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where great days with fun and camaraderie had by all.

Our out of town guests got an up close opportunity to enjoy the sound of freedom as the jets and helicopters worked from the Marine Corps Air Station. We also attracted some attention from the Marines. The Warrant Officer that runs the Control Tower came over to the range to see all of these wheeling vets shooting trap. She was a cute WO! Gotta love those marines.

Unfortunately we were shy one of Cal-Diego's regular team members, **Keith Rheinhardt**. He lost the use of his shooting eye due to an unfortunate accident. However, that didn't keep him from being there and providing valuable assistance throughout the entire event. Thanks Keith.

We also had an unfortunate problem with the ammunition we purchased from Winchester. They sent us all heavies and very few of our shooters choose to use them. Fortunately, **John Lumn** traded us some of his stock of lights for our heavies. Thanks John. He and Layne also registered a complaint. They said they needed to get new belts because of all of the great food our committee served. Good job committee!

Speaking of food! **Hilda, Linda & Patti** arrived at the range very early on both Friday and Saturday to prepare sausages, biscuits and gravy, eggs, fruit salad, pastries, and coffee. What a great way to start the day. For lunch on Friday we had steaks donated by **Dan Fox** and **Fred Hoyle** and cooked by **John Lumn** along with beans, pasta salad, potato salad and Hilda's famous "Not for wimps" salsa. We also had Julian apple pies and macadamia nut cookies donated by **Barbara Russell**. On Saturday for lunch we had El Pollo Loco chicken with all of the trimmings along with more Julian apple pies and cookies. What a great job by our committee. Thank you, thank you!

Cal-Diego's shooters acquitted themselves well. Our team came in second with 1328/1500 just 12 targets behind the Southeastern team. Our **Doug Vann** received the high wheelchair award with 286/300 just 3 targets behind the high overall shooter **J. C. Craft**. **Bill Palmer** earned Short Yardage

Champion with 49/50. **Joe Fox Sr.** won Class C Singles Champion with 44/50. **Mike Gureckas** won Class AA Singles runner-up with 48/50 and **Joe Fox Jr.** got Singles runner-up for Friday with 50/50. This shoot was also the finale on the 9th Circuit. For the Circuit, **Joseph Fox Jr.** won High Overall, **Bill Palmer** earned Champion Class B Doubles and I won Runner-up in AA Class Singles.

By the way, the San Diego Shotgun Sports association is very involved in working with our young folks to teach them the sport of shotgunning. This year they will be sending 40 youths to the California State Shoot. There were 3 of them at our event and they won several of our awards. **JC Craft** was top shooter with 289/300. **De Savage** earned Saturday Champion with 146/150 and **Kambra Brawner** got Doubles Champion for Friday with 48/50.

On a lighter note, **Philip and Ann** (Senior Editor for Paraplegia News and Sports N' Spokes) Santos brought their two cats and their fifth wheeler with them. On Thursday evening they drove to the hotel for dinner and when they returned to the range discovered that the gate was closed and locked. So, since Phil is somewhat portly and Ann is decidedly svelte, she slithered under the gate to attend to the needs of their two cats. (Sorry, we don't have a picture of that to share with you). After a few calls Phil got the security code and joined Ann. Ann and Phil also volunteered their talents to provide a photographic history of this event and Phil did duty as our auctioneer for the Calcutta. Many thanks to both of them!

Grand Champion - J. C. Craft 289/300
 Wheelchair Champ - Doug Vann 286/300
 Saturday Champ - De Savage 146/150
 Friday Champ - Kurtis Sorchy 142/150
 Handicap Champ Sat - Don Powers 49/50
 Doubles Champ Sat - David Vaughn 49/50
 Singles Champ Sat - Ray Ennis 50/50
 Handicap Champ Fri - Johnny Atherton 46/50
 Runner-up Mike Sorchy 45/50
 Dbls Champ Fri - Kambra Brawner 48/50
 Runner-up - Ben Welbaum 46/50
 Singles Champ Fri - Don Meadows 50/50
 Runner-up - Joseph Fox Jr. 50/50
 Short Yd Champion Sat - Bill Palmer 49/50
 Runner-up - Rick Glotfelty 46/50

PVA Shoot

by

Jim Russell



Cal-Diego's Eighteenth Annual Trapshoot was completely new when it took place on 6 through 8 April this year. We were at a new location, the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association's trap range located on Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, we were at a new hotel, Courtyard by Marriott, we used Cal-Diego's transportation system, and we had a new twist in the course of competition. We replaced the 25 pair of handicap doubles with 50 handicap targets at the 24-yard line. That attracted 58 shooters on Friday and 63 on Saturday with 32 of them wheelers.

