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## 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 9<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## SKEET NEWS

by

Neil Vann



The two big hosted registered skeet shoots of the year are behind us with many notes of success. Just a short review for those of you who did not have the opportunity to witness many good shooters shooting some fine scores.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual and ever popular Pacific Shooting Arms Open, held on April 21-23 attracted 104 shooters who shot one or more gauges. The top shooter was local, **Brian Holt (National City)**, with a commanding 398 HOA. Brian continues to excel in this sport that he has been a mainstay and top contender in for many years. The Association threw 48,624 targets and had 95 four-gun shooters. Sponsor, **John Herkowitz**, along with other sponsors awarded some nice prizes to the many winners. John donated \$500 toward the SDSSA Referee Incentive Program

The 2006 Southern California Skeet Championships were held at SDSSA over the traditional weekend of Memorial Day, May 26-28. The 2007 SoCal Championships will be held at Triple B. This shoot had 96 paid entries with the High Overall winner, **Larry Sifers** (Newport Beach) with a 395. SDSSA threw 43,722 targets over the three days and had (88) 4-gun shooters. Class winners won beautiful hand carved ducks hand crafted by **Joe Freitas** (Rio Vista)

We, the SDSSA Skeet Committee, encourage those of you not shooting automatics and can easily recover your once fired hulls, to save them. You or we can package and sell them to those who reload using the proceeds of the sale for our trophy fund to purchase awards for future registered skeet shoot at SDSSA in 2007. Your once fired Winchester AA and Remington Premier and Peters12ga., 20ga., 28ga. and .410 bore once fired hulls (no Remington Gun Club, please) are valuable to our future plans and you will receive a donation letter for you thoughtfulness. Your cooperation is most appreciated. We can provide a service to those in

need and who reload and in addition gain a resource for purchase of awards.

A note to those who wish to pre-register for the SDSSA June 23-25, Summer Vacation Open. The contact will be Dick Seaver who can be reached at **619-540-4687** or [riseaver@hotmail.com](mailto:riseaver@hotmail.com). Also note that Skeet Meister, Vern Gideon, has a new email address; [Marvern@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Marvern@sbcglobal.net). We are now back to our Association shoots anticipating reacquainting old and new faces with new and old guns.

A note of congratulation to the team of **Richard and Lou Riddle (Bonsall)**. They attended the Krieghoff Masters in Savannah, Georgia on May 5-7. The size of this shoot is astounding. 437 in the 12ga! Both Richard and Lou placed in the concurrent events and continue to gain National attention by shooting well. Look out, Dad.

## Skeet League

by

Richard Seaver



The 2006 Spring Skeet League is over and plans are already being made for the 2006 Fall Skeet League. The League Awards "Bash" was held on Wednesday, May 31 at Filippi's Pizza Grotto and was attended by 45 League shooters and 7 guests. Awards consisting of a \$20 gift certificate for the SDSSA range plus cash awards based on each team's accumulated points were awarded. In addition, Certificates were awarded for high individual average and runner up individual high average. Certificates were also awarded for the highest individual average on each team.

High individual average shooter was **Dave Broccoli** with a .9867 for the six weeks. Dave broke 296 of the 300 targets. The runner-up individual average was shared by **James Dewey & Charlie Geer** with an average of .9833. They each broke 295 of the 300 targets.



The team with the highest team average was team 5 with a six shooter combined average of .9467. The members of Team 5 were **Ken Bell, Dave Broccoli, Charlie Greer, Nelson Jones, Ken Lusher and Bill Higgins.**



There were a total of 72 shooters who fired 403 rounds which equates to 10,075 targets. There were 92 twenty five straights with **James Dewey** accumulating the most with 9. There were three shooters who broke 100 straights. They were **Steve Clauch, Dave Broccoli & Carl Best.** There were 2 shooters, **Charlie Geer & Eric Van Den haute,** Who broke 125 straight & one shooter, **James Dewey,** who broke 150 straight.



