



# Newsletter

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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



It is important to me and the your Board of Directors to know who you are! We have an excellent software program in our computer that has the ability to list all you ever wanted to know about a person who belongs to San Diego Shotgun Sports Association. Herein lies the problem. With nearly 650 members, our records are not complete. The recent members have had their picture taken and information lifted from the application. The members who joined prior to about two years ago have much missing information including their photo. What we ask that you do is to ask our Office Manager, Nikolle, what information is needed from you to complete the data base record and she can print you out a copy of what we have and you can fill in the blanks, take your picture and return the form to her for input into the data

base. Especially important is if you should move and/or change telephone numbers, we would appreciate your letting us know by note or e-mail what the change is. Our e-mail address is [sdshotgunsports@prodigy.net](mailto:sdshotgunsports@prodigy.net). This will get our line of written communication to you without having to search for your new address. Your picture is very important to us. For us to try and track down each individual to complete your record would be an insurmountable difficult task. So, we ask your help in this matter.

It is getting toward the end of the year when we celebrate our thanks during Thanksgiving, celebrate the season of Christmas and the thinking about the IRS and tax time. That is a pretty heavy load to be considered at the end of each year. As you are aware, when we became a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization, we changed our name to San Diego Shotgun Sports Association and became a charitable organization.

### **We can now accept donations and you can write it off on your taxes!**

What a deal! There are many plans on the table that can use any monetary donation you wish to extend. When we replace the old clubhouse, the interior will take a large chunk of money to make the facility compatible to our needs. Our tractor is wearing out and needs replacing. We are working to make the grounds friendlier to shooters and visitors. All of this takes money that you have worked hard for but, as a member will find it in your heart to assist SDSSA in its revitalizing effort. All donations are recognized with a written receipt acknowledging your gift. We will continue to grow in membership and pride with your help.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the election for the five

vacancies on the 2004 Board of Directors and the President will be in full swing. You will read more about the election in the newsletter but I want to emphasize the importance to you of voting for your choice of representative. We are taught throughout our schooling years that our vote counts. It appears either we weren't listening during our learning years or we just fail to see the importance of voting, whether it is local, state or national. Sure, it takes an effort. And for that reason, I plea with you to exercise your right and vote in this SDSSA election for the candidate of your choice. The deadline for getting you vote in the mail and to us for recording is December 5, 2003. After that date, the ballots will be counted and the results posted at the range and on the website. The installation will take place at the Annual Dinner on January 24, 2004 and your new Board of Directors will be ready to rumble.

### **RAFFLE ! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!**

The Association is holding a raffle to help pay for the new Club House. Each member is being sent 5 raffle tickets. (more are available at the Range Office)

Each member is being asked to purchase or sell at least those 5 tickets (hopefully you'll get more at the Range Office) The tickets go for a \$10 donation of each ticket. This is considered a donation to help toward the Club House & since we are a non-profit (501-c-3) corporation the donation is tax deductible.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the annual meeting on January 24, 2004 & the lucky winner will win the Perazzi of their choice or \$5,000.00. Any amount

above the cost of the prize will go to paying for our new Club House.

What a deal – the chance to win the gun of your dreams or \$5,000 and at the same time take a tax deduction for helping build the new Club House.

## Annual Dinner

by

Jim Englund



Very soon you will get a letter in the mail inviting you to participate in the annual dinner meeting. Don't hesitate – get your reservations in fast. This is going to be a great meeting. There is so much going on at the range, with new ramps, upgraded restrooms, plans closing in for a new clubhouse, newly lighted shooting fields and a vast array of exciting shooting programs.

As previously announced our guest speaker and fellow shooter, is going to be Cy Young award winner **Randy Jones**. Randy is a great speaker and someone you will not want to miss.

The winner of our big raffle is going to be picked, so be present as you may be the one to win a brand new Perazzi or \$5,000 – your choice! We also are going to have lots of great prizes at the dinner.

Come on out and hear all about the new improvements to the range and clubhouse, socialize with your fellow shooters, hear a really great speaker, and take home some great prizes – maybe even that new Perazzi!

## November

### Trap News

by

Chip Enniss



Cloud cover all weekend, light Wind, and very little light on the Targets made good scores hard to come by but we had some anyway.

