

November 2018

President's Message

It is getting colder and as November rolls around, so does the MSA Board of Directors meeting. Among the important topics discussed were the 2019 Shoot Schedule, MSA Buckle Race, an Intrastate League and election of Board officers.

If you all haven't noticed by the picture, the MSA has a new president. For you who may not know me, I am Rick Trawinski out of Detroit Sportsmen's Congress. I have been back in the game since 2008 but was an active competitor in the 80's before I took time off to raise a family. One of my first and foremost concerns of my tenure will be the long-term growth of our game. I intend to be in constant contact with the clubs and membership for ideas that I can take to "our" board for discussion so we can make the game we all love better.

First, we approved the 2019 Shoot Schedule. If you have not been to the MSA website or have imported the calendar to your personal calendar, it is live and posted on the web site. This scheduling meeting was the most efficient ever run. Any date conflicts were handled prior to, making it go smoothly. Kudos to past-President Al Magyar and his committee for their efforts. The big news is our State Shoot is being moved to the **3rd** weekend in August. After much discussion we determined that this might help participation as many of our competitors are heading off to school during the last weekend and we do not want to exclude them. As we all know the younger shooters are what will keep our



sport alive. Another possible addition to the State Shoot will be "Added Money" for the 4-gun HOA event; we feel that may also be a drawing card to get our numbers back to previous glory.

One of the "new" plans to grow our sport is the MSA Buckle Race. This is Tom Pavlack's brainchild and I feel a good one. In a nutshell, each club will designate a 4-gun shoot for the race. The shooter's class will be based on the HOA class at the beginning of 2019. Each participant's 4-gun HOA score will be the score for the event. You will need to shoot the State Shoot along with 4 other events, for a total of 2000 targets, to be eligible. You can shoot more events and then choose your best 4 scores, plus the State Shoot. We feel this will encourage statewide participation and bring a little more fun to the State Championships. 1st and 2nd place in each division (AAA/AA; A/B; C/D) will receive a "handsome" belt buckle along with the possibility of prize money to boot. We will have more info for

you before the "Race" begins in April 2019.

Next idea, from Brent Edwards, is an intrastate league. Details are still being worked out, but it will be a competitive league to try and get new shooters, not just registered shooters, interested in the thrill of competing, with the added bonus of generating some new members. Remember, new ideas are not limited to the Board of Directors. If you have an idea you would like to discuss feel free to contact me.

The MSA will also again be working with the SCTP program to foster growth in our sport. We will be funding a scholarship donation for one of our junior shooters in 2019. Please contact Loraine Malloy (lmalley71@comcast.net) for information on the SCTP program and the scholarship.

By now you all know that Teresa Strieter is the MSA Chief Referee. Last year her Referee program started with a bang and we want to encourage new people to be referees. You can choose to referee for your club or you can join Teresa's group of traveling refs. Feel free to contact her (chiefrefmsa@gmail.com), for information or to schedule a clinic.

In closing, I am going to try and be a very visible President with my ear always attuned to the shooters in our state. Never hesitate to contact me by phone, e-mail or in person with your thoughts or ideas.

Remember we can all do great things for our sport and in our shooting "by keeping our eye on the target"!

- Rick Trawinski