

Missouri Skeet Shooting Association Newsletter for July 2015

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We are writing the newsletter to highlight tournament results, shooter accomplishments, upcoming events and news around the state. Also posting any 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 posting goods and services offered by our members and friends and 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. Bill is now the administrator for our facebook page, thanks again Bill.

News and Upcoming Events

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.

Skeet Shoot Reviews

2015 Missouri State Shoot

Submitted by Bill Wayne

The weather was sunny and hot; the winds were light. The 52 Missourians who showed up at Columbia's Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports for the 2015 State Championships had ideal conditions for a skeet shooting weekend on well manicured fields prepared by owner Ralph Gates and his crew.

The big star of the tournament was Tim Carter, home on leave from the USMC. The former Junior star is grown and confident. He topped off his perfect scores in the 20 GA & 28 GA with shootoff wins, and took the HOA by one bird over Bill Spurlock.

The winners' stand for Friday's Doubles had a distinct Springfield flavor – B shooter Micah Gibbons' 97 took the top honors, Followed by Bill Spurlock's 96 and shoot manager Keith Haley's 95. Class winners were James Barnard AA, Russ Stevens A, David Sutton B, Terry Grzina C & Rob Armstrong D. Stevens started his sweep of Retired Military honors, John Napoli of Veteran and Arvel Mendenhall of Sr. Vet. Josh Thompson won Junior Champ and Mary Ann Gates won Ladies.

Good weather continued on Saturday morning as Garrett Rhodes started his very good day with the only perfect score in the 12 GA. Mark Presnell outlasted Bill Spurlock and Class B winner in the Runner-Up/3rd shootoff of 99s. Other class winners were Jim Perpich (AA), MSSA President Rob Gyngard (A), Chief Referee Roger Spann (B), Terry Grzina (C), Collin Simpson (D & Junior Champ) & Jacob Humphrey (E). Top Lady was Olivia Stecker. David Sutton & Mark Presnell won 2-man team, Ralph & Mary Ann Gates took Husband/Wife team, while the 5-man team of Haley, Perpich, Gibbons, Ralph Gates & Brian Waterworth 1-birded Spurlock, James & J.B. Barnard, Ryan Smithart & Carter Finnell.

Rhodes continued his fine shooting in the afternoon 20 GA event, again posting a straight, but this time he had company. Tim Carter came home on leave from the Marines to win the 2-way 20 GA shootoff. James Barnard took 3 rd with a 99. Russ Stevens bested 2 other 98s to win AA-1, while Troy Gordon (A), Collin Simpson (B & Jr. Champ), Josh Beard (C) & John Napoli (D) won the other classes. Autumn

Wilson was top Lady. The Barnards won 2-man and their 5-man team won as well. That evening, after a fine dinner featuring pork steaks and adult beverages, was provided by hostess Mary Ann Gates and her crew. Ralph Gates auctioned off a Damascus knife donated by sponsor Cathy Ergovich of What-Ya-Say Hearing & Vision Protection and several attendees won door prizes.

The fine weather continued on Sunday; Carter and MSSA Vice-President Jeff Nichols shot the only 100s in the 28 GA, with Tim winning again. Troy Gordon had the only 99 for 3rd. Class winners were Smithart (AA), Presnell (A), Steve Simpson (B), Terry Steuck (C) and Don Beard (D). Collin Simpson was Junior Champ, Mary Ann Gates won Lady, Nichols & Finnell won 2-man team and the team of James & J.B. Barnard, Spurlock, Finnell & Smithart took 5-man.

J.B. Barnard woke up for the .410, his 97 winning by one bird over Bill Spurlock; no shootoff was required. Tim Carter beat Rob Gyngard (A-1) for 3rd. Other class winners were James Barnard (AA), Rhodes (B), Napoli (C) & Don Beard (D). Simpson repeated as Junior and Gates as Lady. The Barnards took 2 man team.

High Overall went to Carter, with a 391, by a bird over Spurlock. Garrett Rhodes was 3rd at 384. Class winners included Nichols (A), Sutton (B), Josh Beard (C), Don Beard (D) & Larry Utterback (E). Concurrent champs included Collin Simpson (Junior), Tim Carter (Collegiate, Triple Sub & Military), J.B. Barnard (Sub-sub), Jeff Nichols (Sub-Senior), Rob Gyngard (Senior), John Napoli (Vet), Arvel Mendenhall (Sr. Vet), Mary Ann Gates (Lady) and Russ Stevens (Retired Military). Gyngard & Mike Schriever were HOA-2 man team and 5-man went to Barnard, Barnard, Smithart, Finnell & Spurlock.

Spurlock won the HAA with 486, Rhodes second and James Barnard 3rd. Mary Ann Gates found enough time away from running the kitchen to take Lady HOA & HAA Classes went to J.B. Barnard (AA), Stevens (A), Sutton (B), Rob Armstrong (C), & Utterback (E).

2015 State Shoot Annual Meeting

Following dinner on Saturday night we held our annual membership meeting, at which time we presented our Traveling Trophies and other awards for our Champions, runners-up and third place shooters for the Doubles, 12 gauge and 20 gauge events. Go to our facebook page on the moskeet.org website and see our photos of the awards.

During the meeting we also made two by-law changes, one to make our skeet shooting year match the NSSA year, which now ends Dec. 31. and the other change will now allow all our clubs two points challenge shoots per year including the State and Banquet Shoot. We also held our biennial election of State Directors at Large. Seeking re-election were Carter Finnell and Ralph Gates. Bud Wood, who has been a great director and friend to us all decided not to seek re-election. We all thank Bud for all his hard work and he remains our National Director. Keith Haley was nominated to fill his position. Carter, Ralph and Keith were elected by acclamation, thanks to each for their continued service to the MSSA.

Each year the NSSA gives the state one free entry into the Main events at the World Championships, we held a drawing of shooters wishing to attend the World Shoot and this years winner was Dean Rapp, with Steve Simpson's name being drawn as a second if Dean could not attend. As luck would have it Dean found out on Sunday that he had also been chosen by the Zone 5 committee as their recipient of the free entry, so the free entry from the state goes to Steve, congratulations.

We now gave out various door prizes donated by our sponsors. What-ya-Say hearing and vision protection providers donated for auction a hunting coat and beautifully engraved dagger, Ralph Gates auctioneer extraordinary got us a lot of money, thanks Ralph. We then drew the winner of a Winchester black widow pump shotgun, which was donated by Winchester Arms. The winner Dean Rapp again. We also presented Josh Thompson, our 2015 Missouri State Rookie of the year with a gift certificate from Briley Manufacturing for a full set of sub-gauge tubes, thanks to J.B Barnard for his help in getting the donation from Briley. Thanks to John Napoli and Ralph Gates for their help securing Sponsors. Thanks to Roger Spann and his crew for refereeing the shoot. Thanks to Keith Haley for runing the skeet program and registration for us. Thanks to Ralph and Mary Ann for hosting the shoot. Thanks to again to all our sponsors. The Meeting was then adjourned.

The complete shoot results are posted on our website at moskeet.org and again photos are posted on our facebook page.

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