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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



Let's see. I talked about volunteers in January, excessive trash on our grounds in February, volunteers in March, again volunteers in April with a smattering of asking for help updating our Association database. You probably are getting the message that I think that your Association thrives on volunteers. You are so right! We wouldn't exist very long if it wasn't for the good will that our volunteers create in making your Association the best that it can be. Yet, I think we can do better than we are doing! I would like to think that I am both beating a dead horse and preaching to the choir but I don't see the roll of volunteers getting much bigger. I believe this will change when the message penetrates.

It is not often that I ask our total Association membership to belly-up-to-the-bar and work toward a common goal to achieve a seemingly unimportant task of getting your photo taken to update our

database. At the time of this writing, we had 247 regular members and 71 Life members still yet to seek out **Nikolle**, our Office Manager, to have their picture taken. We are getting there but we can't lead the proverbial member to water if he/she doesn't want to drink. This is a plea for your cooperation. I have listed on the upper patio bulletin board those who have yet to have their picture taken. Take a minute to make sure your name is not on the list but if it is go to the cashier's window and smile for the camera.

We are doing pretty well in the shooting of targets in the first quarter of 2004. Our shooting has increased nearly 20% over last year with a total rounds thrown, 31,922. (A round is defined as 25 targets.) Trap has made the biggest improvement over 2003 with a 35% increase and 5-stand next at an increase of 22%. International Bunker and Skeet are at a momentary standstill. One has to be careful about exposing figures, as figures may not lie, but ...well, you get the message. Our membership continues to grow. As of the end of March we had 670 dues paying members (139 Life and 531 Regular). To date, this year, we have had 22 apply and accepted for membership. It appears to me that the "word" is spreading. As we continue to grow, our property shrinks to where we might have to seek additional space to support the membership. Read whatever you want into that last sentence!

By the time you read this, your new clubhouse will be on site. We have quite a bit of work to do on the inside before we officially open it up but with the right volunteer help, this span of time should be short. There are plans in the works to have a celebration of sorts this summer and another in September to treat ourselves to an "open house" commemorating the new structure with possibly a dedication in mind. The new clubhouse has been in the minds

and hearts of many over the past years with fruition taking place soon. If you have any ideas that might be appropriate toward a celebration, contact **Steve Hubbard** who is the chairperson of this historic event. Steve can be contacted by going to our website and clicking on Steve's picture. I will keep you up-to-date and I am certain once Steve and his committee are ready, you will read about the plans in the newsletter. We want you to be a part of this epic venture when it happens.

I mentioned it last month, and will reiterate it again this month, we are earnestly looking for members to join the ranks of the Board of Directors. This is a volunteer position - which you can mold the future of your Association. The office of President is also up for grabs. So get on the band wagon and in your best bib and tucker and sign up for the upcoming election in December.

EVERYONE CAN SHOOT

Yes, everyone can participate in the PVA Trap Shoot (Paralyzed Veterans of America) we are hosting on July 18, 2004! There seemed to be some confusion on this point - some thought only wheelchair shooters could participate - but - **this shoot is for everyone!**

The PVA Trapshoot is a one day event that is being held on July 18, 2004 (a Sunday) PVA is going making this a fun event Breakfast will be served in the morning and there will be a steak dinner at lunch.

This is your chance to support our Paralyzed Vets - remember these guys and gals were protecting our freedom! This is a fund raiser for their organization - sign up for this shoot now - if you don't want to shoot, consider a tax deductible contribution to the organization. Just make the check payable to PVA and leave it at the range office.

Youth Programs

By

Don Wilkie



April 2004 marked the first anniversary of the Scholastic Clay Target Program at San Diego Shotgun Sports Association. Forty-eight youngsters participated during the first year and shot (at) 30,795 targets in practice and competition.

Much to our surprise our 2003 Junior Novice team comprised of Brian Burrows, Breanna Heckenkamp, Nick Meyer, De Savage, and Judith Sledge won the state championship in its class, with a score of 885/1000. This was just two months after the team's inception. By winning, the squad qualified to compete for the National Championship, which were held in conjunction with Grand American World Trap Championships at Vandalia, Ohio. They conducted themselves with class and exceeded their average California State winning score, but competition was stiffer at the national level and they did not place in the top three. Contributions from members and friends of the team covered most of their expenses for the families at Vandalia.

