

Missouri Skeet shooting Newsletter

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Hello everyone and welcome to our newsletter, We are using the newsletter in an effort to highlight skeet shooting tournament results, shooter accomplishments and upcoming events and news around the state and surrounding states, including any other information that our clubs or shooters might like to pass along, shooting instructions, special events, etc. We will also be highlighting our shooting sponsors and goods and services offered by our members and friends. We will also post items for sale or trade. Also remember there is great information on the Missouri Skeet Shooting Associations website at moskeet.org. Thanks to Bill Wayne for maintaining the website

2023 Missouri State Skeet Championships **August 25, 26, 27 2023, at Busch Shooting Range** submitted by Rob Gyngard

For the first time a registered skeet shoot was held at Busch Shooting range in Defiance Mo. Thanks to Tim Rippenger, Rob Armstrong, Bill McCaulley and others, and especially the staff at Busch the club was looking good and ready to go for the weekend.

Friday started off hot and stayed that way all day, 105 or more heat index.

Friday night a board meeting was held, the complete minutes are on the MSSA website, but the main items acted on were the awarding of the money for the youth shooters from the Youth Shooting Fund, \$267, and the purchase of annual liability insurance for \$625.

Saturday the weather was much cooler and wetter, due to lightning we had quite a delay in shooting. When shooting resumed almost everyone got wet. I know my squad did, we shot part of the event in a downpour, it was as hard a rain as I have ever shot in. My thanks to Roger Spann for pulling for us, he got soaked to the skin but never made a bad pull. Due to the weather delay and late finish, the shoot offs for the 20 ga event were postponed till Sunday. At the end of the day we all had a great BBQ dinner arranged by Tim Rippenger, plenty of food for everyone.

Following dinner we had a general membership meeting, again the complete minutes are on the MSSA website. The main items were electing the directors at large to a new term; congratulations to Rob Armstrong, Todd Schatten and Mark Presnell. In an effort to cut cost and encourage new shooters I had proposed a by-law change to make all money purses optional, no mandatory purse; after much discussion the proposal failed. The board is going to bring the issue up at the next board meeting to determine a shoot to test it at. Troy Gordon requested that the board consider changing the number of targets required for the state teams; with the reduced number of shoots it is getting harder to get the minimums. Also Bill Spurlock will be emailing a Zoom link to all the members so they can view the board meetings if they wish.

On to Sunday, an overcast much cooler day. We had a lot of great scores considering the conditions. For all the results go to myskeet.com 2023 tournaments and results. Our thanks to the staff at Busch Shooting range they were extremely courteous and accommodating to all of us. Many thanks to Tim Rippenger, Bill Mccalley, Bill Spurlock, Rob Armstrong and everybody who pitched in to help.

Gun Club News

On September 1st Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports was declared to be donated by owners Ralph and Mary Ann Gates to the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation. Taking formal ownership of the facility, the venue is relaunched as Prairie Grove Shooting Sports Complex. To see the full write up go to facebook and look up Prairie Grove shotgun sports, quite an interesting post.

To shooters in the area, another great place to shoot is **Olin Winchester** in East Alton Il. Reasonable prices, all new AA ammo in all gauges and you keep the hulls, a puller is provided and the hospitality can't be beat. Look for them on the web at Winchester Shooting Facilities.

If anyone around Cape Girardeau would like to get monthly targets at his club, Apple Creek Conservation Range, contact Mark Presnell, at mapresnell@hotmail.com .

The World Skeet Shoot

The world championships are starting Sept 29 and by my rough count at least 12 shooters from Missouri will be there. I think that's a pretty good turnout. Your National directors Rob Armstrong and Bill Spurlock will be attending the directors meeting at the World, if you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns now would be a time to contact them.

Other

I will try and write a newsletter each month, if you dont want it let me know and I will take you off the mailing list. If you would like to submit something send it to me and I will try to include it.

I also encourage you to visit the MSSA website, moskeet.org, there is a lot of good information there.