

MISSOURI STATE SKEET ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

JULY ~ AUGUST 1973

1973 Missouri Skeet Championships

The 1973 State Championships will be hosted by the Jennings Gun Club. The shoot will open Thursday, August 16th, with registration and the 12 gauge Preliminary. The .410 and 28 gauge are scheduled for Friday, followed Saturday by the 20 gauge and the first 100 targets (the Bootheel) of the 12 gauge event with the final 100 12 gauge targets (the Ozark) being shot on Sunday.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held Friday, August 17th (approximately 6:30 p.m.) at the Jennings' clubhouse. Your attendance is requested. This meeting will afford the opportunity for you to get to know the governing Board of your State Association and be heard - air your likes and dislikes, if you are so inclined.

Shoot headquarters will be the Ben Franklin Motor Hotel on Lindbergh, just north of I-70 (about 20 minutes from the gun club). Motel management has reserved a block of rooms for MSSA shooters so when calling for reservations (314-426-7200) be sure to mention that you are with the Missouri State Skeet Association. Rooms with one double bed are \$9.50 and twin accommodations are \$11.50. Adjacent to the motel is the Ben Franklin Heritage House, site of the Cocktail Party, Buffet Dinner and Calcutta to be held on Saturday evening. You are asked to make dinner reservations at the same time shoot reservations are made. Dinner tickets will be \$2.50 per person and will be available at the registration table.

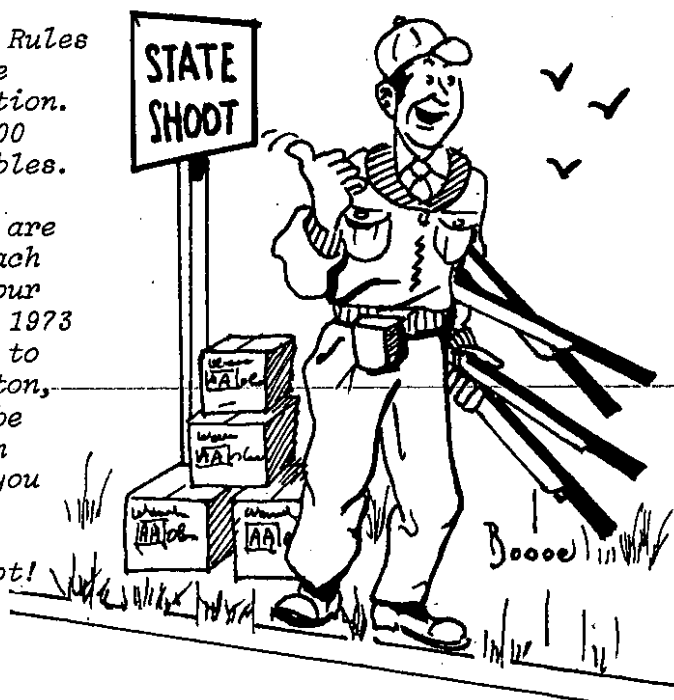
Shoot programs have been mailed. If you have not received yours, contact Edith Skaggs at (314 869-3800). Several changes and additions have been made for this year's State Shoot. Notably, Five-Man Teams have been added to both the .410, 28 gauge and HOA events, rescheduling has allowed an additional flight to be added to both days of the 12 gauge events in order to accommodate more shooters, additional classes have been added in the women's events and the Five-Lady Team champions will be awarded a traveling team trophy in addition to individual trophies.

It might behoove you to read through the "Shoot Rules and Information." All Missouri shooters will be required to have at least an initial classification. Shoot-offs will be conducted for a maximum of 100 regular skeet targets before progressing to doubles.

Don't forget the Club Participation Trophy...we are looking for as many shooters as possible from each club. PLEASE NOTE: If you did not designate your club membership at the time you joined and paid 1973 MSSA dues, please do so immediately, in writing to Mrs. Karla Roberts, 12755 Marburn Drive, Bridgeton, Missouri 63042. Declared memberships will not be accepted for count toward the Club Participation Trophy once the State Shoot is underway unless you are initially paying 1973 dues.

Look forward to seeing you all at the State Shoot!

Dick C. Hitt, President
Missouri State Skeet Association



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Dick Hitt called the Directors' Meeting to order the evening of June 30, 1973. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report reflected that all outstanding bills were paid to-date and, in view of the daily fees lost due to cancelled shoots in the flood stricken St. Louis area, the Association's financial position remains sound.

Edith Skaggs reported that the Jennings Gun Club was in the process of making necessary flood repairs and State Shoot planning progresses on schedule. State Shoot Programs will be in the mail by July 20th and shooters are requested to make shoot reservations early.

Dick Hitt, Harlan Cooper and Karla Roberts reported the conclusions of the "Mid-America Conference" meeting held in Detroit in late June....the "Mid" will come to Missouri and will be held at Winchester-Bridgeton June 28, 29 and 30, 1974. W-B have some preliminary plans and will report details as soon as they are solidified.

It was brought to the attention of the Directors present that shoot financial sheets are not being completed and/or improperly submitted to the Treasurer. Further, it was reiterated that the clubs are responsible to the State Association for the collection of annual state dues but may look to the individual for reimbursement. Clubs are encouraged to obtain designated club membership from the individual and see that they are posted to the application or if the member is noncommittal, the word "none" should be written. Effective November 1, 1973, a fine of \$5 will be assessed for each improper submission of financial data or failure to submit annual membership applications in a completed form.