Friday dawned clear and warm but by lunch time we had almost complete cloud cover and lots of wind but even so we had 5 perfect scores in singles, one in handicap and one in doubles. Saturday we had a great southern California day, no clouds, just a slight breeze, and quite warm. That should have made for better scores and we had 7 perfect scores in singles but none in doubles or handicap. Both

Mid Yd Champion Sat – Norm Bissell 48/50
 Runner-up - Dianne Savage 47/50
 Long Yd Champ Sat – Steve Wagner 48/50
 Runner-up - Scott Brawner 46/50
 Dbls AA Champ Sat – Charles Bover 46/50
 Runner-up - Roman Warren 46/50
 Dbls A Champ Sat – Phil Santos 44/50
 Runner-up - Howard Laudenklos 43/50
 Doubles B Champion Sat – Tim Doyle 42/50
 Runner-up - Toby Clement 31/50
 Dbls C Champ Sat – Ronald Hoskins 42/50
 Runner-up - Sam Burton 42/50
 Dbls D Champ Sat – Kathleen Carson 38/50
 Runner-up - Fred Kline 38/50
 Sgls AA Champ Sat – Layne Kuhlman 50/50
 Runner-up - Mike Gureckas 48/50
 Sgls A Champ Sat – Chris Ewer 49/50
 Runner-up - Kevin Rutley 47/50
 Sgls B Champ Sat – Janet Slough 49/50
 Runner-up - Alvin Russell 47/50
 Sgls C Champ Sat – Joseph Fox Sr. 44/50
 Runner-up - Jim Rutledge 41/50
 Sgls D Champ Sat – Phyllis Rutledge 47/50
 Runner-up - Terry O'Neill 42/50

CHAPTER TEAMS

Champion

Southeastern 1340/1500
 David Vaughn 276/300
 Norm Bissell 267/300
 Rick Glotfelty 259/300
 Kevin Powers 257/300
 Don Powers 281/300

Runner-up

Cal-Diego 1328/1500
 Jim Russell 248/300
 Doug Vann 286/300
 Joseph Fox Jr. 275/300
 Bill Palmer 268/300
 Mike Gureckas 251/300

**GREY SILVA
 MEMORIAL
 DONATION**

by

Neil Vann



Fern Silva, wife of **Grey Silva**, has sent us a sizeable donation in Grey's memory. **Grey Silva** passed away on May 1, 1997. This is the third donation that Fern has sent to us to be used to advance the programs and enhance the range of the SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association. We thank Fern for her generosity and thoughtfulness. By Board of Direction action the trophy room in the clubhouse has been named "**The Grey L. Silva room**". In addition, her family will be granted a Life Membership. We also will carry on the tradition of having the **Grey Silva Memorial registered skeet shoot in September of each year**. Finally, when we receive the many trophies and mementos that Grey achieved during his years as a valued member of the "Miramar Gun Club", we will appropriately display them in the trophy room for all viewers to admire.



FERN B. SILVA

On her 100th birthday, October 13, 2005

**World
 Shooting
 Championships**

by

Carla Sledge



The Spring Selection match is the second of two matches used to determine the U.S. Shotgun Team going to the ISSF World Shooting Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, July 22-August 5, 2006. USA Shooting hosted the first Shotgun Selection Match in October 2005, in Colorado Springs, Colo. The scores from that first match were added to the scores from this second match held at Hill Country Shooting Sports Center in Kerrville, Texas to calculate the top three open and junior men's and women's competitors in each event. A total of 30 athletes were chosen to represent the U.S. in the shotgun sports (Trap-12, Skeet-12, Double Trap-6) at the world's largest and highly anticipated shooting championships. The World Championships are different from other major ISSF competitions, due to the fact that team events are included. This allows nations to demonstrate the strength of their programs, while also allowing countries a chance to secure Olympic quota spots for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Six of the many junior competitors were from California. **Max Jolliff** (Texas) placed first with a combined score of 482 (237, 225, 20) while **Brian Burrows** (Fallbrook, California) from SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association tied for second place with a combined score of 480 (236, 220, 24). He was tied with **John Mullins** (Washington) with a combined score of 480 (240, 218, 22) until the sudden death round when John missed his 5th target putting himself in third place.

