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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

**Gary Krueger**



As the months go by we are always trying to improve our Association. We are talking to individual members and evaluating all written suggestions received. We have begun reduced shooting fee hours and they are being well received.

In an effort to optimize field usage Layne has been directed to reverse the layouts on fields six and seven. This will allow for larger trap events to be planned without disrupting five stand usage.

At the monthly Executive Committee we had a lengthy discussion of operating costs and determined that three management positions was more than we could afford. We have eliminated the Office Manager position and reassigned the duties to the Manager and Assistant Manager.

### HELP RECYCLE – SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

The Recycle Program is helping our youth program. So far it is bringing in about \$100 per month. This money helps to our youth teams when they go out of town to participate in events.

Please consider saving your cans, bottles & any container that has "CRV" on it. Bring them to the range and put them in the blue recycle cans down near the range office. If you buy and drink a beverage at the range please put the empty container in the blue recycle can.

This program is working well and can work even better to help our youth – if everyone will pitch in and help.

### Olympic Skeet

by

**Gene Green**



Here is some more information concerning "H" marker tape". They can be purchased directly from the ISSF in Germany on line. Layne, our manger and Olympic Skeet shooter, tells me that "marker tape" can be used as a reference point when putting on panty hose! Am I missing something here?

There will be a World Cup shoot in the United States in May 2006!

Vincent Hancock, from Eatonton, GA, is turning the skeet world upside down. In 2005, he took the gold Medal in three of the four world shoots. He took silver in the other one. These were won in Men's Skeet not junior. He is sixteen years old! I think we have another Robert Stack.

There were three shooting events in the 1896 Olympic Games. The 2008 Olympic Games will have fifteen shooting events – nine for men and six for women.

### Dodge City Shootout

by

**Jim Englund**



vacations and all. The clear weather brought out some good scores.

At the 16 yard there were 11 to hit all 25 clays. Handicap was a different story. One, only one to go straight; **Dale Craig**. His first DC in quite a while and it appears he hasn't lost his touch.

Three teams got 20's on buddy #1; **Michael Bates** and **Lonnie Catania**, **Dale Craig** and **Chip Enniss**, **Ken Jossenberger** and **Charles Slough**. Buddy #2 there were **Frank Bass** and **Lonnie**(again), **Mark Cox** and **Sonny Hale**, **Ken**(again) and **Jim Richardson**.

The Annie Oakley now pays four places. Coming in fourth **Perry Jurancich**, **Mike Scott** third, **Duke Wilber** second, and our big winner **Sonny Hale**.

Top score with an 88 of 90 was shared by **Lonnie** and **Dale Craig**. That's good shooting. I'm still looking for volunteer cooks. REMEMBER, if you get a friend to help, you both can shoot the match. You see Dan and I doing it almost every month. We'd like some help. It's easy and fun – we buy the food & all you have to do is help set up, cook & help clean up. Just give me your name and the month(s) you would be willing to help.

### Trap League

by

**Dan Fox**



The Summer Trap League is almost complete, and we are getting ready to celebrate with a final Steak BBQ – yes, I said steak (with all the trimmings). **Chip Enniss**, great guy that he is, has volunteered to cook the steaks – so come and enjoy. Guests are welcome to attend for the donation of honest Abe Lincoln's picture (that's a \$5 bill to most of us!) – cheap at any price.

**The BBQ will be held at the range on September 28 at 5:30 PM.** All shooters who participated in the League will receive two (yes, I said 2) participation awards. There will be

trophies for the top three teams along with trophies for the “top gun” (HOA) on each team. Also receiving trophies will be High Vet, Runner Up Vet, and High Over All for the league. Each team will also get cash prizes based on the overall score of their team in the League.

As you can see there will be lots of fun, gifts, prizes, and activities at the range on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and satisfy your hunger - and thirst – be sure to bring a big sack to carry home your winnings and trophies.

## International Trap

by

**Rick Matulich**



There is a lot going on in the International Community—**Carla Sledge** who went with our shooters to Colorado Springs for the USA Shooting Shotgun National Junior Olympics on August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, reports the following information:

### MEN’S TRAP

**Brian Burrows** was tied for second place going into the finals with a 119/150. After shooting a 21 in the single shot final, the positions were changed. Brian was now tied for second place with the fourth place competitor. During the sit on the edge of your seat sudden death round, Brian dropped his 12<sup>th</sup> target putting him in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall (The Bronze Metal). Great work Brian.



