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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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PVA Shoot

by

Jim Russell



Get ready, **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.**

Everyone is invited to join this shoot and participate. It is sponsored by the Paralyzed Veterans Association as a fund raiser and is for all shooters including wheelchair shooters and non wheelchair shooters. Join us and have some and help raise some funds for what we feel is a good cause – The Paralyzed Vets!

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.

Programs and sign up forms are available at the range office. Stop by and take a look at the events and some of the great prizes.

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

International
Trap

by

Rick Matulich



At the Golden Bear CICTSA (the California International Clay Target Shooters Association) will be holding a shooting swap meet and they are looking for donations – reloaders – vests - what ever you have laying around [NO GUNS] The proceeds will go to support the junior international trap program. You can contact me at 858 663-1324 or drop your donations off with Layne at the club.

The Maple Leaf will be held January 27th -29th and it will be followed by the Golden Bear February 3rd -5th. 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 or stevesliengine@aol.com] to sign up for either or both of these shoots.

Youth
Programs

By

Don Wilkie



It's not all about shooting.

Our first goal is always safety, and a main objective is to have each youngster improve throughout the year. Improvement includes not just scores but also includes increasing team-playing skills and personal conduct. We try to emphasize responsible conduct at all times, especially at the range. We try to teach and demonstrate that by always being supportive of team members the whole team benefits with higher scores and thus each individual on the team benefits. Supporting each other takes place not just with words but with body language—any kind of criticism spoken or suggested by behavior can seriously impact the confidence of the shooter and his performance and damage the whole team. Being positive in words and actions can enhance performance. It's a topic parents and youngsters might explore together as well our shooters and coaches.

Currently 34 youngsters are placed on the active roster, classified as below:

- 8 Senior Experienced (grades 9,10,11,12)
- 2 Junior Experienced (grades 5,7,8)
- 8 Senior Novice (grades 9,10,11,12)
- 14 Junior Novice (grades 6,7,8)
- 2 Rookies (grades 5&5)

Novices are shooters who have shot 1000 or fewer targets prior to the current ATA target year.

We anticipate filling our roster of 40 within the near future. All shooters have completed an application and will complete a safety exam, parental consent forms, and personal conduct agreements before being registered. Initial registration with the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) will be completed this week. Additional registrations will occur as needed.

This fall we have had a higher than usual number of interruptions of our Thursday night practices—3 of the recent 6 practices have been interrupted or cancelled due to helicopter exercises. As a result, if a practice is cancelled, we will try to hold make-up practices on Sunday afternoons.

Fifteen of our finest shooters are going to Las Vegas to compete in the Las Vegas Scholastic Invitational that will be held on January 14th and 15th. Our invitational, The

Miramar Scholastic Invitational, will be held on April 29th and 30th.

Eleven youngsters competed in this month's ATA-SCTP singles event. This year, SCTP awards are given independent of ATA awards – thus a youngster may receive both an ATA award and an SCTP award in the same event. The top SCTP scorer for January was Ian Daube with 99/100, followed by #Evan Marsch with 98/100 and De Savage with 97/100. Ian has shot 99's in three successive months.

SCTP Trophy winners for January 2006 are:

Senior Experienced	Ian Daube	99%
Senior Novice	Alex Greb	83%
Junior Experienced	Matt Higgins	93%
Junior Novice	Chris Hynes	86%
Rookie	Elliott Greb	69%

Kurtis Sorchy will represent SCTP at the Annual dinner on January 21st to be held at the Boathouse Restaurant.

Although recycling cans and bottles is a great source of funds for the program it has proven to be difficult to co-ordinate. In an effort to keep the youth and their parents involved in separating the recyclables, we will do this once a month on the first Sunday following the ATA shoot. We thank **Jim Snow** for his continued help and leadership and **Stan Leonard** for his continuing support.