Event #1 Singles saw 53 entries, with 13 being Jr. shooters, 6 Ladies, and 7 Veterans. **Tim Jacobs** shot the only 100 straight for Champion, **Dan Fox Jr.** took AA honors after a shoot off with

**Barry Sinkoff** with 99. **Joe Roby** secured A with a 99, **Jim Snow** took B with 94, **Ian Daube** won Class C with 94, **Carla Sledge** took Lady with 93. And **Jerry Dillard** was Vet. Winner with 92. **Brian Burrows** was Jr. Champ after a 94 and a shootoff with **Ian Daube**.

Handicap had 34 entries with **Brian Burrows** the Champ with a fine 98, That new Browning seems to work pretty well, this will not be the last win for this young man. **Kurt Sachau** and **Joe Roby** were right on Brian's heels with 97's for Long and Short Yds. And **Ken Datz** secured Mid with 95. **Jerry Dillard** Vet again with 90, and **Jan Slough** was high Lady with 81.

Doubles had 14 participants with **Joe Roby** on top with a fine 98 for Champ, **Chip Enniss** with 93 was AA and A was **Ron Schwartz** with 90. B class was **Chico Agundez** with 85 and **John Matkovich** won C with a 71. The Clouds made this event pretty tough with the Targets hard to see. I am convinced Roby hit some by accident.

Sunday, the weather was the same but with more light at times. Singles Class AA and Champion were **Russ Hawes** and **Chip Enniss** with 99 each. **Jan Slough** shot Her highest Singles score, a fine 97 for Class B, **Jonathan Dales** took A with 95, **Jerry Calloway** won Hi Vet. And **Dianne Savage** was High Lady with 95

The last Handicap saw 24 entries with **Terry Bilbey** (the first person in A.T.A. History to break 300x300 100 Singles, 100 from 27 yds, and 100 Doubles in the same day) showed us how it should be done when he went 92 straight before missing a pair to take Champ with a fine 98. **Mike Gebhardt** secured Long Yds. With a 95 **Dianne Savage** took short ydg. After a shoot off with **Jan Slough** who became hi lady and **Jim McGee** and **Sheila Mabery** tied for Mid with 87 each.

We appreciate your continued support and participation. Everyone seems to be having a good time with very few complaints. I want to thank **Dan Fox Jr.** for helping with the registration on Sat. it sure was appreciated. Also thanks to the parents of the youth who prepared lunch on Sat.

Bring a friend next month and don't forget to vote in our upcoming Elections. This is your club, only you can make it better.

## Youth Programs

by

Don Wilkie



Scholastic team members dominated the youth shooters at the November ATA competition with 13 team members participating in the shoot. Top scorer in the singles event (16 yd.) was **Brian Burrows** who tied **Ian Daube** with a score of 94 and beat him in a valiantly fought shoot-off 24 to 23. Great work by both competitors!

Brian declined the SCTP trophy and a tie shoot-off for ATA Class B in favor of accepting ATA High Junior Honors. The first place SCTP trophy was then awarded to **Ian Daube**, one of the youngest and most improved competitors. An ebullient **Nathaniel Murry**, competing in his first ATA event, took the second place SCTP trophy with a 92. Third place went to **Nick Meyer** a teammate of Brian's on the State Championship Junior Novice team

Brian was the only junior that elected to compete in the ATA Handicap Event where he took first place in the short-yardage class with a 98. A great day of shooting for Brian!

### November ATA scores were

**Brian Burrows** 94, **Ian Daube** 94, **Nathaniel Murry** 92, **Nick Meyer** 84, **Dustin Stewart** 83, **Dorsey Ek** 81, **Breanna Heckenkamp** 81, **Kurtis Sorchy** 76, **Emily Heckenkamp** 75, **Bryant Czech** 73, **Judy Sledge** 71, **Dean Anderson** 59, **Cameron Anderson** 55.

SCTP parent **Jay Anderson** who single-handedly cooked lunch for all present typified the cooperative strength of the program. Good work Jay

Our team now includes 29 students with up to 20 showing up at each practice.

A team meeting will be held after practice on November 20. The agenda will include a discussion of the competition scoring system. Parents and coaches please attend; students welcome.

Coach **Vern Gideon** has loaded 1000 rounds of extra light ammunition,

which will be distributed, to competitors at the future ATA events (after testing at the next practice.) We thank you Vern.

Our Thanks also go to **Oakley McGuire** who donated two 11-87 Remington shotguns for the youth program.

