



February 2019

Happy New Year Shooters! The 2019 skeet season is fast approaching and we just wanted to keep everyone up to date for the upcoming season.

2018 season ending was particularly difficult for so many of us. As you may know, we lost Andy Schusteff. Andy was an enormous force in the ISSA world. His passing has left a void in many hearts. His presence will be truly missed for years to come.

This year the State Shoot will be held at Northbrook Sports Club the weekend of August 23, 24, 25 2019. Due to declining attendance and increasing expenses, the ISSA committee has decided to continue having this as an open shoot. This will allow shooters from neighboring states to attend for targets only. The non-resident shooters will be eligible for monetary awards, but not eligible state titles or added money.

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 targets (NOT 8 shoots!) in the four gauges and 500 targets in doubles. Three hundred of these targets MUST be shot in Illinois. Juniors and Sub-Juniors also remain the same with 500 targets needed in all four gauges and also in doubles. Three hundred of these targets MUST be shot in Illinois. Please keep the **target** 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 participate in the Illinois State Skeet Shoot.** The State Team data will not be available from NSSA until the end of February this year so the release of State Team Members will be completed in March.

The Illinois Skeet Shooting Association website is a great resource for information regarding shoots! We are still 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! The 2019 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 Kay at kayshedd@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 10, 2019.

Enclosed you will find the 2019 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.

ISSA officers as follows: Jeff Albertson – President, Tim Conrin -- Vice President. Kay Shedd -- Secretary/Treasurer.

Last year was a lean year for many small clubs. Please make an effort to support your club