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out in a five class Lewis system. This could be your lucky day. So don't miss out on the fun, camaraderie, food and money.

Yes food, breakfast and lunch both days included for all participants. **Hope to see you here and you do not need to be in a wheelchair to participate.**

Come out and support the PVA! The more shooters the more fun we all have, and it helps raise funds for the PVA. What more can you ask for – supporting a worthwhile cause and having fun at the same time!

Skeet League

by

Richard Seaver



The Spring 2006 Skeet League is about to start. **THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATES FOR THIS LEAGUE WERE INCORRECT.**

It will run from **March 22 to May 7, 2006** with one Bye Week.

The cost to participate is \$50.00 per shooter. More detailed information on the schedule and the League Rules is available on the SDSSA web site.

Sign-up for the '06 Spring Skeet League at the Range Office or contact Dick Seaver at riseaver@hotmail.com. Put together a group of from 4-6 shooters and get signed up.

Dodge City Shootout

by

Jim Englund



What a great day for a fun shoot in **February**. Ah, the advantage of southern California. We had 55 shooters with some new names and faces. It seems word is getting around of the great time we have at this shoot. Remember there's a sign-up sheet at the range office for anyone who would like to help with the

lunch prep. Again, you can help **and** shoot the full event. We work together so no one misses out of any event.

Scores at the 16 with a 25: **Gregg Alexander, Ron Campbell, Chip Enniss, Delano Hale, Sonny Hale, Glen Jensen, Dave Johnson, Pinky, Sid Price and Ken Williams**. The lone shooter at handicap with a perfect 25; **Sonny Hale** (jack pot).

Buddy #1 had two matchups with 20. **Michael Bates and Lonnie Catania, Glen Jensen and Staff**. Second had only one team to break them all; **Ron Campbell and Jon Hale**.

The Annie Oakley came down to 4th; Yours truly, 3rd; **Charlie** (buffalo load) **Bover**, coming in place was **Sonny Hale** and **Dave Johnson** was the last standing. High over all with an 87; **Dave Johnson**. Hey Dave, what's the deal. You never shoot the AO. Beginners luck. We'll see what you do in March.

Again, the sign-up sheet for lunch help is at the office.

2006 Winter

Trap League

**By Augie Daddi
League Chair**



Our 2006 Winter Trap League will have concluded its 7 week Tournament by the time you read this. The last day of the League was Sunday, March 12. However if many shooters are rained out because of the forecasted storm the weekend of March 11 & 12, I'll keep the scores open for 1 more week.

Thanks to Team Captains, **Jim Russell, Jan Slough, Chip Enniss, Bob Keefe, Mike Sorchy, Butch Smallenberger, Fred Hoyle, Layne Kuhlman, Don Wilkie, Bill Bell, Dwight Jones, Alan Lanning, Ray Osgood and Jim Piper** for helping get the League jackets to their Team members. These are the folks that kept the teams spirited throughout this Tournament.

From the feedback it appears the folks were generally pleased with the jacket

PVA Shoot

by

Jim Russell



How about a trap shoot with \$3,000.00 in prize money plus \$3,000.00 in added moneys, plus 37 other awards. All will be awarded to the shooters that participate at the San Diego Shotgun Sports on 7 and 8 April 2006. The added moneys won't just go to the top-of-the-line shooters but will be spread around to all skill levels by using the Lewis System and the Luck-of-the-draw. Come on out and give it a try. Some of the **money and awards** may go home with you.

The venue will be the same for both 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.

On the optional 50 target 24 yard line event you pay \$20.00, all of which will be paid

selection.

After 6 weeks of shooting, Team 3 with **Chip Enniss, Mike Scott, Sony Hale, Lonnie Catania, Delano Hale & Joe Roby** lead the League with 58 points. Team 5 with **Mike Sorchy, Kurtis Sorchy, Dianne Savage, Bill Savage, De Savage and Ty Bloom** is close behind with 53 points. That's a 2 family team and Ty Bloom. I'll publish the top 10 individual and the top 3 Team scores for the 7 week Tournament in next month's Newsletter.

With the less than great recent weather, I've decided to keep the remaining \$\$ in the Trap League account and put on a barbecue after the summer League for both Winter & Summer Trap League participants. I discussed this with several Team Captains who agreed. I'll publish and post a final accounting of the funds from this trap league for all to view in about 2 - 3 weeks. Still need to get a few more jackets for folks I never obtained jacket sizes.

If you haven't participated in a Trap League, make sure you sign up at the Range for our 2006 Summer Trap League which starts May 17. It's structured so that participants can shoot with the Team or when their schedule permits. Have any ideas for our Summer League award to all? Email or see me at the range to discuss.

