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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**



I would like to start off saying that it is my honor to be your president for the next year, and I hope to navigate the club through a financially successful year.

This year our membership climbed to a high mark of 691. The Scholastic Clays Target Program is at almost full capacity as the year starts and our youth shooters look forward to a year of competition. The monthly Introduction to Shotgun Sports classes continue to be popular with new shooters and are always full. The Hunter Education classes which lead to a hunter safety certificate are full each month. Monthly registered shoots in Skeet and Trap are well attended by our members and shooters from throughout Southern California. The Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet program is very active. In January SDSSA is hosting the Maple Leaf and the Golden Bear Olympic tournaments. These events bring Olympic hopefuls from all over the country to compete. In 2006 we will be honored to host two Paralyzed Veterans shoots. The first one is in April which will bring paralyzed veteran

shooters from all over the United States. The second one is in July which we have previously hosted. (By the way, these shoots are not limited to wheelchair shooters – everyone is welcome and urged to participate – so come on out and shoot with those veterans!) Our Skeet and Trap Leagues are very active with many participants in both leagues. And last but not least our two 5-stand fields are busy throwing targets every day the range is open.

Our staff has been very busy this year working at improving the range. The night lighting of the public areas has been significantly improved for the safety of persons using our facilities. The landscaping is being maintained and watered and is looking good. The new clubhouse is being well used for meetings, classes, shoot registration and just generally a great place to sit and talk with your friends. Overall, I think that you will find that the range is looking very good.

So, if you have not been out in a while, take some time and come out and see how good your range is looking – do a little practice shooting, get involved in some of the activities and renew your friendship with your shooting buddies. You will find it's a great place to forget the worries of everyday life and have a little fun.

## International Trap

by

**Rick Matulich**



It's that time again for international trap shooters from all over North America along with the Army Shotgun Team, Air force Shotgun Team and the USA Shotgun Team to be coming to San Diego for our largest shoots of the year!

This big event that draws shooters from all over North America is the Maple Leaf and the Golden Bear International Trap Championships. These shoots are presented by CICTSA (the California International Clay Target Shooters Association).

The Maple Leaf will be held January 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> and it will be followed by the Golden Bear February 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating in these shoots, please pre register since these shoots will "sell out". Don't wait and then be disappointed. Contact Steve Lakatos 626-403-0723 [steveslilengine@aol.com](mailto:steveslilengine@aol.com)

**THE 2006 TRAP LEAGUE STARTS WEDNESDAY JAN 11, 2006 SIGNUP AT THE RANGE OFFICE NOW! FOR MORE INFO VISIT <http://www.sandiegoshotgunsports.com>**

## LEAD SHOT SPECIAL ENDS 12/31/05

A members only special on lead shot special is now taking place - sale ends December 31, 2005.

Lead that was mined from our fields recently has been transported to Oregon and is being processed into new lead shot. If a member wants to order 500 pounds and prepay for the shot it will be \$15.15 plus tax for a 25 pound bag. The total pre-paid price is \$325.00 for 500 pounds. You can order 7 1/2, 8 or 9 shot or a combination of those size shots.

Orders are now being taken at the Range Office. At the end of December the price will increase.

The new shot will be available for delivery sometime in January 2006.

Our shot is limited to our share of the mined lead. Once that shot has been sold there will be no more until we mine again. Don't miss out on this members only special price – get your order in before the end of December!!!

## HELP RECYCLE – SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

The Recycle Program is helping our youth program. Please consider saving your cans, bottles & any container that has "CRV" on it. If you buy and drink a beverage at the range please put the empty container in the blue recycle can.

A collection area is being set up at the storage shed so that when you bring your sack of cans &

bottles from home you can drop them off there and don't have to locate a blue can.

This program is working well and can work even better to help our youth – if everyone will pitch in and help. It costs a lot of money for these youth to travel to other ranges to compete. We would like to send some teams to Las Vegas in January to compete in a shoot. Let's all pitch in and help them!

## Youth Programs

By  
Don Wilkie



November was a quiet month for our SCTP program with only limited time on the range as a result of the Thanksgiving holiday and cancellation of practice on November 17 because of helicopter activities. (If only they would take a slightly larger loop we wouldn't have to close down at all. But that's not likely) It's difficult for families when they have to leave work early and give up an evening and then their youngsters can't shoot. We'll try to have some indoor activities to occupy them for those occasions in the future.