**Brian Burrows**

### WOMEN’S TRAP

**Susan Sledge** was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place before the finals with a 114/150. After shooting a 21 in the single shot final, she was in FIRST PLACE with a four target lead. Susan is now 2005 Shotgun National Junior Olympic Women’s Champion (The Gold Metal). Her name will appear on the Lone Star Trophy located at the USA Olympic

Shooting Hall of Fame, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



**Susan Sledge**

**Tamara Desso** from Oak Tree Gun Club was the FIRST PLACE (J2) Champion with a 111/150 with **Breanna Heckenkamp** from San Diego right behind her taking SECOND PLACE (J2) with a 106/150.



**Breanna Heckenkamp**

**Judith Sledge** made her Bunker debut shooting an 81/150.



**Judith Sledge**

It was a great success for the shooters from California.

We have a great group of shooters that are working hard toward the 2008 Olympics. Come down to the bunker and watch them shoot – let’s all get behind them and support them in their effort toward being Olympic champions!

Speaking of champions – two-time Olympian, **Bret Erickson**, who set two world records at the 1990 World championships in Moscow is going to be at our bunker giving shooting lessons October 19<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> will be private and Semi Private lessons in American Trap, Olympic Trap, International Skeet & Sporting Clays. October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> will be all day youth special bunker clinics with a six shooter maximum.

If you are interested in lessons or the clinic please contact **JC Craft** for details and reservations. **JC Craft** can be reached by phone at 619-665-1679 or by email at [craft006@csusm.edu](mailto:craft006@csusm.edu).

## ATA Trap News

by

**Joe Matkovich**



The September shoot was held on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The shooters were looking at “June gloom” at first, but by starting time it was burning off and turned out to be a super day in paradise.

The first event was 100 singles and 55 shooters got their gear together and went out for some fun. When the smoke cleared there was three 100 straights. **Dave Chuprinski** and **Rich Davis** took home the champion and AA money, while **Russ Hawes** used his 100 straight for hi vet. **Bill Bridges** was A winner with a 99 and **Dan Godinho** took home the B prize with a 99. **Jon Craft** and **Wayne Langview** split the D money. **De T. Savage** was the Jr prize winner with a 99 and **Kambra Brawner** was hi lady with a 95.

The nest event was 100 handicap targets and 40 shooters decided to give it a go. **Larry Burrleson** had a 99 from the 20 yard line for champion money and right behind him **Bob Murray** shot a 98 from the 21.5 for shot yardage honors. Mid yardage was shared by **Jerry Dillard** & **David Chuprinski** with 93’s. Jr. shooter **Aaron Thompson** had a 94 from the back fence for long yardage laurels. **Evan Marsch** was hi Jr with a 96 and **Bob Nation** shot 95 for hi vet.

Next came the doubles event and 20 players stuck around for the fun. **J.C. Craft** shot a 97 for champion honors. **Wilbur Poston** and **Lonnie Catania** each shot 94 for AA and **Mike Sorchy** had a 90 for A class. **Ray Torres** shot a 96 for class B and **Kambra Brawner** shot 96 for class C. **De T Savage** was hi jr with a 92 and **Donna Foster** took home hi lady with an 88.

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> was the same as Saturday. “June gloom” early with bright sun to follow. The first event was 100 singles and

there was 30 contestants testing their skills. **Russ Hawes and Mike Gebhardt** tied at 99 for Champ and AA money. **Jerry Dillard** was the A winner with a 98, **Robert Douglas** shot a 98 for B honors and **Dwight Jones** shot a 96 for class C. Hi lady was taken by **Kambra Brawner** with 98, hi jar was won by **De T. Savage** with a 98 and **Freddie Corley** shot a 98 for hi vet.

The last of the fun and games for the weekend was 100 handicap targets and 26 shooters stuck around to shoot them. **Bob Nation** was the champ with a 95 from the 20 yard line. **Dan Godinho** had a 94 for short yardage money and **Dave Chuprinski** shot a 93 for mid yardage. **Kurt Sachau** shot a 92 from the back fence for long yardage laurels. **Robert Jones** was hi jar with a 93, **Kambra Brawner** captured the hi lady prize (again) with a 92 and **Jerry Dillard** shot a 91 for hi vet.

All of you may have noticed the past few months we have had some very good scores. Our targets have been very consistent and the weather has cooperated. Remember, our next shoot is going to be very well attended. If you haven't pre-squadded yet I would suggest you do so now. The dates of that shoot are Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Nov. shoot will take place on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Remember "wood to wood". See ya' on the line.

