

March 2025

President's Message

Greetings All!

My Grandfather always used to tell me that March 1st represented his unofficial start of Spring, and this past week has certainly supported that with some sunny days and temps hitting the 50s! While we are not out of the woods yet, Spring is most definitely on its way and with it the start of a new Skeet season in Michigan!

March has multiple opportunities to start your 2025 registered season. Rockford, Gun River and, for the first time, Bellevue are all hosting 1-day fun shoots. DSC will be hosting the first 4-gun shoot of the year, the March Winds, March 29th–30th. The Interstate Skeet League also kicks off this month. If you have been on the fence about signing up, registration is open thru March 15th, and you just need to shoot 100 targets before the end of the month. See the League info on the MSA website and reach out to Rick Trawinski if you have any questions. Before you participate in any of these great events, please make sure you 2025 MSA dues have been paid. A current membership listing as of 2/17 is posted on the website under the membership page if you can't recall if you renewed yet or not.

In other exciting news, the 2025 MSA State Teams were announced a few weeks ago! Congratulations to everyone who made a State Team! A special shout out to your 2025 All-State Teams, 1st Team – Max Versluys-Captain, David Schiebel, Andrew Bielman, Sean Rosencrantz & Tyler Wildman; 2nd



Team – Al Magyar, Ben Gallup, Ed Bowker, Patrick Fowler & David Boomstra. To qualify and earn a spot on the State Teams represents a lot of hard work, commitment, and passion for our sport. Awards will be presented at the Hall of Fame dinner on Saturday night during the State Championships in August.

In addition to the State Teams, the annual High-Volume awards were announced... a big congratulations to Jerry Kott who won both the Total (11,400) & Michigan (8,100) Target awards!

While the 2025 season is just beginning, the Board of Directors is already planning for the State Championships. The Board will have its Spring meeting the first weekend of April and the State Shoot will be at the top of agenda. Initial discussions at our November meeting around updates to our advertising, sponsorships, and awards promise some exciting changes. With this in mind, I would like to ask you, our members, if you

have any ideas or suggestions on potential new awards for Class winners or Event winners at the State Shoot. If so, please reach out to myself or your local Board Member and share your ideas. On the topic of Sponsors, anyone who has attended a State Shoot in the past has seen all the sponsors and their advertisements in the shoot program. These ads and other donations have allowed us to offer everything from the complimentary dinners for shooters on Friday & Saturday night, as well as the Bracket Challenge payouts, various awards, and cover other costs of the shoot that otherwise would require us to raise entry fees or not offer as many awards. More information will come out of our April meeting, but please start thinking now of local businesses or others you could approach to help sponsor our State Championships.

I am very excited for the great opportunities that the 2025 Skeet Season has and look forward to seeing everyone out on a Skeet field soon – I hope you are too!

Until next month, as always, if you have any questions, thoughts, or ideas, please reach out to me at ATB22890@aol.com.

Take Care & Happy Shooting!

- Andrew Bielman