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**Our Mission:** To foster national and international amateur shotgun sports competitions and to develop amateur athletes for national or international sports competitions. **Our Goals:** (1) To conduct amateur shotgun sports competitions in affiliation with national and international shotgun sports organizations. (2) To support and develop amateur athletes for national and international shotgun sports competitions. (3) To promote safe and proper gun handling. (4) To provide facilities and equipment to further the Association's goals and mission.

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President's

Message

by

Neil Vann



skeet starter shed (Carlin's Castle) is in the final stages of completion; easier access to the smart card machine has been accomplished; and the concrete pads in front of the smart card machines have been poured.

Our Youth Introduction to Shotgun Sports, Scholastic Clay Target Program, Boy Scout Merit Badge Program and Hunter Safety Certification Classes are all in process and running smoothly. The training of youth and adults in the safety aspects of gun handling are first and foremost in all of these classes. Get your son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter or neighbor kid involved in one or all of these worthwhile programs, all run by SDSSA volunteers. All the information you need is on our web site.

The Pre-Summer Skeet League is history but another Skeet League will be held on September 10 through November 16. The Summer Trap League is taking names and entry fees at the cashier's window for a start date of July 9. The handicap system is fair and equitable for all. There is talk in the wind about the possibility of an "Iron Man League" wherein the participants shoot one week Trap then Skeet, 5-stand, Trap Doubles, Skeet, Skeet Doubles and possibly Bunker. Sound interesting? Sounds like a good way to get introduced to all the shotgun sports offered by your Association. Field #10 has been set up for International Skeet on Fridays on a trial basis only in hopes that there will be some active interest, which has been expressed by some of the members.

There are other plans in process, which will be a benefit to the membership. If you are interested in hearing about these plans and other

items of interest, I personally invite you to our Board of Directors meeting, which is held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm. This is your Association and what ever you put in to it, I assure you, will be returned many-fold.

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS

After a couple of resignations from the Board of Directors and a diligent talent search, we have two new members on your Board of Directors.

The first one is **Chris Coughlan** who have been an active shooter at our range for years. Chris and his wife Tracy shoot all of the clay target games and have been active in the sport for years. Chris is bringing lots of new ideas to the Board and already taking an active role with the Board.



**Chris Coughlan – New Board Member**

The very newest Board of Directors member is **Steve Hubbard**. Steve is an active shooter at our range, but considers himself a "recreational shooter". He does not shoot registered targets and is interested in representing the interest of those members who do not shoot competitive events, but are active in "recreational shooting" or in other words, just shoot for the fun of it!

We welcome the resurgence of the SDSSA Newsletter after a two-month hiatus. The Editor and his wife have arrived back home safely from a tour of Chili and the Easter Islands with new vigor!

You may have noticed a gradual change to our range. We have a large hole at Field #12 which could be a start of a SDSSA swimming pool or a duck pond (live fire) or a start of a new International bunker. The first person with the correct answer could be the proud winner of a Model 2003 shovel hand engraved by Ricardo Alcantara. Immediate use is required and employees of SDSSA are not eligible. The north side fences are up and painted; the skeet houses and station pads are re-painted; the portable restrooms are handicap accessible; A



Steve Hubbard – new Board Member

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Trap News

by

Joe Matkovich



**S**DSSA hosted the winter chain shoot April 4-6, 2003 and enjoyed a good turnout for all 3 days. The shooting began Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> at high noon with clouds, wind and some sun peeking through occasionally. Twenty-eight shooters entered the first event and shot at handicap targets. When the smoke cleared **Ron Schwartz** was the champ with a 93 from 24.5 yards, **Greg Hartlett** took home short yardage, **John Lumn** was the mid yardage winner and long yardage was split between **Steve Smith**, **Terry Bilbey** **John Spangler**. **Jerry Dillard** was hi-vet with an 88.

**F**riday's second event was 50 pair of doubles and 20 showed up for the fun. **Terry Bilbey** was champ with a 94, **Chip Enniss** took home AA, **James Thorp** was the A champ, **Augie Daddi** took B class. **Charlie Bover** was hi-vet.

**S**aturday was cool and windy for the 200 singles event. Fifty-four shooters stepped up to the line and gave it their best. When all was said and done **Chico Agundez** was the champ with a 198, **Rich Davis** was the AA winner, **Brian Ennenga** took home A class, **Joe Roby** was the B champ & **Jan Slough** won C class. Hi-lady was **Jessica Anderson** & **Jerry Dillard** was hi-vet.