## SKEET NEWS

by  
Neil Vann



SDSSA held its August shoot entitled, San Diego Shotgun sports III Open on August 26-28. The 600 target weekend started with the preliminary 28 ga. In which 7 attended on the Friday. Some would rather shoot than work and we feel that is OK. The big cahoonah with a 97 was **Eric Vandenhoute**. Eric also received a nice presentation medal award from Zone 7 to commemorate his Sub-sub Senior status and a worthy Honorable Mention. We congratulate Eric on his accomplishment. The Doubles event attended by 12 shooters follows the prelim on Friday with **Steve Claunch** shooting a perfect 100-straight. Steve also received an award from the Zone 7 committee for his fine shooting. These two guys could join a heavy metal band with their awards. Now I have to tell you that I shot behind Steve in his quest for perfection and while his targets were mostly smoke, my targets were as hard as a woodpecker's lips and just wouldn't break; must have been something to do with the moon!

Saturday morning, just following the National Anthem, 23 of us congregate to shoot the 28ga. The day is brighter than most of us but can stand the 80 degree heat while others not too far from us are looking at triple digit temperatures. **Steve Claunch** posts a nice 99. We should place bets on the one miss but I doubt that anyone but

the team members and the field referee would get it right. Not to dwell on the misses but the hits, **Mike Giese** also punches out a 99 missing a low five in the first round. These two go at it for two stations and when the cordite clears it is Steve 4 & Mike 3. Steve is our Gun Champion with Mike taking the Gun Runner up spot. **Roger Christensen & James Dewey** duke it out to determine Class AA2 & AA3. This shoot off is a good one and goes for 5 stations before Roger misses a high 3 and James is declared Class AA2 winner.

We enjoy a nice lunch sponsored both Saturday and Sunday by **Paul Busch**. Chicken Tenders with Pineapple rings on a hamburger bun is the meal of the day. Paul is one of many to sponsor our lunches during the Skeet year which brings the group together all at one time. Thanks Paul for your involvement in our Skeet Family.

The afternoon event is the 12ga. In which 24 enthusiastic shooters are ready after a fine and healthy lunch. **Keith Phelps** shoots his **First 100 straight** and is "gang-banged" by his team mates. (That definition has to do with shooting ones hat in their first 100 straight in the gauge shot). **Steve Claunch** does see a bit of movement after all of us have scrunched Keith's hat and puts a couple of coup de grace shots to halt the movement. It works and Keith is the proud papa of a decimated hat which I am sure he covets. We congratulate Keith in his accomplishment.

Not to be outdone, **David Hurzeler** also shoots a 100-straight. Keith is over-charged and when David missed one on station 3, Keith blasts them both for the 12ga. Gun Champion. **Dave Erwin Mike Giese** go at it for Class A1, both with 99's. At the end of the two stations, the score is Mike 4, Dave 2. **Neil Vann & Roger Christensen** set their sights to capture the A3 prize. A whispered comment by Roger to Neil brought about the mental picture which destroyed all living brain cells and which not only gave Roger a powerful advantage but also the A3 award. The last shoot of the day was between **Jaime Almazan & Lou Riddle** working to get B2. Jaime won over Lou after 4 stations.

Awards for the 28ga. & 12ga. Events were handed out by **James Dewey** in the absence of our award sponsor **Pete Buompensiero**. Pete donated 170 boxes of shells to the winners of these two events. We thank Pete for his dedication to the registered Skeet program of SDSSA.

In addition to all the fine prizes that Pete provided, we had another exciting happening. Two new registered Skeet shooters came our way. One, **Paul Hynes** joined NSSA and shot his first registered shoot making him a Novice. **Steve Lowe**, another Novice, is stationed aboard the **US Coast Guard Cutter, Mellon** now in San Diego but stationed in Seattle, Washington. Steve too the Novice price of a handcrafted leather shooting pouch donated by SDSSA member **John Herkowitz**. (John also operates **Pacific Sporting Arms** in Azusa CA for any of

you who would like to look over some top grade guns). Thanks John for your continuing support of our Skeet Program.

**Lt. Marc Alden**, also of the **US Coast Guard Cutter Mellon**, joined Steve in participating in all four gauges. Both took their liberty weekend off from their Homeland Defense duties to attend our August shoot. **Vern Gideon**, our capable Skeet Chairman, made it possible for Steve and Marc to receive permission to attend this shoot. They expressed their gratitude for the able assistance and we enjoyed the short time that we had with both Steve & Marc. We welcome these two active duty military folds and hope that they are able to come back and compete with us in a great sport at SDSSA in the not too distance future.

Sunday morning, the event scheduled to shoot is the mighty .410 bore. Twenty-four signed up and shot the event. **David Hurzeler & Steve Claunch** come in with identical high scores of 97. David leads and pounds a pair as does Steve. Again the same at station # 4 & #5. Coming back the unthinkable happens to Steve. David drops one which leaves that swinging gate still open. Steve dutches the pair and it's all over but the tears. Tears of job to David and the opposite for a great shooter, Steve. The mighty **Keith Phelps** is in a shoot off for Class B with **Vern Gideon Mike Giese**. Vern bows out with station #4 not kind to Mike but even less kind to Keith in that he drops the pair. If you didn't follow all of this, Mike takes Class B2 & Keith Class B3.

