

December 2016

President's Message

The 2016 skeet year is drawing to a close. 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 5, 2016 at the Saginaw Gun Club. A special thanks to the Saginaw Gun Club for hosting the day-long meetings, which include the Referee Clinic, Scheduling Meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting. The Referee Clinic attendance was down which means we will not have as many registered referees in Michigan next year. But, if you wish to hold a Referee's Clinic at your Gun Club, please contact Trish Magyar and she will assist you! The Scheduling Meeting went smoothly with some clubs moving dates. Sadly, three clubs have withdrawn from the MSA for the coming year, Bay County, Jackson County and Island Lake. These clubs will not be hosting registered shoots in 2017.

The 2017 Shoot Calendar is now posted on the MSA website. It is interactive and you can download the dates directly to your personal calendar. It is a fantastic tool for helping to establish your 2017 shoot calendar. 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 Kathy Warner for leading the Scheduling Meeting and Trish Magyar for creating and posting the 2017 calendar!

The Board of Directors held the November Annual Meeting immediately following the Scheduling Meeting. Bill Nielsen was welcomed to the Board of Directors.

John Fournier resigned for personal reasons. John will be missed as he contributed significantly to the advancement of skeet in Michigan. David Schiebel filled the vacancy. The officers elections were held with Kathy Warner elected Secretary/Treasurer, Brent Edwards, Vice President and David Schiebel, President. You are encouraged to go to the MSA website and read the November 5, 2016 meeting minutes for details regarding the actions taken by the Board of Directors.

At the meeting the Board discussed the concept of the "I-Zone Shoot". This concept is being used by other Zones in the country. Essentially, the shoots are held in multiple locations across the



given zone with a central location for tabulation and providing overall leadership to the shoot. But, it is complicated and of course there are shoot-off questions, who is going to host it, what about the money that is involved, are internet connections stable at the satellite locations. These are just a few of the many questions that must be answered before proceeding. The Board of Directors chose to table the concept for later consideration.

The concept for a multiple site State Shoot was brought up for discussion. The Board determined that this concept was not workable for a State Shoot. Life Membership dues were lowered to:

\$250 up to age 60

\$150 from age 60 and beyond

The Junior World Shoot is being held at St. Joe Valley Conservation Club in Indiana on July 27-30, 2017. Tom Pavlack is the Chairman for organizing the shoot. This is a terrific shooting opportunity for our Junior and Sub-Junior Shooters. The Board approved a \$500 stipend to be coupled with the Ohio Association of \$500.00 and sponsor a gun at the event. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Tom Pavlack at 269.207.5159.

Loraine Malloy provided an explanation of the changes taking place within the SCTP shooting opportunities for 2017. "These changes will allow our program to grow, while also increasing the number of registered targets thrown in Michigan in 2017. We are moving to a conference format, and will have four conferences in 2017. Each conference will have a championship shoot, of 100 12 gauge targets. These targets will be registered, and MI SCTP will be paying the daily fees for these targets. Our State Shoot (SCTP) will again be a 3-day event held at Detroit Gun Club, consisting of two 100 target 12 gauge events.

"As in the past, we are asking that the MSA agree to waive the State Daily fees on these targets, as its contribution to this event." A huge thank you to Loraine and many others within the skeet community who donate their time and leadership to advance the youth in Skeet Shooting!

The State of Skeet in Michigan is always a topic of discussion. Please review the following information (Data as of November 5, 2016):

Life Members: 27
Complimentary Limited Members: 13
Dues Paid: 191
Junior Members: 374
Juniors Over 18-Dues not paid: 63
Unpaid Dues – 2016: 52
Total: 720
Included in total:
16 new members since January 1, 2016
73 new Jr. members, January 1, 2016

Total Yearly Club Targets:
2014: 515,642
2015: 506,389
2016: 476,650

State Shoot Targets:
2014: 57,400
2015: 59,500
2016: 56,850

State Shoot Participants:
2015
Total Participants: 125
4-Gun Shooters: 109
Doubles Shooters: 101
2016
Total Participants: 123
4-Gun Shooters: 98
Doubles Shooters: 96

Please be reminded to submit shoot results and pictures to Trish Magyar for posting on the MSA Website. Your club news is important to all. 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 and Mike Stewart for their leadership of the State Shoot.

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 or on my cell/text at 269.998.5321.