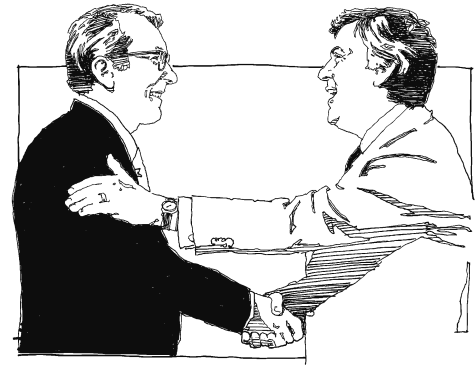


Dedication

TO THE VOLUNTEERS...we dedicate this book. Without their input and donations, our sport would have long faded into history, and without their timeless efforts, we would not have a place to enjoy the friendships we know today.



Ever since the first shotgun was fired at a moving target for sport, one group of dedicated, ambitious workers has pressed on to ascertain that all attending the festivities were treated to an occasion filled with fun, competition, fellowship and memories. This group, ever changing in name and face, has thrust forward the hands of time, and provided us with an ever growing and changing pastime.

From the days of live pigeons, glass balls, and feather stuffed pouches through today's clay targets of all colors, shapes and sizes, one thing has remained the same. This aforementioned group, the **volunteers**, has endlessly offered its time and resources to us.

You may know the member of the group. Have you ever been to the club early to get a quick practice round in before the first 8:30 flight? One out of the group was there quite a bit earlier than you. This person opened the fields and set the traps, even though three of the trap boys overslept, and were an hour late. He also picked up the garbage in the parking lot that somehow appeared after last night's league party.

After your practice round, you decide to relax before the real thing, and grab a bite of breakfast. Here we find a second member of the group. This member has a real trick up his sleeve. He has enlisted the services of his wife and teenage daughter. Did you ever wonder how bacon, eggs, and pastries got to the club so early?

Throughout the day, members of the group appear. They run errands, answer questions, empty garbage and somehow keep track of scores, rules and traps. They use their own trucks, mowers and shovels. At the end of the day, they give us money, prizes and best of all—a big smile. After we have left, a few members of the group stay behind to fill out reports, clean up and prepare for the next club function.

Most of the group has been there from the start of the club. It was their talent, money and hard work that resulted in the formation of the club. As far as we know, they learned the operation of the club by using good common sense and hard work. The best thing about them is that they are not selfish. Thus, we have learned much and now present this manual to you as a guide. Hopefully, you will use this manual as a cornerstone of policy. Our intention is that the contents will make the operations of your club easy to understand and helpful.

Foreword

How to use this manual?

Over the years, the National Skeet Shooting Association has strived to offer its members the best service possible. Innovations such as state of the art computer systems for member services, a toll free telephone help line, and a monthly magazine, to name a few, are some of the ways we try to better serve you as a member.

This Gun Club Manual is the latest way we are hoping to provide up-to-date information to the clubs with hopes that the contents will better enlighten you and our members and provide a foundation for a successful gun club.

The manual is not designed to be read as a best selling novel from cover to cover.

1. It is provided as a reference text. It is our desire to provide the needed answers to your questions concerning operation of a gun club and about the NSSA.

2. The table of contents is divided into major areas of discussion and also sub-divided within those sections to assist the reader in finding valuable information.

3. Over time, some of the manual will need to be updated and changed. We will do our best to supply you with these updates on a regular basis.

4. If you find the need for something that is not covered or if you have any suggestions for future editions, please do not hesitate in letting us know.



It is the goal of the NSSA to provide every means possible to make your club a success. We hope that this manual will become a working part of the operation of your club.