**T**he next event, Saturday, was 50 pair of doubles. Twenty –four people decided to complete their trapshooting experience and grabbed their guns to see a pair. **Chip Enniss** came out on top with a 97. **Rich Davis & Layne Kuhlman** tied for AA with 95's. Davis won the shoot off (58-60) for class honors, **James Thorp** took class A and **Chico Agundez** was B champ.

**S**unday was a bright, sunny So. California day. The first event of the day was handicap and 55 shooters grabbed their shootin' irons and sent to the line. **John Wagner** was champ with a 97, **Jan Slough** took short yardage, **Jeff Jones** was the mid yardage champ and **Rob Mabery** took home the long yardage prize. **Jessica Anderson** was hi-lady and **Paul Purdum** was hi-vet.

**T**he last event of this shoot was another handicap and the big prize was the CGSTA belt buckle. Fifty-two contestants went out to try and win that buckle. **Tim Jacobs** ended up taking it home with a 96. **Bucky Wright** took the short yardage prize, **Robert Mabery** won mid yardage and **Kurt Sachau** took long yardage.

**W**e had a nice turn out for this shoot and a good time was had by all, I believe. Our next shoots are: May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> (So. Zone), July 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> & September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a doubles marathon in May. Look for the date at the May shoot.

See ya at the range.Youth  
Trapshooting  
Teams being  
Formed

by

Don Wilkie

Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP)-Trap

**T**he Scholastic Clay Target Program is a national program for school students. It is administered and governed by the National Shotgun Sports Foundation (NSSF) in conjunction with the National Governing Bodies (NGB) for trap, skeet and sporting clays. In our case the NGB is the Amateur Trapshooting Association

(ATA). The SCTP program includes three competitive divisions: Senior Division--grades 9 through 12th; Junior Division--grades 6 through 8th; Rookie Division--5th grade and under. The SCTP target year for trapshooting extends from January 1 until August 9, 2003, which is the completion of the Grand American World Trapshooting Championship/ SCST Championship, in Vandalia, Ohio.

**S**CTP Trap is a team sport, which is described as--" a group of individuals, committed to a common goal and working together regularly." The combined scores of the 5-man squad are used to determine the winners in SCTP competitions. All participants must be members of an officially recognized SCTP team. Teams qualify for the "Grand" by shooting in state ATA/SCTP championships. SCTP competitions are 100 and 200 target events. The top 3 teams in each state are eligible for the "Grand." We plan to register our team in June. I will be the team coach of record for the purpose of registering the team and will be responsible to SCTP.

**O**ur team is currently composed of three junior squads and one senior squad. All students from grades 6 through 12th, with the physical, mental and emotional maturity to participate in a team sport are eligible to try out for our team. We expect the team members to support and encourage each other. Our program got underway on April 26, 2003. Ten youths attended our first practice and try-out. One shooter, Brian Burrows, even under the pressure of a new experience, shot 50 straight. A commendable accomplishment! An additional eleven youths signed up bringing the total to twenty-one. Additional junior age applicants will have to be placed on the waiting list. We have openings for a few seniors.

**T**his past Thursday, May 1, 2003 we held our second practice. Much to the disappointment and inconvenience of all in attendance, practice barely got underway before the range was shut down by marine operations.

**O**ur present plan is to have weekly practices through May. Beginning in June we will enter one or more squads in our monthly ATA shoot for a 100-target 16-yr event. Teams will be selected just prior to each shoot.

Practices will consist of two rounds of 25 targets each. The score of the second round will be recorded in order to evaluate the shooters' performance. We will continue to practice weekly on Thursday night, beginning at 6 PM. If required and if feasible, make-up practices will be held on Saturdays beginning at 1:30 PM.

The cost for the program is \$2.50 for each practice round. ATA competitions cost \$13 per event plus a \$5 daily fee. ATA/SCTP membership costs \$9 per year. Participants provide their own ammunition.

**Gary Krueger** is coaching Squad 1 with assistance from JC Craft. Verne Gideon is coaching squad 2, while Past President **Fred Hoyle** is coaching Squad 3, the seniors. Others assisting on an "as needed and available basis" include: **Duke Wilbur, Tweed Ross, Chip Ennis, John McClury, Steve Claunch, Doug Vann, Jay Anderson, Gene Green, Herman Sledge and Dorsey Ek.**

We still need additional experienced coaches. We have found that it is essential to have two coaches for each squad since we practice weekly and need to cover for vacations, illness etc.

