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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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We now are in the process of working on the interior of our new "home" (clubhouse) with cabinets in place in our "break room", some new furniture for shooting sign-ups and Board meetings in our "west" room, and plans to outfit the rest of the building with tables and chairs to assist in the comfort of our shooters when they are not shooting. We will have the responsible individual task now and in the future of cleaning up after ourselves in the clubhouse to present an acceptable place for the next person to use. The purpose of the new clubhouse is for member and visitor use. We just ask that respect be exercised when people use it.

I am appreciative of the e-mails and phone calls received from some of you in the recent past. All have been positive and in concert with my and the Board of Directors desires. Your responses show another positive vein, that some of you do read the newsletter. It's not important as to how much time and energy that some of us put into this line of Association communication. What is important is that you read and if motivated, respond to any of the many items in your newsletter. We need your input on issues concerning your desires and pro-active suggestions.

Other items of a positive note. Read about the great things that the youth and adults involved in the Scholastic Clay Target Program are accomplishing. Their accomplishments at the California State Trap Shoot were impressive and rewarding to the volunteer adults that assist in this great organization. We are proud of our youth and the inspiration they have on others. Another great organization, the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), is having a shoot at SDSSA on July 18. Come to the range and witness some fine wheelchair shooters. We anticipate more organizations will take advantage of our fine facility in the future as the word spreads.

One last item of interest. Starting next month, our Office Manager, Nikolle Wertel, has agreed to interview and prepare a brief on each of our staff. It's a "get to know your staff" series that will include a picture and some background on those that work for the Association with somewhat of an invisible identity. They pull targets, keep score, empty trash cans, clean up hulls at the end of the day and other tasks the we,

the membership, shy away from. This will give you a chance to find out a little about the young person that you see wearing the yellow jacket. They wear a nametag and are in the learning process of dealing with the public. Introduce yourself and make them feel like they are a cohesive part of our shooting family. Many of them are learning to shoot which makes them a better field referee. Not all of us appreciate the youth of today but look at it this way. Those that you see with the yellow jacket are gainfully employed which in itself, says a lot.

In closing, I leave you with a gentle and subtle reminder. Get your picture taken!

Youth Programs

By

Don Wilkie



SUPPORT OUR PARALYZED VETS!!!

July 18th is the day they are holding their 1st annual fundraising trap shoot. Come out and shoot in it - support them by your participation. It's a 150-target shoot, complete with breakfast to start and a steak lunch. Pre-squad now at the range office.

We also are going to have an "open house" for our new clubhouse at 5 PM on the 18th. This is appropriate since this is the first time our handicap shooters will have direct access to our clubhouse. Come out and join in the "open house" gala on the 18th!!

President's

Message

by

Neil Vann



I promised last month to get back on track of talking about positive issues in our Association but I do hope that you digested and pondered the information presented in both the June and July newsletters. They are important issues to our survival. Just because the Association is open 5-days a week for your shooting pleasure, doesn't mean that we are sheltered from some pretty important issues.

THEY WON'T FORGET SAN DIEGO!!!

SCHOLASTIC TEAM TAKES FOUR TOP-HONORS AND MAKES ITS MARK AT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Formed only fourteen months ago our San Diego Shotgun Sports Scholastic Clay Target Team competed in the State Championship on June 19th and won two-second place team medals and a first and second in individual honors.

The competition which was held at Kingsburg in conjunction with the State Trapshooting Championships featured youngsters from primary grades through high school in three divisions:

Rookie—5th grade and below
 Junior—6th, 7th and 8th grade
 Senior—9th—12th grade

Each division is divided into two categories: Novice and Experienced. Novices are shooters who have registered 300 or fewer targets prior to 2004.

Our team was composed of a Senior Experienced squad, a Junior Experienced squad, a Junior Novice squad and three alternates.

Over 400 hundred youngsters from within the state signed up for the daylong 200-target competition. The program began at 8:00 AM with the Senior Experienced division. Our squad fought well but wilted in the afternoon, just slightly, and finished with 910/1000 not enough for third place and a trip to the Nationals. Sacramento won the event with 956, followed by Stockton 922 and Santa Ynez 921. Our top scorer was **Judith Sledge** with a 187/200. Other members of the squad were: **Brian Burrows** 183, **Dustin Stewart** 180, **PJ Webb** 175, and **Dorsey Ek** 185. Dustin showed his mettle and shot well in spite of having to shoot from a stool because of a badly broken foot.

