

February 2017

Happy New Year Shooters! The 2017 skeet season is fast approaching and we just wanted to keep everyone up to date for the upcoming season.

At the fall meeting of the ISSA officers were elected. Jeff Moecher is your President and Jeff Albertson is your Vice President. Pat Patke will continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

The ISSA committee will be keeping the target requirements for the Illinois State Team the same as previous years. Open and Ladies Teams require 800 <u>targets</u> (NOT 8 shoots!) in the four gauges and 500 <u>targets</u> in doubles. Three hundred of these targets MUST be shot in Illinois. Juniors and Sub-Juniors also remain the same with 500 <u>targets</u> needed in all four gauges and also in doubles. Three hundred of these targets MUST be shot in Illinois. Please keep the <u>target</u> counts in mind when including 4 x 50 shoots in your schedule! Just to remind everyone, in order to be considered for the Illinois State Team, a shooter must attend the Illinois State Skeet Shoot. Please see the enclosed list of those shooters who made the team this year.

The Illinois Skeet Shooting Association website is a great resource for information regarding shoots! We are hoping to go completely green in the near future, so please start checking the website for information as the mailing of newsletters, schedules and state shoot registration will be coming to an end very soon! The 2017 shoot schedule is already posted on the website along with other information pertaining to shooting in Illinois. Also, if you have information you would like posted on the site, send it to Pat at patpatke@ilskeet.com and she will make sure it gets on the website. We would love to have more shoot results and photos, as well as entry forms or any newsworthy info on the site for all to access. Please utilize this great tool that we have at our disposal.

Art Shima and Illinois Hall of Fame nominations are being accepted. If you have someone you would like to nominate for one of these honors, please submit their name and a note detailing their accomplishments to Jeff Albertson (email:jeffalbertson@att.net) by the end of February. The ISSA committee will vote on them at the spring meeting on March 12, 2017.

This year the State Shoot will be held at Peoria Skeet and Trap the weekend of August 18, 19, 20, 2017. Due to declining attendance and increasing costs, it was decided to make this an open shoot. This allows shooters from surrounding states to attend for targets only. Non resident shooters will be eligible for monetary awards, but not eligible for state titles or added money awards.

Enclosed you will find the 2017 shoot schedule. Please look it over and plan on attending some of the great shoots our gun clubs offer throughout the year. Your skeet chairmen/women work hard all year long to provide these events for you, so get out there and shoot! We hope it's a great year for everyone! See you on the skeet fields.

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