

Missouri Skeet Shooting Association

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Hello, 2019 Skeet Season—Winter is Over!!

Welcome to the first edition of the 2019 Missouri Skeet Shooting Association newsletter. I am your new editor, having volunteered without undue coercion last fall. Firstly, I want to thank Rob Gyngard for reinitiating the monthly newsletter when he became president several years ago and faithfully compiling and distributing it throughout his term as President. The newsletter Rob provided was an invaluable source of information for Missouri skeet shooters. I hope to continue that precedent.

My plan is to publish a newsletter on a monthly basis going forward on or around the first day of each month. Each newsletter will highlight upcoming Missouri and other regional shoots of interest, provide wrap ups of just completed shoots and otherwise communicate items of interest to Missouri skeet shooters. Also, as and when appropriate, I hope to include updates from our National Directors, Carter Finnell and Bill Spurlock, on happenings at the NSSA affecting skeet shooting nationally.

It is a cliché, but **THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER**. So, please provide to me any stories, shoot summaries, pictures or other skeet related items and I will include them in this newsletter. If you have items to contribute, please submit them to me by the 25th of the month in order that they may be included in the next scheduled newsletter. Also, please feel free to call or email me if there are things you wish that we cover in these newsletters. My contact info is below. I look forward to carrying on the good work of the Gyngards (yes, I am sure Kathy was involved also) and being your newsletter editor!

Upcoming Missouri Shoots

April 5—April Showers Open

Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports

April 27-28 MSSA Banquet Shoot

St. Louis Skeet & Trap

Questions or comments? Email us at troygordon@gmail.com or call 314-255-9313

Message from the President

The 2019 Skeet Season has already begun and those that are Snow Birding have shot a few rounds. Me, I've cleaned my gun, loaded ammunition and watched skeet videos in preparation for my season to start. I've also worked with Bill Wayne and other board members to bring a new look and feel to our Web site. I hope you enjoy the improvements we have made.

With the Web site being a primary focus, we are a bit delayed in getting our first newsletter out under my term. We want to keep up the tradition of providing valuable information, MSSA shooter updates and more in our newsletters. And I send a special thanks to Rob Gyngard who was diligent in getting out the newsletter each month. I also want to thank Troy Gordon who has agreed to take on the role of Newsletter Editor this year.

To assist with the timely communication of news, events and general information we have chosen to use MailChimp as our distribution method. We hope you find this simple to use. We also created a "News" section of the moskeet.org site which I would suggest checking in on from time to time.

Thanks to the hard work of Bill Spurlock the payment of dues can now be done on line at <https://moskeet.org/membership-dues>. Be sure to pay your dues earlier to get the discounted rate of \$15 for the year. If you pay at a registered shoot the dues will be \$20 for the year. This teared structure was our effort to reduce the stress of managing a shoot, reduce time spent in registration lines and well let's be honest... raise a little extra money.

I'll be sure to outline some of my goals and objectives in a coming issue. In the mean time if you have a suggestion or would like to volunteer to assist in our efforts please reach out to me.

Thanks, Dean Rapp, President@MoSkeet.org

Your 2019 MSSA Officers

Dean Rapp-President

Kevin Hess-Vice President

Bill Spurlock-Secretary/
Treasurer

2019 NSSA All Americans

Tommy Moore -Veteran 1st
Team

Kevin Hess—Military Veteran
1st Team

Wayne Kidd—Triple Sub 2nd
Team

Arvel Mendenhall—Senior
Veteran Honorable Mention

Marshall Wilson—Junior Hon-
orable Mention

2018 Highlights

Since this is the first newsletter of the shoot year, we have included a quick wrap up of the 2018 skeet shooting year. So, here on these pages and in the margins you will see the Missouri shooters who have been named to the NSSA All American Teams, the NSSA Class All American Teams and the Missouri State Team Captains. In addition, special recognition goes to our **2018 Missouri State Shoot Champions:**

Kevin Hess—28 Gauge, Doubles, HOA and HAA

Bill McCaulley—12 Gauge and .410 Bore

Mark Presnell—20 Gauge

and to our **2018 Missouri Points Challenge Winners** sponsored by **Marco Polo Outfitters:**

Kevin Hess

Mark Presnell

Jeff Nichols

Bill McCaulley

Roger Spann

John Napoli

Rob Gyngard

John Brummett

Mason McCaulley

Terry Pollard

2019 NSSA Class All Americans

Wayne Kidd—AAA 2nd Team

Kevin Hess—A 1st Team

Mark Presnell—A 2nd Team

Jeff Nichols—B 2nd Team

Bill McCaulley—B 2nd Team

John Brummett—C 2nd Team

Roger Spann—C Honorable Mention

Mason McCaulley—D Honorable Mention

Michael Devero—E 1st Team

2018 Highlights (continued)

Finally, special honor goes to Jeff Nichols and Nancy Rodney. At the 2018 State Skeet Shoot, Jeff was inducted into the Missouri Skeet Hall of Fame and Nancy Rodney received the Charlie Smith Award for a lifetime of giving back to Missouri skeet. Congratulations to both Jeff and Nancy!

2019 Season News and Shoot Summaries

Since the season is just underway, I have no shoot summaries to provide. I know some of our friends are on the Florida winter circuit and I look forward to providing shoot results and pictures next newsletter. So, snow birds (you know who you are), please submit stories, scores and pictures for the next newsletter. We unfortunate souls stuck in the Missouri winter wish to experience vicariously what it is like to shoot skeet in January in a T-shirt.

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That is it for now. We will be in touch in April with our next newsletter. In the meantime, please support your local club and send me your feedback on newsletter content, as well as shoot results and other relevant info. And, do not forget to pour plenty of lead down the barrel. One of the "old timers" who taught me how to shoot told me once that that was the surefire way to get good at this sport.

2019 State Teams Captains

Complete 2019 State Teams are available on the MSSA Web Site. Here are the individual event Captains:

12 Gauge—Bill Spurlock

20 Gauge—Bill Spurlock

28 Gauge—Kevin Hess

.410 Bore—Troy Gordon

Doubles—Kevin Hess

HOA—Mark Presnell

HAA—Mark Presnell

Rookie of the Year—Pete Wann