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We are forming a state-wide MSA Skeet League that will run for 8 months, March through October; 100 targets per month shot at your own club, however you would like. It can be four individual rounds of 25, two 50's or even 100, as in an event, shot on the same day or over multiple days. The flexibility is there to accommodate shooting in the colder months. The scores will be on the "honor" system, but the main requirement is that you *must* shoot with someone who is also participating in the league, and you need to declare any rounds for the league prior to stepping onto the field. All scores will be reported to me by the last day of every month but recorded on your average card at the very end of the shooting year as a single entry per NSSA rules. There will be two divisions of competition: "SCRATCH" and a "HANDICAP" with a division winner in each and additional possible places further down, depending upon participation.

Now, the cost. The administrative cost to enter will be \$80. Of this total, \$32 will go to the NSSA for the target fees, and \$24 to the MSA for the same. The remaining money (\$24) will be used as prize money for the final league standings. You will be responsible for paying "your" club for the rounds you shoot. As you can figure out, if we could get 30 participants state-wide, the prize money would be \$720 that would be evenly split between the two divisions. Also, in my conversations with NSSA headquarters, they are looking at some possible awards to be thrown in. New shooters will receive CLMs from both the NSSA and MSA if they have never shot any registered event, or belonged to the NSSA or MSA, prior to the league.

As we all know, skeet has been going through a gentle decline in past years. With target costs rising and the high cost of ammo and reloading components our sport is in a little peril. I think this may be a good way for us all to practice for the events we choose to participate in during the year, while adding a little incentive rather than just going out and blowing up clays. Also, what better way to introduce someone to a form of registered competition. This is also another way to possibly get more juniors interested in competitive skeet shooting.

As I have said in many of my "President's Messages" the Board is always looking for ways to grow our sport. The best plans may lay to waste if we all don't step up and try to make them work. Please respond to me by email at ricktraw@gmail.com or phone at (586) 634-1795 with any questions or suggestions and, more importantly, if this skeet league is something you would consider participating in.

Let's give it a shot!

Best,



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