

March 2019

President's Message

March is here and things are beginning to warm up, even though ever so slowly for most of us that shoot skeet in Michigan. The days are getting longer and, before you know it, we will all have shoots to go to somewhere every weekend of the month. Clubs like Gun River, Rockford, DSC and Jackson County have events this month with Jackson County's Spring Break Open being the first Buckle Race event of 2019. Contact Eric at Jackson County at: ejchem101@gmail.com for squadding. Let's support a new and upcoming club and participate in Buckle Race event #1. Remember, you can shoot as many of the events as you want and your best four prior to the State shoot, which is a mandatory event, will be counted. We on the Board have started the ball rolling; hopefully we can make a collective effort and make this new project a success. It is now time to dust off our guns, load some shells and start getting serious about our sport.

If you don't know where to compete, just check out the MSA calendar for the dates and locations of events around the state. The next step is to click on the "Flyers" tab for all the information you may need to participate and register. The "Flyers" tab on the Homepage is getting more populated day by day, and my thanks goes out to everyone who has made the effort to get these gems of information to us for posting. Making this kind of effort will hopefully increase participation at your club and around our state.

By now you all know that I can't go without beating my drum a bit. I encourage shoot management to



send a brief article or .pdf of your shoot results to post on the website, as I am sure our members would like to see the results and how their friends are shooting all around the state. It is just another way to promote your club and get the word out about your events. When doing your results, remember to "try" and assign places in each event i.e., Champ, Runner-Up and Third, along with the same in each class and concurrents. This bit of effort gives our "state" shooters a chance to contend for "national" honors.

Speaking of honors, I would like to take a minute to congratulate all of our STATE TEAM members and Captain Gordon Novak on your accomplishments. Everyone's hard work has paid off and we want to acknowledge your fine shooting. Congratulations also go to our High Volume Award winners. Attaining this award shows the dedication and love that you have for our sport. Shooting over 10,000 targets like both of our award winners accomplished is no small feat and

truly deserves recognition. All of these honors show how commitment and love for our sport can pay off. Special thanks to Trish for compiling and sorting all the data which is no small project in itself. We all should make a commitment to try and shoot a few more targets or even possibly at another club than we have in prior years. I know I will make an effort to poke my head in here and there this year and hope that you may be able to do the same.

There is a referee clinic taught by the MSA Chief Referee Teresa Strieter at North Macomb Sportsmen on Saturday, March 23rd. The clinic is now "more than" just the test, as Teresa includes field training that especially benefits "new" referees. So, if your credentials have lapsed, or if you have some prospective referees, you can sign-up for the clinic by contacting Teresa at chiefrefmsa@gmail.com. Finally, if you need any referees for your event, contact Teresa, as she has a group that will come to your club if you're short of volunteers.

As always said, friends are family that you choose, and what a better way to see some of our "extended family" than by participating in shooting some registered targets. I know the friends I have made throughout the years participating in our sport have developed into more than just shooting friends. Let's get someone new involved in our sport and let them find out what registered shooting is all about. Drop me a line at ricktraw@gmail.com with any questions or comments and I hope to see you all soon.

- Rick Trawinski