Prior to the election of officers, Karla Roberts apprised all Directors of the number of members designating each club and their total applicable votes. The present slate of officers was reelected unanimously, that being:

President	Dick Hitt	Tigertown
Vice President	Marty Williams	Mississippi County
Secretary	Al Ventucci	J-Bar-H
Treasurer	Mary Jane Harris	Winchester-Bridgeton

Following the election a brief discussion ensued regarding the tenure of the officers. It was agreed that this is a matter to be determined at the Annual Membership Meeting (See NOTICE in this edition). It was with a great deal of reluctance that the Board accepted the resignation of the Associate Secretary, Karla Roberts, after several years of devoted service. The Associate Secretary's position will be filled by Betty Bodge for the coming skeet year.

It was proposed that "Guidelines" be written for the clubs, providing some criterion by which they may run their shoots. Data is to be accumulated for further discussion and preparation at the November 3rd Board meeting in Columbia. The Directors were requested to attend this meeting and bring two club checks to cover payments to MSSA and NSSA.

~~Meeting adjourned.~~

Directors Present: Carroll McDannold - Tigertown
Harlan Cooper - Winchester
Bill Jewison - Fort Wood
Charles Vanderlinden - Sedalia
Edith Skaggs - Jennings
Marty Williams - Mississippi Co.
Ray Strunk - Richland
Al Ventucci - J-Bar-H
Eileen Corbet - St. Louis Skeet
Bruce Ratcliff - Springfield

NOTICE

TO: All members of the Missouri State Skeet Association

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Missouri State Skeet Association will be held at approximately 6:30 p.m. (immediately following the 28 Gauge State Championship event) on Friday, August 17, 1973 at the Jennings Gun Club.

In addition to the general order of business, the membership will be requested to vote on a Constitution and By-Laws amendment. Simply, this amendment will provide for the extension of the terms of all the officers from one year to two years and that each officer (exclusive of the Secretary and Treasurer) may only serve two consecutive terms or a maximum of four years.

As stated in the present Constitution and By-Laws, Article V - OFFICERS, Sections B and C read as follows: (Proposed changes are indicated beneath each section.)

SECTION B - Prior to the annual meeting, the current President of the Association shall request the newly designated Directors of the member clubs to meet and elect from their number or alternates, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. (The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.) The results of the election shall be conveyed to the current President before the annual meeting, and the results announced at the meeting. Such newly elected officers shall commence with their duties on November 1st of each year and shall serve for a term of one year.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Such newly elected officers shall commence with their duties on November 1st of each year and shall serve for a term of two years.
(Last line only)

SECTION C - No officer may hold the same office for more than two consecutive fiscal years or portions thereof, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer who may serve indefinitely.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: No officer may hold the same office for more than four consecutive fiscal years (two terms) or portions thereof, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer who may serve indefinitely.

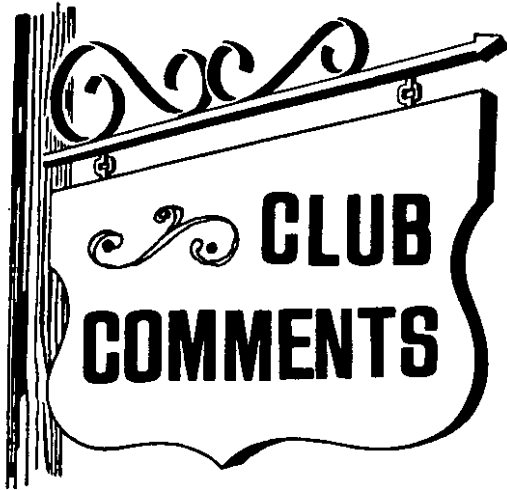
In order to invoke this extension of the officers' terms as proposed above, a two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual meeting is required. ~~You are urged to attend and take an active interest in~~
YOUR State Association.

Sincerely,

Albert Ventucci

Albert Ventucci, Secretary
Missouri State Skeet Association
July 16, 1973

SEDALIA ROD & GUN CLUB - GARY BEMBOOM



"On July 8th, the Sedalia Rod and Gun Club held its final registered skeet shoot for the 1973 season. Twenty-two and twenty-one shooters shot the 12 and 20 gauge events respectively. The weather was perfect and so was Karla Roberts' 100 straight in the 20 gauge event. She also collected top honors in the 12 gauge after defeating Bill Raynor and Gary Bemboom in a shoot-off.

"We certainly appreciate the support the shooters have shown the Sedalia Rod and Gun Club this year and we are looking forward to the '74 season. We have received tentative approval on another set of automatic traps for our No. 2 field which should be a asset for next year.

"Look forward to seeing all of you in Sedalia next year."

