

Greetings Shooters,

I hope you are well and are somewhere warm or staying warm. The shoot season has begun and the MSCA is excited for 2026. This year we have several new events. It should be said that it is our mission to encourage participation through our shoot offerings for the entire state. As a result, we are excited to have several great shoots to be hosted on the "West Side" this year.

First, the West Michigan Open will consist of two legs, both Saturday/Sunday shoots hosted at North Ottawa (Sat) and Kent County (Sun). Both of these clubs offer shooters targets thrown over beautiful but challenging terrain. This should be a great test of skill and a lot of fun. I would encourage all to attend.

Second, our annual Great Lakes Championship will be hosted at Kent County Conservation League. In addition to the fun, imaginative but challenging targets we are accustomed to seeing at KCCL, we will be bringing back the Pro/Am challenge we introduced at the Great Lakes last year. I know that the folks at KCCL have been working hard in preparation, so please show your support. This shoot will be a great time.

Also new for this year is the first ever Michigan FITASC Championship hosted by Hillsdale College with targets thrown by NSCA and MSCA Hall of Famer Pat Leiske. Similar to other states, our goal is to separate our FITASC championship from the Sporting Championship so that we can give both events the attention they deserve.

The Michigan FITASC Championship will have FITASC as the main event and will be equal in status to our Michigan Sporting Clays Championship title—annual trophy, bragging rights, and all. We are so excited to crown our first-ever Michigan FITASC champion. You do not want to miss this one.

Finally, the Michigan Sporting Clays Championship this year will be held at Detroit Gun Club. DGC needs no introduction. This year's MI Sporting Clay Championships will feature imaginative targets that challenge the shooter to make good decisions in the stand while keeping that move to the target smooth. Capping it off with great food, fellowship, and Hall of Fame presentations, I am excited for this one—it should be great fun.

We can all agree 2026 is a big year for all of us. As I have stated in the past, it is the mission of the MSCA to bring back the community aspect of sporting clays in Michigan. At these shoots, we hope to see all of you shooting, talking about the awesome pair you broke, the stand you ran, and the score you shot—good or not so good. Our great game doesn't happen without the clubs and you, the shooter, so come out, grab the shotgun, some shells, and bring your game... and a smile.

Hope to see you,

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MSCA President