Twenty-nine team members registered for the 2004 target year, which began in January and will end with the SCTP National Championship to be held in August 12th and 13, 2004 at Vandalia. Our team will take a break in July and August, except for squads, which qualify for the National, and will reassemble in the fall on a schedule responsive to school and family needs. Regular weekly practices will get underway in January 2005. The team will be limited to thirty participants and will include juniors, grades 6,7, and 8 and seniors, grades 9 through 12. In the fall we plan to add skeet to the program, initially by participation in the skeet league.

Eighteen of our active team members competed in the May 1st ATA singles event at Miramar. Dorsey Ek was high scorer for the team with a 97 followed by Emily Heckenkamp and Ian Daube both with 95. Dustin Stewart shot a solid 94 and Brian Burrows along with PJ Webb followed up with 93 each. In a classic shoot-off Emily challenged Ian with a calm determination that is rare in an eleven year-old. Pausing, to calm herself when needed, she shot a 24 to Ian's 22. In spite of such adversity Ian, gracious as ever, was able to smile and admire her accomplishment but

with his smile broadening added, "I let her win."--*Don't believe it Emily!*



Emily Heckenkamp wins shootoff

Dorsey declined the first place SCTP trophy in favor of being ATA Class C champion and earned \$24 in prize money, which in the olden days would disqualify him from the Olympics. Emily who tied for ATA high lady honors accepted instead the ATA High Junior award and declined the first place SCTP trophy. After the gunsmoke cleared this left Ian with the first place SCTP trophy, Dustin the happy owner of the second place trophy while Brian and PJ will shoot off during the week for third place honors. Also notable--Kurtis Sorchy went on to shoot a 95 at singles on Sunday and Kambra Brawner a 92 at handicap. More good work!



Dorsey Ek hits 97 x 100!

Squads and coaches have been chosen for the SCTP State Championships on June 19th as noted below.

Senior Experienced Team, Bill Savage coach--Brian Burrows, Dustin Stewart, Judy Sledge, PJ Webb, and Dorsey Ek.

Junior Experienced Team, Don Wilkie and Susan Sledge, coaches--Ian Daube, Nick Meyer, Emily Heckenkamp, Kurtis Sorchy, De Savage with Breanna Heckenkamp-Alternate.

Junior Novice Team--Mike Sorchy, Duke Wilber and Scotty Brawner, coaches--Kambra Brawner, Chris Leonard, Evan Marsch, Bryce Copp, Tyler Yonker with Jake Rollins-Alternate.

Additional weekly practices on are now being held to prepare our competition squads for the state shoot.

Carla Sedge's fund-raising efforts, with the aid of the parents, are providing most of the travel funds needed for the State competition. We also would like to thank **Layne Kuhlman, Willie Turner and John Lumn** for their generosity and support. Thanks also to **Robert Freed** of Engraving Pros for his help with trophies. We still hope to find sponsors for squad hats, shirts, pouches and super-light jackets.

A statewide shotgun raffle is helping to provide shells for the State shoot and funds for the National competition. We thank SDSSA members and friends for their participation in the raffle. **But; we still have a few raffle tickets to sell. Get them soon, before we sell out.**

The Scholastic Clay Target Program is administered by the National Shooting Sports Foundation in conjunction with ATA, NSSA and NSCA. Gail Miller of the Sacramento Trapshooting Club is state director for California.

Our goals are safety, enjoyment of shotgun sports and growth in mental and physical shooting skills.

International Trap

by

Rick Matulich



The Pacific Coast Championship held in April was a lot of fun. And we want to give a special thanks to **Carla Sledge, Pam Heckenkamp** and **Steve Lakatos**. Their assistance in keeping the shoot organized and running smoothly was invaluable.

Going into the finals of the Pacific Coast Championship, JC Craft was two targets behind the leader. Coming out of the

finals with a 24, JC ended up with a two target lead and won the High Overall.



