

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Greetings Idaho Trapshooters,

Here we are in the 2018 target year. Caldwell Gun Club held the first ISTA trapshoot of the year on 9/10/2017, followed by Boise Gun Club the next day. Twin Falls Gun Club conducted their fall shoot on 9/30/2017. All the shoots were a success, though as always we would like to increase shooter participation. Please consider asking friends to join you when you head off for a day of shooting!

The Board of Directors met on October 1, 2017 for a meeting primarily focused on working on the program for the 2018 Idaho State Trapshoot. All Board of Directors were present and a great deal of planning occurred. At this point there is \$4000+ pledged for event sponsorship, ads are being actively sold by directors and social activities are being planned.

Directors Chad Nelson and Mike Miller have resigned from the Board of Directors. John Keppinger and Guy Johnson have accepted appointments to the Board, so the BOD remains at a full complement of 9 Directors. Contact information has been updated on the website.

Activities and shoot enhancements include: A \$2000 total draw score package for Junior/Sub Jrs and other participants has been sponsored with a \$50 draw score for Juniors/Sub Jrs for each of the first 8 events, and a \$200 draw score for all other participants for each of the first 8 events. This draw score award was developed and paid for by Brian Steele of Steele Components and Kathy Connerley, and details are being finalized. Their objective is to create opportunities for recognition for average shooters and to support the youth shooters. Tentatively -any Junior/Sub Jr who participates in an event can win the draw score, and repeat winners are allowed. The \$200 draw score is for all scores, excluding the top score; Juniors/Sub Jr's are included regardless of winning the \$50 score. Only one \$200 draw score can be won for any individual shooter.

Social activities are being planned for the shoot, including a potluck appetizer social, a possible spaghetti feed, and a possible steak dinner. If you are interested in helping plan these activities or making a contribution to the ISTA to offset costs for these functions please contact any one of us.

The silent auction is returning. Soon request letters will be sent to each club. Clubs, businesses and individuals can donate an item of \$50 or more value. The ISTA is hoping to make \$2500 from the auction, all of which will be used to enhance the shoot!

Bob Clement donated a rifle for a raffle-there was 250 tickets for \$10 each or 5 for \$40. All tickets were sold by 10/1/2017 so the raffle was drawn early. Jim Adams of Clarkston WA won the rifle. Congratulations to Jim! Over \$2000 was raised with this raffle.

Scott Abo has now donated 2 rifles-we are getting ready to launch a 2 rifle raffle. There will be 500 tickets available, and the price for tickets is \$10/each of 5 tickets for \$40. This raffle will be concluded when all tickets are sold, or at the annual meeting of the ISTA.

The BOD recognizes that our annual meetings have been pretty long the past few years. There was a lot of discussion on how to streamline the meetings. Some changes in the process are: Directors will be elected by ballot, after nominations finalized, any Constitution changes will be completed by ballot, and counted after the meeting. Ballots will be counted by 2 separate counting committees to ensure inadvertent miscounting and results will be posted when complete, but after shooting has resumed.

There have been several clubs submit their registered shoot applications, but Joe says there are still some missing. Please check with your club and make sure the applications are sent in. We will update the shoot schedule on the website when more are in, and print a shoot card when the year is finalized.

This is a dynamic working Board of Directors, each committed to promoting shooter participation and making sure the Board of Directors work is transparent. Any suggestions you have will be considered. Of course not all suggestions can be adopted but they will be considered. We are posting minutes on the web site so you all can keep up with the activities.

The next ISTA sponsored shoot is at the Troy-Deary Gun Club on October 6 & 7, 2017. It is held in conjunction with National Trapshooting Day. Please try to attend.

Good luck shooting during Target Year 2018...hope to see you on the trap line.

Spud Storey, ISTA President