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Well, March is going out just as it arrived – sort of like kissing your sister or brother; a kiss, but not very exciting. The weather keeps trying to get better, but we seem to be stuck in a holding pattern of mediocrity. However, our skeet event schedule is far from mediocre. There are events for you to compete in every weekend. There is the Springtime Open at Detroit Gun Club; Noah Banning Buckle Race event at GBHC; Gun River Fun Shoot; and then, the month culminates with the Clark Brown Open at DSC & Rockford's Springtime 500 Buckle Race event. There are also mid-week events at Rockford, and the alphabet soup of DSC and NORGC. So, pull out your shells, dust off your shotgun and get out there and participate in the best clay target game around!

This month's "KUDOS" go to our State's "Krieghoff All-American Teams" members. Starting off with Triple Sub, we have Andrew "don't call me Andy" Bielman and the pride of western Michigan, Edward Bowker. Next, we move on to Sub Sub Senior where we have a gaggle of qualifiers... congrats to Brent Edwards, Jason Johnson and Ben Gallup in that age group. I am at this point trying to remember what it was like to be that young and remember that is when I started shooting registered events. As I continue to read through the concurrents, it is not until we get to the Veterans that we come across another



"Michigander", David Schiebel. Finally, in Military Veteran we have Brian Long and Gene Hill.

Moving on to the "Class All-American Teams", in AAA we have one representative, Brent Edwards. In AA, the lone person, at the top of the list, is Andrew Bielman. Class A gets a little more crowded with multiple members to recognize... The tag team of Ed "Papa" and Edward "Sonny" Bowker, along with Michigan's resident Santa Claus, Jerry Kott and Jason Johnson in that division. In B Class we have quintuplets, Patrick Fowler, Tom Pavlack, Dan Adam, Dan Hankinson and Ryan Cordes. C class brings us a "foursome" of "Young Gun" Jeremy Salisbury, "Older Guy" Jerry Davis, Mike Suwinski and the Bowker family addition, Jimmy Grimes represent the State in that class. Michigan's final members are in D class with Wes Lafountain, Ron Simmons and Kyle Lafountain. After reading

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and rereading the list, I knew it couldn't be correct because I was nowhere to be found! So, I called NSSA, they looked up my stats and said, "Nope it's correct; just shoot better." Talk about getting my bubble burst! LOL☺ Seriously, CONGRATLATIONS to all!!

As I compose this letter, we are getting ready for one of our most important Board meetings where we will be doing the serious planning for our State Shoot. Most of you have participated in the event at least once, and many of you more times than you can remember. This event is the "Paramount", "Big Kahuna" "Top Dog" of shoots here in Michigan. So much happens at the State Shoot that it is the one event you cannot miss. So, mark August 19th-21st on your calendars NOW, and that is an ORDER! I figure since the NSSA burst my bubble I would flex my "power" by issuing this decree. After this, I hope people won't be saying "For God's sake, this man cannot remain in power!" With more shoots scheduled, and I hate to beat this drum again, all our clubs need referees. Please consider giving back to the game that has given us all so much. The people that do all the work to organize an event will be extremely happy to have you volunteer.

You can always contact me at ricktraw@gmail.com with your thoughts, comments or questions.

- Rick Trawinski