**Carla Sledge** is team manager and is playing a vital role in managing the business aspects of the program and getting us underway. In addition she assists with coaching. Carla may require management assistants.

Next year our program will begin in January. We hope to have representation at the SCTP shoot in Las Vegas in January and in June to enter the state shoot in Kingsburg.

The response to this new program has been outstanding. We are truly inspired. We thank Layne and Nicole for their help and cooperation as well as all of those involved to this point.

If anyone wishes to contribute to the program we could use funds for shirts, hats, vests, shell pouches, shooting glasses and of course ammunition.

**Scholastic Teams - best scores - 25 targets**

Squad # 1		
Grade	Name	High Score
Grade 8	Dean Anderson	23
Grade 8	Brian Burrows	25
Grade 7	Breanna Heckenkamp	23
Grade 8	Judith Sledge	24
Grade 8	Steven Smithson	NA

**Squad # 2**

Grade 8	Dorsey Ek, Jr.	NA
Grade 8	Nick Noonan	22
Grade 7	Kurtis Sorchy	17
Grade 6	De Savage	22
Grade 6	Jon Burrows	17

**Squad # 3**

Grade 10	Dustin Stewart	19
Grade 10	Robert Smithson	NA
Grade 9	Ben Rollins	NA
Grade 10	Kalen Foster	NA
Grade 9	Daniel Broesma	NA

**Squad 4**

Grade 7	Morgan Broom	10
Grade 6	Ian Daube	17
Grade 7	Nick Meyer	23
Grade 7	Chris Leonard	NA
Grade 7	Briant Czech	18



**Breanna Heckenkamp, one of the outstanding youths in the Scholastic Program eagerly awaits her turn on the range**

**More Youth Program Information**

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Program**

**Robb Frank's** merit badge program is both successful and popular with Scouts. Successful Scouts need to be able to break 24 out of 50 targets. They receive instruction and are tested at our range. A group of 10 to 15 scouts will be shooting at our range on May 10, 2003. Several Association members will be assisting including **Steve Hubbard and Don Wilkie.**

**Introduction to Shotgun Sports**

Five enthusiastic, youthful shooters participated in the program on April 26, 2003. Following a discussion by Chip Ennis on safety and shotgun basics including a demonstration on proper gun mounting, stance and swing the participants moved to field 5 where they spent 2 hours with individual instruction from **Verne Gideon** and **Doug Vann.** Most of the shooting was

from low house station 7 but the shooters also experienced angled and incoming shots. One shooter had difficulty handling a full-sized gun and was rescued by **Doug Vann** who lent him a smaller lighter weapon, which he shot successfully with superlite ammunition. Doug feels that it should be mandatory for young beginning shooters to use superlite ammunition until they can shoot effectively. **Thank you Verne and Doug for your enthusiastic and effective instruction.**



**Recent participants and instructors included from left to right: Verne Gideon-- instructor, Hunter Savoy, Doug Vann--instructor, Andrew Ringwald, Gene Merewether.**



**Ian Erskine, who has completed the Introduction to Shotgun Sports Course, is a regular participant at the range – Ian is looking forward to the Scholastic Trap Program, but he not quite old enough yet.**

**HELP! HELP! HELP!**

**"Lift that bale, tote that barge".** There are no bales to lift or barges to tote but an abundance of items to refurbish and polish. Have you noticed that the Association grounds are improving little by little? We still have a long way to go to clean up our home by eliminating the disgusting cigarette and cigar butts lying

on the ground (the receptacles are rarely used) along with the trash and plastic bottles left indisposed of. We are experiencing a resurgence of volunteers (key word in this message) coming forth with excess energy and pride. **Malcum Campbell**, our newly appointed Building and Grounds Chairman, is actively looking for additional volunteers (there is that word again) who have the ability and desire to participate. The work party meets on one or maybe all of the three days that we are not open, depending upon the tasks at hand. Malcum will call or e-mail you to participate on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning (9am to 12noon), which are the prime times when the Association is closed. All the materials and equipment are usually in place just waiting for the hands-on experience. We are attempting to build up a comprehensive list of people with experience in the trades. Future endeavors such as the Silva Center, will require the expertise and professional direction of plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters, tile and carpet layers, excavators, roofers and a myriad of other talents including those who can devote some time to the menial tasks. Does this sound like a plea for help? Good! Because it is. Please, if you have the time, the desire and the talent to help in upgrading our facility, we need to know to get in contact with you.

