

June 2017

President's Message



Your skeet season is gaining momentum! Please enjoy the many opportunities to shoot targets in Michigan and on the national level.

The State Shoot Registration is now available on the MSA website. Please note that the completed registration (with deposits) must be sent to Kathy Warner no later than July 3, 2017 to be included in the drawing for rotations. In addition, the MSA Ballot is available online. The MSA Board has determined to allow voting to be conducted during the registration process.

Please note there will be available at no cost two, 4 gun entries to the State Shoot for first time attendees. Please see the registration form. A drawing will be conducted to select the winners.

The MSA State Shoot Committee and others are working hard to obtain Club Ads for the State Shoot Brochure. The goal is to have every club in the MSA submit an ad for publishing. This demonstrates support of the MSA, advertises your club, helps to keep entry fees low and defray the cost of awards. Please contact Brent Edwards or David Schiebel for additional information to submit your club's advertising.

On Thursday, August 24, 2017 the Big Gun Handicap event will be held. Again, this year through donations from MSA members, \$1,000.00 of added money has been made available for the event. A special thanks to all those who contributed the added money!

During the last year there was considerable thought and discussion given to changing flight times to 1-1/2 hours. Upon careful planning, the MSA State Shoot Committee has provided 1-1/2 hour flight times.

But, rotation times were impacted. Please see the State Shoot registration for all Big Gun (prelim), Doubles and 4-gun rotations. A special thanks goes to Brent Edwards and Trish Magyar for their efforts to provide this opportunity!

There will be a Friday evening Awards Presentation for Doubles and 20 Gauge. Both guns will be completed at the end of the day on Friday, August 25. At the conclusion of the shoot-offs a light dinner will be provided by the DGC before the awards presentation. The Friday dinner is sponsored by John Herkowitz of Pacific Sporting Arms. Please be certain to thank John for his generosity! Plan to attend, enjoy the meal and receive your awards! Saturday evening a complete dinner will be available (at a nominal cost) before the awards presentation and HOF Induction. David Scott and Loraine Malloy will be inducted into the MSA Hall of Fame this year. Congratulations for your accomplishment!

Please be aware that the NSSA is providing a "free" 4 gun entry for a first time World Shoot attendee. The application is available on the NSSA website and one winner will be selected from Michigan and our Zone. In addition, if an individual takes a first time attendee you may have one free gun entry.

You may forward your applications to me for processing.

I had the opportunity to have a discussion regarding referees at *some* registered shoots in Michigan. In essence there was a concern and dissatisfaction with the quality of referees. MSA clubs hosting registered shoots must use licensed referees. It is not difficult to become certified as a licensed referee. But, referees must become proficient at the skills required to provide a quality skeet shooting experience. It does not matter if you are at a mini shoot or the state shoot, quality referees will enhance the skeet shooting experience.

In late 2015, the MSA Board asked member clubs to report their skeet shooting results in a uniform manner; as much as possible. That is, please report CH, RU and 3rd for each gun and Class 1, 2 and 3. Of course all this is dependent upon the number of shooters registered for the event. There are many reasons for this request but it does impact some recognition opportunities during the skeet season and at the conclusion.

In the most recent issue of the Clay Target Nation you will find the Jay Schatz 4 Gun High Average leaders and Concurrent Leaders for 2016. Please take the time to review this information as many Michigan Skeet Shooters were recognized. Special recognition goes to Gordon Novak (3rd) and Al Magyar (16th) for being named to the 4-Gun High Average Team. Congratulations to all!

A special thanks to all the MSA members for your efforts and commitment at each member club.

On behalf of the entire Board, we are looking forward to seeing you at the State Shoot!