

December 2021

Well, it is December and, being that I am writing this, you can safely assume that I am your President for at least one more year ☺ I am truly honored that the Board nominated and confirmed me again for the position. Personally, I feel we have one of the most diverse and productive Boards and there are many things that we are going to accomplish.

Our skeet season for 2021 is just about in the books and if, by any chance, any of you or someone named Jerry Davis may still want to acquire points for the year there are two events still available to participate in. Rockford has a 4X50 on December 11th, while Gun River has an event on the following Saturday, the 18th. So, if you are bold, go out in the cold and bring home the gold.

On November 6th we had our primary meeting of the year, and many topics were touched on and discussed. First, we constructed, reviewed and approved the shoot calendar for 2022. If you haven't looked at it on the website or downloaded it to your phone, what are you waiting for? Most of the usual suspects are having their regular events around their usual times of the year, but take note that Genesee is back in the mix as a club to go to in 2022. For 2022 an old standby, the Chet Crites, is not on the schedule since Detroit Gun Club is one of the sites for the 2022 U.S. Open iShoot later in June. This will give all our Michigan participants a great



opportunity to be part of one of the most prestigious events on the NSSA calendar. When the time comes to pre-register do not hesitate to get your name in because I am sure spots will fill up fast!

Another change is the restructuring of the Buckle Race. As with any efforts to encourage more competition there is usually a need to tweak or make changes along the way. Under the guidance of Andrew Bielman, divisions and handicaps are being adjusted to try and make the yearlong event even more competitive and enjoyable. 2022's Race will only have two Divisions, but will be awarding three places in each one. We are also working on awards to be given out at the individual Buckle Race events as opposed to only those given out at the culmination of the Race at the State Shoot. Keep checking the website for the new rules and

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regulations.

We will be giving out multiple scholarships to Michigan SCTP contestants in 2022. So, Coaches, please encourage your teams to participate as they are the future of our sport.

Clubs, the MSA is going to help you out in 2022, too. The Board voted to reimburse any club that uses the Valerio program for their registered events. All you need to do is purchase and download the software, and then submit a payment receipt to Kathy Warner for reimbursement. This will not only help you with registration, reporting results and financials for your shoots, but it will also make it easier to submit results for the Points Race Team. If you need any help setting the program up, we will lend assistance.

As you can see, we are busy trying to financially stimulate our sport. For at least the past 20-25 years MSA target fees have remained constant. As you are surely aware costs on everything have been rising and the Board, after much discussion, decided that we need to raise our fees to 3¢ a target. As mentioned above, we are gladly spending monies taken in to promote and stimulate growth in our sport. Let's make 2022 a banner year!

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at ricktraw@gmail.com

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