There are several projects that we have in mind to upgrade the range. All are in the plan to enhance our facility in some positive way to make it better for our members. Some projects are small like fixing the front entrance gate. Others will take more talent and time to accomplish like the Silva Center.

Recently the nine north skeet fences were replaced. Most recent, they were all painted thanks to the generosity of **Pete Buompensiero of Buompensiero Wallcovering**. A Skeet Starter Shed was purchased to provide the skeet shooting members a central place to sign up for a field and ensure that no one or no one group dominates a field. Several things were required to get the "shed" in working order and that is being accomplished. **Dale Deckman of Advanced Energy Insulation & Sound Control, Inc.** donated and installed the insulation, a gesture that is

thankfully appreciated. Eventually we will have a PA system to better communicate. The south skeet fences are undergoing repair. This is to name a few of the issues that we are attacking.

I think by now that you get the picture of why we are soliciting names to volunteer for work parties! The man to call is **Malcum Campbell** at 619-460-6030 or e-mail at [malcumdc@earthlink.net](mailto:malcumdc@earthlink.net). An alternate method of letting Malcum know that you are available on the days previously mentioned is to leave your name, phone number/e-mail address and talent with the Association Cashier, Nikolle. Your attending to this matter will be greatly appreciated and you will be a valuable asset in making your Association one to be proud to visit.



**Malcum Campbell – Our new hard working Building & Grounds Chairman**

## SKEET

### NEWS

by

**Neil Vann**



### Attention Registered Skeet Shooters.

By the time you read this Association newsletter, the 2003 SoCal Skeet Championships hosted by SDSSA will be near capacity with your name waiting to be placed on the shoot scoreboard. My "vacation" will be over and Vern, Don and I will be returning to our Association registered shoots, again. Just think, coffee in the morning and

candy on the table and when **John Callos** shoots, donuts for all of San Diego County! We have five month left on this year's skeet calendar with June's, "Summer Begins Open" happening on June 13-15. Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> (make a good movie) we will have a 28ga. preliminary at 12:00 and the fun game of Skeet Doubles at 2:00. Saturday will be the 28ga. and 12ga and on Sunday, the .410 bore and the 20ga. You can start pre-squading now by telephone (619) 286-3439 or e-mail, [cnavann@cox.net](mailto:cnavann@cox.net). Once again we are looking for sponsors to come forward to sponsor lunches and awards. September is spoken for by **Lee Dennis** so all we have left are the months of June through October. **John Herkowitz** has sponsored the 2003 Novice awards and for that we thank him. We have a possible lunch donor for June but that is still up in the air. So, we need your help, support and participation for the enjoyment of all. Thank you. Neil

### PACIFIC SPORTING ARMS OPEN

The San Diego Shotgun Sports Association was privileged to host the Pacific Sporting Arms Open in San Diego, California on April 11-13, 2003. The first (annual) Pacific Sporting Arms Open was a resounding success primarily due to the organization and forethought by President of PSA, **John Herkowitz** (Azusa). Over the three-day three-rotation program, 42,914 targets were thrown. There were 94 entries of which 20 were from the San Diego area, 12 from Northern California, 7 out-of-state (1 from Montana, 5 from Nevada, 1 from Utah) and 55 from all over Southern California. Six fields were provided and they were in top shape for the sell-out shoot. The weather was a bit gunky for Southern California on Sunday but no one seemed to mind. I suppose the sunshine from the first two days kept everyone pleased. The 14 RV spots were filled to capacity just waiting for the opening shots to be fired. Both the Saturday and Sunday meals were prepared by **Master Chef, Mimmo Femino** (Covina). The Saturday lunch was Corned Beef on Rye sandwiches and the Sunday lunch was a delicious Sausage plate. Thanks Mimmo for your culinary contribution.

The first event of the weekend was the Doubles shot on Friday. Seventy shooters decimated the majority of targets. There were 34

Class AA shooters, two of which came in with 100-straight; **Dave Broccoli** (La Costa) and **Ron Hurlbert** (Paso Robles). The two went at it tooth-and-nail, doubles at 3, 4 and 5 for five stations, Dave leading the pack of two. Dave smashed the pair at the third trip to station #4 and Ron's shot was just a fuzz behind the high house target, which gave Dave Doubles Gun Champion and Ron, Doubles Gun Runner-up. Great shooting by two great shooters!