**Building  
and  
Grounds Report**  
by



**Malcum Campbell**

Range and grounds improvements continue in all areas of the range. We are developing watering systems for the trees. Several of the dead or dying trees have been removed and new trees are replacing them. Repairs have been made to the area where we received fire damage.

New doors have been installed on the restrooms and very soon they will become handicap compliant. Plans are in the works to improve the trap field area and expand the spectator area to the south of the sidewalk.

All in all, a lot of activity is taking place improving your range – come out and see what’s happening – better yet come out and enjoy it!

**Trap League**  
by



**Gary Krueger**

The winter trap league will commence on January 21st. The sign up at the range office will close on January 14th one week prior to the leagues start date. Its not to early to organize a team and get signed up, there are already two teams posted on the Website. Lets make this the biggest and best league yet. New this year are option rounds, see the rules and details in the website.

When signing up, please give a phone number and or email where you may be contacted. Teams must designate a team leader who will be responsible communication with the team and to the trap chair(ME). Team score sheets (preprinted) will

be provided for each week . Please use only these sheets for all league scores. - See you at the range

**Skeet League**  
by  
**Vern Gideon**



The 2003 Fall Skeet League is coming to the end. Week six starts November 12. It has been a good league with 68 shooters sticking to the end. As of this writing teams 1 and 9 are battling it out for first place with just a half point between them and there are several teams within striking distance. I have to apologize for the last posting, week 5 results, on the web site. I had made some errors in my calculations and the errors were passed on to Augie Daddi to post on the web site. The corrections will be included with the posting of week six on the web site and a corrected copy of week five will be posted at the range.

Now for some good news. The league end **PIZZA BASH** will be held on **Monday December 1 at Fillippi's Pizza Grotto on Kearney Villa RD.** The party starts at 6:00 pm. All league shooters eat and drink free, guest are \$12 (payable at the bash) and guests are welcome. All the pizza you can eat and all the beer, soft drinks and water you can drink. (wine is available at your expense) The prize money and certificates of accomplishments will be awarded. **See You There.**

**Dodge City  
Shootout**

by  
**Jim Englund**



Wow, We've set a new attendance record for the second straight month. It's seems that the Dodge City has caught the attention of many. I thought that last month's record setter of 64 would be the tops, no way, **November had a whopping 75.** I saw many new faces and some new juniors. This has become one of our premier events. Let's keep it up.

Here's the scores: At 25yds. we had a few 25s. **Willie Avant, Charlie Bover, Jerry Dillard, Chip Enniss, Dan Fox, Frank Gallegos, Benny Morales, and Joe Travis Sr.** Due to the overcast conditions the targets were a bit difficult to see in the late morning. No 25s at handicap. We had 3 with 24; **Roger Snipes, Chad Stone** and, of course **Jim Snow.** How does that guy do it? There were no perfect 20's with the buddy but, many with 19. Eleven total.

The Annie Oakley line extended to station three on field three! After the line got down to a few there was **Duke Wilber** coming in third with **Lonnie Catania** and his son **Brandon** shooting it out for first place. It was some shoot out with son finally taking the prize of first place. Good shooting Brandon. Maybe pops let up a bit??

Thanks to our President, **Neil Vann** for doing the dogs, etc. And the staff for their help to pull off a shoot of this size. Let's do it again next month and maybe set another record attendance.

**Safety**  
by

**Steve Hubbard**



It's that season of the year when some of us are thinking about extending our sport to another generation. Yep, lucky children and grandkids will be receiving their first firearm for Christmas.

Hopefully, we "older and wiser" heads will truly give some thought as to what might be appropriate for the individual young person. Think about the young person and match them up with a gun they can deal with both comfortably and safely. The first shotgun I was given as my "own gun" was a 16 ga. Ithaca side by side. Shooting the loads available for that gun 45 years ago made it way more gun than a 12 or 13 year old could comfortably handle.

Be that as it may, though the gauge was not optimal, safety was never compromised. Like most of us in those days, my primary training came from my Dad and the several hunting companions he frequently went in the field with. Dad trained by example and

with little patience for lapses in safe gun handling.

If you decide to pass on your love of the shooting sports, make sure you also pass on a commitment to doing it safely. The Association has an ongoing and very active young shooters training program. Take advantage of it. The young people will be well trained and your patience won't be nearly as challenged!

