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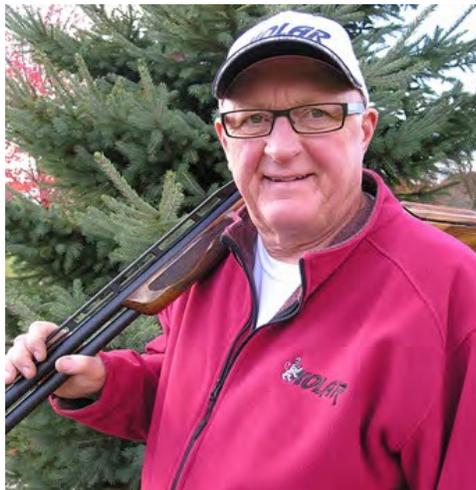
## President's Message

The 2015 skeet year is nearly in the record books. I trust that you were successful by enjoying our sport, achieving your goals and above all having fun shooting targets!

The MSA held its annual meeting on November 7, 2015 at the Saginaw Gun Club. Many thanks for the hospitality. There was a significant turn out for the Referee Clinic led by Trish Magyar. We have many certified referees in Michigan. The Scheduling Meeting moved forward and our member clubs establishing their shoots for the 2016 skeet season. There are multiple opportunities to shoot skeet targets throughout the coming year.

On the MSA website you will now find an interactive calendar which is absolutely fantastic! You can go to the calendar, view the shoots in Michigan for the 2016 year and actually download them to your personal calendars. In addition, you will find SCTP events, other major shooting events and holidays. I urge you to spend time learning and using the many features of the calendar. Many thanks to Trish Magyar for creating and posting this calendar!

At the MSA Board of Directors Meeting, there was an in-depth discussion regarding the advancement of skeet shooting in Michigan and throughout the country. We all know the many reasons why our sport may not be growing like other clay target sports. But the real question is what we can do about it? The MSA, as noted earlier provides many opportunities to shoot targets but the data demonstrates the number of targets shot are not increasing. The number of members of the MSA is holding relatively steady.



The Board fully realizes that the future of the sport rests with attracting participants focusing on the youth, recruiting parents, adults and others to the sport. Ideas that can be immediately implemented at the club level:

- Move the 12 gauge event to Sunday. In other words work down, .410, 28, 20 and 12. This provides for the "big guns" to be shot on the same day and may attract one gun shooters. This is something each club can do this year!
- Engage the parents of the Junior and Sub-Junior shooters.
- Open a flight of 12 gauge for Juniors and Sub Juniors.
- Start a SCTP Program.
- Begin coaching Juniors and Sub Juniors.
- Contact Lorraine Malloy for insight regarding SCTP, Juniors and Sub Juniors.

The Board approved a Complimentary Limited Membership for the MSA. A new shooter, never previously registered with the NSSA or MSA will be granted a Complimentary Limited Membership for one year. No dues are required for the complimentary year. At the conclusion of

the complimentary year, the individual must pay dues. This opportunity nearly mirrors what the NSSA offers "new" registered shooters.

A discussion occurred regarding the reporting of shoot reports to the NSSA. Whenever possible, clubs should always award Champion, Runner Up and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at any shoot in Michigan. For each class, please award 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Now, of course, you must have the participants in the class (and shoot) to award the places. By reporting shoot results in this manner, it maximizes the opportunity for attaining Class All American points. As an example, winning a class at the Motor State carries the same weight as winning a class at a 10 person shoot. Hence, the Board is asking member clubs to please recognize and award the places available. This request is an attempt to standardize the shoot reporting to the NSSA by all clubs in the MSA.

Please be reminded to submit pictures and shoot results to be posted in the MSA News on the website. Your club news is important to all.

Finally, please recognize all those who volunteer their time and effort at each club to advance skeet shooting (clay target shooting) in Michigan. A special thanks to all Board members for their service to the Michigan Skeet Shooting Association. Thanks to Brent Edwards for the "new" design of the President's Message!

Enjoy your holiday season with family and friends. Merry Christmas to all!

If you have any questions, thoughts or ideas please contact me by email at [djschieb@gmail.com](mailto:djschieb@gmail.com) or cell phone at (269) 998-5321