

Missouri Skeet Shooting News for May, 2017

Happy Mothers Day!

We are writing this 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 also 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**

Shoot Reviews

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Submitted by Rob Gyngard

St. Louis Skeet and Trap held their first shoot of the year April 1, it was a 5 by 50 tournament and a points challenge shoot. The turnout was excellent with approx 30 shooters. Congratulations to the Doubles Champ Josh Beard, 12 Gauge Champ Josh Beard , 20 Gauge Champ Terry Grzina, 410 Champ Josh Beard and HOA Champion Mark Presnell. The complete results are on St. Louis Skeet and Trap Clubs website.

As I am writing, St. Louis Skeet and Trap is preparing for at least a partial flood and maybe worse, lets hope not. With the help of 20 to 30 volunteers they have prepared for the worst by moving over 65 trap machines to high ground or trailers and secured all wooden benches and gun racks and removed the contents of the clubhouse and storage shed to secured dry areas. They wish to express their special thanks to Pat Couch who directed, organized and spearheaded this effort. Also thanks to Shawn Dulohery who showed up with a semi tractor trailer, and to new board member Ed Lazarski who cooked up some great hamburgers and brats for the entire crew. Thanks to everyone who came and helped. **They still need more help on Monday May 1 at 7:00 am.**

MSSA Banquet Shoot
Submitted by Rob Gyngard

Prairie Grove Shotgun shooting sports hosted our annual MSSA Banquet Shoot April 22 and 23. Saturday started out a little colder and windier than earlier in the week , but no rain. I think the weatherman's predictions of gloom and doom scared some shooters away (it is an outdoor sport). Saturday's shooting ended with Mark Presnell with 12 GA Champion and yours truly with 28 GA Champion. In the evening Mary Ann and her crew provided a great pork steak dinner with all the trimmings for everyone. Immediately following dinner the State Shoot awards were given, along with State Team awards. The last awards presented were the points challenge buckles, 8 of the 10 recipients were present, they are pictured below. Congratulations to everyone who received an award. Our thanks to Nancy Rodney for the State Shoot and State Team Plaques and to Carter Finnell for his sponsorship of the Points Challenge Belt Buckles and Arvel Mendenhall for making the Buckles.



Following the awards a State Board of Directors meeting was held. In attendance President Rob Gyngard, Vice President Dean Rapp, Financial Secretary Nancy Rodney, Directors at Large Ralph Gates and Carter Finnell and Club Director Michael Rodney, also in attendance members Bill Wayne and Arvel Mendenhall. The main topics of the meeting was the preparations for the 2017 state shoot, and the financial report. The state shoot will be managed very similar to last year. Concerning our financial statement, currently we have more money in our accounts than last year at this time.

Sunday was an even better day than Saturday, bright sun and warmer temperatures. In the 20 GA event Don Beard was our Champion. The 410 was won by Josh Beard. I won the doubles Championship and Josh Beard was HOA champion. The full results will be reported on the NSSA scoreboard. Our thanks to Ralph and Maryann and their staff for their hospitality and continued support of the Missouri Skeet Association.

Upcoming shoots

May		
5/13	Prairie Grove	Mothers Day Open * - Program in PDF format
June		
6/10	Prairie Grove	Blue Skies Open - Program in PDF format
6/9-11	Springfield R&G	Mitchell Memorial Peanut Open * Program in PDF format
6/30-7/2	St. Louis S&T	St. Louis Open *

The full 2017 MSSA shoot schedule is on our website at Moskeet.org

Note* The 2017 State Shoot date has been changed to August 4, 5 and 6. The change was made to avoid conflict with the Zone 5 shoot dates.

Upcoming MSSA Elections

Our annual elections are held the Saturday evening of our MSSA State Shoot. This year we will be holding elections for our three director at large positions. Voting details you should know about:

- To vote you must be present at the time of the election, no absentee ballots will be allowed.
- Voters must be members in good standing with both the MSSA and NSSA (Ballots will only be provided to those whose name appear on active member lists of both NSSA and MSSA. please feel free to contact Dean Rapp and confirm you are a member in good standing)
- A written ballot will be provided with names of all nominees and will allow for up to three write in candidates (Interested in the position, let us know so we can have your name on the Ballot with a Bio)
- A bio will be provided in advance for all candidates whose nomination was received at least one week in advance.
- Those interested in the position are encouraged to read the bylaws posted on MoSkeet.org
- This is a volunteer organization, if you have great ideas, would like to see change then this is your chance to make it happen.

Please direct any questions or concerns about the upcoming election to the 2017 Election Year committee Dean Rapp via e-mail Dean@AFSnow.com via phone [573-268-5050](tel:573-268-5050) or Ralph Gates [573-387-4747](tel:573-387-4747)

Obituaries

Dave Staat a friend of ours, who shot on the Tuesday night skeet league at Gateway Gun Club, passed away April 15. Our condolences to all his friends and family.

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