

June 2025

President's Message

Greetings All!

The month of June marks the official start of Summer and Skeet season, and Michigan is definitely in full swing! May's events saw a marked improvement over April with two Buckle Race shoots drawing increased participation over last year, while other events had steady or slightly lower participation; again, most likely due to the colder and wetter weather we experienced.

This month brings a multitude of big events, including three Buckle Race shoots! The first full weekend of June, the 7th-8th, has the Chet Crites Memorial and Buckle Race event at Detroit Gun Club, while far up north in the UP, Negaunee is hosting their Negaunee Open. The following weekend, June 13th-15th, North Macomb Sportsman's Club is hosting the annual Dad's Day Open Buckle Race event. The 3rd weekend of June has multiple options for shooters; MTA in Mason will be hosting their annual Buckle Race event, the MTA 500; Grayling & Northland gun clubs are hosting separate 5x50 events on Saturday & Sunday; and, for more hardcore competitors, the NSSA is hosting the U.S. Open iShoot at multiple locations across the country! The last weekend of June will see the SCTP shooters competing at their State Championships at MTA, while DSC is hosting the Stanfield Memorial shoot to honor the late Rick Stanfield, who passed away several months ago. The Rick Stanfield Memorial will also offer a special twist, similar to our Annual Friendship Team 12ga event at the State Shoot – when you sign up for this shoot, you will be randomly paired up for your squad for the weekend. As you can see,



there is no shortage of events for Michigan shooters to attend this month, so check out the Shoot Flyer tab on the MSA website and register now!

In other news, the Board of Directors has been hard at work making plans and doing all of the behind the scenes work for this year's State Championships. The State Shoot registration forms and schedule of events are now posted on the MSA website. Be sure and sign up by mid-July to insure you are in the drawing for rotation choice preferences.

As I mentioned last month, in order for the State Shoot to be successful, I am asking everyone to help in attracting new sponsors so we can continue to provide top-notch awards, prizes, meals, and other give aways for You to win! The recent tariff announcements have caused some prices on awards to increase, so it is even more important that we get as many sponsors as we can. The Sponsor Form is posted on the main page of the website, as well as the State Championship page, so check it out and help support Your State Championships!

The MSA website is regularly updated with current League and Buckle Race standings. A quick note to shoot organizers: please make sure to send your shoot file (that would be the "MV" file generated by Skeet Manager shoot software) to MISkeet@comcast.net so the results can be posted on iSkeet and the Points Race and Buckle Race standings can be updated timely.

As the Skeet season continues in Michigan, hopefully the warmer weather is coming, and any rain will avoid the weekends! As you plan out which events you will attend, I encourage you to reach out to the shoot organizer a few weeks ahead of time to sign-up. This not only ensures you have a spot, but it also allows the shoot organizers to make sure they have enough pullers, food, and other requirements so the shoot can be successful. Most registered events are run by volunteers, so be sure and thank them for all the time and effort they put into making each event possible.

As always if you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please reach out to me at ATB22890@aol.com or any Board Member to share. All of our contact information can be found on the MSA website on the Board of Directors page. Until next month, get out and shoot some targets!

Take care and good shooting!

- Andrew Bielman