

April 2018

President's Message

The MSA Board of Directors held their Spring meeting at Detroit Gun Club April 7th. We had a full agenda covering the State Shoot budget, Hall of Fame inductee and selection of the Club of Year, amongst other items.

First, congratulations to Detroit Sportsmen's Congress, our 2017 Club of the Year! Saginaw Gun Club finished in 2nd place, followed by Negaunee Rod & Gun Club. The Board utilized five criteria (you can find them on the MSA website), which we will continue to assess and improve upon, that better reflect our clubs performance.

Also, congratulations to Dave Scott, who will be this year's Hall of Fame inductee at the State Shoot's Saturday night awards banquet. This is a well-deserved honor for Dave, who has won eight State Championships and has been a member of eleven All-State Teams.

With reference to the State Shoot, a lot of you are already aware of the recent 10% increase in the price of targets by the manufacturers. As a result, Detroit Gun Club was forced to charge the MSA more, causing us to raise the price of entry fees by \$2 to \$36. This is unfortunate, but necessary.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on ways to increase shooting in Michigan. Some of the ideas generated include a "buckle race" event that will entail shooting at a number of different clubs, and two categories for Club of the Year akin to the NSSA's award based on the number of fields. The details for



these initiatives are being worked out, so stay tuned!

We are also looking at how to better integrate the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) shooters into our registered NSSA events. There are a lot of junior shooters involved in SCTP (Michigan has the largest skeet program in the country), and we want to be able to take advantage of those numbers to increase participation in registered shooting. Contact Loraine Malloy at lmalley71@comcast.net with your ideas.

Another item of discussion was our annual shoot scheduling meeting held in November. We all felt there is room for improvement of the procedure, so I've created a "Shoot Scheduling" committee to review the current process and make recommendations for changes with a view towards eliminating the need for all the club representatives to meet face-to-face. The committee members are Jane Carpenter, Rick Trawinski and Glenn Ulbrich.

On the NSSA front, you will be receiving a ballot in early May for election of the board of directors. When you receive your ballot,

please be sure to cast your vote! If you don't get your ballot by the end of May, contact NSSA. Michigan gained a director this cycle, giving us a total of five. We currently have five willing individuals on the ballot, but if you are interested in adding your name you must contact me prior to April 23rd, the deadline for submission of nominations; the term is for two years starting January 1, 2019.

We will also be electing five MSA Board members at the State Shoot. If you are interested in having your name on the ballot, email David Schiebel at djschieb@gmail.com by May 31st.

I'd like to congratulate everyone who made an NSSA All-American and/or MSA Team! It takes a great deal of dedication to make one of these prestigious teams. You will find the teams posted on their respective websites.

Though the recent weather hasn't been very conducive to shooting (I'm writing this article as the trees are all covered in ice, and it's the middle of April!), it *will* improve! Again, I challenge each of you to attend a shoot at one of our many clubs that is not already on your schedule for this year.

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