

**October 2024**

October... By the time that you read this, many of our members will be down at the World Championships in Texas or out in the field hunting, meaning skeet is at the beginning of the end of the year; and, the events available to participate in until the end of the year, you can count on one hand. However, there is still fun to be had with friends until we all go into skeet-hibernation until March in 2025. Dan, Ryan and the crew at Rockford have a 4X50 on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and DSC has the last 4X100 event of the year, The Trick or Treat, on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. November will have a couple of events also, but in the words of Bugs Bunny, "That's All Folks!"

The State Shoot was a rousing success! Thanks again to everyone who contributed, participated and worked their butts off to make it our premier event of the year. If you are an event organizer the forms for 2025 scheduling have been sent out. So, if you have not yet replied, get your shoot dates in so we can populate the calendar and resolve any conflicts. The culmination of this effort brings events to a club near you.

This part of the President's Message is going to be a bit different. If you may or may not know, I am stepping down as the MSA President and from the Board of Directors. It has been a



lengthy decision and one that I truly have mixed emotions about. For a good number of years, I have given my best to make "Michigan" skeet better in a small way, and I hope that I have succeeded. When I first became a Board member, I was told "don't expect ideas to be approved on the first go around" and I learned that to be true. However, every idea and suggestion that I have made has been for you, the membership of the MSA, and skeet in our state. Michigan skeet has been such a big part of my life for so many years, but is time to hand the reigns over to a newer, and a little younger, Board and a new President. Change is good and that is what I am hoping for from the Board of Directors. At our upcoming meeting in November I will task the incoming Board and President to keep fighting to

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good fight for our members, small clubs and Michigan skeet first because, without our small clubs, Michigan skeet will have a tough road ahead. There are too many things going against our sport now, so the new Board and President will need to work diligently to keep fighting the good fight. It will be a challenging task for them, but I trust they are up to the job.

Even though I will only be on the Board as the "Past President", I will still be involved in Michigan skeet. I will still be running the events at DSC, providing input to the Board and being there with information for the many friends I have made in this sport.

After all these years, you know how to reach me if I can help with something so, fear not, I am not going to ride away into the sunset. That being said I will end this portion with the name of the last episode of MASH, "Goodbye, Farewell, Amen". [\[click here...\]](#)

I wish you all the best at our sport and in life, and I hope to continue to see you all in the future at events all around our state!

*- Rick Trawinski*