Carpenter. (Jane's email is available on the MSA website.) All clubs are asked to participate by writing registered shoot reports (and other club information) with pictures (if possible) and forward to Jane Carpenter. It would be great to have each club sending monthly reports/information to be posted. Upon review of your information by Jane Carpenter, it will be forwarded to Trisl Magyar, the webmaster, and posted on the MSA website under "MSA News". Hence, your "Michigan Skeet News" is current for all to enjoy. The MSA news is as good as the clubs participating.

Congratulations to Brent Edwards for winning two World Championships. Brent is a World Champion in the 411 bore and Champ of Champs!

Mark your Calendars!

November 7, 2015: Referee Clinic Scheduling Meeting and MSA Board Meeting at the Saginaw Gun Club beginning at 10 am.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email or by telephone.