Need more info? You can email me @ [.augie@sandiegoshotgunsports.com](mailto:augie@sandiegoshotgunsports.com) or go to our website for current League results along with dates of future League schedules.

Introduction to

Shotgun Sports

by

Jim Englund



The Introduction to shotgun sports class has evolved from a youth program to a youth, adult and family format. We are getting full sessions with a variety of ages and sexes. We are seeing Father-Child, Mother-Child and whole Family attendees.

Many of these students have returned to shoot on an occasional basis and some have become members. Because of the attendance, I believe we have a great "get your feet wet" program to bring new shooters into our sport and awareness to our association.

February had 5 youths and 9 adults. The March class is full and May is nearly full. I Try to keep the class size to 12 for safety reasons, since we usually only have four instructors. Many of these students have never shot a gun before.

I want to thank Gene Green, Duke Wilber and Dave Kruger for their monthly help as instructors to make this a fun and safe experience to new comers. If any one would like to

be involved with assisting in the Intro class with new shooters, let me know. We like to have one on one at the firing line. Think about it.

Olympic Skeet

by

**Gene Green
(AKA)**



The Skeet Freak

Haley Dunn, a skeet shooter, as been named HUSA Shooting's female athlete of the year. Congratulations Haley!

Here are the rules concerning time limits. After the referee declares "start" or the shooter in front of you steps off the station, you have 15 seconds to step up on station, position yourself, load your gun, go to the ready position and call for your target/s. Then you have 10 seconds to position yourself, re-load your gun, go to the ready position and call for your next target/s on that station. When you have completed the course of fire on that station, you immediately open the action of your gun and leave the station.

By the way, the 10 seconds start the instant you fire at the first target on a station.

International Trap

by

Rick Matulich



Field # 12 has been converted so that it works with a Card reader. Field # 12 now will except tokens and cards. The parts have been ordered so that field # 11 can be converted. The conversion should be done end of next week.

This conversion makes it easy for anyone to come down and try out a bunker field. Why not give it a try?

Youth Programs

By

Don Wilkie



The pace quickens and scores reach all time highs, as the Miramar Scholastic Invitational looms on the weekend of April 29th and 30th. Twenty-two of our 36 SCTP members shot in this month's ATA/SCTP event and 12 of them were in 90's. Among the outstanding performances was **Ian Daube** with a 99%, his fourth in the last five ATA's. That is some record! **Alex Greb**, not only shot his first 75-straight in competition but also finished with a

99%, his first, giving him Class B honors. Ian, an AA shooter, took high Junior ATA honors while **Roger Siewerth** was ATA Class C Champ. Not to be overlooked was our youngest student, **Tyler Jenson**, a Rookie, who shot his first 25-straight, much to the joy of his teammates. SCTP members compete for SCTP honors in the first ATA singles event each month. SCTP awards are made independent of ATA awards, therefore a competitor can win more than one for an event.



Ian Daube

In the Junior SCTP Division, **Matt Higgins** and **Chris Hynes** will shoot off for first place awards. We have now combined the Experienced Category with the Novice Category, since Matt is the only remaining Junior Experienced shooter. Novices are those who shot fewer than 1000 registered ATA targets prior to the current target year.



Kurtis Sorchy

Other students shooting in the 90's were: **Nick Meyer** and **Ryan Hueners** with 97's, **Evan Marsch** 95%, **Roger Siewerth** and **Taylor Osgood** 92%, **Robert Jones, Jon Craft** and **John Siewerth** with 91's. **Kurtis Sorchy** started a hot weekend with 98% in the event. He went on to take Class A in Event 3 (singles) with 99% and Class A in the Doubles event with 91%. In the meantime **Ian Daube** took Junior honors in Event 2 (Handicap) with 92%.



Alex Greb

The top youngsters in our Senior Division are amongst the top SCTP shooters in the country. On Saturday our top five Senior Division shooters averaged 98%, which equaled the score of last years national champions and slightly exceeded the score of CA state champion, Coon Creek which shot 97.8%. There is a long way to go but our Senior Experienced team is showing the skill, experience and determination that could lead to a championship at the state or national level.



Tyler Jensen

BUT it's not all about winning championships. It's also about safe shooting, learning to be good team players and upstanding citizens, and how to lose gracefully but never quit trying. We can't all win all the time but if we strive to improve we are winners in the game of life.