Our Junior Experienced squad finished in a solid second place with 915/1000, led by **Ian Daube** with a magnificent 194/200 and the gold medal for best individual performance by a Junior. Others were **Nick Meyer** 185; **Kurtis Sorchy** 176; **De Savage** 183 and **Emily Heckenkamp** the youngest member of the squad with 177--a fine effort, which earned the squad a well-deserved trip to the finals at Vandalia, Ohio August 12 and 13th. A & A Shooters took first place in the event with 933. Santa Ynez was third with 869.



Ian Daube, De Savage, Nick Meyer, Emily Heckenkamp, Kurtis Sorchy

Last but far from least our Junior Novice Squad's fine performance was our most outstanding and most unexpected of the day. Led by **Kambra Brawner**, the Junior Novice Squad included two shooters who just began shooting in the last three months and had shot in only one previous competition. Kambra's 191 won her a silver medal for second place in the individual honors and paced the team. **Evan Marsch** followed with a 190. **Tyler Yonker**--shooting a borrowed gun and who has been shooting only since March shot a surprising 187. Other members of the squad were **Bryce Copp** 167 and **Chris Leonard** 161.



Evan Marsch, Tyler Yonker, Kambra Brawner, Chris Leonard, Bryce Copp

Mike Sorchy coached this spirited group. Much credit goes to coaches **Duke Wilbur, Scotty Brawner** and **John McClure** for their many hours of dedicated training and hard work--not to downplay the determination and skill of the shooter's themselves.

Our success is the result of a complete team effort involving coaches, parents the range staff and San Diego Shotgun Association members and the SDSSA board of directors. Special credit goes to team manager **Carla Sledge** and her assistants **Diane Savage**, and **Pamela Heckenkamp** as well as supporters **Layne Kuhlman, Willie Turner** and others who choose to be anonymous.

The State Scholastic Program owes a special thank you to our **Kurt Sachau & Dan Kirby** for their role in putting on the competition. Kurt acted as emcee, and coordinator and arranged for ammunition for all competitors. Dan, president of CGSTA, pitched in wherever needed and did everything from loading houses to serving lunch and settling scoring disputes. **Gail Miller** and the Kingsburg staff and volunteers did a fine job of managing the event, which went off on schedule and with very few problems.

My personal thanks go the kids who have worked hard and been magnificent all year. They have been a pleasure.

The cost of participation in the Grand is considerable, a minimum of \$1500 for each of the ten families involved. Contributions will be most welcome and are tax deductible. Please direct them to San Diego Shotgun Sports Association and specify for the SCTP Grand Fund.

Dodge City Shootout

by

Jim Englund



Each month I get more and more impressed at the turnout for the Dodge City. We have a great staff that puts this off so well and I thank all. We always seem to have good weather conditions as we did at the June shoot.

On Saturday 63 came out to shoot, have fun and enjoy lunch, which brings me to the subject of volunteer cook(s). Don Deckman and Bob Gabler have stepped forward to do the dog grilling for July. If we ALL take a turn, it will only be ONCE every year and a half. Help me out. I'm tired of grilling all the time. I want to shoot too. It's easy and it's fun.

OK, now for the scores; Top spot was shared by **Lonnie Catania** and **Rich Davis** with an 87 of 90. A few 25's at 16: **Greg Alexander, Don Brunt, Rich Davis, Sonny Hale, Keith Reinhart** and **Ken Williams**. At handicap we had some sharpshooters getting all: **Scott Beuck, Chip Ennis** and **Delano Hale**. Seven teams hit 19 with the first buddy shoot. Four teams got them all on the second buddy.

The Annie Oakley came down to **Lonnie Catania** at third, our own **Willie Turner** with second and **Sonny Hale** taking the blue ribbon. July 17th is our next shoot. Who's doing the grilling for August? Talk to me.

International Trap

by

Rick Matulich



We are back in the newsletter and we have a lot to report! First, The **ARMUSA CUP**, a 200 target match with a 100 target preliminary will be held July 30th thru Aug 1st. In addition to the trophies, the "CUP" will have over \$ 2,000.00 in cash prizes up for grabs. We are expecting a great turn out and may see international competitors and possibly even the Army Marksmanship Unit. Why don't you come out and show the Army team that you can "be all you can be" too! We would like to express our deep appreciation to **ARMUSA Performance**, as well we would also like to thank **Perazzi USA** and **Pacific Sporting Arms** for their support in this event.

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Perazzi

SDSSA members have been participating in and winning several USA Shooting international trap events since our last report. Here are some of the results.

