

MSSA Newsletter,

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Greetings Missouri skeet shooters!

Our State Skeet Championship is just around the corner and though I'd let folks know about some of the activities planned for this year.

First is the auction of donated items to raise money for MSSA's MidwayUSA account which supports youth shooting here in Missouri. Last year this auction was a tremendous success, and we hope to do even better this year. If you have something you'd like to donate to help raise money for the youth shooter fund, please bring it! These items can be anything you think we can auction off, e.g. old skeet stuff, books, shell bags, anything shotgun related, etc. And as always, donations will be gladly accepted.

Another always exciting activity is the 410 Calcutta! This will be one pot, winner take all, event just like last year so bid on who you think will win the 410 event. Brighton Hutson won it last year! Lower classed shooters will be cheaper to buy than the higher classed shooters, but everyone has the same chance to win and who knows who will be on their A game that day! If someone other than the shooter themselves buys a shooter, the split will be 70% to buyer, 30% to shooter so if you think you will win it, try to buy yourself. Note, I have heard comments about breaking it into two groups, AA, A, and B in group 1, and everyone else in group two. We will canvass the group before the auction and proceed as the majority wants.

During the annual membership meeting we will discuss and vote on a bylaw change to effectively make the bylaws reflect the way we operate using referees during our State shoot. We need to add "when available" to the section saying we will use NSSA certified referees. I expect there will be some conversation around this issue.

We will also be voting for the officer positions. The current officers have agreed to run again. They are... Bill McCaulley-President, Tim Ripperger-VicePresident, and Bill Spurlock-Secretary/Treasurer. If you would like to help support MSSA with a little time and effort, and want to run for one of these positions, please do so.

We also plan to induct a great sheet shooter into the MSSA Hall of Fame during the Saturday evening meeting. Her name is Judy Warden Brown. She was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 2022. She has won many Missouri Skeet Championships including 12 ga, 20 ga, 28 ga, and 410 bore. Of note is that she shot Remington 1100s in everything and has 13 World titles to her credit. I look forward to talking to her!

David Ackerman oversees our dinner Saturday eve, so bring your appetite. He did a good job last year and I expect no less than an outstanding dinner again this year.

When you have a chance, please come out and support your Missouri Clubs. KCTA has been putting on a shoot every month this summer and would love to see you attend one of their shoots.

I wish everyone good luck on the skeet fields this year and if you have concerns or questions, please reach out to any Board Member and we will be happy to assist in any way we can!

Bill McCaulley, MSSA President