## Cal Diego Paralyzed Vets to hold Trapshoot at SDSSA

The Cal Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association will be moving their summer trapshoot from Camp Pendleton to the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association starting with their shoot on **18 July 2004**.

This will be their sixteenth annual summer shoot and everybody is invited and encouraged to participate. The venue will be one of competition to be sure, but also one of fun and camaraderie. We will start the day with a hearty breakfast followed immediately with the Calcutta bidding and then on to 50 singles, 50 handicap and 25 pair of doubles, to be capped off with several fun shoots, time permitting.

We will have a delicious hot lunch prepared for us by willing volunteers. The top gun (high overall for all three events) will take home a new Beretta A391 shotgun and there will be many other awards.

Please mark that date on your calendar so we can give the PVA a rousing welcome to our range.

## SKEET

### NEWS

by

Neil Vann



We at the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association in San Diego, California usually brag about the great weather we have when shooting registered skeet. That bragging held true for the "Any Gauge" and Doubles events on Friday, October 24

commencing the "Bewitched, Bothered & Bewildered Open" and the Saturday 28ga. and 12ga. events. But, Hell hath no fury like the events leading to the cancellation of Sunday's events due to Firestorm 2003! Some of us were foolish enough to think that we could finish the 8:30 bank but after one round it was obvious that we must evacuate the range. Most of the field staff had to leave as they had homes nearby which were in jeopardy of being caught in the path of the fire. This was a very traumatic and tragic weekend for many in Southern California. The out-of-towners made it home safe only to witness more fires in their area. As I write this, Barb and I just vacated our motor home in which we stayed while parked in my Daughter's driveway until we were given the okay to return to our home. Some were not so lucky!

On to the positive aspects of the weekend. On Friday, the "Any Gauge" attracted seven participants. This preliminary was designed to take place after the World Skeet Championships and allow those shooters who needed additional target to achieve their goal.

Following the prelim, the Doubles event took place. The high score of 99 was posted by none other than, **Dave Broccoli** (La Costa), Gun Champion.

With a bit of fog-on-the-pumpkin, the first of Saturday's events, the 28ga., started without a hitch. Seventeen shooters engaged in interesting poses and calls to attract the elusive skeet bird. (We are still dressed in shorts in San Diego so you also get to look at a lot of different knees!) The favorite gauge brought in two perfect scores by **Larry Liu** (Hacienda Heights) and **Dave Broccoli**. Both of these shooters are top-notch Doubles shooters so it was to be an all-night affair with them shooting doubles miss-and-out by station. The shoot-off went fine for only two stations wherein Dave duthched a pair at station #5 and Larry creamed them both. There was an excess of jaw dropping by the multitude of on-lookers but Dave being the champion that his is, showed no outward signs of despair. Larry sauntered off the field carrying the imaginary trophy for 28ga. Gun Champion.

Lunch, one of my favorite events, was a treat to behold. Chef **George Magarrell** put on a display of culinary delights that should have been televised. It was the same 'old hamburgers with soft drinks and trimmings but somehow with the flair of the spinning spatula, George made it look like it was a gourmets delight with Champagne. The lunch was sponsored by **Don & Steve Erbe** (Oceanside) and we thank both the sponsors and the cook for making the shoot lunch a virtual delight.

The afternoon event beckoned the 12ga. shooters to the fields. After the twenty-one entrants had finished, only one came in with a 100-straight; **Dave Broccoli**. Dave obviously recovered nicely from the 28ga. shoot-off.

Thanks to **Doug Goad** (Olivenhain) for his contribution of 12ga. shells as prizes to first, second and third place in the 12ga. event for Class B-E. A blind draw was held to give away two bags of shot donated by **Brian Lohrke** (St. George, UT) of Brian Lohrke Enterprises. The winners were **Dave Broccoli** and **Vern Gideon** (El Cajon). All winners were pleased and grateful.

So ends the abbreviated weekend.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP – WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME ONE?

There are several good reasons to consider converting your regular membership to a life membership. Let's consider some of them for a moment.

➤ The holiday season is coming and I am sure some of you have heard the comment – I never know what to get you as a present! Well here is the answer – A Life Membership in SDSSA! – see I'm not hard to buy for after all.

➤ The dues letter will be going out very soon notifying you that your \$50 dues needs to be sent in. Become a life member and never get that dues letter again! Think of the trees you will save in providing paper each year for the dues letter!