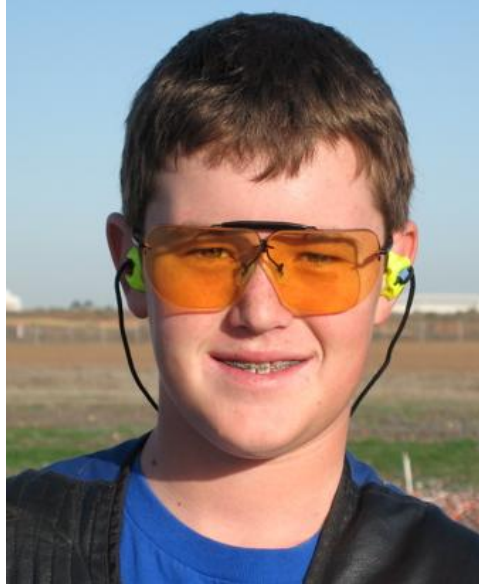
Ian Daube –Senior Experienced Champion



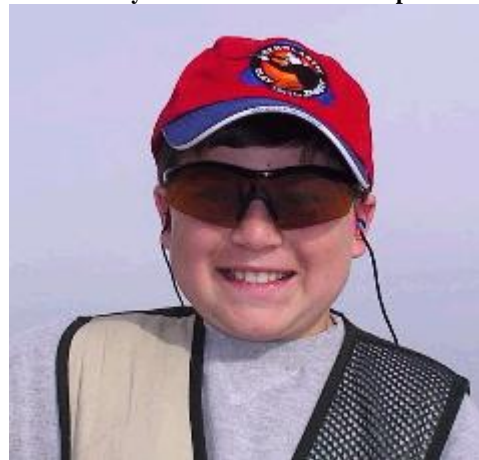
Alex Greb – Senior Novic champion



Matt Higgins – Junior Experienced Champion



Chris Hynes- Junior Novice champion



Elliott Greb – Rookie champion

SKEET NEWS

by
Neil Vann



Twenty-nine brave and courageous registered skeet shooters withstood the frigid 65 degree

weather while shooting the weekend 600-target, Happy Holidays Open, hosted by the SAN DIEGO *Shotguns Sports Association* in San Diego, California on December 16-18, 2005. Even though the weather was abnormally low during this time of the year, we still hold our shoots on a one-a-month, 12 month basis. Removing my tongue-from-the-cheek to provide those of you a smattering of the good life that we enjoy in San Diego, I will continue this epistle to its conclusion!

Friday, we shot the 28ga. as the preliminary event. This day has been included in our program since before the second millennium took place and was designed to keep those retired from the 40-hour per week grind something to look forward to. Ten hearty souls, probably with their Christmas shopping mostly completed, bore arms and participated. **Eric Van Den Haute** (San Diego) took the event with a nice 99 and **Lou Riddle** (Bonsall) was Gun Runner-up with a 95. Skeet Chairman, **Vern Gideon** (El Cajon) and **Dennis James** (Escondido) participated in the only shoot off for Class C1 and C2 with identical 93's. Dennis took the prize after a short stay on station #3!

Event #2, on Friday, was the Doubles. An excellent turnout of 16 shot this event with two ending up to battle for the two top honors; **Bill Page** (Torrance) and **Eric Van den Haute** with 98's. The contest lasted for four stations before Eric out-blasted Bill to take Doubles Gun Champion and Bill, Gun Runner-up. We have now acclimated the surrounding area with enough decibels to enter into the weekend main events without fear of reprisal.

Our main events start with the 28ga. on Saturday morning. With 24 shooters, we conclude the event with two nice 99's brought in by (ho-hum) **Eric Van den Haute** and **James Dewey** (Ramona). They go into the shoot off about the same time that the San Diego Chargers are taking the Indianapolis Colts to task and must have that on their mind as James squirts the second one out of the house and Eric, representing the Chargers in this case, stops James' winning streak! Eric is 28ga. Gun Champ.

Jay Carter (Claremont) and **Dave Sandstrom** (California City) have 98's and engage in a shoot off for Class AA1 and AA2. Two stations later, Dave has the Class AA1 in the bag. SoCal President, **Bill Page**, takes on **Roger Christensen** (Perris) for Class AA3 with 96's. Roger missed the first target and Bill didn't. End of shoot off! Two Novice shooters, **Danny Godinho** (San Diego) and **Pete Miller** (Chula Vista) went heel-to-toe at Station #3 for Class D1 and D2 shooting off with 78's. Danny broke both and Pete broke half. Danny took the contest with Pete accepting Class D2 honors.