The 2004 Zone 11 (California, Hawaii, Nevada and Arizona) Trap Championships were held on May 8th at the Las Vegas Gun Club. It was a 125-target event and was run by the California International Clay Target Shooters Association (CICTSA). It was a gorgeous day in Las Vegas with sunny skies and moderate temperatures. **Jeff Holguin**, a member of the USA Shotgun Team, delivered the highest score, but was ineligible for the medals, because he lives in Colorado Springs where he trains at the Olympic Training Center. The Gold Medal went to San Diego's own **J.C. Craft**. **Rick Matulich**

took the silver after a sudden death shoot-off with **Chris Holguin**, who took the bronze.



Rick Matulich, J.C. Craft, Chris Holguin & Breanna Heckenkamp in front

winners for the Zone 11 Championship follow:

J.C. Craft	Men's Gold Medal	104
B. Heckenkamp	Woman's Gold Medal	87
Rick Matulich	Silver Medal	100 +4
Chris Holguin	Bronze Medal	100 +3
Jeff Holguin	High A Class	117
Dart Davis	High B Class	97
Don Cramer	High C Class	92
S.L. Wang	High D Class	90
Doug Parsons	High E Class	74
Chuck Dietl	High Senior	99

The Coronado Grand Prix Championship was put on by SDSSA on Saturday May 15, 2004. **J.C. Craft** was obviously dialed in. He shot a world-class score of 117, giving him a 9 target lead over his closest competitor



Glenn Brandt, Eric Van den Haute, Susan Sledge, Rick Matulich, J.C. Craft, Tyrone Hardy and Tony Guest

Coronado Grand Prix Championship Results

J.C. Craft	HOA	117
Tony Guest	A Class	104
Rick Matulich	B Class	108
Glenn Brandt	C Class	105
Eric VanDenHaute	D Class	106
Tyrone Hardy	E Class	93
Susan Sledge	High Junior	97

Southwest Regional Trap Championship was held at the Prado Olympic Shooting Park in Chino, CA on June 12th. This event was sponsored by CICTSA. The day started a little hazy, but as the weather cleared there was only a three target separation between the top three shooters after 100 targets. The last round was decisive. **J.C. Craft** ran 25 straight and solidified his lead, taking the gold medal with a

117. **Robert Cowin** and **Bill Bolinger** took home the silver and bronze medals, respectively.



Bernie Losoya, John DeLotell, Bill Bolinger, Min Seo, Robert Cowin, Jeff Church, J.C. Craft & Ron Tosoonian

Southwest Regional Championship Results

J.C. Craft	HOA	117
Robert Cowin	Silver Medal	114
Bill Bolinger	Bronze Medal	110
Jeff Church	High A Class	108
Bernie Losoya	High B Class	109
Yong Kong	High C Class	108
John DeLotell	High D Class	91
Min Seo	High E Class	77

The Crazy Burro Games was the most recent event put on by SDSSA on June 19th. There were fifteen fierce competitors who battled through the fog and haze to shoot fast moving targets. In the end Bill Bartels took the High Overall with a 110, which is a fantastic score when you consider the weather conditions.



John DeLotell, Jim Jacobson, Bill Bartels, Jeffery Church, Michael Howell & Tyrone Hardy

The Crazy Burro Games Results

Bill Bartels	HOA	110
Jeff Church	High A Class	108
Mike Howell	High B Class	96
Jim Jacobson	High C Class	100
John DeLotell	High D Class	90
Tyrone Hardy	High E Class	75

SKEET

NEWS

by

Neil Vann



The SAN DIEGO *Shotgun Sports Association* held its June shoot entitled, "**Better Than A Day At Work**" on June 11-13, 2004 in America's Finest City, San Diego, California. We had some competition from another shoot so the turnout was less than expected but the highlights were greater than expected. The weather was shoot-perfect with a balmy westerly breeze skimming off the Pacific Ocean keeping the temperatures in the low 70's. The 22 participants made a great weekend even better.

In that we are shoot-hogs, we offer a 600-target weekend. Not all are ambitious enough to take all that pounding but some of us considered that shooting was "Better Than A Day At Work" so the first event on Friday, the 12ga. preliminary, captured 5 all winning a place in the annals of history. Following was the Doubles event. **Eric Vandenhoute** (San Diego) cleaned the plate with a nice 97. The other 9 participants also-ran!

