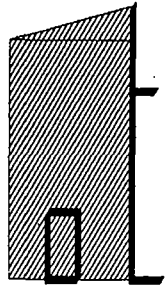




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*Letter  
from  
the Editor*

The 2004 skeet season is now in the history books and I hope that everyone has had a great year! Now that the season is over, we can all relax and go

back to our normal everyday lives and look forward to next year for shooting and how we can make it better. Sorry for the delay on getting this issue out, I recently had reconstructive knee surgery! As we all know, the targets in Louisiana all across the state at shoots have been slowly declining over the last couple of years. We need help from not just certain individuals, but from the entire membership! The board of directors and your local club representatives encourage you to talk to them and suggest ideas so the ideas can be brought up at meetings. **Voice your opinion!!!** The more ideas we have, the better.

Also, Oliver DeGravelle has kept the LSSA website up to date for a very long time. He has passed the honor of keeping up the site to Gordon Benoit. **Thank you very much Ollie for doing such a great job!!!** I am sure Gordon will do a great job of keeping up the site and he is going to have all of the board members e-mail addresses on their. That way you can keep in touch with all of us and give us ideas. The key to success in our small association does not come from a select group of individuals, but ideas from everyone involved which includes YOU!!!

I want to also congratulate all of the shooters that went to the world and represented Louisiana. The results for Louisiana at the World will follow later in the issue. I want to give a special congratulation to my father, Paul Giambrone, Jr., who is currently the 20 gauge World Champion! Great job Daddy!!! It was a nerve-racking experience for me and mom!!! Mr. David was just there as a beating post for mom! For everyone who did not meet their goals this year, you are not alone and there is always next year!!! So enjoy the off-season as best you can and I hope everyone gets together with their families and returns home safely. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*L.P.*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I appreciate the confidence that the association has shown in me by electing me to lead the organization. At the risk of being redundant, I will need the help of the entire membership to improve an already great association. Your ideas and suggestions will provide the framework for improvements.

If you have internet access, please use our webpage to keep informed and to discuss, innovate or critique the way we conduct our business as Louisiana Skeet Shooters. Oliver DeGravelle has performed an immeasurable and thankless service by designing and updating the LSSA website and is now passing it along to Gordon Benoit. I would like to thank Oliver for his skills, knowledge and time and hope that you will pass along your thanks as well.

Rather than suggesting that we have come to the end of another skeet season, we should view it from the perspective that a new skeet season is now open for us to improve our proficiency at obliterating circular objects composed of earthen materials while traversing at a rapid rate between two points.

There is much discussion about the new classification system invoked this year. It is expected that registration may be a little more difficult in that we must average each gun prior to every shoot. With that said, I would encourage everyone to prepare their scorecard a few days before the next shoot by having your averages and perhaps new classes ready as you approach the registration table.

In closing, congratulations to all of the winners at the 2004 World Shoot and especially to our 2004 20 Gauge World Champion, Paul Giambrone, Jr. Louisiana was well represented on the scoreboard and stadium field.

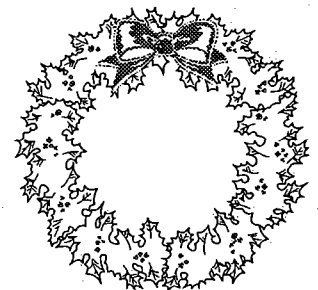
Sincerely,  
Ken Comeaux

## MINUTES OF LSSA MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and was held at the Bayou Beouf Gun Club in Lecompte, La.

In attendance: Ken Comeaux-President  
Paul Giambrone, Jr.-Secretary/Treasurer  
Mike Vickers-Past President/NSSA Director  
John Ellis-Director at Large  
Charles Richardson-Director at Large  
Wade Jones-Director at Large  
David Hebert (proxy for R. Hargett)-Director at Large  
Doug Frey-Red Chute Gun Club  
Walter Williams-Pine Hills Skeet and Trap Club  
Paul Giambrone, III-Editor of HHN

Also in attendance: Gordon Benoit, Loyd Huval, Jr., Jimmy Morrison and Eric Schouest



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## MINUTES OF LSSA MEETING Continued

First order of business, was to introduce all of the new officers.