The battle for Class AA1, AA2 and AA3 with 99's was short but not necessarily sweet. **Jason Parson** (Santa Monica), **Billy Burke** (Livermore) and **John Herkowitz** (La Crescenta). Billy dropped the high at station #3, Jason dropped the low at station #4 and John didn't do any dropping. John took Class AA1, Jason, AA2 and Billy, AA3.

Other Doubles shoot offs in winning order: for Class A2 and A3 went between **Stan Salter** (Las Vegas, Nev.) and **Aris Melonas** (Las Vegas, Nev.) with 98's, for Class B1 and B2 with 95's, **Frank Bartucci** (Paso Robles) and **George Collins** (Redondo Beach), for Class B3, **Dave Erwin** (Corona) and **Jack Faul** (N. Hollywood), for Class D3 with 74's, **Sandra Hartmann** (Torrance) and **Peggy Eckman** (Costa Mesa). Thus ends the first event of the weekend.

At 8:30 Saturday morning, 90, 12ga. shooters were in the mood to support the California yell, "If it flies; it dies". The shoot off list was an impressive collection of 13 Class AA shooters with 100-straight vying for five positions. 294 targets were shot during this exhibition of prowess. The shooters in order of elimination were, **Steve Tucker** (Fountain Valley), **James Dewey** (Ramona), **Lori Desatoff** (Orange), **Dave Broccoli** (La Costa), **Barry Hartmann** (Torrance), **Gil Siu** (Corona), **Dan Lewis** (Petaluma), **Eric Desatoff** (Orange), **Bill Marble** (Moorpark) Class AA3, leaving **Brett McLaughlin** (La Mirada), **Billy Williams** (Billings, Montana), **George Desatoff** (Orange) and **Billy Burke** (Livermore) to go get another box of shells. Starting the second box, Brett leads the 4-man squad into the marathon match. George squirts his 32<sup>nd</sup> target for Class AA2. Brett gets to his 48<sup>th</sup> target and becomes Class AA2. That now leaves

**Billy Burke** and **Billy Williams** to duke-it-out with the third box. Two pair of Doubles eliminates **Billy Williams** (12ga. Gun Runner-up) and **Billy Burke** is 12ga. Gun Champion after shooting 54 targets. Another great shootoff among Champions, all.

Class A1, A2 and A3 with 99's were shot off by **Neil Vann** (San Diego), **Jerry King** (Fairfield) and **Gary Dittmar** (Fountain Valley). Neil triumphed (A1) by breaking 5 pair with Jerry (A2) real close and Gary (A3) bowing out after 3 pair. Class B1 and B2 were decided between **Frank Bartucci** (Paso Robles) and **Jose Sandoval** (San Marcos) both with 99's. Frank ensued and captured Class B1. Class B3 was shot off between **Craig Potter** (Chula Vista) and **Brad Young** (Pleasanton). Brad won the shootoff and Class B3. **Vern Gideon** (El Cajon) solidified Class C3 over **Lou Riddle** (Bonsall) due to the fact that Lou shot and left the shoot to take care of his livelihood. Class D2 and D3, with 94's, was shoot off between **Caroline Church** (Newport Beach) and **Mary Falabrino** (La Verne) with Mary the Class D2 winner. We have now fulfilled the requirements of the 12ga. event. On to Saturday afternoon.

The 20ga. event collects another gaggle of shooters; 89 in all with again, 34 Class AA entries. This event witnesses five shoot offs at the end of the day. Seven 100-strights emerge, all Class AA but one; **Stan Salter** (Las Vegas, Nevada) who is Class A. The order in which gravity takes its toll and shooters are eliminated are **Roman Warren** (Riverside), **Stan Salter** (Las Vegas) Class A1, **Mike Leith** (Riverside) Class AA3, **Larry Sifers** (Woodside) Class AA2, **Lori Desatoff** (Orange) Class AA1 leaving **Ron Hurlbert** (Paso Robles) and **Billy Williams** (Billings, Montana) to battle for top honors. Again, the second box of shells is opened but it only takes two pair for before Ron drops one and Billy smashes the pair. Billy is crowned the King of the 20ga. event with Ron taking Gun Runner up.