The entire Junior Women National Shotgun Team consists of Californians. **Mara Desso** (Castaic) from Oaktree Gun Club took first place with a combined score of 436 (220, 201, 15); **Susan Sledge** (El Cajon at www.SusanSledge.com) in second place with 433 (207, 206, 20) and **Breanna Heckenkamp**

(San Diego) in third place with 430 (206, 204, 20), both from SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association.

The first score indicated in the parentheses is from the Fall Selection Match in October 2005 at Colorado Springs, Colorado. The second score is from the Spring Selection Match held March 2006 at Kerrville, Texas along with the third score, which is the score from their Final.

What does all of this mean? **Brian, Mara, Susan and Breanna** have earned a berth to represent our country and compete at the World Shooting Championships at Zagreb – Croatia in July 2006. This is a huge event that covers Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Running Target. **Brian, Mara and Susan** will also represent our country at the World Cup Shotgun Championship at Kerrville, Texas in May 2006.

A special thanks to everyone that helped them prepared for these competitions including Family & Friends, SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association, Oaktree Gun Club, Project 2000, USA Shooting, Coach Joe Bernolfo, Coach Josh Lakatos, Winchester Ammo, Steve Lakatos /CICTSA.



Back: Terri DeWitt, Joetta Dement, Matt Wallace, Max Jolliff, **Brian Burrows**, John Mullins & Bret Erickson

Front: Mimi Wilfong, Mara Desso, **Susan Sledge**, **Breanna Heckenkamp**

**Youth
 Programs**

By

Don Wilkie



The big event for April is the Second Annual Miramar Scholastic Invitational that will be held on April 29 and 30. Approximately 70 participants are expected with entries from Oak Tree Gun Club of Newhall, CA; Silver State Clay Breakers from Los Vegas; and Project 2000, El Cajon, in addition to SDSSA. We have 31 out of 38 of our SCTP members signed up and 25 volunteers. **Layne Kuhlman** will be MC of the event. Last years duel between our **Brian Burrows** and **Jake Wallace** Of Oak Tree was the highlight of the day, as Brian beat Jake 200 targets to 199. This year Brian will be unable to attend due to other commitments. Saturday the 29th will be a practice day and some students who are unable to shoot on Sunday will bank their rounds for the next day.

At the April 1 ATA shoot we had 19 participants in event one, the SCTP/ATA event. **Ian Daube, Robert Jones & De Savage** ended in 3-way tie with 99/100; Ian took the Senior Experienced (9th through 12th grades) honors in the shoot-off 24 to 23 and 22. **Matt Higgins** took Junior honors (6th through 8th grades) and **Tyler Jenson** edged out

Elliott Greb won Rookie honors. **Jon Craft** took Class C ATA honors while Ian and De split ATA junior honors.

Once again this month we had a shooter break his first 25-straight. **Dalton Mosser** accomplished the task with confidence—he was so confident that he would run them he was even wearing a special hat for the occasion. The rest of the team happily fit it with little round holes, some merging into larger ones.



Dalton Mosser gets his hat remodded



Elliott Greb & Josh Gonzalez working the "puller stand"

TP in an unexpected move, announced that anyone shooting at the state shoots automatically qualifies for the SCTP National Championship at the Grand in Sparta, IL in August. This came as a complete surprise because I had only recently discussed the rules with NSSF officials and was told that only the top three teams in each division in each state would qualify. This was the original, and highly successful procedure and one on which we have predicated our program. For our youngsters the climax of the year has been the state championship and competing for a top three position in order to win the privilege of going to the Grand. Changing the rules, makes

performance at the state shoots irrelevant with regard to the National Championship. We will continue to follow the original rules and will sponsor only squads for the SCTP National Championship that finish in the top three at the state shoot in Kingsburg on June 18. The others who participate in the state shoot can compete at the National Championship for individual honors if they wish.

