

## **Missouri Skeet Shooting Newsletter for December, 2016**

### **Merry Christmas!**

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](http://moskeet.org). Our thanks to Bill Wayne for maintaining the website. Bill is the administrator for our facebook page, thanks again Bill.

**Bill Wayne has created 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 Day of the Dead, last shoot of 2016, held at Prairie Grove** submitted by Rob Gyngard

The shoot was well attended by 16 shooters, and it was a beautiful day, almost perfect. Troy Gordon won the 12 gauge event, Yours truly won the 20, Josh Thompson the 28 and Nathan Walls the doubles. The complete results and scores are on the NSSA website. As usual Mary Ann and her staff prepared a great lunch for everyone. Thanks to Mary Ann, Ralph and all their staff for having us.

During our lunch break we held the last state board of directors meeting for 2016. This was also Jeff Nichols last meeting as either President or Vice-President, Jeff has served our association faithfully for at least the last eight years first as President then as Vice-President. He has been a great asset to the MSSA and especially to me. He was the primary driver of the 50/50 ticket sales which over the last eight years raised many thousands of dollars for the state association. I am sure we can continue to rely on his help and support whenever it is needed, thanks again for all your help. Dean Rapp our new Vice-President was also in attendance, we are looking forward to working with Dean.

Also during the meeting the board voted to induct Roger Spann and Bill Wayne into the MSSA Hall of Fame under the Charlie Smith award, The Charlie Smith Award is given in honor of a long time shooter and/or contributor; recipients are those those who have made a significant contribution to the MSSA and skeet shooting in our state by their long time volunteer efforts. It is our equivalent of NSSA's Ray Boller Award. Induction will be made at the 2017 Missouri State Shoot following dinner and during our annual membership meeting, their qualifications for induction were outstanding, congratulations Roger and Bill.

Our state financial report was given by Nancy Rodney, in short we have ;  
\$1389.00 in the Tracy Drake fund which is used to fund the Rookie of year  
awards.

\$7500.00 in the Life member fund, 75 life members times \$100.00

\$2374.00 in the general operating fund.

We have increased our funds by about \$1000.00 over last year at this time.

Lastly we scheduled shoots for 2017, the Banquet shoot will be at Prairie Grove April 22 and 23, we will be using a two day format, shooting 200 regular targets plus 50 doubles targets each day. The State Shoot will also be at Prairie Grove, August 11, 12 and 13. Just before the meeting Rex Powers sent me a text message saying he could not attend the meeting and that St. Louis Skeet and Trap would no longer would be in the rotation to hold the state shoot.

**The 2017 shoot schedule is on our website.**

**The complete minutes from the meeting is on our website.**

### **Other News**

The winning ticket for the MSSA \$1000.00 raffle was drawn the evening of Tuesday November 15th at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports. Karen who always serves up food and service with a smile at the club drew the winning ticket of Jeff Nichols. The winning ticket was then confirmed by the always appreciative Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports manager, Ross. Congratulations to Jeff and thanks to all who donated their hard earned funds. **Thanks also to everyone who helped sell tickets.**

Congratulations to Collin Simpson and Dick Ferguson on reaching the 10,000 registered targets milestone this year.

Congratulations to all the points challenge winners for 2016

Josh Beard	1021
Bill Spurlock	964
David Carr	780
Jim Perpich	772
Donald Beard	740
Cap Kovarik	720
Terry Grzina	688
Dean Rapp	675
Carter Finnell	634
Albert Tindall	633

**And again we would like to thank Carter Finnell and Marco Polo Outfitters for his continuing sponsorship of the points challenge tour.**

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