Class A3, with 98's to shoot off, is decided between **George Collins** (Redondo Beach), **Steen Thomsen** (Covina) and **Art Lim** (Long Beach). Steen whips them all with one pair. Class B3 has a duo of 95's between **Steve York** (Cerritos) and **Frank**

**Bartucci** (Paso Robles). Frank wastes no time after Steve misses his first bird and blasts the pair for Class B3. Class C1, C2 and C3 have four contenders, each with a 94. **Andres Saenz** (Long Beach) takes Class C1, **Carolyn Church** (Newport Beach) is Class C2 winner and **Stan Collins** (Simi Valley) outguns **Peggy Eckman** (Costa Mesa) for Class C3. Class D2 and D3 are decided by new shooter, **Perry Jurancich** (Vista) and **Joe Cargle** (Ramona). In that Perry has not shot doubles before, Joe has enough of an edge to win D2 with one pair. Perry has his first class win with a Class D3.

On Sunday we face the beloved 28ga. with all due respect. This event attracted 88 competitors with 22 of them in the Class AA category. Eight 100-strights constituted a great shoot off for the first five top spots. **Larry Sifers** had only time to get of a pair before the skeet god frowned on him. Next, both **Dave Broccoli** (La Costa) and **Aris Melonas** (Las Vegas) dumped a pair on the second trip to station #4, nixing them from the gift department. After a 24-shell shoot out, Class AA1 went to **John Herkowitz** (La Crescenta), Class AA2 to **Ron Hurlbert** (Paso Robles), Class AA3 to **Dan Lewis** (Petaluma), 28ga. Gun Runner-up to **Rick Anderson** (Placentia) and the Winner of the 28ga. Gun Champion, **Jason Parson** (Santa Monica). A good exhibition of great shooting.

Class A2 and A3 were decided in a four person shoot off, all with 98's. Dale Stuntz (Redondo Beach) led off and bailed out on the second station. **Cliff Weaver** (Whittier) and **Hal Garb** (S. Pasadena) did a hit-and-miss show for the onlookers for 10 pair until Cliff dutched a pair giving Hal Class A3. Class A2 went to **Neil Vann** (San Diego) who amazingly didn't miss a pair through 6 stations! The following shoot off was between the Class B shooters, **Vern Gideon** (El Cajon), **Steve York** (Cerritos) and **Steve Claunch** (San Diego) with 97's. One station and out! Vern missed one for Class B2, Steve missed both for Class B3 and Steve broke both capturing the Class B1 award. With 94's, Class C1 was determined quickly by **Bruce Johnson** (Whittier) busting a pair and **Donna Miller**, Class C2, missing a pair. Carolyn Church (Newport Beach) dominated Class D1 when Stan Collins

(Simi Valley), Class D2, was a no-show. Both had nice 91's.

The last shooting event of the delightful weekend was the feared .410 bore. Semi-feared by many (85 entrants) but not by one of the nations top shooters, **Brian Holt** (National City). Brian, with his lone 100-straight (.410 bore Gun Champion) had to sit on the other side of the fence along with .410 bore Gun Runner-up, **Steve Claunch** (San Diego) with his lone 99 while all the other gladiators fought the lions. Not one complaint was heard from Brian or Steve on their achievement.

Class AA1, AA2, and AA3 with 98's, were determined in a shoot off between **Jason Parson** (Santa Monica), **Aris Melonas** (Las Vegas) and **Larry Sifers** (Woodside). Larry's (no) luck was the same as in the 28ga. shoot off and he took AA3. After another five stations Aris (AA2) missed on and Jason (AA1) didn't. The last shoot off in the .410 bore was with five who came in with a score of 90 vying for Class B3. **George Collins** (Redondo Beach) dutched a pair, **Frank Barlucci** (Paso Robles) dropped one leaving **Steve York** (Cerritos) going to station #4 to dutch a pair along with **Richard Liu** (Long Beach) to drop one. The only one standing after the gun waving was **Hal Garb** (S. Pasadena) who slaudered after the coveted Class B3 prize.

