

July 2025

President's Message

Greetings All!

We have now entered July, summer has officially arrived, and the past few weekends have certainly presented some scorching conditions for shooting! I try to stay positive as I would rather have the heat than the freezing cold of winter. I know others might feel the opposite, but regardless of your personal feelings, I can at least say that the warm weather is great conditioning training for anyone who heads to San Antonio in the fall for the World Shoot!

Last month saw several events hosted throughout the State and nearby including three Buckle Race events, the SCTP State Championships, and the U.S. Open iShoot. It appears the larger shoots are doing well, while smaller events remain challenged. My personal opinion is that everyone wants the biggest bang for their buck; to some, that means supporting their local club and doing less traveling overall, or primarily going to larger shoots. Whatever your personal goals are, I hope everyone has a successful season.

The current Buckle Race standings have been posted to the MSA website. If you have not participated in a Buckle Race event yet this year, it is not too late; there are still three more opportunities remaining prior to the State Shoot. For those who have one or more Buckle Race events already in the books, that means three more chances to get the best scores you can before the State Shoot.

The month of July starts out fairly



quiet as the first two weekends of the month have no events planned following the reschedule of Genesee's Buckle Race shoot to mid-August. The weekend of July 18th & 19th, Rockford Sportsman's Club is hosting the Summertime Open and the last weekend of July, the 26th & 27th, Blue Water Sportsman's Association is holding the Blue Water Open Buckle Race event. There are several mid-week events as well throughout the month; you can check out the calendar on the MSA website for a complete list of all events this month and beyond.

This past week I had the great pleasure of visiting the MTA grounds during the final day of the Michigan SCTP Skeet State Championships. While some rain caused a few delays, overall, the event seemed like a great success, and it was very impressive to see all ten skeet fields up and running! There were 311 shooters participating in the skeet event, and a record five 100 straights were shot by the Juniors, as well as multiple 1st 25, 50 & 75

straights! Congratulations to all of the SCTP shooters, coaches, and parents!! A big thank you also goes out to all the MSA members who volunteered their time to pull for the event. An event of that size needs an army of volunteers to succeed and the MSA members came thru yet again! I hope we will see more of the SCTP shooters join us for the Michigan State Championships in August to try and win even more awards!

Speaking of the State Shoot, the registration form is available on the MSA website. Be sure and mail your forms in ASAP to be included in the drawing for rotation preferences which will take place after July 17th. Also, it's also not too late to be a sponsor for the shoot – we are always looking for more donors for the Bracket Challenge, 100% of which the monies raised for the challenge will be returned to shooters. Please reach out to Brent Edwards or me if you have any interest advertising in the shoot program or in making a donation towards the State shoot.

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, stay cool, and shoot some targets!

Take care and good shooting!

- Andrew Bielman