

Dear Florida Sport Shooting Association (FSSA) Members,

On behalf of your FSSA Directors, I want to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy holidays.

Thank you for your membership and support of our state association. Among the challenges faced this year, there is also good news to report. The beautiful thing about living in Florida, is the abundance of great weather, allowing year round outdoor shooting. Unfortunately, we experience hurricanes. Hearing from our members, there wasn't a part of Florida that was not impacted by Hurricane Irma. I hope by now most of you, including our clubs have recovered from Irma. I know for at least one club, the recovery will take some time. Unfortunately, the High Power State Championships had to be cancelled. On a more positive note, we were able to hold the Precision Pistol State Championships. Also, several clubs held Sunshine State Games matches, and from the reports I received, all went well. Additionally our juniors in smallbore rifle and air rifle are shooting some great scores and competing well. A big THANK YOU, to the clubs, coaches, and match support personnel who continue to volunteer their time to run matches and offer training. It's truly appreciated.

For the better part of this year, FSSA has been working with the IRS to reestablish our charitable contribution status (better known as our 501(c)(3) status). With much work from our treasurer, Jeff Stewart, and some great assistance from the NRA, the IRS has, again, recognized FSSA as a not for profit organization. Thanks to our Membership Director, Jim Kinley, our website now has a link for FSSA members and non members to make a charitable contribution to our state association. Please consider a year end donation at <http://www.flssa.org/http://www.flssa.org/Donate>. The donation can be designated to any of our discipline programs, our junior activities and our general fund. These activities are designed to promote firearms safety, to enhance marksmanship skills of those participating in the shooting sports, and to support our junior and women's shooting programs.

I hope by now, you have received the FSSA letter inviting you to our annual meeting on January 27th. Also included with the letter is the ballot for director positions. Please take the time to vote and return your ballot. We continue to invite members to consider a position as one of FSSA's directors, and look for members who wish to make FSSA a better state association for all shooters and shooting programs in Florida.

For our members who are 5-year or NRA Life Members, the FSSA Board of Directors, earlier in the year, voted to endorse the upcoming reelection of John Sigler (former NRA President) and Edie Fleeman to the NRA Board of Directors. Look for ballots in the February 2018 NRA publications. While there are many great candidates up for election or reelection, the significant contributions of both John Sigler and Edie Fleeman to the shooting community over many years is noteworthy. FSSA is proud to endorse John and Edie for reelection to the NRA Board of Directors.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of your officers and directors with any questions or comments, or for any shooting discipline specific information. We're here to serve our members and our member clubs.

I wish you all the best of health, happiness and good shooting for 2018. Thank you for everything you do in support of our association.

Ted Carter
President
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