Eighty-four shooters participated in the High Over All event with **Larry Sifers** (Woodside) taking the whole enchilada with a 397X400. In a shoot off to establish HOA Runner up, Class AA1, AA2, and AA3 with 396's was **Brian Holt** (National City), **Dan Lewis** (Petaluma), **Ron Hurlbert** (Paso Robles) and **Billy Burke** (Livermore). Billy hit the dusty trail and took Class AA3 leaving Dan and Ron to battle it out after each missing a high four. Dan (AA1) overwhelmed Ron (AA2) two stations later. While all this is going on, Brian didn't miss in his four pair and took the HOA Runner up spot uncontested. The last shoot off was for HOA Class A1 and A2 with 390X400 wherein **Rick Anderson** (old guy from Placentia) cleanly missed the first pair out of the house and whereas **Jessica Forbes** (young lady from Fremont) smoked the two so that there were no visible pieces. One needed ear

protection for the cheering. And thus ended a great three days of shooting and camaraderie.

A three-man draw was initiated after the 28ga. event with 29 teams in the running. The sponsor of the 28ga. Team event was **Briley**. The top team with a 293X300 was the team of **D. Lewis, J. Forbes** and **B. Johnson**.

Many thanks go to many people for putting on such a great shoot. **John Herkowitz** for his planning, sponsoring the shoot and securing the many prizes and sponsors for those prizes; Sponsors **Beretta, Perazzi** and **Joe Falabrno's Mission Hardware**, we thank you for your generous support; SoCal for their expertise in running a smooth shoot; SDSSA Manager, **Layne Kuhlman** and his field staff for their participation both before the shoot and during the shoot; Mimmo **Femino** and his delightful culinary adventures and all those we have unintentionally failed to name, we thank you. See you next year at the **Pacific Sporting Arms II**

### May Trap

News

by

**Chip Enniss**



The weather was not kind to us the month of May, we received about 2" of rain on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> causing us to cancel the whole program that day.

Sunday, the Weather was much better with Cloudy Skies and slight to moderate wind gusts, which kept the scores pretty low.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Handicap had 37 shooters. The high score was Jeff Jones from El Centro with a 93, Lori O'Connell, also from El Centro, was 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 92. We also had several Jr. shooters from that area competing.

The second Handicap event on Sunday had 38 participants, with Rob Mabery from El Cajon being high with a score of 94, from the maximum yardage, second with a 91, was Kyle Cardiff of Jamul.

With the bad weather we only through a total of 7500 Targets this Month. The Calif. Southern Zone is

scheduled here the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June and we are looking forward to a large turn out.

Layne and his staff did a good job preparing for the shoot and seeing that all was taken care of. If you have not shot Trap in a while get a Friend, Wife, Son or Daughter and come on out and join us in June, it should be a good shoot.

### Skeet League

by

**Vern Gideon**



The Skeet League is over and by the time you read this we will have had our grand "end of the league" BBQ at the range.

We had 12 teams participate in this league with 67 shooters. Every shooter received a light weight long sleeved crew neck shirt with the Association logo on it, along with a share of the winnings.

Final scores will be posted on our web site and at the range. Check the web site for the dates of the Fall League and watch the newsletter for an announcement this fall.

### OLYMPIC TRAP

by

**Ricardo Alcantara**



There is lots of good news from the "bunker". I have been accused of developing a swimming pool for the use of the bunker shooters – but that is not true! The big hole is where the old wobbled trap was removed in order to upgrade to a full bunker set up. The rains have slowed us down a little bit in the construction, but we are basically on schedule. Assuming there is no more rain, we should start steel and concrete work next week. Our current plans are to be able to have the new bunker in operation by the June B-300 shoot! This is an ambitious schedule, but we are confident that we will be able to meet the deadline.

Once the new bunker operation is in place, we will have two of the finest international trap fields available

anywhere. With our good weather, we are confident that many of the Olympic hopefuls will come to our area to hone their Olympic skills.

In the meantime, our current bunker continues to perform flawlessly under the watchful eye of our Manager, Layne Kuhlman. The number of shooters using the bunker has continued to grow. This year to date we have thrown 9% of the targets thrown at our range. This is up from about 1 ½% a couple of years ago. Our range has 12 fields, so each field should produce about 8% of the targets thrown. So you can see that the bunker is above average in the number of targets thrown – and growing!!

### Fun Shoot

by

Taylor Craft



### March Fun Shoot Report:

Thirteen shooters showed up for the March Fun Shoot on a fantastic San Diego "Summer" day!

Class A, HOA was won by **Mike Howell** with a very good score of 86 x 100. **Glenn Eubank** took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 74 x 100, and was "lucky" enough to buy **Dick Thurman** lunch! **Taylor Craft** came in 3<sup>rd</sup> at 73 x 100.