Saturday morning brought out a bevy of 28ga. Shooters ripe and ready to slay the targets. When all was said and done, "C" Team leader, **Jay Carter** (Claremont) accomplished the most slaying with a fine 99 to take Gun Champion. **Paul Busch** (Solana Beach) led his squad for Gun Runner-up.

The 12ga. is shot in the afternoon and none other than **Paul Busch** (we just talked about him) led the herd with his first ever 100-straight! With a shot-up hat on his senior head (the rest of his is pretty senior, also) and a bad back, Paul is the hero of the day. There were three shoot-offs, the most significant of which was between Class B shooters, **Phil Shinar** (Long Beach) and **Keith Phelps** (Torrance) coming in with 97's. They both wail away until Station four coming back when the high house target does a dirty trick on Phil but is kind to Keith. The score is Phil, 7, Keith, 8. Keith becomes Class B1 winner with Phil taking Class B2.

Sunday is just that; a sun day. A great morning to shoot the .410 bore. We witness another major technological breakthrough with laurels and rose petals raining overhead. **Ted Church** (Newport Beach) conquers the mighty .410 with ease and prestige by hitting all 100 targets with authority and ending the 4-rounds with a perfect 100-straight; his first! Another hat goes ragged with pride. What is interesting is that the first five places in the event go to the team that Ted led through his major milestone.

Another first is accomplished by **Lou Riddle** (Bonsall) when he shoots his first 25-straight in the .410. Lou wears a visor when he shoots so he had to buy a perfectly good, never-been-worn Association hat so that his team could put the hurt on the hat. The hat sustained severe damage and shall probably never be worn with the original intent in mind. Congratulations to both Ted and Lou for an outstanding performance.

The final shooting event of the weekend is the 20ga. With a small shoot such as this, the shoot-offs are few as the out-of-towners are getting a head start on the Sunday traffic. The man with the most at the end was **Craig Potter**

(Chula Vista) with a blazing 98 outgunning and outlasting the nearest competitor and is crowned the King of the 20ga.

Ted Church is the leader of the 400-target HOA with a 390. We had three types of awards to give to the winners along with a certificate of their accomplishment. It was a "grab bag" draw, which consisted of gift certificates donated by **Essy Aharpour** (Sadaf Restaurants) and **Eric Vandenhoute** (Café Sevilla), logo medallions and logo watches.

Lunch was available both Saturday and Sunday with **Don Deckman** (Lakeside) sponsoring the Saturday lunch and side-kick **Gabe Gabler** (Chula Vista) helping dish out the Turkey Burgers. Sunday lunch was much of the same provided by the Skeet Committee.

Thanks are numerous. To the staff of SDSSA led by General Manager, **Layne Kuhlman**. To the **field officers** for enduring the wrath of a few and sustaining a quiet, professional and dignified attitude to the many. To the **Skeet Committee** for their diligence and perseverance in maintaining a consistent and quality program. To those not named and there are many who make the program what it is; **THANKS.**

Trap News

by

Chip Enniss



In June the results were as follows:

Event #1 - 16 yd Champ and AA - **Kurt Sachau, Rich Davis and Bob Slough** 100X100. A: **Jim Keller & Chris Burrows** 99x100. B: **John Wolan** 97. C: **Tyler Yonker** 97 Vet: **Jerry Calloway** 98. Hi Lady: **Carla Sledge** 99. and Hi Jr.: **Brian Burrows** 96. - 64 shooters entered the event

Event #2. 43 tried their luck. Champ was **Kurt Sachau** 97. Long was **Rich Davis** 95. Mid was **Jerry Calloway** 93. Short was **Steve Pinky** 97. Jr was **Kambra Brawner** 93. Hi Lady was **Dianne Savage** 93. Hi Vet was **Charlie Bover** 92.

Doubles had 17 Shooters with Champ going to **Mike Reese** from Las Vegas with 95. AA was a tie between **Rich Davis & Charlie Bover** at 94. A was taken by **Lonnie Catania** with 93 and C was won by **Ted Nueller** with 86.

Singles on Sunday saw **Dave Johnson** win Champ honors with 100x100. AA was **Rich Davis** 96, A was **David Chuprinski** 98. B winner was **Steve Pinky** 98. C was **Dorsey Ek** with 94 and Hi Jr. was **Kurtis Sorchy** with 92.

