

## June 2024

June is definitely “busting out all over” and so are the skeet events to participate in. The calendar is pretty full and ripe for the picking of your choices to go hunting those clay targets. Many of the weekends have events have events doubles up, so there is no reason not to get out there and record some targets.

The month starts off with a “double dip” the first weekend with Detroit Gun hosting the Chet Crites Open and Mid UP Shooters hosting its event at Negaunee Rod and Gun Club. Weekend number two also has a new event scheduled, the MTA Summertime Open. From my sources I have heard that their first attempt at a registered event last month went smoothly and hopefully they will get even bigger and better. The MTA Trap Grounds has the possibility to be a “go to” venue for MSA events in the future. Moving on from there we have the long-running Dad’s Day Open at North Macomb Sportsmen’s Club. This is always a fun weekend as the crew at NMSC always does their best to make you feel at home. Marcus always works hard to throw great targets and lunch is provided for the participants each day. If you haven’t shot at North Macomb, or if it has been a while, give them a shot! After four events in three weekends, the majority of Michigan shooters will have a brief respite. However, a number of you may be heading down to Wright Patterson for the U.S. Open. If that



is on your schedule good luck and represent Michigan well. The final weekend of June is for the juniors. MTA is hosting the SCTP State Championships. If you are free and want to see some of the future stars of our game, take a drive and watch some of the events. As always, we have mid-week events at Rockford, DSC and North Ottawa. Let’s get out and support our clubs!

At this time, I would like to give kudos to a couple of the aforementioned junior shooters that I have learned about. At the SCTP SE Regional at DSC Chris Gottschalk shot his first 100 straight. While at the MTA’s inaugural event, Olivia Krauss recorded her first 100 straight. Congratulations to both of you from all of us in the MSA.

Being that it is June, many of you know what is on the horizon. It is time to start looking in your inboxes for the registration form for the State Championships in

## President’s Message

August. The State Shoot Committee has been working diligently on all the aspects of holding this event, trying to make it even better than the prior year. If you are not part of the inner workings, you probably aren’t aware of the work that goes on behind the scenes to hold this premier event of the Michigan skeet season. Personally, I want to thank this group of people in advance for their efforts. Sometimes it is a thankless job, until you see all of our members enjoying the weekend of competition and friendship.

Finally, as always, you get a little of my thoughts for this month. I would like to express my appreciation for all our Michigan shooters. As things keep seeming to get tougher in our sport (if you haven’t, heard Alliant is shutting down all domestic powder supply for the foreseeable future) Michigan shooters keep going strong. If our sport is to survive it is because of each and every one of you who refuses to succumb to these obstacles. You are what make registered skeet a great sport to participate in. You are what will make this sport keep going into the future. Pat yourselves on the back, you truly deserve it.

Drop me a line with any comments or questions that you may have at [ricktraw@gmail.com](mailto:ricktraw@gmail.com). See you all soon!

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