

### President's Message



August started off with a bang at the first ever KC200. Thanks to all who made the event held at KCTA a grand success. I'm sure our star shoot reporter, Terry Pollard, will have more details coming soon.

I'm pleased to hear that Missouri will be well represented at the upcoming Zone 5 Championships in Peoria, IL. I've attended several Zone Championships and they are always exciting and challenging. Good luck to all those shooting the event.

The Gateway Gun Club has yet to return to operation following the devastating floods of this spring. We are still hopeful that the Blue Bird Open will be held later this year, most likely sometime in October. We will keep you posted as this will likely be the last chance to earn points towards that coveted belt buckle.

The next two points shoots are the State Championships and the Hunters Open. I'm sure both events will be well attended and present good times for all the shooters. Check out these and other Missouri shoots at [moskeet.org](http://moskeet.org).

Until Next Month!  
Dean Rapp  
MSSA President

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### Directors At Large



This is an all-volunteer organization and we are blessed to have active participants that keep us moving forward. There are three Directors At Large positions which serve 2-year terms. The current term will expire this year, meaning we will vote on the Director's At Large to serve the 2020 and 2021 term during the annual membership meeting August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our current At Large Directors are Carter Finnell, Ralph Gates and Bill McCaulley. I'm pleased to announce they have all agreed to serve again. Of course, you are welcome to throw your name into the hat as new blood can be a good thing.

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### Safety First



I wanted to share two observations at recent shoots which were far from safe. This sport is as safe as the individual handling the firearm and I'm reminded we can never be too cautious.

The first incident started when a High House broke shortly after exiting the house. The shooter, on Station 7, chose to shoot at the partially broken target

after it was heading towards station 6 and just inches off the ground. This means the firearm was aimed towards the spectators watching. He also risked damaging the pull cord or hitting the concrete on station 6. In this case the shooter was lucky and no one or nothing was damaged. While he apparently got a good laugh, those watching and seeing a gun barrel pointed in their general direction were not so impressed. This is a safe sport when simple rules are followed. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction!!!!

The second incident involved the classic blooper on a reload. Following the blooper, the shooter opened his action removed the fired shell and immediately inserted a new shell. He quickly closed the action and began to mount the firearm to repeat the shot. Knowing he had not verified an obstruction free barrel and I had not seen a wad excite the barrel I spoke up and asked that he check his barrel. As I suspected, a wad had lodged in that barrel. Whether shooting factory or reloads, if you have a shell that does not sound right or appeared faulty, please check your barrel for obstructions.

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### High Volume Shooters



Here we recognize those Missouri shooters who have reached miles stones in their NSSA Lifetime Targets. This information has been derived from the Clay Target Nation Publication. If you have reached a milestone please let us know by e-mailing us at [info@moskeet.org](mailto:info@moskeet.org).

James Barnard 50,000  
Mike Galloway 75,000  
Tony Goslee 25,000  
Keith Haley 25,000  
William McCaulley 10,000  
Tommy Moore 300,000  
John Napoli 25,000  
Paul Norton 50,000  
Michael Schriever 25,000

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### MSSA State Shoot



The next Missouri shoot will be our State Championships to be held at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports August 30 thru September 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be \$1,500 worth of Bass Pro Gift Cards awarded to winners from top to bottom. Gun champs are guaranteed to win more money than the highest-class champ, so no sand baggers allowed. As always there will be an amazing dinner on Saturday night just prior to our general membership meeting. Dinner will NOT be included in your entry fee and you MUST RSVP to ensure you have a meal.

Further details can be found on the shoot flyer at [moskeet.org](http://moskeet.org) or by e-mailing [info@moskeet.org](mailto:info@moskeet.org).

**For Sale**

Are you looking for a good deal then go to [moskeet.org](http://moskeet.org) and select Resources/For Sale. Currently featured items include:

Kolar Maxx Skeet  
Winchester 101  
MEC 650s in 12, 16, 28 and 410

Have something to sell then send us a PDF with all the details and we'll be glad to place the add. [info@moskeet.org](mailto:info@moskeet.org).

**Shooter Profile**

Our star shoot reporter, Terry Pollard, has been assigned additional duties and a title of lead investigative reporter. If not already, he will likely be asking you some questions about yourself for publication to our [moskeet.org](http://moskeet.org) site and featured here. Please be sure to thank Terry for all his volunteer efforts.

This month we feature a rising star in Mason MCCaulley and a seasoned veteran in Kevin Hess. Go to [moskeet.org](http://moskeet.org) Resources / MSSA Shooter Profiles to read a little bit about these two fine skeet shooters.