Handicap on Sunday saw **Kurt Sachau** again Has Champ with 96. long was **Robert Mabery** with 94. mid was **Charles Deahl** 89. Short was a tie between **Steve Pinky & Mike Sorchy** at 94x100

Karla Sledge won the very nice Silver Dollar Necklace and **Kurt Sachau** won the Money clip with \$50.00 in it, Both donated by **Bill and Ruthie Hunter**. Thanks Bill and Ruthie,

July results were as follows:

Singles saw 68 Shooters try their luck. The San Diego weather was BEAUTIFUL and everyone had a good time. Winners were: **Rich Davis** Champ 100x100. AA tie with 99x100 **Kurt Sachau & Tony Beningo** 99x100. **Lonnie Catania** took A with 98. **Nick Meyer** won C with 97. **Dianne Savage** was hi Lady with 97 and **Ian Daube** took Jr with 96. **Norm Rudolph** won another vet prize with a fine 97. Good shooting Rudy!

Handicap champ was **Lonnie Catania** with 95, Short with 94 was **De Savage**, Vet was **Paul Busch** with 93, mid was **Jerry Dillard** 92. Long was a three way tie between **Rich Davis, Kurt Sachau,** and **Tony Beningo** at 91 each, Jr winner was **Emily Heckenkamp** at 89 and Hi Lady was **Dianne Savage** again with 89. Some of our S.C.T.P. Jr Shooters are really starting to come on strong, it is a fun thing to see, the Coaches and Parents of these Kids should be very proud of them and their accomplishments,

Doubles were very interesting with a strong wind moving them around some. AA with a 96 was Range Manager **Layne (left my Triggers Home) Kuhlman**. Behind Layne with a 95 for A was **Lonnie Catania**. B was taken by Northerner **Ron Schwartz** with 95, and C winner with 91 was **Ronald Campbell**.

Sunday Singles Champ with 99 was **Chip Enniss** - AA winner was **Barry Sinkoff** 99 - A was **Jerry Dillard** 99 - Vet was **Augie Daddi** 98 - **Tyler Yonker** a Jr took B with 97 - **Bryce Copp** one of our new Jr. shooters secured C class. Jr. winner was **Ian Daube** with 95 and **Emily Heckenkamp** was Hi-Lady with a 95x100.

The last Event was Handicap with **Ian Daube** Champ with a 96 (good for 1/2 yard) **Larry Premo** won Long with 93 - **Dave Johnson, Lonnie Catania** and **Dave Chuprinski** tied for Mid with 92x100, short was **Noel Wisch** 92. Lady was **Jan Slough** 92, and Vet was **Jerry Dillard** at 90.

SKEET LEAGUE

by

Craig Potter



It's time once again to put together a group of shooters (4 to 6) and sign-up for the '04 Fall Skeet League. The league will run from September 15th through November 14th, with the Final Bash to be held on November 22nd. The cost to participate is \$50.00 per shooter. We will be following the basic format we have used in the previous Skeet Leagues. Each shooter will

receive a participation gift, a beer and Pizza dinner (at the Final Bash) and a money award based on their teams overall points. More detailed information on the rules of the league and the schedule will be available on the SDSSA web site and posted on the bulletin boards around the Range. To sign-up for the '04 Fall Skeet league, please see Nikolle in the Range office.

Olympic Skeet

by

Gene Green



Things are alive and well on field #10, on Sunday afternoons. The word is getting out about "skeet's dirty little secret".

USA Shooting is a non-profit organization that is the governing body for the Olympic shooting sports. Those sports are Pistol, Rifle, Running Target and Shotgun (skeet and trap).

Ear protection with any kind of receiving equipment is a no-no. All types of smoothbore shotguns may be used, 12 gauge or smaller. There are no gauge divisions (i.e. 12, 20, 28 and .410) in this sport. Gun slings or straps are prohibited. Magazine guns must be plugged so that it is not possible to put more than ONE shot shell in the magazine. Chokes cannot be changed between stations.

5-Stand News

by

Bob Lazarus



The 5-Stand committee is in the process of purchasing the materials to build the new PVC stands. The new stands will be patterned after the model built by Neil Vann. We have been using Neil's model on field # 6 for the past several weeks. The input from the shooters has been mostly positive with a few suggestions on ways to make the new PVC stands a little more user friendly. The suggested changes we have received so far have been minor in nature.

All the materials are just about in and production should start approximately Saturday July 10th. The time to contact me regarding suggestions or comments before work on the new stands commences is running short so I urge any members with an interest to contact me at bob.lazarus@att.net with their thoughts.

Members **Scott Vance** and **Jerry Dietrich** have volunteered to help with the construction when the material arrives.