20 GAUGE

Champ	Karla Roberts	100
RU	J. A. Indelicato	98
AA	Gary Bemboom	97
A	Bill Raynor	95
B	Ed Roberts	94
C	C.W. Vanderlinden	92
D	Ernie Edwards	89

12 GAUGE

Champ	Karla Roberts	99
	Gary Bemboom	99
	Bill Raynor	99
	Bob Pennington	95
	Ernie Edwards	97
	Nathan Rader	95
	George Shrawder	96
	Frazier	91
	San Benson	72

TIGERTOWN TRAP & SKEET CLUB - CARROLL MCDANNOLD

"On June 10th, Tigertown hosted a joint shoot with United Sportsmen, Jefferson City. We are proud to report that the club's first ran the hundred in the 20 gauge event at Jeff - we believe this was the first time a club member scored on their fields in the 20, being preceded only by two other clubs (Jack Woods and Pat Raynor). On Sunday, Tigertown proceeded with the 12 gauge and 28 gauge events with the following results:

HOA (handicapped)	Gene Tyree	100
12 Gauge	Gene Tyree	98
28 Gauge	Gene Tyree	95

"Gene Tyree won the HOA competition by shooting 25-straight at doubles at all stations with the 28 gauge over Terry Fisher, Rod Smith, Dick Hitt, Bill Raynor and Carl Schwarz.



"Our July 14-15 shoot saw Carroll McDannold run his first 100-straight in the 12 gauge which ultimately won HOA honors for him. The results of the 4-gun competition follow:

<u>.410 BORE</u>			<u>28 GAUGE</u>		
Champ	John Durbin	98	Champ	Gary Bemboom	98
AA	Dick Hitt	95	AA	John Durbin	98
A	Carl Schwarz	94	A	Carl Schwarz	98
B	Rod Smith	92	B	Leonard Willie	96
C	Terry Fisher	83	C	Terry Fisher	91

<u>20 GAUGE</u>			<u>12 GAUGE</u>		
Champ	Carl Schwarz	99	Champ	Jim Caputo, Detroit	100
AA	Gary Bemboom	99	AA	Leonard Willie	100
A	Jim Caputo, Detroit	98	A	Carroll McDannold	100
B	Bill Kemper	97	B	Ed Roberts	97
C	Charles Vanderlinden	92	C	Jolen Meeks	95
D	Edith Skaggs	89	D	Charles Vanderlinden	96
			E	Norman Ronald	96

"Our thanks to all of you for joining us at the above shoots. Come back soon!"

JENNINGS GUN CLUB - EDITH SKAGGS

"WE FINALLY MADE IT THROUGH A SHOOT! The "Show Me State Open" was a fine start to a late beginning of our skeet year. The weather held out fairly well on Saturday with only a few light showers as twenty .410 and eighteen 28 gauge gunners popped away. Sunday was even better as thirty-seven 20 and fifty-eight 12 gauge shooters made their rounds on the available fields. The "Show Me" showed us some new skeet shooters - six to be exact. Welcome to the fraternity Kevin Haynes of Florissant, a Junior shooter, G. Michael Mathews of Edwardsville, Illinois, William Keck of Florissant, Clarence (Bob) Espy, III of Berkely, William Farris of Florissant and Jerry Homan of St. Louis. With the exception of Mike Mathews, all are members of the Jennings Gun Club. It is not often that a shooter registering his first targets gets into the winning slot but for Jerry Homan it was "the real thing." Jerry was 20 gauge Class D runner-up with an 82. That's a very fine start and proves that it can be done. Junior shooter, Kevin Haynes, registering his first 20 gauge targets won the Junior title edging out Henry Geise, III of Illinois. Ron Voigtmann, also registering his first 20 gauge targets, ran the first fifty birds for a 95. Ron championed B-Class in the .410 with an 86. Nice shooting, Ron! Kathy Skaggs was delighted with her 12 gauge performance which won E-Class runner-up, just four targets behind class champion Alan Nottle's 92. Kathy was told by an eye specialist that she would probably have to shoot skeet; thus a change from right-handed to left-handed shooting she is on her way. The 12 gauge event saw only three 100's - Karla Roberts, Skip Lester and Marty Williams. Karla outlasted the guys for gun champion with 100, Skip was runner-up and Marty AA champ. Skip Lester and Frank Salvatto missed their 100's with 99's. Skip was AA runner-up. Frank ran fine scores in each event up a number of trophies: A-Class in the 20 gauge with his 99, B-Class with a 97, 28 gauge A-Class with a 96 over Gene Moser's 94 with a 97, 28 gauge B-Class runner-up with an 86 in the .410 losing to Ron Voigtmann at Guns, that's some shooting for a Rookie! John Baldetti and Ed survived the shoot-off for B-Class in the 20 gauge with a 94 over Billy Crockett's 93. 12 gauge champion Tom Klein who snashed 98 of these elusive birds while Bob Cwiklowski of them for the runner-up slot. Pat Mathews was awarded D-Class. Harold Birlow's 93 runner-up score. Harold was bemoaning the fact "groom?" after winning the runner-up awards in both 28 gauge and .410 C-Class (87), but he came to the line in fine fashion in the 20 gauge class with a 90. Dick Strand has added another gun to his shooting calendar - and took B-Class honors with an 88 over Rusty Allen's 83. Dick also won the 20 gauge (A-Class, 96) just two birds short of champ Joe Chew's 98. John Dugan took HOA with a 392x400 as well as gun champion in the .410 (96), 28 gauge (99) and 20 (99). Besides 12 gauge gun champ, Karla Roberts won AA in the 28 gauge with 97 and was awarded AA-Class in the 20 on forfeit as Sallie Durbin was not present for the shoot-off of their tied 97 scores. Dick Hitt and John Durbin tied for the 20 gauge gun champion but neither were present for the shoot-off and the title was awarded to John with Dick runner-up on the basis of long-run. 12 gauge Ladies Class I went to Karla's 100; Madie Strand's 95 took Class II.