Our program is off to a good start although some familiar faces are missing. This isn't unusual at this time of year with Christmas and year-end activities and a long time before the state shoot in June. We expect things to pick up as usual in the New Year. This year, in deference to those youngsters who practice and shoot for SCTP year round, shooters who sign up after March first will not qualify to compete in the state championship. In choosing our top squads we will consider practice scores and attendance in addition to shooting results at ATA and SCTP events in finalizing our state squads. All youngsters who sign up before March first but don't make a squad can compete as individuals at the state shoot and are encouraged to do so. We should have an excellent senior squad this year with a number of our veterans shooting consistently in the high 90's. We will have at least two squads attending the Las Vegas Invitational on January 14 and 15th and anticipate a good showing by our senior experienced squad.

Our first SCTP competition of 2006 will be the much anticipated Las Vegas Scholastic Invitational on Sunday, January 15.. This well-planned and well-run event is a lot of fun for parents and youngsters and gives the youngsters valuable experience in team shooting. Our team will be lead by Brian Burrows whose outstanding 147/150 was second best score of the competition. Brian will be seeking revenge and win or lose will be a top gun in our books. On Saturday there will be a parent-child buddy shoot as warm-up and many of our youngsters will participate.

Once again we will have one of our youngsters say a few words at the annual dinner about the influence of our SCTP program on their shooting and on their lives.

We had ten youngsters compete in this month's ATA event. Ian Daube, ninth grade and an SCTP Senior shot a 99/100 while De Savage and Evan Marsch shot 98's. Outstanding work and a far cry from our early years when just getting in the 90's was reason to celebrate. Also shooting in the 90's were Matt Higgins 94, who gave the adult Class B shooters a scare, Robert Jones 93, and Alex Greb 91.

SCTP award winners were: Senior Experienced—Ian Daube; Senior Novice—Alex Greb; Junior Experienced—Matt Higgins; Junior Novice—Chris Hynes and Rookie—Elliott Greb.



Chris Hynes – Junior Novice award



Ian Daube – Senior Experienced award

I would still like to see more youngsters in 4th through 8th grades join our ranks. So spread the word.

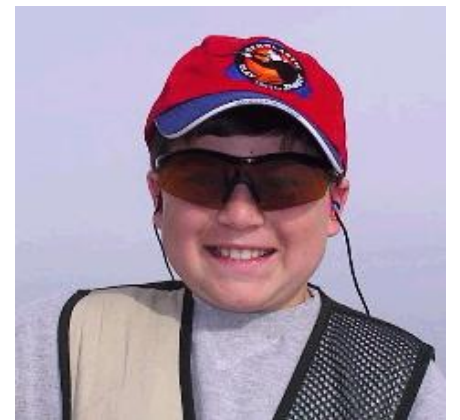
We now have parent, Stan Leonard, overseeing the recycle program and the youngsters doing the sorting of materials.

Layne reports that the new practice rate schedule for SCTP shooters (\$3.00 per round) is working well. And, most

importantly, the youngsters are enjoying safe shooting and conducting themselves in a mature fashion.



Matt Higgins – Junior Experienced Award



Elliott Greb - Rookie Award

## Dodge City Shootout

by

Jim Englund



For those of you who didn't make the November, DC, you missed a lot of fun. 47 shooters, clear skies and a special treat from the Hales and Chip Enniss. They brought a BIG turkey, a ham and a couple dozen game hens to give away to some lucky shooters. During the buddy shoots and the Annie Oakley, the club put some white targets in the trap machines. Breaking one of these targets got you a hen.

We had a splatter board for the ham. At a dollar a square, Robert Jones Jr. won the ham, with the turkey going to one of the pullers. ALL the monies went to the youth program. When you see Chip and/or the Hales give them a thanks, this all came out of their own pocket to support the youth shooters. This is what club support is all about. My personal thanks guys.

Weather being optimum the scores were high. 17 went straight at the 16. Only 4 at handicap: Lonnie Catania, Chip Enniss, DC Dan Fox and Perry Juarancich.