Lunch, this weekend, was sponsored by the SAN DIEGO *Shotgun Sports Association* Skeet Committee. To warm up the shooters and satisfy the appetite, gourmet Hebrew National Polish Sausages with chili beans, sauerkraut, sesame seed buns and condiments rounded out

the lunch. The results of this combination are yet to be recorded!!

On to the 12ga. event with 25 shooters all intent on an individual high score. **Bill Page** came in with the top score of 99. That left him watching the others getting free targets but it didn't seem to bother Bill one bit. Five 98's were posted; **James Dewey**, **Eric Van den Haute**, **Craig Potter** (Chula Vista), now off suicide watch, **Dave Sandstrom** and **Carl Best** (Spring Valley). Craig (A1) and Dave (B1) drop out on station #3. Eric (AA2) bows out on station #4 leaving Carl and teammate James to duke it out. We now have a shoot off which continues for a total of five stations ending at station #3 with James missing a low target. Carl is the 12ga. Gun Runner up and James AA1.

Sunday morning introduces the .410 bore event to 19 hopefuls. This pencil bore is kind to 8 shooters as their final score has a "9" in the front of the two digit score. To those of us who fear the results of this humiliator, the final results of being declared "unkind" are a misnomer of unproportional dimension. However, some adversity doesn't bother those who won't let it bother them. **Eric Van den Haute** records a nice 98 for .410 bore Gun Champion and **Bill Page**, likewise undaunted by travesty, scores a 96 for Gun Runner up.

Our final shooting event of the Sunday afternoon is the 20ga. with 20 entrees. We have a change of pace with a different name showing up in the shoot-off-for-winner column.

Jay Carter breaks the ranks and has a shoot off with **James Dewey**, both with 99's. This long awaited match has been a heated debate for some time. Do we have enough daylight left in the day to accommodate these two experienced competitors? Their concentration and attention to details is what makes them the top of the top. You can imagine the noise of the jaw dropping when world class shooter, **James Dewey** misses the first bird out of the house. Jay maintains his poise and smartly breaks the pair for 20ga. Gun Champion. James rides off into the sunset mouthing words unprintable. The final shoot off was between **Matt Fort** (Chula Vista), **Pete Buompensiero** (San Diego) and **Neil Vann** (San Diego). Matt and Neil break the first pair while Pete takes the advice of Neil to close both eyes in a shoot off. Darn! It didn't work. Or, maybe it did. Two stations later, Matt is still perfect and Neil succumbs to his own treachery.

We had four Novices shooting this weekend. Three of the four shot in the 12ga. event in which the one with the highest score receives a hand-crafter leather shell pouch donated by Association member **John Herkowitz** of *Pacific Sporting Arms*.

This months winner was **Mike Butler** (San Diego) posting a nice 92. Also participating were **Pete Miller** and **Danny Godinho**.

There were no shoot offs among the 19 who participated in the High Over All event. **Eric Van den Haute** took the whole enchilada with a 392 with **James Dewey** HOA Runner up

with a 391. I would have to say that although we did not all shoot to our potential; it would appear that we had a good time ribbing one another and will return to fight/shoot another day.

BITS & PIECES

It is said that first things read and last things read are remembered the longest. We shall see if this old Chinese proverb that I just made up will hold true! If it is your intent to attend the January 20-22, 2006 Skeet Tournament, Hawaiian Holidays Open, there are some important issues that you should take note of. Be sure and read the January program because the order of shooting the guns are different from the past and this will only hold true for January. Friday, January 20 is the same! Prelim. 20g. at 12:00 noon and Doubles at 2:00. (CHANGE) **Saturday, January 21; 12ga. at 8:30 and 10:00. 20ga. at 12:30. There will be no 2:00 bank but we will have enough fields to accommodate all 20ga. shooters on Saturday at 12:30. Shoot off will be held immediately after the conclusion of the 20ga. event. Sunday January 22; 28ga. at 8:30 and 10:00. .410 bore at 12:30 and 2:00 (CHANGE).**