"The following week, several of our shooters ventured to Scott AirForce Base and did quite well for themselves. Dave Vogel, another of our freshman shooters this year, posted a perfect century in the 12 gauge - his first and the only one in the shoot. Tradition has it that a shooter loses his hat to the pellets of the shot-shell on his first 100, but Dave wasn't wearing a hat so his fellow shooters stripped him of his shirt and ventilated that for him...it was such a hot day anyway. Madie Strand and Bob Cwiklowski knotted with 97's in the 20 gauge for high gun. Bob outlasted Madie in the doubles shoot-off, thus Madie took Class C honors. Jerry Homan has registered his second 100 targets in the 20 gauge and both times has taken second place. I'd venture to say that it won't be long and he'll be first. Hang in there!

OUR NEXT SHOOT: August 4th & 5th - 4-guns, trophies, money options, guaranteed purse Don't forget the STATE at Jennings, August 16th thru 19th. See you at both?

ST. LOUIS SKEET & TRAP CLUB - EILEEN CORBETT

"Been a busy time at St. Louis Skeet and Trap Club starting with the "Meramec Open" the results of which are listed below:



High Overall

AA
A
B
C
D
E

Jim Ernst
Bill Raynor
nr
Jose Castillo
Gene Moser
Harold Birlaw
nr

12 GAUGE

Champ	Al Ventucci	100
RU	Jose Castillo	100
AA	Keith Mathenia	99
A	Joe Chew	98
B	Dan Brand	97
C	Bennie Lopanec	99
D	Harold Stinson	95
E	Eileen Corbett	85
Jr.	Gordon Mitchell	
Sub-Jr.	J.A. Castillo	
2-Man I	J. McDowell & J. Pratt	
2-Man II	P. Mathews & K. Mathenia	

20 GAUGE

Champ	Ed Lansche	98
RU	Courtney Heinemann	96
AA	Jim Ernst	93
A	Jose Castillo	96
B	John Davis	92
C	Harold Stinson	86
D	Bill Crockett	83
Sub-Jr.	J.A. Castillo	

28 GAUGE

Champ	Dan Brand	98
AA	Robert Cwiklowski	96
A	Jim Ernst	97
B	Ed Lansche	96
C	Courtney Heineman	93

.410 BORE

Champ	Bill Raynor	95
AA	Jim Ernst	91
A	Joe Chew	87
B	Ed Lansche	84
C	Keith Mathenia	88

"Nice shooting! Jose Castillo shot his first 100 in registered. Keep it up, Jose! Young Jose (J.A.), 9 years old, is breaking into the game with a "bang!" He could be tough - his dad already is... Early in June, St. Louis had a pig roast and a Mickey Mouse Shoot with some eighty people attending. The ladies shot a combination of skeet and trap while the men shot international clay pigeon and crazy quail. Scores were less than phenomenal but fun was had by all. By the time we got to the 150 lb. pig, acute hunger had taken over and very little remained. Music followed and a lovely evening was enjoyed by all. St. Louis also held another 200 bird Internation Skeet Event with the following results:

CLAY PIGEON

Gold	Bill Cox
Silver	Gil Rosenberg
Bronze	John Templeton
Bronze	Joel Lynn

INT'L SKEET

Gold	Lloyd Woodhouse, Ratoon, Ill.
Silver	Gary Chittlester, Ft. Riley, Kans.
Bronze	Henry McQuade, Columbia, Mo.
Bronze	Jim Ernst, Kirkwood, Mo.
Bronze	Steve Keller, St. Louis, Mo.

"Thank you all for coming. Results of the St. Louis Open will appear in the September Newsletter."

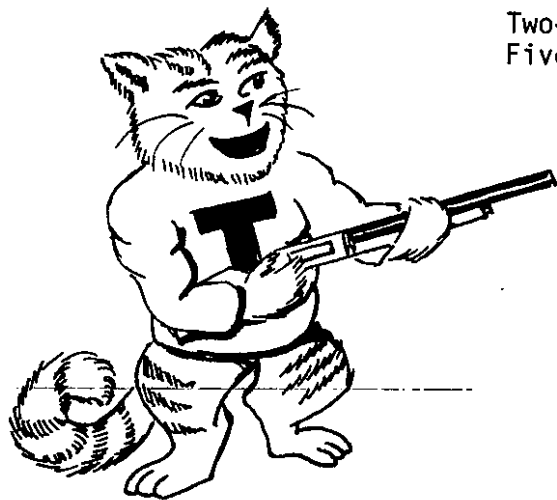
STATE SHOOT - AUGUST 16, 17, 18 & 19, 1973...HAVE YOU PRE-REGISTERED?

