

## November 2021

November. A month that we begin noticing a dramatic change in our weather and it is a bittersweet month for skeet shooting in our state. The number of events that are left are dwindling and we are beginning to make plans for the upcoming holidays. If you are inclined to get out and break a few more targets for the year there are a couple November options. Our "Steady Eddie" club, Rockford, is having their 50's on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, while Gun River is having a Mini Shoot on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Even though the shooting portion of the MSA year is almost in the books, the planning portion for the 2022 season is in full swing. The calendar has been compiled and is just awaiting final Board approval. Starting in February events will begin popping up and, like the flowers that come in March and April, our schedule will bloom into a full garden throughout the spring and summer. Basically, every weekend will have a place for our members to shoot. The Buckle Race is going to have nine opportunities for you to acquire points and compete for the prestigious honor of "Buckle Race Champion", along with that cool buckle. This year's event may have a few new changes to it, so stay tuned to the MSA website to see if the changes come to fruition.



An old friend, Genesee Sportsman's Club, is returning to our tournament rotation in 2022. I have heard, but not seen yet, that they have reworked their fields and I am anxious to get up there before the end of the year to check them out. Jim Gingrich and Brian Long are working hard to get the club back into the mix, as it was in years past. However, as I have always mentioned, the work that goes into running events is not just a one- or two-day endeavor. If your home club is hosting an event, try to make yourself available to the Skeet Chairman to help. You have no idea how lending a hand for even a couple of hours lightens the load.

At the end of the year, we will be checking out how the "New Kid on the Block", the Points Race, panned out. Personally, I like this format as it is similar to

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how the NSSA compiles the All-American teams on the national level. However, as with any "newborn", we have had a few minor glitches – but nothing that Trish and all concerned couldn't figure a way to fix. If we could only figure out how to reign in Mr. Bielman atop the leaderboard, we would all stand a chance!

In conclusion, 2021 for me personally has been an extremely busy year. The major bright spots have been when I was with my skeet family at a registered shoot, an event or just at the club. Now that there is light at the end of the tunnel with my projects, I am looking forward to 2022 with a renewed vim and vigor. I know it is only November, but now is the time to start planning your 2022 season. When the new calendar becomes official, get with your squadmates, put pen to paper and plan your year out. Try and visit a new club – I'm sure they would all be glad to see a couple of new faces at their events.

Remember, I am always open to new ideas whether you want to email them or call to chat a bit. Let's start now to make 2022 a great year; I know I am! Don't hesitate to reach out to me at [ricktraw@gmail.com](mailto:ricktraw@gmail.com)

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