

January 2018

President's Message

A new shooting year is upon us! The MSA shoot calendar, in both "Google Calendar" and ".pdf" formats is available on the MSA website: www.michiganskeet.com. On the interactive Google calendar, if you click on a specific shoot you will be able to print/download additional info, such as the program and, in some instances, a pre-registration form, if they have been made available to the Webmaster for posting. If you are responsible for running shoots at your club, email your flyers for your shoots to miskeet@comcast.net.

Participation in registered shooting has been on a decline not only in Michigan, but nationwide. The only way to reverse that trend is for individuals to shoot more targets and/or to get more people shooting. With the wide variety of shooting venues and opportunities available, there's no excuse for not getting out there and breaking a bunch more targets! Invite someone from your local club who hasn't shot any registered events to join you. That might be all the encouragement needed for them to join in the fun.

You will be receiving your new classification card, along with a printout of your scores shot last year, from NSSA soon – records are being finalized. When you receive your new card, don't put it aside until your first shoot. Look it over carefully now to ensure your scores were submitted correctly. If you find any errors, you will have until March 7th to get them corrected. This sometimes entails contacting the club where you



shot, and have them submit the correction to NSSA. But make sure you do it, so as to not cause problems down the road.

It's important to ensure your classes are correct. If you enter in an incorrect higher class, you forego your "one time downward" reclassification opportunity during the shooting year. And, if you enter in an incorrect lower class and win money or prizes, you will have to return the awards. If you aren't sure, or have any questions, you can email the MSA Webmaster (AKA Trish Magyar), who is also the Chairman of the NSSA Rules & Classification Committee. She will be glad to assist you.

After the deadline for corrections has passed, MSA will obtain a database of the targets shot and averages all Michigan shooters so we can select the All-State, HOA Concurrent and Gauge Teams. That process takes about 10 days to complete, so I expect to be able to announce the teams around mid/late-March. The criteria for the State Teams can be found on the MSA website.

The NSSA All-American and Class All-American Teams should be posted on the NSSA website by the end of March.

The NSSA Rules & Classification Committee met last month, and submitted several rules changes to the Executive Committee (they are meeting this month in San Antonio) for their approval for a vote of the NSSA Board of Directors. When the results of the ballot for those changes have been compiled they will be published in *Clay Target Nation* and announced in NSSA's "Target Talk".

For those who don't know what "Target Talk" is, it's an email newsletter, sent about every other week to subscribers, containing news from NSSA and NSCA, upcoming shoots and other information. If you aren't subscribed to "Target Talk", I encourage you to do so. Go to: <http://mynssa.nssa-nsca.org/target-talk-archives/> and sign-up now.

I challenge each of you to add *one* shoot to your schedule, and at a Michigan club you haven't shot at before, or in a very long while. Not only will you be helping the club, but also the MSA and NSSA!

As your President, I am always available to you, and I encourage you to send me any ideas or suggestions you might have to increase participation in our sport that we all enjoy so much. Feel free to chat with me at a shoot, or email at: magyar01@comcast.net

May you always shoot 2 on low 8!

- Al Magyar