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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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THE LAST OF THE LEAD IS HERE

The Range Office has received the last of the lead shot from mining. It is available for \$19 a bag – when this gone - no more until the next mining project. Lead shot is going for \$25 a bag and up everywhere else – so if you need lead buy it now.

Skeet League

by

Richard Seaver



The 2006 Spring Skeet League had great attendance. A total of 72 shooters in 13 teams participated. Additional statistics will be reported when final compilations are made.

The Skeet League Wrap Up "Bash" will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at Filippi's Pizza Grotto from 5:30 PM to approximately 7:30 PM. Filippi's is located at 5353 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego 92123.

For directions, you can either phone Filippi's at 858-279 -7240 or 858-279-7241 or go to their website, www.realcheesepizza.com and click on Locations then Clairmont Mesa.

Pizza, beer and soft drinks will be served. There is no cost to 2006 Spring Skeet League shooters. Guests are welcome at a cost of \$10.

Contact Dick Seaver at riseaver@hotmail.com to make payment for guests.

There will be a sign up sheet in the SDSSA range office or shooters can e-mail me at riseaver@hotmail.com to make reservations. Deadline for sign up is Saturday, May 27, 2006 Awards, consisting of a \$20 gift certificate for SDSSA will be given to each team member. In addition, cash awards, based on the number of points accumulated during the league will be awarded to each team member.

Plans are already in work for the 2006 Summer Skeet League. It will start on August 2 and run for six weeks ending on September 17, 2006. Start getting your teams together and be ready to sign up. Sign ups will start in early July, 2006.

For any additional information, please contact Dick Seaver at riseaver@hotmail.com or 619-540-4687.

SKEET NEWS

by

Neil Vann



The 2006 Pacific Sporting Arms Open was a resounding success with a host of fine Skeet shooters attending San Diego Shotgun Sports Association from several states.

The top shooter of the ever popular April 21-23 shoot attracted 104 shooters who shot one or more gauges. The top shooter was local, **Brian Holt**, with a commanding 398 HOA. Brian continues to excel in this sport that he has become a top contender in for many years. The Association threw

48,624 targets and had 95 four-gun shooters. Sponsor, John Herkowitz, along with others gave some nice prizes to the many winners. We anticipate a bigger shoot in 2007. John is a member of SDSSA and is an active supporter or our Skeet program.



The 2006 Southern California Skeet Championships will be held over the traditional weekend of Memorial Day, May 26-28. We anticipate a large turnout for this annual event. More on that shoot in the next newsletter.

PVA Shoot

by

Jim Russell



Hey Shooters! Listen up! If you missed the April PVA shoot, or even if you didn't, there is another PVA shoot on the horizon, scheduled for Sunday July 9th.

There will be great food, great targets (50 singles, 50 handicap and 25 pair of doubles), lots of options plus loads of camaraderie.

This shoot is open to everyone. Let's unite in supporting those that have given so much to support us.

Dodge City Shootout

by

Jim Englund



Without the rain, we had a much better turnout for the April shoot. Not blue skies but it was dry and the shooters they came - 48 total with 6 juniors joining in on the fun.

We had some 25's @ the 16. **Ron Campbell, Lonnie Catania, Fred Corley, Perry Juranchich, Scott Lee and Mike Scott.** No 25's @ handicap but a few 24's; **Chip Enniss, Dan Fox Jr., Danny Godinho, Mike Scott and Joe Travis.**

Buddy shoot #1 had only one pair to get all 20; **Chip Enniss and Mike Reese.** No 20's on the 2nd buddy though there were two teams to get 19; **Dan Fox Jr. and Chuck Higgins, Ray Osgood with Greg Alexander.** The Annie Oakley was pretty wild coming down to T.C.

Collier 4th, Michael Bates 3rd. **Jim Phillips** and **Fred Corley** looked at each other (both being low on shells) decided for a 1-2 split and call it quits. **High over all with an 85: Dan Fox Jr.**, Good shooting Dan.

Thank you **Tudor** for your help with the BBQ. **Chip** and **Sonny** organized a 28 ga. Annie. What fun! A lot of folks shot holes in the sky (including me). 28ga. @ 27 yards = tough. **Rod Tetrault** and **Jay Wade** split second place with **Chip** and **Mike Scott** splitting first. See y'all in May.

Olympic Skeet

by

Gene Green
(AKA)

The Skeet Freak



Immediately before a round starts, aiming exercises are permitted with a closed but empty gun. They are to be conducted on stations 1, 2 & 3 ONLY, and with the permission of the referee.

After the start of a round, on stations 1 and 8 ONLY, the shooter may raise the gun to the shoulder for a few seconds. Then the shooter must return to the ready position before calling for the target(s). However, the time limit rules still apply!

