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President's Message

The 2016 Skeet season is under way with many "winter" registered skeet shooting events.

The next time you are at the Detroit Gun Club, please take the opportunity to peruse and view the history of your sport via the many plaques and awards. It provides a wealth of information regarding history, accomplishments and individual contributions. Michigan is very lucky as we have had many individuals (over the years) dedicate countless hours for the advancement of skeet. History is a tremendous indicator of where we are moving for the future. Please be certain to thank Jane Carpenter for her continuous work to keep the awards up to date for all to enjoy. Jane's long time work is a valuable contribution for keeping the history of the MSA alive!

Membership in the MSA/NSSA is critical for the growth of skeet. Please find several statistics that provide valuable information as we envision the future.

Membership 2014

Lifetime Members – 25
Paid Members – 200
Jr. and Sub Junior Members – 344
Unpaid Dues in 2014 – 62
Total – 631

Membership 2015

Lifetime Members – 27
Paid Members – 210
Jr. and Sub Junior Members – 380
Unpaid Dues in 2014 – 70
Total – 687

Targets Shot in Michigan

2014 – 515,642
2015 – 506,389

Registered Scheduled Shoots

2014 – 91
2015 – 96



Several observations from the information; Juniors and Sub Juniors are the major portion of the membership. Believe me, we need the young ladies and gentleman as we all know they are the future of the sport. The unpaid dues number is the wild card as these folks may pay their dues during the coming year. There is a need to recruit paid, participating members. The total number of targets decreased in 2015 but the number of registered shoots increased. It is a positive to have available multiple shooting opportunities. As an organization we must support any MSA member regardless of where they elect to shoot targets. Choice is good. Each gun club is encouraged to have thorough discussion regarding methods of recruiting new members to skeet shooting. The NSSA offers assistance with a concept referred to as the Skeet Boot Camp. Individual gun clubs may build off of this concept by designing and implementing their own recruiting opportunities. The end result is to recruit and maintain new registered skeet shooters.

As discussed in a prior communication, at your upcoming registered shoots the MSA is asking that individual clubs develop a different shoot order. That is provide a shoot order as follows:

410 bore, 28 gauge, 20 gauge and then 12 gauge. This may assist in increasing participation particularly with the 20 and 12 gauge.

The MSA needs your help to maintain an up to date address list. If you move please notify Kathy Warner of your address change so your communication from the MSA is seamless!

Please use the website to stay informed of skeet shooting in Michigan. The latest membership list has been posted for your review and use. 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 our sport.

Everyone has received their "new magazine from the NSSA-Clay Target Nation! What a terrific addition to the clay target shooting sports. Undoubtedly it is a first class communication effort by the NSSA. If you are interested in reviewing the Scoreboard and Upcoming Shoots from NSSA, a website has been designed www.claytargetnation.com In addition, the magazine is also posted on this location. Please go to the website and check it out!!

If you are not receiving Target Talk from the NSSA, I strongly encourage you to do so. Target Talk is the ongoing, online communication update produced by the NSSA. Just sign up via the link on the NSSA website and it will be delivered to your email.

The next MSA Board of Directors Meeting will be held at Detroit Gun Club April 2nd beginning at approximately 7:00 pm. If you have any questions, thoughts or ideas please contact me by email or cell phone at: djschieb@gmail.com or (269) 998-5321.

Enjoy your skeet shooting opportunities!