One to the last shooting event of the weekend, the 20ga. **James "Rambo" Dewey** Brings in the lone 100-straight for Gun Champ honors. Only one shootoff takes place between **Steve Erbe & Phil Shiner** for B3. Steve overpowers Phil after five stations & is the winner.

The High Over All Champ is **Steve Claunch** with a 391 and **David Hurzeler** is Runner Up with a 389.

The **September Grey Silva VIII Memorial Open** is all but sold out as of this writing? For the past month, encouragement to sign up has gone out verbally and by the written word. (What do you mean that you put it aside and didn't read it?) A waiting list will be developed and if the list is such that another field is required to fill the need, we will seek the guidance of our General Manager. Other options are available and all options will be pursued to accommodate as man shooters as we can. It is a sad state of affairs when individuals pre-register and then don't have the courtesy to call if they can't attend. This negative action not only causes a vacancy but in most cases causes one on the waiting list little or no time to fill that void. Fortunately most shooters are considerate of the potential problem. This lack of communications causes pandemonium. It is the minority that I address this issue. Please contact **Vern Gideon** if you can't attend. You will be missed, but appreciated!

Of the ten registered Skeet shoots that we intend to have in 2006, four individuals have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to

sponsor lunches for four of the shoots. Yes, it cost one \$200 for the tow days if you want the Skeet Committee to plan, set up, buy and serve. Should you have the wherewithal to plan, set up, buy and serve the cost could be less. Bottom line is that ALL the shooters enjoy and benefit from your donation.

**\$1 OFF SHOOTING TIMES EXTENDED**

In order to make better use of our range, the Board of Directors set up a program to reduce the cost to shoot at those “slow” periods of time. Originally, it was determined that Wednesday afternoon were “slow” and also Friday afternoon. As an experiment the price to shoot was reduced from 2 PM to 5 PM on Wednesday and Friday. This program seemed to encourage shooter to use the fields at those “slow” times. Further review revealed that it might be a good idea to extend the reduced rate to all day Friday. At the last Board meeting they decided to do so. Therefore at the present time the \$1 off applies to Wednesday afternoon and all day Friday.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Each year ½ of the Board of Directors are up for election to a 2 year term. The President is up for election each year for a one year term. This means that out of the 10 member board of directors, there are 5 positions open every year. The Bylaws provide that a nominating committee be appointed each year to meet and recommend a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors and also a candidate for President of the Association.

This year the nominating committee has proposed that the candidate for President (a one year term) be Gary Krueger. The nominating committee has recommended that Augie Daddi, Jim Englund, Fred Hoyle, Richard Seaver & Don Wilkie be considered for the Board of Directors.

Other candidates for these offices may be nominated by the membership by way of a nominating petition signed by 5% of active members. This computes to 35 members signing a simple petition saying they nominate a specified person to be a candidate for the Board of Directors.

The date that nomination close is October 25, 2005. For any nominating petition to be considered it must be turned in to the Association Office by October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**SEEKING NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

The current newsletter editor has been doing this for going on eleven years and is about to retire. We need someone who has a little word processing knowledge and the willingness to put out the Newsletter each month. It certainly helps to have computer access with an email address. Contributors to the newsletter email in their articles and the editor needs to be able to receive them and put them into the newsletter. Once the newsletter is completed, it is emailed to one of our members who runs a printing service. He

prints the newsletter and delivers it to the range a couple days later. A group of volunteers fold, label, stamp and mail the newsletter each month.

If anyone out there in the membership is willing to take over as newsletter editor your services would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to get further information about what is involved please give Dan Fox a call at 619-224-1406 –or- email him at [dwfox@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dwfox@worldnet.att.net) -or- see and talk with him at the range.

**Hunter Safety Program by Dan Fox**



The Hunter Safety Group is going to conduct the last class of the year in September. At the time we finish that class we will have processed approximately 130 students through the program in 2005.

I would like to thank the following persons who worked in the program during the 2005 year. Without their help we could not have had such a successful program: **Larry Brady, Biff Ellington, Jim Englund, Bill Erskine, Dan R. Fox, Barry Sinkoff, Neil Vann, Don Wilkie, & Dewey Wilber.**

**Larry Brady**



**Neil Vann**



**Bennett “Biff” Ellington**



**Don Wilkie**



**Jim Englund**



**Duke Wilber**



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