The reason behind the above change is that our SDSSA Annual Dinner is being held on Saturday, January 21 at 5:30 and many of the local shooters will be attending. It is our intent to compress the Saturday schedule such that we can have the shoot offs directly after the culmination of the 20ga. event at about 2:00. That will give the shooters time to prepare and get to the dinner. This is also a time in which we extend to you who may not yet be members of SDSSA, be from out-of-town and staying in the San Diego area to attend our Annual dinner meeting as our guests. The location for the dinner is **The Boat House Restaurant** on Harbor Island. The entrance to Harbor Island is just opposite the entrance to Lindbergh Field, San Diego's airport. The time is 5:30 pm for a no-host social hour and 6:30pm for dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$40 each. The four entries for the evening are **Prime Rib**, **Mahi-Mahi** and **Chicken Marsala** or if you prefer **Vegetarian** plate. Reservations along with choice of meal can be made through the Range office. Our speaker will be **Ed Zieralski**, outdoor staff writer for the San Diego Union Tribune. Come join us. We would love to have you attend this annual event.

To our delight, we will be privileged to have the culinary trio of **Russ Terry**, **Harold Jeffers** and **Bruce Johnson** preparing and serving lunch on Saturday and Sunday in January at our Hawaiian Holiday Open. This nourishing extravaganza promises to be a treat rather than a treatment.

We anticipate that our weather will warm up such that we can parade around in our Hawaiian attire for the January shoot. Wear your Hawaiian shirt, grass skirt or come-as-you-are if you wish. The important thing is to come and enjoy the camaraderie!

We can never give sufficient thanks to our SDSSA staff that support our monthly registered skeet shoots. Most of their work is

behind the scenes preparing for the week end that we enjoy. **Layne Kuhlman** and **James Reisig** have been most instrumental in our success. We thank them for all their effort and for their working with the field referees to see that we have knowledgeable individuals refereeing our shoots. We also thank the Associate Referees for their tenacity in keeping abreast of the rules and the respect that is shown to the shooter.

All mistakes are mine so if you want to talk about it come to the dinner!!!

Olympic Skeet

by

**Gene Green
(AKA)
The Skeet Freak**



From 1896 through 2004, the U. S. Shooting Team has collected the third largest number of medals among all U. S. Olympic teams.

ISSF rules say guns 12 GA or smaller may be used. The shot charge may not exceed 24.5 grams (which is in fact 7/8 oz.). So, why doesn't anyone shoot a 20 GA? At the Nationals, you must shoot 24 gram loads. No one makes 24 gram 20 GA loads. Now, you know!

SHOOT SAFE!

Dodge City Shootout

by

Jim Englund



We had a good turnout for the December Dodge City. 47 shooters with very clear skies and many impressive scores.

At the 16 yard line there were 9 25's. **Greg Alexander**, **Bill Bell**, **Lonnie Catania**, **Jerry Dillard**, **Walt Foster**, **Danny Godhino**, **Lou Imbimbo**, **Perry Jurancich**, **John Lumn** and **Dee Shavage**.

As the clouds roled in the targets, it seems, were somewhat less visible. We had no 25's at the handicap. There were three 24's; **Michael Bates**, **Gary Dexter** and **Lee Scott**.

Buddy #1 of 19; **Carlie Bover**- **Gerry Dillard**, **Phil Kacser**-**John Lumn** and **Dee Savage**- **Jan Slough**.

Buddy #2 Had two teams with perfect scores: **Bill Bell** and **Angie Daddi**, **Joe Caruso** and **John Lumn**. Speaking of Mr. **Lumn**, he had the top score of 87 of 90. That takes good shooting and some luck-help with buddy teamed up with you, the luck of the draw.

The Annie Oakley (always fun) had some no die hards. 4th place; **Tommy Grimes**, third was **Charlie**(elephant load) **Bover**, placing second, the ever **James Olin Snow**. And **Fred**

Corley, (I have no idea how) was able to be the last standing.

Good pay offs, good fun shooting and good eats. Speaking of eats; As you know we have a lunch each month and it takes some help to put it together. We have it organized where we can have those involved to help cook **and** shoot. It's a rotating thing. One extra person per month will be a big help. We work in tandem, therefore, between events, you can help with grilling and not miss anything. Think of it as a tag team. We don't want anybody missing out. There will be a sign-up list at the office. Please feel free to sign up to see we have a great lunch, all shoot, all have fun and give us a bit of help. See you all in January. **Come on guys & gals, we buy the food, do the sign ups, cook the food and do the pay outs – give us a little help on the cooking to we get a little more time to shoot.**

Hunter Safety

Program

by

Dan Fox



We have started our first class of 2006 with 10 students. We had 14 students signed up for the course, but several did not show up for the course. Unfortunately, in today's world people seem to have no problem signing up for things and then just not showing up. They do not seem to care that they prevented others, who were turned away because the course was full from attending. Guess I am just getting old and don't understand the philosophy of the new generation.