Next order of business: 2005 Shoot schedule. All 4 gun fixture shoots were decided first, then all of the one day shoots.

Next: the web sight has been maintained by Oliver deGravelle in the past. Oliver has changed providers and wishes for someone else to take over. Gordon Benoit has volunteered to take on that responsibility. Gordon will be compensated by the LSSA for the monthly charge for the provider service.

**State Shoot:** There were many categories of the State shoot that needed to be addressed and the LSSA officers hashed out each of the following areas of concern.

### **Registration**

After some discussion. A motion was made to purchase a Mike Valario software that will accommodate 150 shooters in the amount of \$350. This software will be in the name of the LSSA and will be available for all active clubs in the LSSA for it's use. The money will come out of the special account. Mike Vickers has been authorized to purchase said software. All in favor, no one opposed.

### **Collection of Fees**

Deposits: After some discussion, a motion was made to eliminate the \$25 deposit for the State shoot, but that pre-registration will still be a must! The collection of fees will still be made by the shoot chairman. All expenses of the state shoot will be paid by check from the Secretary/Treasurer. All receipts will be payable to the LSSA.

### **Advertisement**

Loyd Huval will be this year's chairman for securing monies and door prizes for the state shoot program. Loyd will be assisted by at least one member from the four zones. Passed

### **Chief Referee**

This position will be assigned by the president. The Chief Referee will only have duties at the State shoot. Chief Referee will have available referees draw for a field and will be assigned to that field for the entire shoot. Referee's will be paid a flat fee for the entire weekend, instead of per target. Passed

### **Hall of Fame**

President will appoint a Chairman. Committee will consist of 4 members, 3 from different zones and 1 inductee from the past.

### **Banquet**

Host club will find a suitable location to hold the banquet dinner. There will be an initial budget of \$1,500 to secure a hall, restaurant, etc. If it should go over this budget, it will be brought back to the LSSA board for approval. Passed

### **Financial Report**

This has been the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer for years and will continue to do so. Passed

### **By-Laws-Revisions**

Everyone in attendance felt the need for our state by-laws to be updated. It was agreed to form a committee to review the existing by-laws, any revisions or changes to add to or remove anything that does not apply. This committee will bring the said changes and update the existing by-laws back to the LSSA board for approval and make any policy deemed necessary. The committee will be chaired by Mike Vickers, along with Wade Jones and Paul Giambrone, Jr. Passed

### **LSSA Membership Requirements**

There was a lengthy discussion on the present requirements that in order to be a member of the LSSA, you must be a member of the NSSA. In addition, you must be a resident of Louisiana. For those who wish to belong to the LSSA, but not the NSSA, it was suggested that such members be called Associate or Non-shooting members. It was decided to give this to the committee that is working on the by-laws and for them to submit suggestions to the board for review and a voting decision. Passed

### **Life Membership of the LSSA**

There was quite a bit of discussion on this. Several good ideas in favor of and several good ideas for not having a lifetime member. Afterwards, a committee was formed to come up with some possibilities as far as a dollar fee that would support such a membership and work out the practicality of having such. Ken Comeaux will chair. Also serving will be David Hebert, Mike Vickers and Paul Giambrone, Jr.

### **Club Membership**

There was some discussion as to whether 5,000 registered targets in one year was enough or too much. Also, taken into consideration, were the requirements for a club to be eligible for the State Shoot rotation. It was suggested that the committee reviewing the by-laws would take these items into consideration.

## Increasing Skeet activity

There was some lengthy discussion concerning this matter. Our Special Account has grown to quite a large sum, and most of the board members expressed a need to use such funds to help promote skeet across the state. Several good ideas and suggestion were made concerning this matter. After all was said and done, the following measures were taken. All clubs in the state that threw a minimum of 5,000 registered targets last year (2004) would be eligible to submit to the LSSA board a request of \$500 to put on a skeet type promotional day at their clubs. One member will be accountable for how the funds are disbursed and have all guest sign in. A complete report of names, rounds shot, ammo provided, etc. will be given to the LSSA board upon completion of the skeet promotional day. It was agreed, that each club across the state had individual needs or circumstances different from other clubs, and that said clubs will submit a tailor made program of activities. If club does not use all of the funds, they have two options. They can return the amount of un-used funds or put on a second or third event if enough funds are still available. Clubs that are eligible to use these funds are: Arcadia, Florida Parishes, Hunters Run, Pine Hills, Red Chute and South Louisiana.