Buddy shoot #1 had 5 teams to get 20; **Mike Borrelli, Taylor Craft, Rich Davis, Harvey Fisher, Dan Fox, Sonny Hale, Lou Imbimbo, Dwight Jones, Joe Travis and Bryan Wright.** Buddy #2 only 2 pairs got them all; **Jerry Callaway, Lonnie Catania, Chip Ennis and Willie Turner.**

The Annie Oakley was a hoot with **Peggy Callaway** making some incredible LOOOONG shots to knock out a bunch behind her. Look out Peggy, they'll be gunning for you next month. **Mike Bates** and **Peggy** shared 3rd/4th place, **Charlie (boom-boom) Bover** took second and **Jerry Callaway** taking the cupie doll. Hope to see you all in December.

## SKEET NEWS

by

Neil Vann



The first registered skeet shoot of the 2006 skeet year at the SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association in San Diego, California was a resounding success! First and foremost, we dedicated this shoot entitled, TOY FOR TOTS, to the USMC Reserve who sponsor this most worthy program each year and have for the past 57 years. Each shooter brought in an unwrapped toy in which the local US Marine Corps Reserve will pick up in time to give some needy children a nicer Christmas than they normally would have. Next we had a total of 35 shooters attend this gala event which is a record attendance for a November shoot. Must be the weather! Then we had (6) 100-straight in the 600 target weekend with two of them being a "first" 100-straight in that gauge. Pro shooter, **Eric Vandenhaute** (San Diego) shot his first 100 in the Doubles event and **Robert Hultzen** (San Pedro) shot his first 100 in the 20ga. event. Lastly but topping the list of positive events was the initiation of a new Novice shooter to our skeet family; **Pete Miller** (Chula Vista) introduced to the sport by **George Magarrell** (San Diego).

A breathtaking and beautiful weekend in San Diego with temperatures to match, we start our Friday events with the preliminary gauge which changes every month. This month the prelim was the .410 bore. **Lou Riddle** (Bonsall) was the top Kahuna over the group of 7 with a 93. One shoot off took place to determine the Class B winner between new American Skeet shooter, **Bill Bartels** (Belmont) and Novice, **Dennis James** (Escondido). Dennis won the shoot off. A note about Bill. Bill is a Life Member (#55869) who hasn't shot much skeet for several years but shoots International Bunker Trap regularly at SDSSA. We now can share his talents. The Doubles event pulled in an even dozen

shooters with **Eric Vandenhaute** topping the group with his first 100 in that event. A shoot off took place between **Bill Page** (Torrance) and **Steen Thomsen** (Covina) for Class A2 and A3. Bill remained in taut control for the three-station shoot out and took Class A2.

Saturday morning is cool and sunny for the 28ga. event. Twenty-one competitors have their plan of attack either in their mind or written on their arm. Only one follows the plan and posts the lone 100-straight; **Gordy Johnson** (Mission Viejo). Gordy has been MIA for a while but it looks like first he hasn't lost his golden touch and secondly that we might be seeing him (and wife, Paulette) more often in San Diego.

Enough 98's were posted that it made for an interesting shoot off. **Jay Carter** (Claremont), **Roman Warren** (Riverside) and **James Dewey** (Ramona) approached the station 3 pad to work out who would be Class AA1, 2 and 3. Jay (AA3) left quickly and gave the other two a look that would have boiled cucumbers. Roman and James carried on for another four stations wherein Roman (AA1) long-gunned the pair and James became out-gunned (AA2).

Lunch (an event) was provided by SDSSA Skeet Committee member, **Richard Seaver** (El Cajon). Hamburgers with all the trimmings and bottled water were provided to the shooters and their family. We appreciate this generous gesture that Richard provided to the shooters.

With the tummies quiet, the 12ga. event is underway. Three 100-straight are the highlight of the 26 who entered the event with **Bill Page, James Dewey** and **Eric Vandenhaute** setting the stage for the stand-up crowd and prepare for the roaring of the spectators. Eric squirts a low three. His jaw is clenched so tight it would take an Allen wrench to loosen it! James and Bill continue on to station 4 where James claims the target must have been as hard as woodpecker lips as it didn't break. James is Gun Runner up and the gun Champion is Bill with two perfect broken pair.