Keith Ansley and J.C. Craft

The other winners were:

Jeff Church	A Class
Bill Bolinger	B Class
Rick Matulich	C Class
Susan Sledge	D Class
Don Cramer	E Class
Breanna Heckenkamp	High Junior



**The top six shooters just after the final
From left to right – Derek Partridge,
Glenn Brandt, Susan Sledge, Rick
Matulich, J C Craft & Jeff Church**



Susan Sledge and Breanna Heckenkamp

We hope to see you at one of our up coming shoots. May 15th 125 target match June 19th 125 target match And on July 30th thru Aug 1st We have The ARMUSA CUP it is a 200 Target Match With A 100 Target Preliminary On Friday This shoot will have over \$1,000.00 in cash prizes.

Anyone who is interested in trying a bunker or curious about the rules or the target schemes should come on down to the far end of the range and speak with a bunker shooter (we really are a friendly bunch!).

The Pacific Coast Championships raised \$543.00, which helps to defray the construction cost over runs on field 12.

The SDSSA Board of Directors is allowing up to five persons who join the club as life Members, to designate \$1000 of their life membership fee to the bunker construction fund. The first new life member to step up to the plate is Mr. Young Kong. Mr. Kong, we thank you and welcome you to the club. This brings the fund raising goal to just over \$ 6,100.00 Donations are still being accepted and greatly appreciated (remember it is *tax-deductible!*).

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Olympic Skeet

by

Gene Green



Each week, more and more shooters are coming "INTO THE DARKNESS" and giving this sport a try. In fact on May 9, field 10 had more shooters than all the other skeet fields combined!

Of special note is a 13 year old young lady, **Savannah Chaffin**. Shooting singles only and with a mounted gun, she shot a 6. This was only the second time in her life to shoot a shotgun and she did not flinch one time during the delayed pull.

F.Y.I., although international targets are larger in diameter by .020 inch, they are also shorter in height by .020 inch. What is the powder in a flash target? Chalk dust. There are four main differences between American and International Skeet. They are course of fire, target speed, gun position when calling for the target and variable timing target

release. "Low gun" and "delayed pull" were part of the NSSA (American Skeet) rules until 1952.

Come on out on a Sunday afternoon when we have field 10 set up and give it a try – I'll be there to give you some help if you would like it.

Trap News

by

Chip Enniss



Saturday started out as a Beautiful San Diego Spring Day, then about noon the Wind started to make trying to hit Targets very interesting. Sunday was about the same, very nice in the Morning and a challenge in the afternoon. The Sun was bright and the Targets easy to see, just hard to hit

Event #1 Singles got off to a big start when our resident Gentleman, **Jim Snow** broke his first 100x100 to secure class B after a Shoot off with **Jerry Dillard** 100x100 who became Champion. Also with 100x100 were **Morris Hall** and **Bob Slough** who tied for AA class. **Harold Wasson** took "A" with 99x100 while Jr. Shooter **Dorsey Ek** took "C" with 97. High Lady was **Diane Savage** 95x100 - Vet was a three way tie with 98x100 by Norm Rudolph, Bill Bridges and Charlie Bover. Junior winner was Emily Heckenkamp, a young Lady who is doing very well with the SCTP group (our junior program).

Event #2 Handicap had 44 entrants with **Augie Daddi** taking Champ with a fine 94x100 in the wind this gave Augie his first trip to the 27 Yard line. Congratulations Augie, now you only have to shoot them from 2 distances, how hard can that be? Long Yardage Winner with 92 was **Rich Davis** with **Jerry Dillard** taking Mid yardage, with 90 and **Pat Chowing** short winner with 92. **Jan Slough** secured Lady with 88 while **Mike Gebhardt** won Vet with 91 and **Kambra Brawner** was Jr Champ with 85.

The wind was really moving them around for the Doubles - High scores were **Charlie Bover** and **Harold Wasson** with 94 each followed by **Chip Enniss** and **Layne Kuhlman** with 93, **Augie Daddi** with 89 and **Lou Imbimbo** with vet Honors at 81.

Event #4 Singles on Sunday saw 5 Shooters break them all! **Chip Enniss**, **Rich Davis** and **Chico Agundez** tied for

Champ and AA while **Augie Daddi** took hi Vet and **Bill Seehusen** won A class - good shooting Guys. **Steve Pinky**, a new Shooter to A.T.A. shot a fine 98 for B class and **Kambra Brawner** won C with a strong 95x100. (Kambra ran the last 50 for Her first 50 straight, then ran another 25 on her first Handicap Trap for her first 75 straight) Good Shooting Kambra, I hope your Dad can keep up. Lady was taken by **Jessica Anderson** with 97 and Jr. **Kurtis Sorchy** had 94 for that Trophy.

