

April 2021

It's April; the flowers are beginning to break through the ground, the trees are starting to bud and it's the unofficial beginning of the skeet year in Michigan. Don't get me wrong, there have been already been some events, and targets have been recorded, but this is when everyone begins to shed all the winter rust. Attendance so far has been good, but we can do better. If you are one of the members who have not gotten out to break some targets, April is your chance. Events to choose from are Detroit Gun Springtime Open on the 3rd, Grand Blanc Noah Banning the 16th-18th, DSC Clark Brown the 23rd-25th, with Rockford's Springtime Open the 24th-25th rounding out multiple events. If these aren't enough for you, there are mid-week mini events at DSC, Rockford, North Ottawa, and Gun River. We have such a short season in Michigan we need to take advantage of every "good" month. If you want targets there are many options; all you have to do is the "three S's": Sign Up, Show Up and Shoot 'em Up.

If you have not noticed, the "Points Race" page is up and running on the MSA website. I believe that this is going to be a welcome addition to competitive shooting in our sport. Trish has worked diligently getting this up and running and, at first glance, it could not be better. A competitor can pull up their total points as well as the points that they have received per shoot/event at various clubs. To keep this working, all clubs need to send Trish the "MV####.txt" file



from the Valerio program after you finish your event. If you do things the old way with paper and pen, let Trish know, and we will get the necessary information from the NSSA. However, if all clubs could try and get their results in as fast as possible, we will be able to stay as current with the standings.

Although August is still in the distance, planning for the State Championships is proceeding along. Hopefully, this year's shoot will be the highlight of everyone's season. After a restricted event last year, we on the Board are looking to make 2021 one of the best. Between the Big Gun Shoot-out, the Buckle Race and the actual event, what more could you ask for in a State Championship? When it becomes time to make your plans to participate try to bring a new shooter so they can see what our State Championships is all about.

Now it is time for some information and comments. If many

President's Message

of you have not heard one of our dearest Board members and an important part of skeet in Michigan, Jane Carpenter needed emergency surgery. As of this writing, she is home and, on the mend, but will need some therapy to get back to being herself. Jane, beginning with myself, we wish you the speediest of recoveries and will look forward to seeing you around some of our member clubs this year. The NSSA has posted their All-American Teams and Michigan shooters have well-represented as always. Concurrent team members are Andrew Bielman, Edward Bowker and Jimmy Grimes on the Triple-Sub Team; Brent Edwards and Jason Johnson, Sub-Sub-Senior; Dave Scott, Sub Senior; MSA Past-President David Scheibel, Veteran; Trish Magyar, Retired Military; and Wes Lafountain, Rookie Team. Now we will give a mention to all of our Class All-Americans... That list includes Brent Edwards, Andrew Bielman, Dave Scott, Dan Adam, Jason Johnson, Gene Hill, Dan Hankinson, Jerry Kott, Ryan Cordes, Jimmy Grimes, Pat Fowler, Scott Crosby and Wes Lafountain. Congratulations go out to all on a job well done that took place in a difficult year. Your devotion to the game is evident by the accolades you have received.

As always if you would like to discuss anything or just chat, you can find me at ricktraw@gmail.com.

- Rick Trawinski