Our 12ga. Novice award went to **Bill Bell** (Encinitas) for his 87, topping the other three Novices. The award was a handcrafted leather shell pouch donated by **John Herkowitz** of Pacific Sporting Arms.

Sunday morning is the .410 bore event. **Eric Vandenhaute** tops the group of 23 with a nice 98 for Gun Champion. Three 96's come in so there is a shoot off to determine Gun Runner up and first in class for Class AA and A. **James Dewey** is the only one that stayed for the shoot offs so he takes the Gun Runner up spot. **Roman Warren** (AA1) and **Steen Thomsen** (A1) get back on the highway before it gets constipated. Here in Southern California, our highways are known as chromium still life! We did have some good .410 bore shoot offs. Surprisingly, the .410 bore shoot

off lasted longer than most other gauges during the weekend. For Class AA2 and 3, Bill Page and Jay Carter went four stations before Bill bowed out and Jay won.

Lunch, this day, is donated by **Dan McNaughton**, Skeet Committee Secretary. The menu is identical to Saturday. We thank Dan for stepping up and giving the shooters a well deserved lunch.

On to the 20ga. event. One most noteworthy proceeding took place. **Robert Hultzen** (San Pedro) broke his first 100-straight in the 20ga.!! He being the only one out of the pack of 26, Robert had to be part of the shoot off cheering section at the end of the day. This is Robert's third 100-straight in three of the four gauges, all shot at SDSSA. Next is the .410 bore to add to his collection. **James Dewey** and **Eric Vandenhaute** cross paths again at station 3 both with 97's vying for Class AA3. Dewey concludes the contest coming back at station 4 by getting the pair. Eric was shy one break. Get out the Allen wrench! **Carl Best** (Spring Valley) and **Lou Riddle** have a two-station abbreviated shoot off with Lou out besting Carl for Class A2.

We had three shooters who tied in HOA with 391's; **James Dewey, Eric Vandenhaute** and **Roman Warren**. Roman hit the highway early so he took Class AA1. James and Eric went through some extended ocular warfare before James smashed the pair at the third station. Eric put the lead on the wrong side of the high house and the rest is history. Eric is the HOA Runner up with James being HOA Champion.

A great time was had by all. We enjoy some of the best weather in the United States. Try it, you'll like it.

## Skeet Clinic

by

Ginny Fazer



### 2005 George Wiegand Memorial Fund Skeet Clinic

It is such a wonderful experience to put on a skeet clinic. You meet new friends, see people's faces when they hit their first target and the enthusiasm among the participants is the most rewarding thing of all.

We held the skeet clinic on November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at SDSSA and had a total of 69 participants on Saturday and 10 on Sunday. We utilized four fields and had three 2 hours group sessions per field on Saturday. **Bill Burke, John Herkowitz, Brian Holt & Don Ziegler** were our outstanding instructors. We also had a large number of volunteers that helped keep the clinic

running smoothly and assisted with each field to pull targets, run for ammo and whatever it took to keep everything flowing smoothly. **Neil Vann** and **Dan McNaughton** put on a great lunch which was enjoyed by the participants and workers. Sunday **Bill Burke** put on two one hour doubles lessons. I heard that everyone enjoyed this and learned a lot too.

At the end of the weekend we had 36 participants that signed up for the free limited NSSA membership. We had 15 junior shooters and of course they just start hitting targets immediately. I wish I still had their young eyes. It was rewarding to have several families come and take the clinic together. They told me that they thought this would be a great hobby and a way to spend time together.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this clinic. Without the support and assistance of everyone involved the clinics would not be possible. Thank you to **Bobby Williams** for delivering the ammo for the clinic and to everyone who donated ammo and money to the Memorial Fund. A special thank you to all our instructors who donate their time to teach at the clinics.

### Olympic Skeet

by

**Gene Green  
(AKA)**

**The Skeet Freak**



Mark Spitz and Matt Biondi are noted for winning the most Olympic medals. Rifle shooter Carl Osburn is tied with them. Don't get me started on this one!