The last Event (Handicap) saw **Jan Slough** and **Steve Pinky** splitting the Champ and Short Money with 96 each in a strong wind. **John Spangler** took Long with 93, Mid was won by **Bill Seehusen** with 90, **Mike Gebhardt** took Vet with 89 and **Kambra Brawner** again was Hi Jr. with 92.

I think of this as one of the better shoots we have had since I became Trap Chairman, Jim Snow became the oldest person in A.T.A. History to break 100x100 and also the oldest to break his first 100x100. Jim was 93 years, 6 months and 8 days young when he accomplished this feat. Congratulations Jim, I wish you many more from the 16 yard line and now you can go for 100x100 from Handicap and set another all time record. We also had several new shooters and some young people shoot some very fine scores, I want to wish all of you continued Success and enjoyment from this great sport. Bring a friend and get them introduced to Trap Shooting, the added competition is great and you never know who will be good at it until you get them started.

Good Luck and good Shooting, see you on the Trap line in June.

JIM SNOW SETS WORLD RECORD

Yes, **Jim Snow** hit 100 and set a world record! No, **Jim Snow** did not turn 100 yet, he is still a very young 93! However, **Jim Snow**, our oldest registered trap shooter hit his first 100 straight at the 16 yd line on May 1st! A check with the ATA revealed that this is a world record. Jim became the oldest person in ATA history to shoot 100 x 100 at the 16 yard line.

Jim did not retire until he was in his late 70's, and did not take up competitive trap shooting until he was 80 years old. He has hit 99 in the 16 yard event on previous occasions, but it took him until he was 93 to get his 100 straight.

Congratulations to a great guy and a very competitive shooter!



Jim Snow just after his big shoot!

Dodge City Shootout

by

Jim Englund



Somewhere around 50 seems to be the magic number for the Dodge City. This time we had 55 eager shooters turn out and try for that magic number of 90 (perfect score). 8 started out by running them at the 16 yard line – **Jerry Callaway, Peggy Callaway, Rich Davis, Jerry Dillard, Chip Enniss, Steve Pinky, Norm Rudolph, and Ron Schwartz** got them all. However, the handicap saw only 2 with perfect score – **Chip Enniss** keep his score going by running them and **Jim Richardson** also did it, to split the money with Chip.

Chip tried hard, but had to settle for 19 on each buddy shoot and the high score for the day of an 88 x 90. Good shooting Chip.

Buddy shoot one had 6 shooters getting the big score of 20 – **Peggy Callaway, Jerry Dillard, Chuck Higgins, Lou Imbimbo, Jim “one hundred straight” Snow, and Willie Turner** were all in the money.

Buddy shoot two must have been a little harder, because only 4 shooters got the magic number – **Charlie Bover, Deland Hale, Steve Pinky, & Ken Williams** got to split the money.

Then came the big Annie Oakley. Our junior shooter, **Matt Higgins** hung in there to the last and almost made it to the final three, but those guys showed no mercy.

Pretty soon it was **T. C. Collier, Don Deckman, Lonnie Catania & Josh Catania**. With a couple misses and a hit and both Lonnie and Josh went out and had to settle for a tie at third place. T. C. showed no mercy and soon Don claimed 2nd place and there stood T.C. all alone with top gun bragging rights!

Thanks to much to our Skeet League Chairman, **Craig Potter** and **Malcum Campbell** for doing the cooking. We really appreciate your efforts.

Remember all you shooters - all of this is done by volunteer labor – If you feel the urge to get involved and help, it would sure be nice to have help in the cooking, sign up, clean up etc etc. – we won't stick you with the duty all the time – if enough would volunteer then no one would have to do it all the time. Just let me know you would be willing to help and I will gratefully welcome you to our group of volunteers.

Trap League

by

Gary Krueger



How time flies when you are having fun! It's getting close to the start of the Summer Trap League. Summer Trap League starts on July 7th. The Sign up sheet is now in the Range Office and Nikolle stands ready to sign you up and take your money. Get your teams together and get signed up. If you do not have a team, leave you name with Nikolle and we will get you on a team.