SEDALIA'S GARY BEMBOOM IS 1973 STATE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION

Tigertown was host to approximately thirty shooters July 1st for the 1973 Missouri State International Championship. In Tigertown's "traditional" manner, a variety of weather conditions prevailed, ranging from hot to windy to a cloud burst to hotter! The weather did not seem to scorch or dampen the scores however. Gary Bemboom and Dick Hitt tied for Event Champion, Marty Williams and Kevin Hess tied for AA honors and Dr. Henry McQuade and Bill Love tied for Class B. ~~These six gunners went into the shoot-off to vie for their respective titles with the following results:~~

1973 STATE INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION	Gary Bemboom	Sedalia	94
Runner-Up to Champion	Dick Hitt	Columbia	94
AA-1	Marty Williams, Charleston	92	
AA-2	Kevin Hess, Charleston	92	
AA-3	Jim Ernst, Kirkwood	91	
A-1	Bill Raynor, Eldon	93	
B-1	Dr. Henry McQuade, Columbia	92	
B-2	Bill Love, Columbia	92	
B-3	Jack Woods, Ferrel View	91	
C-1	Harlan Cooper, Imperial	87	
C-2	Al Ventucci, Overland	87	
C-3	Bob Jones, St. Louis	85	

<u>CONCURRENTS:</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Kevin Hess, Charleston</u>
	Lady	Karla Roberts, Bridgeton
	Military	Bill Jewison, Fort Wood
	Senior	Bill Love, Columbia
	Sub-Senior	Joe Carmack, Lecom
	Two-Man Team	Dick Hitt & Jack Woods
	Five-Man Team	Dick Hitt, Jim Ernst, Carl Schwarz, Dr. Henry McQuade and Bill Eggers



All competitors received the 1973 Missouri State Participant's patch which will also be given at the regular skeet competition in St. Louis, August 16th through 19th.

Tigertown extends a "hearty thanks" to all those who participated in the State International and to the families and friends who came to lend their support.

EASTERN ZONE

It was a beautiful day in southern Missouri for the opening of the 1973 Eastern Zone Championships. Karla Roberts "got the shoot on the road" by running a 99 in the .410 event tying Penny Norman's World Record for Women shooters and taking the event championship. Gordon Mitchell's solid 99 won the 20 gauge Championship for him. The follow-day turned into a bonanza for Ron Benson; two 100's back-to-back in the 28 and 12 gauge events. Ron's 100 was unchallenged in the 28 gauge but the 12 was a different story. Ex-St. Louisan, Bob Milburn (now of Louisville) and Charleston's own Kevin Hess also registered century scores. Both Bob and Ron bowed to youth and Kevin took the 12 gauge Championship. Kevin's remarkable scores also won the High Overall Championship with 390 x 400. A special Mississippi County "thanks" to Karla Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Gibb Hutchcraft, Mary and Ron Benson, Betty Bodge, Jerry Costin and Harlan Cooper for their help. Also, we wish to extend our appreciation to all of you who attended the Eastern Zone and to Bill Rollow, Secretary-Treasurer of NSSA. Thank you all and please come again.

Marty Williams
Mississippi County Gun Club

<u>.410 BORE</u>		
Champ	Karla Roberts	99 2P
AA	Dick Karcher	90
A	Kevin Hess	95 2P
B	Gene Moser	87 2P
C	Betty Bodge	85 2P

TWO-MAN TEAM - Class I
H. Thilenius & G. Moser 170

TWO-MAN TEAM - Class II
M. Williams & K. Roberts 184

<u>28 GAUGE</u>		
Champ	Ron Benson	100 4P
AA	Dick Karcher	99 2P
A	Carl Schwarz	99
B	P. A. Lindsey, Jr.	98 2P
C	Fred Watson, Jr.	89 2P

TWO-MAN TEAM - Class I
K. Hess & R. Benson 198

TWO-MAN TEAM - Class II
P. Lindsey, Sr. & Jr. 189

12 GAUGE CONCURRENTS

Lady Champ	K. Roberts	97
Runner-Up	P. Skaggs	97
Sub-Junior	B. Benson	73
Runner-Up	Jay Castillo	71
Junior Champ	K. Hess	100
Runner-Up	G. Mitchell	96
Senior Champ	P. Lindsey, Sr.	97
Runner-Up	C. Bock, Jr.	96
Champ of Champ	K. Roberts	99
HOA Champ	K. Hess	390
Runner-Up	K. Roberts	390
3rd	D. Karcher	386

<u>20 GAUGE</u>		
Champ	Gordon Mitchell	99 2P
AA	Carl Schwarz	98
A	Mike Leible	97 2P
B	James Watson	93 2P
C	Jerry Costin	92 2P
D	Gibb Hutchcraft	87 2P

TWO-MAN TEAM - Class I
C. Schwarz & G. Mitchell 197

TWO-MAN TEAM - Class II
R. Benson & M. Leible 192

<u>12 GAUGE</u>		
Champ	Kevin Hess	100 4P
AA-1	Robert Milburn	100 4P
AA-2	Carl Schwarz	99
A-1	Ron Benson	100 4P
A-2	James Watson	98
B-1	Ed Roberts	98
B-2	Charles Bock, Jr.	96
C-1	Jerry Costin	92 2P
C-2	Edith Skaggs	89
D-1	Pat Mathews	95 2P
D-2	Judy Milburn	92
E-1	Phyllis Skaggs	97 2P
E-2	Mike Mathews	83

TWO-MAN TEAM - Class I
K. Roberts & R. Milburn 197

TWO-MAN TEAM - Class II
R. Benson & H. Cooper 196

FIVE-MAN TEAM
J. Costin, J. L. Castillo,
C. Bock, Jr., R. Benson,
M. Leible 480

WESTERN ZONE

Strong wind coupled with the hot, bright sun seemed to depress the scores for the opening day of the Western Zone competitions in Sedalia, June 16th and 17th. Dick Hitt emerged .410 Champion while Bill Jewison copped the 20 gauge championship. Leonard Willie and Bill Jewison tied for 28 gauge honors with Leonard winning the shoot-off. 100's were registered in the 12 gauge event by both Bill Raynor (his first) and Leonard Willie (also a first). A tough shoot-off ensued with Bill the winner. Other scores and places are as listed below. We would like to thank everyone for coming to the 1973 Western Zone Championships. We hope you enjoyed shooting at Sedalia as much as we enjoyed having you. We certainly would like for you to shoot with us again.

