

# Missouri Skeet Shooting Association Newsletter for April 2015

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Hello and welcome again to the MSSA newsletter. We are using the newsletter in an effort to highlight tournament results, shooter accomplishments, upcoming events and news around the state, including any other information that our clubs might like to pass along, shooting instructions, concealed carry classes, 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 very detailed information on our website at [moskeet.org](http://moskeet.org). Our thanks to Bill Wayne for maintaining the website.

**Now that Spring is here be sure and support your local gun club by joining a Skeet league.**

## News and Upcoming Events

**NSSA Skeet Year Changed Beginning this year (2015)**, the NSSA skeet year will end on December, 31, rather than October 31, next year and following years will coincide with the calendar year.

Don't forget now is the time to renew your MSSA membership. The payment form is on our web site [moskeet.org](http://moskeet.org), under annual dues.

Bill Wayne is in the process of creating a **Missouri Hall of Fame** page for our website to recognize those Missouri shooters who have been inducted into the MSSA Hall of Fame. Any assistance you can provide in identifying these members would be appreciated. If you can provide names and (if known) year inducted, please send the information to MSSA President – Rob Gyngard at [robgyngard@gmail.com](mailto:robgyngard@gmail.com).

**The Spring Open will be held at Springfield Rod and Gun Club April 4.** See the program at, [www.moskeet.org](http://www.moskeet.org). It is a 5 by 50 target 1 day shoot, and lunch will be provided. If possible pre-register it makes planning for food and club help so much easier.

**April 11 the Tax Day Open at Prairie Grove.** See the program at, [www.moskeet.org](http://www.moskeet.org). It is a 50 target event, shoot any guage and doubles. Lunch will be available at \$5 for shooters \$7 for guests. Please pre-register if possible it makes planning for food and club help much easier.

**April 17,18 and 19 the MSSA Banquet Shoot** will be at St. Louis Skeet and Trap Club. To view the shoot program and entry form go to [skeetrap.com](http://skeetrap.com) and select the Banquet shoot links, again please pre-register if possible it makes planning the event so much easier. All of their skeet shoots for the year are listed in **skeet events and news** page They have a new web master and their website has been updated and is very well done with much more information about their club and upcoming events, shoot results etc. They also have new mobile website.

At the Banquet we will be presenting all the awards for the 2014 Mo. State Shoot. We will also be presenting the Mo.State team patches for 2015 and Points Challenge awards. We will also be awarding The Rookie of the Year award which will be presented by Arvel Mendenhall. Many thanks to Arvel for sponsoring this award every year. A complete list of these winners will be posted on our website [moskeet.org](http://moskeet.org).

## Shoots in May

May 9, The Mothers Day open at Prairie Grove.

May 16, Spring Warm up at St. Louis Skeet and Trap, (4x50).

Our friends at the World Shooting Complex at Spart II., are having the The Spring Fling open May 2, and 3. Check their website for particulars.

### **Skeet Shoot Reviews**

#### **St Pat's Open 2015 at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports**

Submitted by Mary Ann Gates

Although we were shooting our cold-weather format of 50 targets per gauge, the weather was a balmy 50-something as we began the 12-gauge event. Twenty-five shooters participated in the main event and the preliminary 12 gauge event, 15 in E class alone! It was a day of shooters new to MSSA—8 complimentary memberships, and youth shooters excelled. 12- ga gun champ was Josh Thompson, a junior shooter from Shelbina; Cody Drake, an MU Shotgun Team member, took A1; Rob Armstrong won B1; Roy Smith, in his first registered skeet shoot, won C1; Bill Wayne, D1, and Matt Struempf won E1. Olivia Stecker took Lady champ.

In the preliminary gauges, 20-gauge saw Rob Armstong on top, followed by Don French in C and Ronald Landon in D. In 28 gauge, Rob Gyngard won top gun, followed by Struempf in C and Jess Cole in D. Bradley Comer took gun champ in the .410. In 12 gauge, Thompson was gun champ again, Stecker won C, Clinton McBride won D, and Lauren Hartwein E.

Doubles found 13 participants, with Gyngard again taking top gun, followed by Ralph Gates B, Zachary Smith, a new registered junior shooter, taking C; Armstrong D, and Lauren Hartwein taking Lady in Doubles.

We were happy to have State MSSA President Rob Gyngard and his wife Kathy at the club. He met and chatted with this group of shooters new to the organization. It was a lovely day with a tasty lunch offered, and, of course, Prairie Grove's Ultimate brownies abounding.

Special thanks to new club manager Cameron Smith for running a smooth shoot, and to Brittany, Gabe, and Jackson for pulling good targets. Many thanks to our shooters for driving from Smithville, the Kansas City area, Shelbina, the St. Louis area, Shawnee KS, Warrensburg, West Alton IL, and mid-Missouri to attend this shoot.

We look forward to seeing even more of Missouri's skeet shooters at our April 11 Tax Day Open, for 50 in 12, gauge of choice, and doubles. Tell us if you're coming and we'll have plenty of lunch for you!

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