MIRAMAR SCHOLASTIC INVITATIONAL

For the Miramar Invitational next month we are expecting a turn-- out of up to 80 shooters with teams from Oak Tree, Las Vegas, Project 2000, other southern California clubs and perhaps Arizona. Saturday will be a practice and get-acquainted day and Sunday the competition. It will be a 200-target event for Juniors (grades 6,7, & 8) and Seniors (grades 9 through 12) and 100-targets for Rookies (grades 5 and under). More than 20 volunteers, mostly parents plan to

assist. I would like to thank **Steve Marsch** for chairing the event and his committee of **Mike Sorchy, Duke Weber, Diane Savage, Chuck Higgins, Carla Sledge, Glen Jenson, Rick Osgood, Jim Daube and Denny Greb** for their good work.

SCTP CLINIC

Almost half our team attended an all-day clinic conducted by **Leo Harrison** and his wife Karla. I was pleased to be allowed to attend as an observer. The clinic included a blend of classroom and range activities beginning with the basics of gun-fit, gun mounting and stance. Leo uses a number of range exercises to correct such problems as lifting the head, premature gun movement and stopping the gun. The clinic was very well done, and I think all the students gained from the experience.



Leo instructing Elliott Greb

RECYCLING

Recycling cans and bottles, originated and inspired by **Jim Snow**, provides a source of income for shells and shooting fees for competitions as well as clothing and equipment. Following the ATA shoot on Saturday the team got together and did a huge sorting job to get the material ready for recycling. **Mike Sorchy** and **Steve Marsch** generously transported two truckloads to the recycling plant and left a load for **Stan Leonard** so he wouldn't feel left out. Not only does the project provide funds but helps to teach the youngsters the value of community service—of giving something back.

Our thanks also to the mystery gentleman who out of generosity and admiration of the kids accomplishments stayed on the job from start to finish. Who is he?

SKEET NEWS

by

Neil Vann



One other highlight of note is that our SDSSA Registered Skeet Chairman, **Vern Gideon**, is at the beginning of his third year in this austere position. Vern's first shoot as Skeet Chairman was in January of 2004 at the first UFF DA OPEN. Thanks Vern for all the hard and consistent work you perform to make our registered skeet program a viable and exciting program!



Vern Gideon

Our Friday Preliminary was the 12ga. in which we had 10 entries. Olympic candidates, **Eric Van den Haute** (San Diego) and **Bruce Johnson** (Whittier) post perfect scores while the rest of us rattle around like a rat tail in a meal barrel. The shoot off is short lived at the second station when Eric (Gun Champ) punches the pair and Bruce (Gun Runner up) gets a double UFF DA. A revived **Jose Sandoval** (San Marcos) is pitted against **Dan McNaughton** (San Diego) for Class C2 and C3 honors. Dan outlasts Jose at the third station and takes Class C2. Following the Prelim. was the Doubles event in which 20 came to rock-and-roll to polka music. **Steve Claunch** (San Diego) brought in the high score of 97 to solidify the Gun Champion spot. To determine the Gun Runner up spot, the three 96's were shot off by **Eric Van den Haute, Dave Baylog** and **Steve Erbe** (Oceanside).

Class D shooter, **Steve Erbe**, hit the chromium highway before it became a parking lot and sewed up the top Class D spot. Eric and Dave blasted their way into the fourth station wherein Eric out blasted Dave by one and captured the Gun Runner up position. Dave was crowned as Class A king. Following this act was the final shoot off of the day for Class A2 and A3 between **Steen Thomsen** (Covina), **Bruce Johnson** and **Russ Terry** (Irvine). Bruce hits his

targets and takes Class A2, leaving Steen and Russ to continue after having an UFF DA apiece. One station later Russ outguns Steen for the Class A3 honor.

And now the games begin. Saturday morning under blue skies and cool air, we take pride in listening to the National Anthem that preludes the 28ga. event, beckoning 32 hopefuls. When the fullisade is finalized, **James "Rambo" Dewey** pulls in the lone and winning 100-straight for 28ga. Gun Champion. We witness four shoot offs. There are lots of free targets to be taken advantage of. **Lou Riddle** (Bonsall) and **Dave Baylog** post the duplicate score of 99. Lou is up first and smokes a pair. Dave (from Tucson) gets a double UFF DA taking Class AA1 giving Lou the Runner up spot. Next up vying for Class AA2 and AA3 is **Steve Claunch** and **Steen Thomsen**. Steve goes straight for 5 stations while Steen goes for 4 1/2 stations. The die is cast and Steve takes Class AA2, Steen, AA3. **Neil Vann** (San Diego) and **Jose Sandoval** go at it for Class B2 and B3. Neil survives and takes Class B2.