➤ If you convert to Life Membership any other time of the year it the cost will be \$1,000 – but if you convert now you won't have to pay those pesky

dues for next year and therefore the cost of your Life Membership conversion is really only \$950! What a deal!

➤ And – the most important reason of all to convert to Life Membership is that you will be helping with improving the Association premises. A lot of improvement has been taking place and a lot more is in the planning stages. This takes money – and your Life Membership money will provide for immediate improvements to your Association facilities.

Please take some time, give some thought about helping your Association by becoming a Life Member, and do it today!

### FISH FRY, TRAP FUN SHOOT AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH PROGRAM

What does a Fish Fry and a Trap Fun Shoot have to do with supporting our youth program? Well I'll tell you! It all started out when we were able to enhance our lights so that we could stay open on Wednesday nights until 9 PM. There are a lot of trap shooters who would like to shoot some fun games – such as buddy shoots, Annie Oakley shoots, etc – you get the drift – fun games. Well they started getting together on Wednesdays down at field #1 and having fun. They have now talked Carla Sledge (who is known as an excellent fish fry cook) to coming out on the second Wednesday of the month to have a fish fry along with the trap fun shoot. **The first fish fry was on November 12<sup>th</sup> and the next one will be December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Come out and enjoy the fun – you don't have to shoot trap to enjoy the fish fry. All profits go to the youth program. How can you lose – good fish to eat and supporting the youth at the same time. See you on December 10<sup>th</sup>!

### ELECTIONS FOR 2004

Every year ½ (5 members) of the Board of Directors is replaced by an election. **This year there are 8 candidates for those 5 seats on the Board of Directors.** You, the membership, also elect the President to a one year term. **This year there is only one candidate for President.**

Profiles and pictures of all of the candidates will be presented in this newsletter to help you make your choice. Ballots will be mailed to each member. The ballot must be returned to the Association by December 5<sup>th</sup> in order to be counted. It is

not the date of the postmark, but the date of receipt that counts! Vote early & mail that ballot in – or best yet, drop it off at the range office.

## C. Neil Vann



I have been your Association President for the past year and have felt an abundance of responsive action from you, the membership. Your attitude is sincerely refreshing. Since the signing of the 5-year lease with the Government on 31 January 2003, we have made considerable progress in revitalizing our Association. It is my intent to ride that wave of enthusiasm and momentum by running and serving as your President for the calendar year, 2004. Our membership is growing knowing that those in the decision-making process care about the membership. I am proud to be a leader in those decisions and an active part of the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association. I look forward to serving you another year and I ask for your vote. Thank you, Neil Vann

## Chris Coughlan



I look forward as a board member to the challenges and opportunities SDSSA presents. This shooting facility can be the best in California with everyone's continued support. We have great energy and

tremendous volunteerism. We are members of a limited size shooting facility located in the middle of a city where 2.5 million people look after each other and who enjoy outdoor activities – what an opportunity!

I began bird hunting when I met my wife Stacey, back in college. We both began shooting ATA in Mammoth Lakes (Bishop) where we lived during most of the 80's. We carried that interest to San Diego in 1989 shooting almost exclusively at Target Tossers with Chip Enniss. We traveled around the country for the next 5 years shooting ATA & NSCA events (yes, sporting clays).

I spent many years with Duck's Unlimited with the last 3 years as Southern California District Chairman. I chaired the ultimate shooting event committee the final three years Target Tossers was in operation. These events attracted many happy shooters with the last year exceeding 200 participants and raising \$30,000 for DU. It became the foundation and motivation for Lemon Grove Gun Club's now very successful monthly sporting clay's shoots.

Currently, I serve on the Executive Committee Board for the East County YMCA. My background : 19 years as an insurance buyer and broker, currently in business development with Marsh Risk & Insurance Services, San Diego.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as a SDSSA Board Member.

## Jim Englund



I've been on the Board of Directors for the past two years and have worked with the board and members to help make some positive changes and increase our exposure of the new programs.

Currently, I'm chairman of our annual dinner, the Dodge City Shootout (with lots of help), the Youth Introduction to Shotgun Sports and Advertising. I also became a certified

California Hunter Safety Instructor and have been working with other instructors to teach the Hunter Education Program at our range.

I have enjoyed my involvement in these programs and would like to continue for another term. I would like your vote.

