



**Pennsylvania Skeet Shooting Association**

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Fellow Shooters-

As Summer is almost here, and the shooting season is in full swing, I hope everyone is doing well. We are Over 2 months away from the 82nd annual Pennsylvania State Skeet Open Championship and PSSA is working hard to make this another great shooting event. The PSSA has partnered again with the fine folks at Shenecoy to welcome you to Central Pa's largest skeet field shooting complex. They also feature a 100 bird sporting clays course (which they can only use half of it when the State Skeet shoot is being held), so please thank them when you see them and patronize their club whenever you can.

This is my second year as as President of the PSSA and so far all is going smoothly. John Davies has done a superb job as our treasurer and Pat Leyo is our Vice President and has been working closely with me to bring you a well run shoot. We'll accept nominations for officers at the summer meeting which takes place immediately following the shootoffs Friday evening. If you are interested in serving, please don't hesitate to let us know!

Please contact one of the PSSA Officers (Tim Holtz, Pat Leyo , John Davies) or State Directors (Chris Kline, Clay Gormish, Bill Straub or Ethan Call if you are interested in any of the positions. Contact information can be found on the PSSA website at <http://pssa.com/PSSAContactList.pdf>.

I would like to introduce you to our teammates for the 2018 State Shoot. Tori Holtz will be returning as the 2018 State Shoot manager. Tori will be handling all pre- registrations this year as

well as squadding all of you. She is no stranger to running registered shoots as she has been the shoot manager at Generations Skeet Club since its inception. Our Chief Referee will be Bob Wilkin Jr. I'm sure you all know him as "Little Bob" and he casts a shadow as big as his father does. He is busy right now putting his team together to serve you all with top notch and professional referees. Tami Daniels-Means and her husband Al will be in the registration building again this year. They do a super job and are real professionals doing what they do best-getting you registered and then out on the shoot-off fields!

The 2018 Event program has been uploaded to the home page and the reservation form is there as well. Please let Tori Holtz know if you will download all the registration material from the website and don't require her to mail you a form and program flyer. This will save PSSA much needed funds. Tori is offering an email option to confirm your reservation and squadding as well. skeetpssa@gmail.com is the address she will be using.

Please check the PSSA website at [www.pssa.com](http://www.pssa.com) for updates. Additional information can be found for shoot registration for all shoots that are reported from our member clubs. Please make sure to accept any emails from [news@greenmeadowit.com](mailto:news@greenmeadowit.com) by setting your spam filter to accept the aforementioned address. As we frequently use email "blasts" through the website, I would encourage you all to add your email to the list, if you have not already.

Congratulations to the 2018 State Teams! The list can be found on our website.

With the recent decrease in attendance, we will be operating on 11 competition fields instead of the regular 12 and we'll have 2 practice fields for a total of 13, all with Lincoln traps. This makes it imperative that you send your reservation forms in as soon as possible (**but not postmarked before July 1<sup>st</sup>**) to get your preferred rotation. Rotation A & B are always the most popular and always fill up fast. Registration forms will be sorted by postmark date and squads filled accordingly. If registration shows a trend of over 160 shooters, we will open an additional field.

Something new this year!! Added money!! Yep, that's right. Thanks to R. Dennis Lehman who

spearheaded to the committee to raise funds for added money, \$4000.00 has been raised through generous donations from around the skeet world. Thank you's and honors will be given at the State Shoot with details. Another new feature this year, we will be giving away one 4 gun entry fee package for an adult shooter who has never shot the State Shoot before. Drawn from a hat of all new adult shooters registering 4 guns in their first State Shoot. Get the word out!!

PSSA will be handling ammo sales and collecting money for practice rounds from the Registration building. The shoot management asks that you pay for practice rounds before going out to the field. Any shooting of "a few" targets with your coach to fix a problem target between flights and not on the practice fields is strictly forbidden! The traps all have counters on them and we pay for every target thrown. This has been a big problem in the past and upwards of \$900.00 of unpaid targets were thrown last year. We operate on a tight budget and try to hold down the entry fees to the lowest we can and still break even. Also, please limit the "look" targets to one high, one low and one pair at the start of your rotation. Any look targets saved in subsequent rounds helps our bottom line by keeping unnecessary targets thrown to a minimum. Under NO circumstances shall any shooter and unauthorized persons go inside the trap houses. We have staff mechanics and trap loaders to handle any maintenance requests. As part of our ongoing safety measures, we ask that spectators, families and friends wear protective eyewear and hearing protection while watching shooters. There are many folks watching from lawn chairs who are just as vulnerable to be hit by a ricochet BB as the shooters. We will be enforcing this safety measure vigorously. Come prepared with the proper safety equipment or you will be asked to move.

If you are planning on buying ammo please let me know by July 30th so we can purchase a sufficient amount to have on stock. Email me at [tim1holtz@gmail.com](mailto:tim1holtz@gmail.com)

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on top of the hill in August and wishing all of you "two at low eight"!

Very respectfully-

Tim Holtz  
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