SHOOT SAFE

Youth Programs

By

Don Wilkie



Miramar Scholastic Invitational

Sixty-eight youngsters participated in the Miramar Scholastic Invitation held at SDSSA on Sunday, April 30 with representation from Las Vegas, Oak Tree and Project 2000 as well as San Diego. It was a 200-target event for Juniors and Seniors and 100-targets for Rookies but most of the Rookies chose to shoot the entire 200—quite a task for youngsters in 5th grade and under! Thirty of our team members participated. 13,600 targets were thrown and 11,288, 83% of them were broken.

Saturday was sign-in and practice day. A continental breakfast and bake sale kicked off the morning. It was well managed by **Mary Ellen Siewerth**, assisted by parents and students. **Glen Jensen** chaired the food service committee and his family catered a classy barbeque lunch. Lunch was included in the entry fee for Invitational participants and available for \$5 for guests. SDSSA range staff did the scoring and did a fine job. **Layne** acted as safety officer and emcee for the award ceremony. Much credit goes to Layne, James and staff making the event

a success as well as to the many parents who assisted with a myriad of tasks including safety monitors.

SDSSA emerged as Grand Champion with a score of 1837/2000. Our Juniors took first place in their division (grades 6,7 & 8) with 864/1000 and our Seniors also won their division (grades 9, 10, 11 and 12) with 973/1000. (The winning score for seniors at the State Championship last year was 978; so our squad is well 'within the ballpark' at this stage.)

De Savage was Top Gun with 197, after winning a shoot-off with **Ian Daube**, also with 197. High Lady went to **Lydia Parsons** of Oak Tree and Las Vegas took the Rookie championship.

Individual Honors



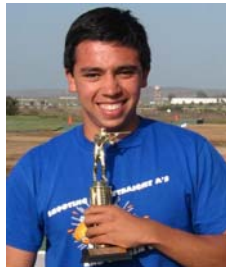
Rookies: First—Elliott Greb (SD) 92;
Second—Mike Reese (LV) 88; Third Tyler Jensen (SD) 83.



Junior Novice:

First—Dalton Mosser (SD) 188; Second—Mark Stipanov (LV) 170; Third—Alex Whitwer (SD) 169

Junior Experienced: First--Travis Ferrier (OT) 188; Second--Doug Vargas (OT) 187; Third--Dillon Mitchell (LV) 186



Senior Novice: First—Taylor Osgood (SD) 191; Second—Alex Greb (SD) 190; Third—Cody Edgel (LV) 187



Mike Sorchy & Ian Daube

Senior Experienced: Ian Daube (SD) 197; Second Kurtis Sorchy (SD) 194; Third—Micah Neirdhart (OT) 194.



Miramar Top Gun

Mike Sorchy with Nick Meyer, De Savage, Kurtis Sorchy, Evan Marsch, Ian Daube

Nowell Wisch designed and donated souvenir pins for all contestants. The pins featured both the SDSSA logo and the SCTP logo.

Steve Marsch chaired the event, which went silky smooth, a just reward for his good planning and leadership. Other members of the committee were **Mike Sorchy, Duke Wilber, Glen Jensen, Diane Savage, Carla Sledge, Chuck Higgins and Layne Kuhlman.**

Upcoming Events--Oak Tree Invitational

Sixteen youngsters have signed up for the Oak Tree Invitation, to be held at Newhall, near Magic Mountain on May 21.

A special 200-target practice will be held on Sunday June 4 in preparation for the state championship, after which final selection of our representative squads will take place.

State Championship

We have registered four full squads at the State SCTP Championship on June 18: two senior experienced, one senior individual honors. Those of our squads which finish in the top three at the state shoot will represent SDSSA at the National Championship which will be held in conjunction with the ATA Grand at Sparta, IL August 8 and 9. It will be a 200-target event with 100 targets thrown each day.

Boy Scouts

Our Boy Scout Program has been rejuvenated and improved by **Biff Ellington**. He has developed two versions of the merit badge program; one is combined with our Hunter Safety Program and the scouts can receive their Hunter Safety Certificate in addition to the merit badge. He has two troops signed up for this program. The "merit badge only" program has been extended to include a minimum of two sessions instead of trying to complete the program in a single day. Six troops have signed up for this program.

These are significant improvements to our scout program and give the scouts enough range time and instruction to achieve a meaningful level of competence and safety with a shotgun.

Editors Note: Association Member **Steven Pinky** has been printing our newsletter for the past year. I have appreciated the quality of the printing and the excellent service we have received from him. If you have any printing needs – give "Pinky's Printing" a call at 858-456-2882 or see his web site at www.pinkysprinting.com