At any rate, those students that did show up have been a delight to work with. They are eager to learn about safety in hunting and were particularly interested in learning to perfect their skills in shooting a shotgun.

The Range Office is getting lots of calls concerning future courses. We are going to run one course each month, so if you know anyone who needs a hunter safety certificate in order to get a hunting license – let them know about our program. They can sign up at the Range Office.

Skeet League

by

Richard Seaver



The Fall 2005 Skeet League shot their final rounds on December 12, 2005. There were a total of 11 teams with 62 shooters. The "Wrap Up Bash" was held at Filippi's in Kearney Mesa on January 4, 2006. Twenty-four shooters and three guests had their fill of pizza and beer or soft drinks.

Award certificates were awarded to the shooters on each team who had the highest six week average.

Team 1 - Pete Buompensiero	.960 average
Team 2 - Jim Englund	.903 average
Team 3 - George Magarrell	.960 average
Team 4 - Bill Bell	.913 average
Team 5 - Dave Broccoli	.987 average
Team 6 - Doug Goad (tie)	.933 average
Team 6 - Dennis James (tie)	.933 average
Team 7 - Fred Hoyle	.893 average
Team 8 - Charlie Bover	.977 average
Team 9 - Jack Mayer	.850 average
Team 10 - Chris Layog	.843 average
Team 11 - Evan Marsch	.770 average

High average for the League was **Dave Broccoli** with a .987 average and runner-up was **Charlie Bover** with a .977 average. High Lady average was Annie Hoyle with a .840 average.

Team 5 acquired the most points and was declared winner for the 2005 Fall Skeet League. Team 5 members were: **Nelson Jones (Team Captain), Dave Broccoli, Bill Higgins, Ken Lusher, Ken Bell and Charlie Geer**. See picture below with **Dick Seaver** awarding them with their cash award.



Plans are already underway for the 2006 Spring Skeet League which runs from March 27, 2006 through May 7, 2006. Two full teams have already signed up. There is a sign-up sheet in the Range Office. So, get your team together or ask the Cashier to put you on a team.

Questions?, please contact **Dick Seaver**, Skeet League Chairman, at riseaver@hotmail.com

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!

In this course we offer students a chance to shoot some trap and some skeet targets. We offer them information about the games of skeet and Trap and give them an opportunity to become a little bit more familiar with our range – so maybe when they come back to visit again they won't be intimidated by all the activity that goes on at our range.

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.

LEAD SHOT ARRIVING IN FEBRUARY

SDSSA had the lead mined on the range this past Fall. The lead was sent to Oregon to be melted and redropped into new lead shot. Members were offered a chance to preorder shot – and did they order! All of the first load has been sold out. The new shot is going to arrive the first week in February. Those members who ordered the shot will be able to pick up their shot after it arrives at the range.

There will be some more shot delivered at a later date and as it arrives it will be made available to members. Lead shot prices seem to be on the increase and this shot be being sold to members of the Association at a price below the current market price. The Board of Directors decided to make this as a benefit to our membership.

ANNUAL DINNER – JANUARY 21ST

The annual dinner is taking place on January 21st at the Boathouse Restaurant on Harbor Island. The time is 5:30 pm for a no-host social hour and 6:30pm for dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$40 each. The four entries for the evening are **Prime Rib, Mahi-Mahi and Chicken Marsala** or if you prefer **Vegetarian** plate. Reservations along with choice of meal can be made through the Range office. Our speaker will be **Ed Zieralski**, outdoor staff writer for the San Diego Union Tribune.

This is a great opportunity to get together with your fellow members and bring your "significant other" to meet some of your fellow shooters. As usual we will be holding a raffle with some great prizes. We have some great dinner gift certificates donated by some of our members who operate restaurants. You also will have a chance to win a new shotgun. Some of our youth will be there selling tickets and we will be highlighting our outstanding Scholastic Clays Target Program.