## Augie Daddi



I joined Miramar Gun Club in 1980 and became a Life Member in 1998. I am involved in the sport of Trap, ATA tournaments, League activities and the Dodge City fun shoots

I served as your Club President in the years 1991, 1992, and 2000. Since 2001, I have served on the Board of Directors, and as Treasurer in 2001 and 2002. As your Treasurer for 2002, I was responsible for the transfer of all assets from Miramar Trap & Skeet Club to SAN DIEGO *Shotgun Sports Association*. In the process I developed the accounting system for SDSSA.

### POSITIONS HELD

- President 1991, 1992, 2000
- Director 1984, 2001- 2003
- Secretary 1984
- Treasurer 2001, 2002
- Relocation Chair 1998 - 2000

I currently manage the Club's Internet website. I developed the website in December of 1999. Since that time I have maintained the site on a daily basis. The website provides current information on association activities and events. The site currently averages over 5,000 visits a month and provides members and others with convenient and current information.

In December of 1999, I developed our first member database. I continue to modify and manage our database to meet our Association's information needs. The original database was limited to each member's name and address. The current database has been expanded and includes 32 pieces of member information. The expanded database has greatly improved our member communications.

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### PROJECTS COMPLETED

- New Membership Cards - 1995
- Web Site - 1999
- Member Database - 1999
- Field Lighting - 2000
- Trap League Reporting – 2002
- Lease Negotiations - 2003

In 1993 I retired from General Dynamics after 40 years of service. I held a number of senior Human Resource management positions until my retirement.

You can be assured that my role as a Director is to ensure that our actions are in the best interest of all members of our Association.

My wife Vi and I reside in Solana Beach.

We have a great facility and getting better by the day. Please vote for me with the knowledge that I will work on your behalf and for the future of SDSSA.

## Dan Fox



I joined Miramar Trap & Skeet Club in 1991. In 1995 I was selected to be on the Board of Directors. In 1995 I became the editor of the newsletter, and have published it monthly since that time. Currently I am on the Board of Directors and hold the office of Secretary for the Association.

I shoot registered Trap and Skeet. I am a life member of ATA, NSSA and a life member of SDSSA. I regularly shoot in both the trap and skeet leagues. Every once in while I get brave and venture onto the

Olympic Trap field and the 5-stand fields – but not often!

My son and I developed the idea for the Dodge City Shootout and worked to get it started – the end result has been a very successful program. This last year I worked with the California Department of Fish & Game to get 12 of our members qualified as Hunter Education Instructors. After they were qualified we worked to set up the program and have been holding monthly classes at the range to qualify participants for a Hunter Safety Certificate.

My current activities with the Association are:

- Secretary
- Board of Director member
- Newsletter Editor
- Insurance Committee Chairman
- Membership Chairman
- Policy & Procedure Chairman
- Hunter Education Coordinator
- Assists with Dodge City Shoot
- Frequently cooks for Skeet

I have invested a lot of time and effort in the Association because I enjoy the shooting sports and enjoy working with my friends at the Association. I think I have a few more good ideas and the energy to put them into action – so I ask you to give me the chance by voting for me in this election.

## Fred Hoyle



In 1972 I joined the Miramar Gun Club. In 1974 I was elected to the board and in 1975 I was elected President. 1975 was the year we were told to move to the perimeter of the base and we negotiated the present site. Due to a family problem I left the club for four years returning in 1979. In 1987 I returned to the board and served until 1991. After two years off I returned to the board and in 1995 was elected President and served until 2003 (with 6 months off while Augie Daddi served). In 1995 the future of the club was in serious doubt. We were informed by the

Marines, that when they took over the base, the club was out. With help from Congressman Duncan Hunter and a series of negotiations with the Marines our future was secured but required a move to another location on the base. After spending considerable funds and three years of work we were informed that the new site presented more problems than our current location. The conclusion was that we could remain at our present site. In early 2003 we signed a new five-year lease. During my years as president there have been a number of other items of significant progress and our rounds thrown now exceed 100,000.

With a new five-year lease and the leadership of our President Neil Vann, we are now moving to replace our clubhouse with a new mobile structure to be designated the "Grey Silva Center". The Silva Family and others have graciously committed to fund this project. Please allow me continue helping with this great progress by giving me your vote for director in this election.