Gary Bemboom
Sedalia Rod and Gun Club

		<u>12 GAUGE</u>	
Champ	Bill Raynor	100	
RU	Leonard Willie	100	
AA-1	Bill Jewison	99	
AA-2	Donnie Wilcox	90	
A-1	Jack Woods	99	
A-2	Gary Bemboom	98	
B-1	Carol McDannold	97	
B-2	nr		
C-1	Pat Raynor	97	
C-2	Ray Strunk	96	
D-1	Stanley Pitts	96	
D-2	Bill Savage	95	
E-1	Terry Schuetz	93	
E-2	Roy Russell	90	

		<u>20 GAUGE</u>	
Champ	Bill Jewison	97	
RU	Don Beck	94	
AA-1	Gary Bemboom	94	
AA-2	Dick Hitt	93	
A-1	Frank Perkins	94	
A-2	Dr. Harvey Munshaw	94	
B-1	Bill Love	94	
B-2	Bill Peppers	89	
C-1	Carol McDannold	92	
C-2	Robert Pennington	90	
D-1	Terry Schuetz	91	
D-2	Pat Raynor	84	

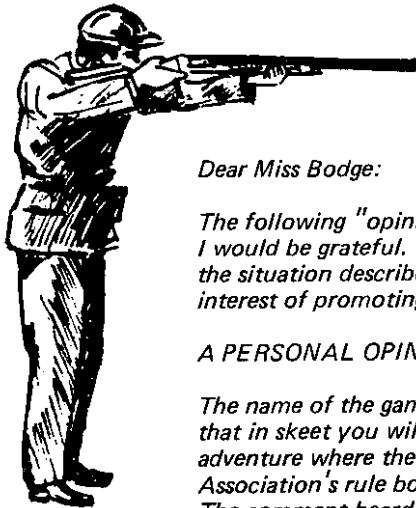
		<u>28 GAUGE</u>	
Champ	Leonard Willie	98	
RU	Bill Jewison	98	
AA-1	Dick Hitt	97	
AA-2	Gary Bemboom	94	
A-1	Bill Raynor	96	
A-2	C. W. Varinden	95	
B-1	Pat Raynor	96	
B-2	Ray Strunk	95	
C-1	Donnie Wilcox	88	
C-2	Terry Schuetz	85	

		<u>.410 BORE</u>	
Champ	Dick Hitt	91	
RU	Leonard Willie	88	
AA-1	Bill Raynor	83	
AA-2	nr		
A-1	Robert Pennington	87	
A-2	Dr. Harvey Munshaw	85	
B-1	Gary Bemboom	87	
B-2	Terry Schuetz	86	
C-1	Bill Love	84	
C-2	Dr. Bruce Ratcliff	83	

High Overall	Dick Hitt	378 x 400
High Overall Runner-Up	Bill Jewison	374 x 400

Junior Champ	Pat Raynor
Sub-Junior Champ	Greg McDannold
Lady Champ	Carol McDannold
Military Champ	Bill Jewison
Senior Champ	Jess Prater

THE FIRING LINE



July 10, 1973

Dear Miss Bodge:

The following "opinion" is being submitted anonymously and if you feel so inclined to print it in the Newsletter, I would be grateful. Every now and then I think one must stop and take a look at things and having experienced the situation described below, I feel it wouldn't hurt us to look at ourselves and our attitudes about Skeet in the interest of promoting better sportsmanship and fellowship.

A PERSONAL OPINION

The name of the game is SKEET, ". . . now a competitive sport equalled by few in universal appeal. We believe that in skeet you will find the finest fellowship of sportsmen in the world. This is a rewarding recreational adventure where the best of sportsmanship prevails." So reads the introduction in the National Skeet Shooting Association's rule book. Recently, though, I attended a shoot-off where I heard something said that disturbed me. The comment heard went something like this: "C made, I believe, by someone who was a more accomplished shooter than I. Perhaps for this person it was important it might have been to those in the shoot-off. It might have been that the shooters were probably all nerves, excited that each was going to have a tie, or a shoot-off . . . but someone couldn't see the point of shooting off for class winners. Wonder if he remembers how it was when he was in his first tie and his first shoot-off. True, perhaps for some it might lose some excitement the more one goes through it, but not now - not for the shooter who is climbing his way to the top. It seems to me that classes were designed in skeet to give every shooter an equal opportunity to compete with his peers. Than E, D, C or B shooter paid the same money to shoot and his tie for class is just as important to him as the tie for High Overall, Gun Champion, AA, A or what have you. If he got into a tie by shooting a regular round of skeet, why should he not be afforded the opportunity to prove himself in at least one round of shooting it off in the same fashion.