Don't delay, because we are going to limit this league to 20 teams. This is first come, first served – so sign up now or you might get left out.

Hunter Safety

Program

by

Dan Fox



Our Hunter Education Program continues to be very popular. The monthly class is filled to capacity each month. If you know anyone that needs the class to get a hunting license, tell them to sign up early, because the classes fill really fast.

WE ARE GETTING CLOSE!

Our replacement Clubhouse is now in place and we are working on the interior. The new modular unit, complete with handicap accessible restroom now makes our range handicap compliant. Several of our wheelchair shooters were the first to roll into our new building and give it a first hand inspection.

Last month we had a picture of our old Clubhouse being demolished.



Old Clubhouse on the way out!

Just one month later we are able to show you the new unit in place!



West end of new Clubhouse



East side of new unit against patio

There is still work to be done on the inside. Cabinets have been ordered and when they arrive they will be installed. The electrical, water, and sewer connections are in process of being completed. Once all of this work is done, a dedication will be held. Steve Hubbard is handling the planning. Keep your eye on the newsletter for further

announcements. At the present time we are looking toward mid July.

SKEET

NEWS

by

Neil Vann



The Second Annual Pacific Sporting Arms Open held in April was a sporting success with a lot of winners present to pick up the nice awards that sponsor and Association member, **John Herkowitz** provided. Any time a skeet range throws almost 44,000 targets in a weekend, success is bound to raise its beautiful head.

We now come back to reality and have our monthly shoots and will continue to put on the best shoots for your shooting pleasure. June will be the month where your Skeet Committee goes back to work after doing some planning over the past two months. I might add at this point that the Skeet Committee of 5 meet once a month to attempt to learn from the past, present an acceptable and hopefully, memorable, shoot and plan ahead. The committee is receptive to ideas and constructive criticism. It is your shoot so we attempt to make it as enjoyable as possible to you, the shooter. More about the June shoot later.

We have lunch sponsors for the rest of this skeet year (through October), which you will be reading about in future newsletters. Our awards program could use a booster in the arm. To keep the entry fee at a minimum, we depend upon sponsors to donate awards. We do the same with the Saturday and Sunday lunches. The lunches we feel are a real important part of our program and the response has always been excellent. As usual, **Lee Dennis** will be sponsoring lunch and awards for the September Grey Silva Memorial VIII. We anticipate that this will be a sold out shoot as some of my shooting buddies from Arizona have threatened to attend that shoot and kick some Southern California backside. We'll see if they even show! Our skeet chairman, **Vern Gideon**, has put together a 12-month program plan for 2005 with proposed dates. As soon as SoCal and CSSA have approved the dates, we will post them in your newsletter and on our website.

We had a welcome surprise from **Richard Owen** whom many of you are familiar with and writes for the Skeet Shooting Review, Trap & Field and

Sporting Clays magazines. He took some notes and some pictures and indicated that he was going to write an article about the range. With the traveling around he and his wife do, it's not always easy to get to a Padre or Braves baseball game. You see, **Brian Giles** plays for the Padres and **Marcus Giles** plays for the Braves. Both Brian (San Diego) and Marcus (Atlanta) are Richard Owens's grandsons!



Richard Owen of "Roamin' the skeet roads' fame

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

San Diego Shotgun Sports Association is a more active organization now than it has ever been in the past. SDSSA is developing a superior youth program. This program is only limited by the number of volunteers and the finances to support it. Your President has requested every person consider volunteering to help somewhere in the organization. It does not have to be in the youth program, but your help anywhere to strengthen the organization as a whole helps all programs, including the youth program.

Remember – volunteers worked hard and changed this into a non-profit 503(c) corporation, so that SDSSA does not have to pay taxes and your donations are tax deductible. When you dig into your closet and find that shotgun you are no longer using and donate to the range, it is tax deductible and it is a form of volunteering. The same is true when you donate money, shells, or equipment of any kind to the Association for use in the Youth Programs.

Another form of volunteering is to change your membership into a Life Membership. This helps provide money to SDSSA which is used to improve the range facilities and improve your Association. Give it some thought – Application blanks are available in the Range Office.