Next meeting will be on February 5, 2005 at Bayou Beouf in Lecompte at 10:00 am.  
Meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

## LOUISIANA AT THE 2004 WORLD SHOOT

### Mini World Winners:

**12 Gauge:**  
Paul Giambrone, III      TS I-2      100  
David Hebert              SSR II-4      99

**28 Gauge:**  
Paul Giambrone, III      TS I-2      100

**HOA:**  
Paul Giambrone, III      TS I-3      396  
Ray Brandes              Ver 1-2      382

### Main World Winners:

**C of C:**  
Mike Vickers              9th      100  
Ray Brandes              Ver RU      96

**12 Gauge East:**  
Paul Giambrone, Jr.      AAA-6th      125

**12 Gauge Main:**  
Benoit                      B-7th &      246  
   SSR III-4th  
Giambrone/Giambrone      FLY CH      498  
Giambrone/Hebert      2MT I-1st      492  
Brandes/Myers              2MT VerCH      490

**28 Gauge:**  
Paul Giambrone, III      AAA-9th &      100  
   TS I-2nd  
David Hebert              AA-3rd &      100  
Vickers/Durbin              2MT II-2nd      197  
Giambrone/Giambrone      FLY CH      200  
Giambrone/Hebert      2MT SSR CH      200  
Brandes/Myers              2MT Ver I-1st      192

**HOA:**  
Tom Durbin              A-10th &      539  
   SSR II-1st  
Vickers/Durbin              2MT II-2nd      1079  
Giambrone/Giambrone      FLY I-1st      1090  
Giambrone/Hebert      2MT SSR I-1st      1080  
Brandes/Myers              2MT Ver CH      1062

**20 Gauge:**  
Paul Giambrone, III      3rd & TSRU      100  
Tom Durbin              A-5 & SSR II-2      100  
Paul Giambrone, Jr.      SSR 3rd      100

**410 Bore:**  
Ken Comeaux              SSSR III-2      95  
Ray Brandes              Ver 3rd      94

**Doubles:**  
Paul Giambrone, III      AAA-2, TSCH &      198  
Giambrone & Giambrone Family CH  
Giambrone & Hebert      2Man SSR I-1      195  
Brandes/Myers              2Man Ver I-1      188

**12 Gauge West:**  
Butch Huval              AA-1      125  
Gordon Benoit              B-6th      124

**20 Gauge:**  
Paul Giambrone, Jr.      Champion &      100  
   SSR Champion  
Vickers/Durbin              2MT II-4th      196  
Giambrone/Giambrone      FLY I-1st      198  
Giambrone/Hebert      2MT SSR I-1st      198  
Brandes/Myers              2MT Ver CH      194  
Huval/vickers/Durbin/brandes/Hansen  
5 MT II-2nd                                      485

**410 Bore:**  
Paul Giambrone, III      TS I-2nd      99  
Giambrone/Giambrone      FLY I-1st      194  
Giambrone/Hebert      2MT SSR I-1st      190  
Brandes/Myers              2MT Ver CH      186  
Huval/Vickers/Durbin/Brandes/Hansen  
5MT II-2nd                                      466

**HAA:**  
Paul Giambrone, III      AAA-3rd      646

There were 17 shooters that attended either the Mini or Main World this year:

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| * Gordon Benoit       | * David Hebert   |
| * Ray Brandes         | James Hildebrand |
| Kenny Comeaux         | * Ben Hulsey     |
| * Tom Durbin          | Butch Huval, Jr. |
| John Ellis            | Wade Jones       |
| * Paul Giambrone, III | * Mike Vickers   |
| * Paul Giambrone, Jr. | Walter Williams  |
| Robert Hansen         | * Charles Young  |
| Mike Hayden           |                  |

\* = Shooters shot the Mini and Main World.