Dodge City Shootout

by

Jim Englund



The March Dodge City had only 19 shooters who were not bothered by a few internet shower. Only the wicked witch of the west melts in the rain.

We had a special shoot with a .410 gauge Annie Oakley event after the regular A.O. sponsored by **Chip Ennis** and **Sonny Hale**. It was fun watching them trying to break clays at the 27 with a very small bore.

Through clouds and some moisture we had 3 go straight at the 16. **Chip Ennis, Sonny Hale** and **Lonnie Catania**. At the handicap there were two 24's **Joe Roby** and **Mark Cox**. Buddy #1 **Chip** and **Michael Bates** broke all 20. Buddy #2 no 20's. Three teams pulled out 19's; **Bryan Wright** and **Chip, Sonny** and **Kim Williams, Joe Roby** and **Ken McAllister**.

The Annie Oakley now pays four places: **Jim Snow** hung in there for 4th, **Bryan Wright** took 3rd, **Sonny** 2nd and **Fred Corley** was the last standing. HOA **Chip** with an 85. LOA with a 65; **Willie T**. I don't usually post the low score but, hey Willie, that new gun is not working out. Don't you think?

We could use help with the lunch prep. Talk to me.

SKEET

NEWS

by

Neil Vann



MARCH MADNESS probably was why we lacked the number of shooters anticipated for the SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association March 17 – 19, 2006 Lions And Lambs Open held in San Diego, California. The weather looked threatening but nary a drop of rain fell on the 23 participants with the capped pates during the total weekend!

As is our practice, the preliminary event shot on Friday, rotates each month thereby giving those wishing to participate a chance to compete in a different event monthly as a prelude of things to come. This month the .410 with 6 participants was the gun of preliminary event choice. **Lou Riddle** (Bonsall) "riddled" 95 of

those shifty suckers to capture the Gun Champion spot.

Dale Stuntz (Redondo Beach) who claims with his right hand on a stack of newly arrived 2006 NSSA Records Annuals that he can't hit a station #3 doubles, brought in a nice 94 winning the .410 bore Preliminary Gun Runner up spot from C Class shooter **Keith Phelps** (Torrance) also with a 94.

The Doubles event captured the hearts and souls of 11 shooters. **Steve Claunch** (San Diego) and again, **Dale Stuntz**, take to the shoot off field with the top score of 97. Dale fesses up that swearing was not one of his attributes even if it was in the name of NSSA and dropped one of the pair of targets on his beloved station #3 allowing Steve to covet the Doubles event Championship and Dale taking Runner up.

A semi long running shoot off between **Caroline Church**, the better looking one of the Church team, (Ventura) and **Neil Vann** (San Diego) for Class C1 and C2 started off good then both missed one on the second shoot off station allowing the duo to continue. Another four stations without a miss until Neil could no longer stand the ridicule from the stand-up crowd of enthusiastic spit ball shooters and dropped a low five. Caroline smashed both targets and both shooters skipped away into the sunset with Caroline handling the Class C1 accolade with spirited humility.

Saturday morning we take to the fields after the playing of our National Anthem. That always gets the heart moving at the right pace! The 28ga. is the event of the morning with 17 aspiring to higher goals. **Ted Church** (Ventura) topped the bunch with a nice 98 leaving him out of the shoot off fun.

A pair of 96's came in attributed to two top shooters, **James Dewey** (Ramona) and **Eric Van den Haute** (San Diego). The shoot off was short lived when James allowed one to slip by (wind!?) and Eric, not bothered by adversity, hit them both. Eric is Gun Runner up and James takes first in Class AA.

Lunch is always an event at the SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association monthly shoots. We have been blessed over the past several years with donors contributing to the culinary requirements of the registered shooters. It is also a one-hour break that we take to communicate with our fellow shooters and enjoy the comradery that enhances our sport. This weekend is no different. Three years in a row, **Gary Dittmar** (Fountain Valley) has tickled our pallet with delectable food. In that Gary is an avid Alaskan hunter and fisherman, we enjoyed Elk burgers with all the trimmings and for an appetizer, smoked Alaskan Salmon. What a treat! We in the skeet community thank Gary not only for his delicious food contribution but also for what he does for promoting the skeet game. Thanks again, Gary, for all that you do.

