

Missouri Skeet Shooting Association

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2019 Skeet Season—We Are Underway!

The registered shoot season has begun. Starting this month, we will be bringing you shooting highlights of Missouri shooters, as well as news of note and interest to all State Association members. So, please send me anything you want included in these pages, whether it be shoot summaries, funny stories from the field or any topic relevant to skeet shooting in general and Missouri skeet in particular. I am happy to cut and waste any shoot wraps you give me. If I need to, I will scour the NSSA web site for shoot highlights and accomplishments of Missouri shooters.

The MSSA Banquet Shoot is this weekend (April 27-28) at St. Louis Skeet & Trap. Experienced shooters already know that this is the event at which honors and awards are handed out for last years' State Teams and Marco Polo Outfitters Points Race. If you are a new shooter or a first time award winner, please come and participate in the festivities. Of course, you may also shoot 500 targets over the weekend! See Dean's President's letter on Page 2 for info related to the shoot and the fact that it is filling up fast.

Programs and/or registration information for the Missouri shoots highlighted in the right hand column on this page may, of course, be found on the MSSA web site (see "Shoot Schedule" under the "Events" Tab on the home page). And, please let me know if you need info on any of the Mid-western shoots highlighted on Page 3.

Please look forward next month to summaries of the MSSA Banquet and pictures of your friends enjoying the shoot! Shoot well, everyone!

Upcoming Missouri Shoots (April-May)

April 27-28 — MSSA Banquet Shoot

St. Louis Skeet & Trap

May 4 — May Day Open

Prairie Grove

May 11 — Meramec Open

St. Louis Skeet & Trap

May 17 — Bob Mitchell Peanut Open

Springfield Rod & Gun Club

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

Message from the President

I hope everyone can make it out to the Banquet shoot this weekend at St. Louis Skeet and Trap. And if you have not already done so, please be sure to pre-register as space is limited and I hear the 12 gauge event may already be full. We will have our awards ceremony Saturday evening and a MSSA Board Meeting to follow. Speaking of the Board, the current term for our Directors at Large ends this year. If you have any interest in serving on the MSSA Board please let me know.

If you are new to skeet shooting you may have wondered why the long delay between event starts? You may have even thought to yourself I could shoot back to back to save myself some time, if only they allowed me to shoot on multiple rotations. As I will point out to you, it is not that simple. Per NCSA rules a 5-man squad shall complete a round in 20 minutes. Under normal circumstances a 100-bird event will consume an hour and ten minutes. When scheduling a rotation shoot management has some discretion as to time between event starts. Some will use the 80 minutes and others will pad the time to account for machine maintenance or other delays. Me personally, I like 80 minutes to keep things moving but then I digressed. When an event has been completed the next squad, who is on a different rotation, should be there and ready to go. Those shooters coming off the field do not have time to gather ammo, change tubes and walk or at some venues, drive to another field to start their next event. Now you are thinking if I brought all my ammo and scheduled it such, I was on the same field I could still make this happen, right? Wrong, in an effort of fairness to all competitors shoot management has the responsibility of rotating shooters across different fields. Some fields may have nuances that present a disadvantage to a shooter or perhaps a shooter's favorite field could be used for all their events. Having properly scheduled rotations ensures we limit delays and provide shooters with equal opportunities on the field. And that is the rest of the story.

C. Dean Rapp, 573-268-5050

Recent Shoot Wraps

Florida Early Spring Shoots

The State of Florida hosts several shoots in January and February that draw snowbirds from all over the Midwest and East Coast. Several Missouri shooters have been increasingly participating in these shoots recently. Rob Gyngard has been traveling and living in Florida for weeks at a time during January-March the last few years and Mark Presnell did the same last year. This year, Mike Burrell joined them and also did several shoots, while Tom Houlihan shot the Fish Fry in Jacksonville and Dean Rapp and Tommy Moore shot the Seniors Shoot in St. Augustine. No one provided to me a summary (though I did get a nice pic from Kathy Gyngard—more on that next page), so I did a little re-search on the NSSA web site in order to provide a quick overview of some outstanding shooting results by our Missouri shooters:

Tom Lause Dixie Shoot—Winter Haven

Rob was AA1 in the 12 Gauge and Senior Runner up in the 20 Gauge, while Mark was Open Runner Up (and Senior Champ) in the 28 with a perfect 100 and Senior Champ shooting a 97 in the .410. Mark was also HOA Senior Champ with score of 388.

Azalea Open—Palatka

Mark claimed HOA Senior Runner up honors.

Fish Fry - Jacksonville

Mark recorded a very fine early season HOA of 390 and walked away with Senior Champ honors. He also was Senior Runner up in the .410 with a 96.

Midwestern Shoots of Interest

May 2-5 — World Vintage Shoot

Powder Creek Shooting Park-
Lenexa, Kansas

May 4 — Stone-Watson Memorial 50's

Chief Paduke Gun Club-
Paducah, Kentucky

May 10-12 — The Rock

Blue Rock Gun Club-Little
Rock, Arkansas

May 17-19 — 3I

Peoria Skeet & Trap-East
Peoria, Illinois

May 23-26 — Mid America

St. Joe Valley Conservation
Club-St. Joe, Indiana

May 24-26 — The Hillbilly Open

Whitetail Ridge Outdoors-
Blue Springs, Mississippi

Recent Shoot Wraps (continued)

Senior Shoot-St. Augustine

Missouri shooters may not be invited back next year, as we swept the HOA Champ, Runner Up and 3rd Awards. Tommy Moore and Mark each shot a 390, while Rob was right on their heels with a 389. Tommy bested Mark in the shootoff to take home top honors. With proper credit to Kathy Gyngard, here are Mark and Rob displaying their HOA hardware:

With those HOA scores, there obviously were great constituent scores in the various guns. Rob was 20 Gauge Champ with a 100, while Tommy was .410 champ dropping only one for a 99. Also, Mark was Senior Champ in the .410 with a 97 and Rob and Mark 2-man teamed their way to top honors in the 12 gauge 2 man (198; 99 each), .410 2 man and, obviously, the HOA. Great shooting, guys! Hope shoot management lets you back in next year!



St. Augustine Seniors Shoot
HOA Runner up & 3rd
Presnell (right) and Gyngard (left)

April Showers-Prairie Grove

John Brummett prevailed as Gun Champ in both the 12 Gauge (98) and 20 Gauge (97), while Tom Houlihan distanced the field in the Doubles event with a 46.

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We will be in touch in May with our next newsletter. While I do not mind looking up scores and results, these summaries will be more interesting and meaningful to the membership if first-hand accounts are provided to me. As we know from watching "Law & Order", eye witness accounts are always more accurate than hearsay! So, PLEASE send me your stories from the skeet fields for inclusion!