Class B, 1<sup>st</sup> place was a tie between **Scott Beuck & Jim Englund** at 63 x 100. **Tom "Rather be lucky than good" Hickerson** took 3<sup>rd</sup> with a score of 61 x 100.

### April Fun Shoot Report:

Fifteen shooters showed up for the April Fun Shoot on a gorgeous San Diego Day!

Class A, HOA was won by **Mile Howell** (does this sound like a recording?) with an excellent score of 90 x 100. **Jerry "Zonnie" Albers** came in 2<sup>nd</sup> at 84 x 100, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place was taken by **Francisco de la Torre** with a score of 78 x 100.

Class B, 1<sup>st</sup> place was won by **Scott Howell** ("Like father, like son"?) with a score of 63 x 100. **Jabie Gray** took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at 60 x 100 and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was **Richard Seaver** with a score of 58 x 100.

### Trap League

Report

by

Gary Krueger



### Attention all Trap League Shooters!

It will be here before you know it! You don't want to miss this one!

It is time to organize your teams and get signed up for the Summer League. July 9<sup>th</sup> will kick off the Summer League which will run for six weeks with one bye week, which means it will finish on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Spread the word and invite new shooters to the league, and let's see if we can match or beat the 12 teams fielded in the skeet league.

All the information with rules and A teams is posted on our web site under league information. If you have questions or need help to sign up on a team, contact me at [gkrugdds@pacbell.net](mailto:gkrugdds@pacbell.net).

They are ready to sign you up at the Range Office. I look forward to seeing you all again for this summer's event.

### Dodge City Shootout

by

Jim Englund



The Dodge City Shootout continues to be a favorite event for a Saturday morning at the range. Our good Web Master, **Augie Daddi**, did a rough count and found that over 160 different shooters had participated in the Dodge City during the last year! For those of you who have not tried it, come out and have some fun. It gives you a chance to hone your skills on the 16 yard and the handicap and then have some fun with 2 quick buddy shoots. You get paired with 2 others shooters for these buddy shoots (by random draw) and it gives you a chance to meet and shoot with someone you may have seen around the range, but never talked to before. You might get to shoot with one of our upcoming junior shooters (we had 8 in the May shoot!). Then of course the big

Annie Oakley with 50 shooters out there on field # 4, laughing, hollering, and having nothing but too much fun seeing who is going to be the last three on the shooting line – and then the last two – and then the last one! And then off to socialize with one of **Neil Vann's** famous hot dogs, which is included in the price.

The April shoot was run skillfully by **Taylor Craft** in my absence. Taylor says that fun was had by all of the 47 shooters who showed up to participate.

In May we had 51 shooters who showed up to have fun & socialize. 37 of those shooters won a little money for their valiant efforts at the shooting line. **Bob Young, Chip Enniss, & Steve Claunch** all tied for top gun and **Chip Enniss** was the last man standing on the Annie Oakley. Close behind him & pushing hard was **Bill Savage**.

**Come out in June and enjoy yourself!**

### YOUR DONATION NEEDED!!!

Remember – your Association is now a non-profit 501 (C) (3) entity under IRS code and **your donations are tax deductible!** You will be given a letter by the Treasurer acknowledging your contribution for use by your tax accountant.

Our Junior Programs such as Boy Scouts, Hunter Safety, Introduction to Shooting & Scholastic Trap are going full blast and we need loaner shotguns so that juniors who do not possess a gun can participate. If you have a shotgun sitting in the closet that might help us out in our Junior programs, please see our Manager, **Layne Kuhlman**, and consider donating it to the range. It will be greatly appreciated, well used, and give you a tax deduction.

The Association also needs your donation of your time and talents. This talent can be of a professional level or of a "lift that bale & tote that barge" level. See articles elsewhere in this paper. We need help of any kind. Please consider contacting the president **Neil Vann** (he's always around the range) or by email at [cnavann@cox.net](mailto:cnavann@cox.net) or by telephone at 619-286-3439. Just tell him you would like to help and give him an idea how you can help. I guarantee he will welcome your help and make use of it. **Don't procrastinate – Do it now!!**

## Our Web Site

## Happenings

by

Augie Daddi



At the request of several Board members, I undertook the task of getting the Association Newsletter published by **Dan Fox** on our Web site. Thanks to the continuing work of **Dan Fox**, this publication has become the most important form of communications to the Association's membership. The April/May 2003 issue was posted on our web site on 1 May. As you read this copy of the Newsletter, it was available on our website several days ago.

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