The 2006 ISSF World Cups for shotgun are as follows: Duangdong China (March 31-April 9); Kerrville, Texas (May 4 - 11); Cairo, Egypt (May 19-28) and Suhl, Germany (June 6- 15). Californian Randy Sotowa is the 2005 National Champion in Men's Skeet. His score was 316 out of 325.

### PVA Shoot

by

**Jim Russell**



Get ready, the gimps are coming, the gimps are coming! Get ready to join in on the fun and camaraderie. **On 7 and 8 April 2006 the Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Association will be hosting an event on the PVA Trap Circuit right here at the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association.** We will have wheelchair shooters here from all across the U.S. and Puerto Rico and you are all invited to participate.

The venue will be the same for each day's shooting; 50 singles, 50 handicap, and 25 pair of doubles, plus an optional 50 targets at the 24 yard line. There will be a whole host of

options available starting with a Calcutta, a Lewis Class on each event, a \$1,000.00 Jackpot, a \$500.00 Luck of the Draw, a Silent Partner, plus many, many more each day.

Cal-Diego will provide breakfast and lunch each day plus there will be an Awards Banquet at the Courtyard by Marriott following Saturday shooting.

Mark the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of April on your calendar. **Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.**

### Skeet League

by

**Richard Seaver**



The Fall 2005 Skeet League will wrap up on Sunday, December 11, 2005. There have been a total of 11 teams with 63 shooters for a total of 744 rounds shot (minus a few due to shooters missing a week).

The "Wrap Up Bash" will be held at Filippi's in Kearney Mesa on January 5, 2006 and will start at 5:30. There will be no charge for Skeet League shooters. Guests will be welcome for a \$10 charge. A sign up sheet will be in the Range Office starting Saturday, December 10. Pizza, beer and soft drinks will be served and awards will be given out. All money collected, except for the cost of the bash, will be given back to the shooters based on their standings.

The 2006 Spring Skeet League is scheduled to start on March 27, 2006 and run for six weeks ending on May 7, 2006. Start making plans to put your team together and get signed up. Sign up sheets will be in the Range Office early March 2006.

Any questions, please contact Dick Seaver, at [ariseaver@hotmail.com](mailto:ariseaver@hotmail.com)

### Hunter Safety

Program

by

**Dan Fox**



The first Hunter Education class for 2006 will start on January 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be running one class a month through September. These classes fill up fast particularly as hunting season approaches. The classes are limited in size due to the "live fire" section of the course. Most of the students have never handled a shotgun previously and we need a high ratio of instructors to student when they are first handling and shooting a shotgun. We also do the live fire at a time that we do not inconvenience the membership and do not use the range at busy times.

If you know any persons that need the course in order to get a hunting license, tell them to sign up for one of the early classes, or they might miss

out on an opportunity to get their Hunter Safety certificate.

## SIGN UP FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER

Every member should have received a letter invitation to the Annual Dinner along with the form to sign up for the dinner. Should you not have received this invitation, please contact the Range Office and ask to have one sent to you.

Outdoor staff writer for the San Diego Union Tribune, Ed Zieralski, is going to be our guest speaker. Ed writes outstanding stories about hunting, fishing, and great outdoors for the San Diego Union. We also will hear from at least one of our youth shooters in the Scholastic Clays Target Program that has been so very successful. The new members of the Board of Directors will be introduced and sworn in for 2006.

This is a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow shooters and the Officers and Directors of your Association. Don't wait, sign up now and attend the Annual Meeting and Dinner.

### Introduction to Shotgun Sports

by

**Jim Englund**



Want to share your love of the shooting sports with a new shooter? That's what we do once each month at this very popular course. Just let me know that you are willing to help and we'll work you into the program. You don't have to be an instructor or expert - just someone to be there with a class of new shooters and help them learn safe gun handling and give them advice on shooting techniques. You will find this to be a very rewarding experience once you have worked with these eager new shooters. All it takes is a few hours a month and the love of our sport!

If you know of someone who would like to learn safe shotgun handling and learn about the different shotgun sports that we have at our range, tell them about our course and have them sign up for one of our monthly classes. They can get more information on our web site or by making inquiry at the Range Office.

## SHOOT FOR \$1 OFF ON WED & FRI

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. **Wednesday after 2 PM and all day Friday you can shoot for \$1 off.** Schedule your time and save some money!