I often wonder what is happening to the sportsmanship of the game. We take the day and sometimes two, to go to a shoot - for what? For relaxation - fun - fellowship - and yes, to win, I think! But do we hurry up, get there, do our shooting, and if we don't shoot well, pack up our gear and leave? What happened to the sportsmanship of seeing a fellow shooter make good? If we're not in the limelight, don't we enjoy it for someone else? Has the pace of our life become so stepped up that we can't even enjoy our recreation? Think about it and the next time you go to a shoot remember the lower class shooters. Their money is just the same as yours. He is important too. In fact, everyone is important. There wouldn't be much to skeet without the "pro" and the "beginner." After all, didn't most of us start at the bottom too?

A Skeet Shooter



July 17, 1973

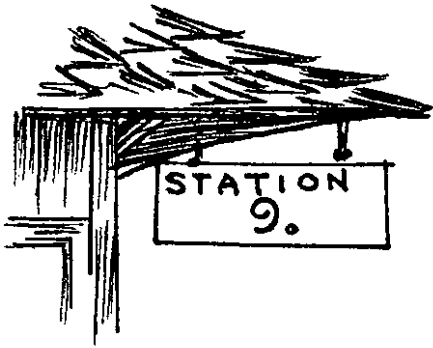
Dear Betty,

I have noticed that neither USC at Jeff City or Springfield Rod and Gun Clubs charge for their shoots to you. It seems that maybe they should be reminded that there is no charge and it gives some recognition to the people who spend their money at those clubs. I do not believe Richards-Gebaur, Fort Wood or Richland send in anything either. I feel the Newsletter could be a big boost for skeet in Missouri and it looks like you're doing a great job. See you at the State.

Gary Bemboom
Sedalia

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks Gary, we needed that! Whether we are willing or not to admit it - we are all hams and enjoy seeing our names in print when related to our accomplishments. My ambition is to put out at least one edition of the NEWSLETTER with every club in the state represented. Do you think it will ever come to be?

COMMENTS



As editor, I am pleased to see our readers taking an active interest in the FIRING LINE. And, too, I am pleased to receive your comments in answer to this column. REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR COLUMN; open to all of you to express your views, ideas, suggestions and yes, even an accolade or two - if you think someone is doing a good job or perhaps they threw a good shoot, let them know about it!

The following are comments received from two out-of-state readers regarding my June editorial referencing the lack of volunteers and the lack of enthusiasm demonstrated by Missouri shooters in the recent Directors' election:

June 13, 1973

Dear Miss Bodge:

While in attendance at the Collegiate Skeet Shoot at Camdenton and afterwards I came with a copy of your MSSA Newsletter. If it is possible for an "outsider" to be put on the mailing list, I would appreciate it.....

May I comment on your article appearing under "The Firing Line." Missouri does not have a unique problem. It seems to be prevalent everywhere. There are simply too many Chiefs and too few Indians and the Chiefs seem to be divided among those excellent shooters who are solely interested in advancing their own record without assuming additional responsibility and the remaining Chiefs, who take the attitude, "Hell, I'm paying for it, why should I work." If you or Missouri can find an answer to this chronic problem, I am sure Kansas shooters would like to be informed.

Very truly yours,

Byron Brainerd
Wichita, Kansas

Note to Mr. Brainerd:

Unfortunately it is not realized that the payment of cash does not necessarily support skeet. Unless there are individuals who put forth unselfish effort for the perpetuation of the game, those who are only willing to pay their cash dollars may very well find there is no game to play! I've met many people shooting skeet and have learned to know some of them well by working with them. Sure, "I pay for it" too but feel that an effort put forth is rewarded two-fold. Certainly, many are missing the full scope of what can be gained by "full" participation.

June 14, 1973

Dear Miss Bodge:

Congratulations on the June MSSA Newsletter and especially on your comments in the "Firing Line." This is the tenor of something I've written for the July "President's Page" in the Skeet Review. Watch for it.

Thanks again for what you are doing.

Best,

K. E. Pletcher
(President, National Skeet Shooting Assn.)

Note to General Pletcher:

Read your article with a great deal of interest. Factually sad, but true. Let's hope all shooters read it and carefully analyze what you have said.



The Directors' Chair...

NSSA DIRECTOR - Mrs. Karla Roberts

"The NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY is September 22nd. I hope that every club will use this day as part of a plan to acquaint the people in your area with recreational shooting. Please try to hold an open-house with demonstrations of hunting safety techniques and learn-to-shoot classes for beginners. This would be great public relations.

"I recently voted to hold the Nationals during the same time period that they are presently held. There was some thought of moving it to September or October. I felt that with children involved in school, this might make it difficult for many families to get away. Also, it is easier for the workers in the family to arrange time-off during the summer."

JUNIORS AND SUB-JUNIORS

X These so-called "youngsters" have been turning in some mighty "mature" scores around the state this season. Neither Kevin Hess (All-American Junior) nor Gordon Mitchell need introductions as they have been dealing all competitors a fit in the Open Classes for the last couple of years. And according to the performance turned in by new junior shooter, Kevin Haynes, he's on his way too. But be forewarned, there are some sub-juniors looming in the background that deserve your notice; namely, Jay Ernst - son of International Director Jim Ernst of St. Louis Skeet and Trap, Noel Mitchell - son of a fine skeet shooter George Mitchell (and brother of Gordon) also of St. Louis, Brian Benson - son of Ron Benson a good competitor in any gun hailing from Mississippi County, Charleston's J. A. Castillo - son of dedicated shooter Jose Castillo and Greg McDannold - son of Carol Ann and Carroll McDannold a competitive duo from Columbia. Keep your eye on these young people, they deserve watching.