The last shoot off is between **ALL-AMERICAN Sub-Junior, Richard Riddle** (Bonsall) and Senior, **Keith Phelps** (Torrance), {who claims OHM lied} with 93's to determine Class C1 and C2. A no-win situation for Keith who wins the Class C1 honor!



Richard Riddle

Our lunch break is packed full of activity on this particular Saturday. We have generous sponsors in the team of **Jay Carter** (Claremont), **Roger Christensen** (Parris), **Dave Erwin** (Corona) and **Steen Thomsen** (Covina) who paid the bill for Chicken Tenders and all the trimmings who we thank from the bottom of our stomachs. It is a great time to get to know your fellow shooters. Tremendous thanks to our cooks and bottle washers, **Darlene Thomsen**, **Judy Phelps** and **Barbara Vann**. Their help allowed us to have the Pie Plate Shoot during the lunch break.

One could buy a paper plate for \$1 and shoot at it with a supplied .410 full choke shotgun and supplied shells from 20 yards away and hopefully be the one whose #9 shot was closest to the cross in the center of the plate. Forty people participated with SDSSA General

Manager **Layne Kuhlman** taking first prize at 0.175 from centerline (\$25 gift certificate to Eric Van den Haute's, Café Seville), Second prize to **Steve Lee**, 0.1795 from centerline (SDSSA logo watch) and third prize to **Vern Gideon**, 0.1885 from centerline (NSSA wallet). All proceeds to go to prizes for a future SDSSA registered skeet shoot. Thanks to **Layne, Vern Gideon, Dan McNaughton** and **Keith Phelps** for their help in assisting in the running of the event.



The 12ga. event attracts the largest number of success seekers at 33. **Dale Stuntz** (Redondo Beach), **Eric Van den Haute**, **Harold Jeffers** (Torrance) and **Steen Thomsen** bring in 99's. Dale leads off with a double UFF DA (this may be the last time I use this expression, then maybe not) for Class AA1. Harold misses the low house bird at station 3 for Class A1. Eric and Steen duke it out for seven stations until Steen has one of those things that I said I would discontinue and Eric is the 12ga. Gun Champion with Steen, Gun Runner up. **Dave Baylog** and **Russ Terry** shoot off with 98's for Class AA2 and AA3. Dave bows out after a high house miss on the third station giving Russ Class AA2. **Tom Gasser** (Tucson) battles **Jose Sandoval** for Class B2 and B3 with 97's. Jose takes the class at station 3. Class C2 and C3 are determined by **Keith Phelps** and **Matt Fort** (Chula Vista). Again, short lived and at station 3 Matt is Class C2 winner.

Sunday is a regular summer San Diego day with a warm temperature no wind and clear skies. This is a perfect combination for those 31 who participate in the .410 bore competition. **Roman Warren** (Riverside) could only attend this one day and made the best of it by bringing in the top score of 98. Class A shooter, **Steve Lee** (Pomona), pulled down a nice 97 to take Gun Runner up. We had one shoot off between **Harold Jeffers** and **Rambo Dewey** dueling for Class A2 and A3, each with 93's. Rambo outlasted Harold for the Class A2 honors.

The final shooting event of the weekend was the 20ga. Thirty-two competitors took to the fields to bring in their best performance. **James Dewey** excelled with his lone 100-straight and Gun Champion honors.

Local achiever, **Matt Fort** tied **Roman Warren** with a 99. Roman was homeward bound when the shoot offs took place so a beaming Matt accepted the Gun Runner up position with all due humility, running a screaming his accomplishment up and down the parking lot.



Matt Fort

Steve Claunch and **Russ Terry** were in a dynamic duo shoot off for Class AA3 with 97's. Russ tried some strong intimidation techniques with Steve such as mimicking Steve's use of spare glasses on the hat bill in case of use in changing light and the laying of a giant garlic clove on the station for Steve's viewing pleasure.

None of these tactics worked, however and after two stations, Steve had the prize in hand while Russ only had portions of a garlic clove.

The final event is the HOA wherein we had 28 take part and one shoot off ensued. **James Dewey** led the crowd with a 390 for HOA Champion. Three 389's were posted between **Dave Baylog**, **Eric Van den Haute** and **Bruce Johnson**. Dave and company scooted back early to Arizona leaving Eric to outwit Bruce after two stations; 4 to 3.



James Dewey

This shoot was larger than we expected and a whole lot of fun. Many good and memorable situations took place and we thank all those involved that made this shoot a success. So many people to thank and so little room left to do it. Keep in mind this learning experience of the old Norwegian expression, **UFF DA**. It is the clean way to express your frustration.

UFF DA is forgetting your mother-in-laws first name!