Approaching the 12ga. event with a satisfied stomach are 18 entrants with **James Dewey** running up the highest score with a 98 and 12ga.

Gun Champion. **Caroline Church** and **Neil Vann** come in with 97's to vie for Gun Runner up and Class B1. Station #4 is Caroline's nemesis and Neil does a double-take at the pair he wasn't sure was going to break. The final count leaves Neil with the Gun Runner up position. This is the end of the Saturday events with some complaining about the wind. Some of us just finished shooting the Old Pueblo in Tucson, Arizona so what little wind we had in San Diego was a snooze breeze in comparison.

Probably the highlight of the weekend was the accomplishment of Richard Riddle shooting an excellent 95 in the 12ga. In the cast of 18 shooters, Richard was number 7 but number one in our eyes!



RICHARD RIDDLE - 95 IN THE 12GA.

Sunday morning the .410 bore is ready to bite 17 aspirants in the posterior if they aren't paying attention to details. **Carl Best** (Spring Valley) and teammate **James Dewey** co-chair the committee on .410 bore high score. James is first and commits an UFF DA on the low station #3 doubles. Carl is calm, cool and collected and smokes a pair for the .410 Gun Champion with James seizing the .410 Gun Runner up status.

Ted Church and **Dale Stuntz** went at it for Class AA1 and AA2 with 95's. Ted broke them both and Dale missed them both giving the Class AA1 to Ted. **Gary Snover** (San Bernardino) and **Dennis James** (Escondido) battled for Class B2 and B3 both with 89's. Dennis came out unscathed after his expertise on Station #3 and took the Class B2 honor.

Back to same lunch menu as yesterday and plenty for all to partake and enjoy. Another hour of jaw chomping engaging in chewing the food and chewing the "fat."

Our final shooting event of the 600-target shoot is the 20ga. We have a high of 19 wanting the win. **James Dewey** comes in with the lone 100-straight which is also the lone 100-straight of the weekend. **Ted Church** posts the next highest score of a 98 to solidify the Gun Runner up spot. Only one shoot of took place. That shoot off was between Veteran shooter **Gary Snover** and Sub-Junior, **Richard Riddle** (Bonsall).

Both shooters had 92' and were vying for Class B2 and B3 honors. Both were straight for the first two stations, then both missed one on Station #5.

Continuing on to Station #4, coming back, **Richard** squirts the high house and **Gary** smacks the pair. Gary is declared the Class B2 winner.

The final event of the weekend is the HOA. There were no scores to shoot off with HOA Champion going to **James Dewey** and HOA Runner up going to **Ted Church**. This was a great shoot with three Novice shooters attending, **Foster Talge** (Wilton Park Spring, TX) who shot all four guns, **Danny Godinho** (San Diego) and **Bill Bell** (Encinitas) all of whom participated in the 20ga. event.

We encourage new shooters to follow the example of these three Novices.

Many thanks to all those who help make our monthly shoots successful. It would not happen without the effort and dedication that these volunteers submit their time without compensation. Also, thanks to the SDSSA staff for their time and involvement.

Skeet League

by

Richard Seaver



The Spring 2006 Skeet League is in it's 4th week. There are 13 teams with 68 shooters.

We will have the final "Bash" at Filippi's Pizza Grotto approximately two weeks after the finish of the League. Team Captains will be informed of the time & place – so stay in touch with your Team Captain.

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. But they need to sign up early, since this class fills up each month They can get more information on our web site or by making inquiry at the Range Office.

Hunter Safety

Program

by

Dan Fox



We too a break during April due to the high use of the range, but we will be back in operation during May. If you know anyone who needs a Hunter Safety Certificate in order to get a hunting license, tell them to enroll now because the class will be full the rest of the summer.

This month the Boy Scout Chairman, **Biff Ellington** is going to process 5 Boy Scouts through the class, enabling the Boy Scouts to get their Boy Scout Merit Badge in Shotgun Shooting and also earn a Hunter Safety Certificate.



Barry Sinkoff lecturing to a recent class



Jim Englund & Dan Fox Jr. on "live fire" day