Soon to be added to this list is another "youngin'" by the name of Scott Savage from Sedalia (Bill Savage's son). Scott is starting out quite early in life - not quite 5 - but is maintaining his average of 6x25 regularly with the 20 gauge. Scott is having one small problem - the gun is a bit heavy for him and he is forced to enlist dad's help. You can bet as soon as he can handle it on his own he will be in there with the rest of them.

If you have some youngsters "shooting it up" in your area, the Newsletter would like very much to hear about them.

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~~IF YOU HAVE PAID DUES AND YOUR NAME DOES NOT APPEAR OR IF YOU ARE NOT CORRECTLY LISTED WITH THE CLUB YOU DESIGNATED, PLEASE CONTACT:~~

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STATING THE DATE AND CLUB AT WHICH YOUR MEMBERSHIP WAS PAID. REMEMBER NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE ONCE THE STATE SHOOT COMMENCES.

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Eldon Arnold
James Bassett
Raymond Beedle
George Bratina
Roland Cearley
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Lt. Col. William Christie
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Ralph Erwin
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Arthur Kirchner, Jr.
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Gordon Mitchell
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Oliver Kirkpatrick
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Mike Leible
Edwin Malone
Allen Moreton
Howard Thilenius
Mark Thilenius
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Marty Williams

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Dick Hitt
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Ronald Kingsland
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Carroll McDannold
Greg McDannold
Henry McQuade
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Kevin O'Neal
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Jess Prater
Dean Radtke
Bruce Ratcliff
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Bob Wilson

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Bill Love
Harvey Munshaw
Harry Nelson
Patrick Raynor
William Raynor
Albert Ventucci
Donnie Wilcox

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Roy Russell
Ray Strunk

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Murray Hardesty
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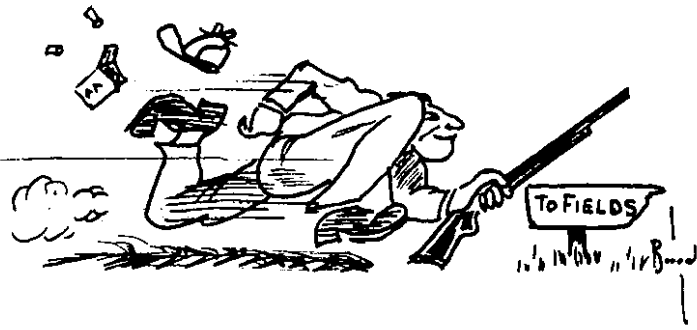
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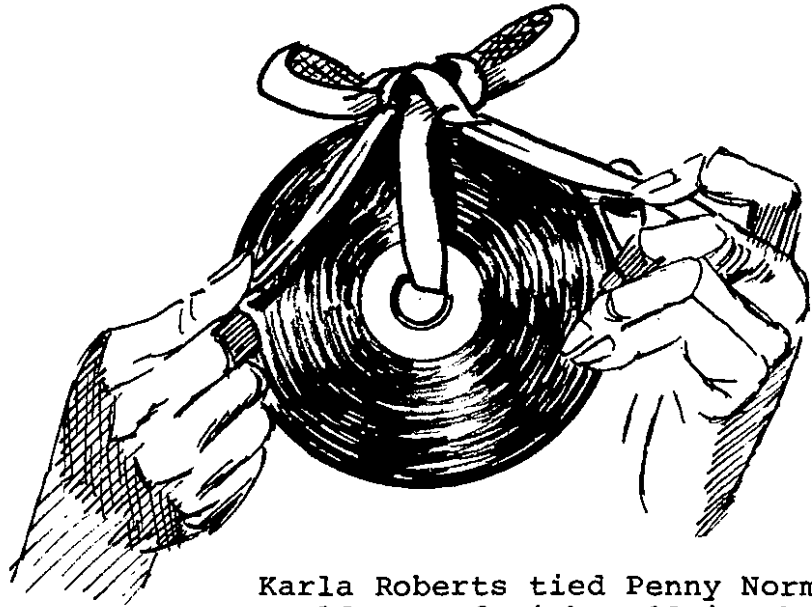
Clarence Bowling
Dan Dickinson
Bill Jewison
William Jones
Dayton Massey
Mike Richardson
Terry Schuetz
Glendon Stevens
Leonard Willie

THE FOLLOWING HAVE NOT DESIGNATED A CLUB

Jack Cassity
John Durbin
Sallie Durbin
Ray Frazier
Alvin Gibbs
Gertrud Jewison
Byron Lewison
Merle Meeks
Rick Walker
Leonard Whiting
Charles Wilson



"HEY GUYS,
SALLIE DURBIN
AND
KARLA ROBERTS
BROKE 'EM ALL TOO!"



Karla Roberts tied Penny Norman's
World Record with a 99 in the .410

GAUGE

- 12 Bill Raynor, Eldon
- 12 Leonard Willie, Ft. Wood
- 12 Jose Castillo, Sikeston
- 12 Al Ventucci, St. Louis
- 12 Kevin Hess, Charleston
- 12 John Durbin, St. Louis
- 12 Harlan Cooper, Imperial
- 12 Dave Vogel, St. Louis
- 12 Carroll McDannold, Columbia
- 20 Dick Hitt, Columbia
- 28 & 12 Ron Benson, Cape Girardeau