The 2006 Fall Skeet League will start August 2, 2006 and run for 6 weeks, and end on September 17, 2006. Watch for Flyers & an announcement on the website announcing the League.

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



The Golden Bear Skeet Shoot was held January 28, 2006 through January 29, 2006. It was a 200 target match with final. There were 14 shooters. First place went to Kent Vail with a score of 207, followed by Frank Thompson with a 198 and Ali Chiang with a 194.

It is less than three months before the dove opener. NOW, is a great time to shoot some Olympic Skeet. You want to get yourself ready for those gray rockets. You won't have to walk as far to pick them up!

**Youth  
Programs  
By  
Don Wilkie**



The May SCTP/ATA event was a 200-target competition and a real test of physical and mental stamina for our young shooters. And they did well! **De Savage** followed his Top Gun performance of 197/200 at our Invitational in April, with an even more outstanding 198/200 (99%) and stood alone as the top SCTP performer. In addition De took high ATA high junior honors. He continues to demonstrate the consistency of a mature shooter and has an ATA average of 97.96% for the 2550 registered singles targets he has shot this target



year. **De's** performance was almost matched by **Kurtis Sorchy** who shot a 196. Other shooters finishing in 190's include **Taylor Osgood** with 195 (97.5%) and **Alex Greb** with 191 (95.5%). Complete scores are shown below.

**SCTP at ATA May 6, 2006**

Name	Score	%
De Savage	198	99.0
Kurtis Sorchy	196	98.0
Taylor Osgood	195	97.5
Alex Greb	191	95.5
Evan Marsch	189	94.5
Ilija Cupurdija	185	92.5
Robert Jones	184	92.0
Thomas Magnuson	181	90.5
Matt Higgins	181	90.5
Chris Liang	179	89.5
Roger Siewerth	179	89.5
John Siewerth	172	86.0
Elliott Greb	168	84.0
Tyler Jenson	168	84.0
Nash Breneman	154	77.0
Joshua Gonzalez	142	71.0
Maia Cupurdija	129	64.5

**Oak Tree Invitational, May 21, 2006**

Our team traveled to the Oak Invitational at Newhall, CA on May 21; some went a day earlier to take part in the fun shoot. The competition was a 100--target event and a good experience to help us prepare for the state shoot. Thirteen of our students competed in the event. We paid the entry fee for all of our participants; the families provided transportation.

It was a well-run event and a valuable experience for our shooters, especially for those who had not competed away from our home range before. They learned what it was like to shoot at an unfamiliar range and shoot in hilly terrain, with gusty winds and echoes resounding from the slopes around them. Some of our participants had difficulty with the voice pulls that reacted differently than those at Miramar—an important part of learning the game.

Our top Senior Experienced shooter (SE) was **Nick Meyer**, with a fine 98/100, while **De Savage, Kurtis Sorchy** and **Evan Marsch** all shot 97. Their scores, along with novice **Alex Greb's** 94, gave the squad a total score of 483 (96.6%) and placed them second to the Oak Tree senior squad at 487 (97.4%). In this competition, like our own Invitational and the Las Vegas Invitational, no distinction is made between the novice and experienced categories--the top five-team members in a division form the representative squad. As a result, Alex who is a 'novice' had his score included for our Top Gun, Senior Experienced squad score. This will not be the case at the State Shoot.



**Tyler Jenson**, our youngest team member, using his new Perazzi, with a



G-Squared recoil device, led all rookies with a career high 95% to easily capture the Rookie Championship. Top Gun was Justin Perkins of Oak Tree with a 99%.

