

Missouri Skeet Shooting Association Newsletter for May 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. 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, under annual dues. All Missouri residents must belong to the MSSA before competing in registered shoots in Mo.

A note to shoot management, please help the MSSA by collecting state dues from Missouri shooters.

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.

Congratulations to all the 2015 Missouri State Team Members and to Josh Thompson the 2015 Missouri Rookie of the year. A complete listing is on our website at moskeet.org.

Shoots in May

Spring Fling at The World Shooting Complex

Our friends at the World Shooting Complex at Sparta IL., are having the The Spring Fling open **May 1st, 2nd and 3rd**. The Program has \$2700 in added money. The full program can be accessed on the internet at:

<http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/recreation/WSRC/Documents/2015WSRCSpringFlingprogramFinal.pdf>

May 9, Mothers Day Open at Prairie Grove

Shoot 100 targets of your choice, Lunch will be available, please see the full program at moskeet.org.

May 16th The Spring Warm up at St. Louis Skeet and Trap

This is a 4 by 50 shoot come out and enjoy the day.

Shoots In June

June 6th at Prairie Grove, The Flag Day Open

This is a get your targets in day. You may shoot any gauge, either 50s or 100s, doubles included. See the full program at moskeet.org

June 19, 20 and 21 at Springfield Rod and Gun Club, The Bob Mitchell Peanut Open

This 3 day shoot has over \$3500 in added money and includes Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner for the shooter and guest. Go to moskeet.org for the full program.

June 26, 27 and 28, St. Louis Skeet and Trap is having the St. Louis Open

Here is your chance to win \$10,000. For the 2nd year in row the club is offering \$10,000 for anyone running a 400 by 400, ties divide. This is also a MSSA points shoot. See the full program at moskeet.org

Please everyone pre-register if possible for all shoots, it makes it so much easier for the Clubs to plan for food, referees and other help. Thank You.

Goods and Services

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Skeet Shoot Review

Spring Open 2015 at Springfield Rod & Gun Club

By Keith Haley

Springfield Rod & Gun Club hosted the Spring Open and welcomed 15 shooters. Doubles kicked off at 9:00 a.m. with sunny skies, and cool temperatures. David Sutton took the Championship with a score of 45. Bill Spurlock finished runner-up, Keith Haley took third, both with a score of 44. Micah Gibbons won B1; Brian Waterworth won C1, and Alan Young in his first registered shoot took D1.

The 12 gauge event was a little warmer and David Sutton emerged gun champ again with a score of 49. Bill Spurlock shot a 48 to take runner-up, and Keith Haley shot off with Brian Waterworth to take third with a 47. Brian took C1; Dean Rapp a shooter from Columbia Missouri took D1, and Tom Mangan shot a 42 to take E1.

The 20 gauge event 11 participants with Micah Gibbons winning gun champ with a 48. Bill Spurlock took runner-up with a 47, and David Sutton third with a 46. Keith Haley won A1; Abel Briano B1; Phil Smiddy C1, and Dean Rapp again with D1.

Saturday afternoon kicked off 28 gauge with three 48's. After the shoot off Micah Gibbons was gun champ over Bill Spurlock runner-up and David Sutton third. Keith Haley won A1; Brian Waterworth took C1, and Abel Briano D1.

The little gun .410 gave us Micah Gibbons as gun champ with his 47, followed by Bill Spurlock runner-up, Dean Rapp third. Phil Smiddy B1; Keith Haley C1, and Bill Ingalsbe won D1.

As the scores were tallied, Micah Gibbons and Bill Spurlock tied with a 189. After the smoked cleared Micah Gibbons took the HOA title, with Bill runner-up. David Sutton finished third with a 183. Keith Haley B1; Brian Waterworth C1, and Dean Rapp D1.

Thanks to Carl Keel and Wade Perkins for refereeing the event. Club members did a great job taking care of all the shooters and their families.

We look forward to our next event The Bob Mitchell Memorial Peanut Open June 19-21. This event gets better every year; we see increased participation from shooters and sponsors each year.



Brian Waterworth Smoking a target on High 8 in the 2015 Spring Open.

A Good Time Was Had By All, At The Missouri State Banquet Shoot April 17, 18 & 19.

Submitted by John Napoli

April 18th was a beautiful day. There was no sun, but it was warm and there was no wind, to speak of. The targets were flying through the hoop and landing on the stakes. A handful showed up to shoot doubles the prior afternoon, but on this delightful morning, 33 entrants appeared for the 12 ga event, representing nearly every part of the State. The event went off without a hitch and there were several straights!

The weather held up for the 20 ga event that afternoon and again there were several straights. After the always entertaining shoot-offs, the El Agave Restaurant, of Pacific MO, provided a Mexican feast fit for a King. The shooters and their guests gobbled it down with great enthusiasm. There were beef enchiladas', chicken burritos, beef fajitas, rice, beans, nachos and all manner of "south of the border" sauces. Afterward, the awards for the 2014 State Championships and the belt buckles for the point's race were given out. Thanks to Carter Finnell for sponsoring the belt buckles and Arvel Mendenhall for hand engraving them. The Rookie of The Year award went to Josh Thompson. The State Board held a brief planning meeting afterward.

Sunday morning brought another sunny.....wait, who am I kidding? It was a crappy morning for the sub-gauges, just like it usually is. For the 28ga, it was raining lightly and we got most of it in without incident. When the .410 started, it was still raining lightly, but all that changed when the rain stopped and a howling wind started up. The targets were dancing like they were on Broadway and suddenly the little gun seemed even smaller. Then the wind suddenly stopped and it started pouring (at least that is what happened in my rotation and that's my excuse). The rain stopped for the shoot-offs and the sun was trying to come out. The shoot-offs were entertaining, as usual and when the dust settled this is how it ended up:

HOA	James Barnard	394	20 Ga	GC	James Bernard	100
HOA RU	Wayne Kidd	390		RU	Jim Perpich	100
HAA	Wayne Kidd	485	28 Ga	GC	James Barnard	99
HAA RU	Christina MacMillan	472		RU	Wayne Kidd	98
Doubles GC	David Sutton	96	.410	GC	Jim Perpich	97
RU	Wayne Kidd	95		RU	James Barnard	96
12 Ga GC	Shawn Kemeter	100				
RU	Matthew Griffiths	100				

The club looked good and everything went well at St. Louis Skeet and Trap. We are eagerly anticipating the St. Louis Open, June 26, 27 and 28th. A big thank you to Keith Haley from the Springfield R & G, who volunteered to run the shoot and was largely responsible for the smooth operation. Keith has also graciously volunteered to run the St. Louis Open, which will sport a top prize of \$10,000 for a 400x400 performance (to be split in the event of ties). Don't forget to mark your calendar for the State Championships, August 14 – 16 at Columbia... See you there! JN