## Ron Schwartz



I am a relatively new member of the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association (SDSSA). I became a member in December 1998, and an ATA Life Member in January 1999. I participate in SDSSA shotgun sports with 90% of the time shooting trap and occasionally 5-stand. I wish to contribute to the well being of SDSSA. I am a retired 30 year Navy man, and currently a barber. With that experience I have a good ear for listening to people. I would very much like your vote to become a member of your Board of Directors.

Thanks and good shooting.

## Eric Van den Haute



As a two year member of the Association, I started with trap and became, rather fast, a dedicated Skeet shooter. I also enjoy practicing Bunker and 5 Stand. I participated in numerous competitions, the last one being the Skeet World in San Antonio.

Over the last eight months, I observed a few board meetings and I would like to state that under the present leadership of Neil Vann, the Association underwent fantastic positive changes.

I am a successful business owner and CEO of a small chain of restaurants, night-clubs and catering services here in town. As a Scripps Ranch resident for the last 18 years I also enjoy sailing and sailboat racing.

For the last 4 years I have been on the board of directors of the Gaslamp Quarter Association, contributing to the development of the best dining and entertainment district of the West coast. I am as well the chairman of the Restaurant Committee. For the last 2 years I am a Board member of the Hospitality Redevelopment Committee of the Redevelopment Agency for the City of Riverside.

I am seeking a position on the Board of Director at the SDSSA to assist in bringing a fresh look on increasing membership and how to help the Association generate more revenue through an enhanced marketing plan. I also want to work to improve the quality of service to all members, and above all to be a driving force behind the current positive changes.

"Thank you for your vote"

## Don Wilkie



I would like to continue to serve as a member of the board of directors of the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association.

I served under 5 presidents of the Miramar Gun Club the predecessor to the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association: Ollie Owen, George Harbaugh, Augie Daddi, Craig Clark and Fred Hoyle as well as for 2 presidents of SDSSA, Fred Hoyle and Neil Vann.

I was responsible to the president, board and membership for the formation of San Diego Shotgun Sports Association as a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) corporation, which replaces Miramar Gun Club as a successor organization. I am committed to its mission.

My background is mixed. After high school I became a journeyman heavy equipment mechanic, a trade at which I worked for more than 10 years. Although I enjoyed the work I wanted to continue learning and returned to study. I earned a teaching credential at the University of Victoria and taught mathematics, science and physical education in high school on Vancouver Island. Always active in sports I coached a variety of sports including basketball, baseball, rugby and volleyball. I continued my studies and earned a B.Sc. in biology at the University of British Columbia, where I also received an M. Sc. in fisheries biology and a Secondary Academic credential in education (M. Ed. equiv.). I worked as fishery biologist for the B. C. Fish and Game Department until funding ran out at which time I was appointed curator of the Vancouver Public Aquarium and later the Philadelphia Aquarama, I was offered an opportunity to work at Scripps as aquarium director in 1965, a position I held for 30 years. I retired in 1995. I became a US citizen in 1996.

With my interest and training in the outdoors and working with young people I believe I am well qualified to be a member of the SDSSA Board of Directors,

I have been active in many sports including hunting, gymnastics, hockey, baseball, rugby, basketball, tennis, racquetball, skiing, golf and a little bit of soccer. I have been hunting since I was 12 years old but didn't take up shotgun competitive sports until I was 50. I have competed in ATA trap, NSSA skeet and participated in both the trap and skeet leagues.

I believe the strength of SDSSA lies in its diversity and I support all of our shooting sports. I am particularly interested in promoting competition at the national level and I am a strong supporter of Olympic shooting sports.

I have chaired the Annual Dinner Committee three times, am on the Hunter Safety Instructor Team. I also chaired the currently defunct Mullinix Competition Committee, which I would like to see reinstated.

Currently I chair the Youth Program Committee which is responsible for coordinating youth activities at the range. I am the coach of record for the Scholastic Clay Target Program which Carla Sledge and I manage. This program has been remarkably well supported and now has more than 25 participants plus 8 adult members of the Association who act as squad coaches. This year, our first year in the Scholastic program, our Junior Novice Trapshooting squad won the State Championship and competed admirably at the National Championship held in conjunction with the Grand American World Trapshooting Championship.

I would like to continue working for the youth of the community and for the success and prosperity of SDSSA as well as the future of shotgun sports. I ask you for your support. Please vote for me as a member of the 2004 Board of Directors