**Oak Tree Invitational 2006—SDSSA Results**

Name	Div	Score	Award
Nick Meyer	SE	98	2 <sup>nd</sup> SE. Indvl
Evan Marsch	SE	97	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sr Team
De Savage	SE	97	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sr Team
Kurtis Sorchy	SE	97	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sr Team
Alex Greb	SN	94	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sr Team
Tyler Jenson	R	95	Rookie Champ
Taylor Osgood	SN	90	
Matt Higgins	JE	88	
John Siewerth	SN	82	
Roger Siewerth	SN	81	
Elliott Greb	R	75	
Thomas Magnuson	SN	75	
Joshua Gonzalez	JN	58	

Mike Desso, Greg Ferrier and their staff of volunteers did a fine job and made us feel welcome with their warm-hearted friendliness. We thank them for an enjoyable and productive day.

**Sacramento SCTP**

In the SCTP competition at Sacramento last month, Stockton's top five Senior Experience shooters shot 97%, a score that is in line with that of our Top Gun squad. It will be interesting to see how it plays out at the state SCTP shoot as several other California squads are also scoring in this range. One thing is clear the competition gets tougher every year.

**Our Goals at SDSSA**

Reaching the highest levels at trapshooting requires dedication and work. Like every other sport there are individuals who are naturally more skilled but usually it is those who have put in the energy and concentration and lots of time at the range who stay on top. Our top youngsters have worked hard to get there. As an example, **De Savage**, a member of our original 2003 state championship team has shot 6850 registered targets this year and many more in practice, while **Kurtis Sorchy**, another of our premium shooters has shot 3000 registered targets this target year.

The Scholastic Program is not just about winning championships. Not everyone has the time, energy and resources to compete at the highest level and win a major championship. However, the goals of becoming safe and competent shooters and good sportsmen are worthy goals in and by working to improve each person can achieve a sense of accomplishment and enjoy clay target shooting sports throughout his or her lifetime.

**Wrapping up the year**

Our successful 2006 season is nearing an end. After the state shoot on June 18<sup>th</sup> we will take a break until the first of the year, except for those who are going on to participate at the Grand for the National SCTP Championship at Sparta, Illinois. The SCTP target year ends officially with completion of the Nationals, August 9, 2006.

We encourage our youngsters to practice regularly in the off-season and to compete in the monthly ATA competitions at the range. It is also a time to think about trying that new gun or new stance or mount, rather than make changes during the season.

It has been year in which our youngsters have achieved our goals of safe shooting and improving their shooting and competition skills and personal growth. For some it has been a truly elevated experience. Our Top Gun Squad has reached levels and skills I did not think possible in 2003 when we initiated the program.

The Top Gun squad: **Nick Meyer, Ian Daube, Evan Marsch, Kurtis Sorchy and De Savage** have an ATA average of 97%. Good luck at the California State Championship and congratulations to you and your coach, Mike Sorchy, for a job well-done.

## Dodge City Shootout

by

**Jim Englund**



Well, Spring is here and the DC shooters came out of hibernation. 51 with 3 juniors. Some pretty good scores too. At the 16 we had a few 25's. **Charlie Bover, Jerry Callaway, Ron Campbell, Lonnie Catania, Fred Corley and Mike Scott.** The low clouds made the handicap targets a bit more difficult. Only four shooters could break all 25. **Danny Godinho, Dan Fox Jr., Clarence Ades and Michael Bates.**

Buddy #1 had only one pair to get 20: **Lou Imbimbo** and **Jim Snow** (what a duo). Buddy #2 had two: **Danny Godinho** and **Bill Palmer, Mike Scott and Charlie Slough.**

**Sonny Hale** took first at the Annie Oakley. **Ken Williams** and **Dan Fox Jr.** took a second-third place split, with **Dan Fox Sr.** taking fourth. High over all with an 86 was shared by five.

I want to thank **Tudor** for pitching in to help with the **BBQ**. By the way, did you know that **Tudor** was in the Olympics. He was on the Bulgarian fencing team, Sabre, so be careful when he's at the grill with a knife in his hand! **Anybody want to pitch in? Just speak up. We all help and we all shoot**