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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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So mark an entrée and send it back with your remittance to assure your reservation. You can reserve a table for up to 10 people at the range office.

If you're a new member or a long time member that has not come to the Dinner recently, I'd like to say come on out and enjoy the festivities.

Hope to see you all there.

Election Results

by

Steve Hubbard



deductible but as always you should check with your accountant or tax preparer.

Please contact Robert Keefe if you have any questions or just drop off your donation at the range office.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the Dinner.

Youth Programs

By

Don Wilkie



Annual Meeting and Dinner

by

Robert Keefe



By now members have received the Annual Dinner Meeting letter in the mail. January 27, 2007! Mark your calendars.

This years Annual Dinner promises to be one of the best yet. The 2007 Annual Dinner is being held at The Town & Country Hotel and Convention Center in Mission Valley.

Our guest speaker this year will be Rod Luck from KUSI-TV. It should be a good time. There will be a no host social hour starting at 5:30 PM which will include an assortment of hot and cold appetizers. This is a great time to catch up with old shooting friends and meet new ones.

Members and their guest will hear our President Gary Krueger give The State of the Association speech. The new President and Board of Directors will be sworn in, also.

The Honorary Life Membership will be awarded as well as other Appreciation Awards. These are just a few items on the agenda for the evening. As always we will hold a raffle with many great prizes.

Our Association elections have been held and the totals tabulated. First of all, be proud that our participation was better than in the National elections last month. We had a 40% return with 278 ballots cast. It was a very close race with as few as 10 votes separating candidates.

The following members were elected: Your new President will be **Robert Keefe**. Joining the Board (or continuing to serve) will be **Taylor Craft, Neil Vann, Vern Gideon, Rich Matulich,** and **Steve Claunch**.

All of us should be grateful to these members as well as those who also ran for office. Without participation, our association will not continue to grow and our sport to survive. Get involved and the Association will be stronger for it.

ANNUAL DINNER RAFFLE

One of the highlights of the Annual Dinner is always the Raffle. In the past Association members and friends of the Association along with local businesses have always been generous and have donated items in the form of either products or services. We are always looking for new raffle items to add to our already outstanding list of items.

If you have a product or service or know of a business that would like to donate to the raffle please do so. Your donation could be tax

The 2007 SCTP season began November 30 with the first practice for new members. We are pleased to welcome: **Dakota Jacobson** grade 10; **Jacob Levenson** grade 7; **Colin Masters** grade 10; **Kyle Meadows** grade 8; and **Justin Wagner** grade 6. After completing their safety exam and attending a brief review of our SCTP program, they adjourned to the practice field for their first official SCTP round of trap. Each of the students was assisted by a coach, including **Chip Ennis** now on our staff, **Mike Sorchy** and three student coaches: **Nick Meyer, Kurtis Sorchy** and **Ilija Cupurdija**.



Chip Ennis a long time member of SDSSA and a top ranked trapshooter. He ran his own range (Target Tossers) at Otay Lakes for 10 years.

Mike Sorchy is senior squad coach and now in his fourth year at SCTP

The new youngsters are designated as trainees and will have a four-week trial period after which they may be invited to join the



program. Membership packages are available at the range office.

As mentioned above we welcome several new coaches to our program including **Chip Ennis, Chuck Higgins, Taylor Osgood** and three SCTP team members all of whom, in addition to being proven top-ranked trapshooters, have demonstrated their leadership ability and team playing skills. Head coach is **Don Wilkie**. Squad coaches are: **Mike Sorchy, Chuck Higgins, Taylor Osgood, and Chip Ennis**. Assistant student coaches include: **Nick Meyer De Savage, Kurtis Sorchy, and Ilija Cupurdija**.



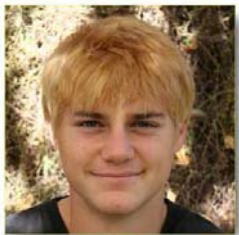
Chuck Higgins has assisted with the program for three years and is now a squad coach.

Taylor Osgood was a squad leader of our CA State Senior Novices Champions in 2006. He is now a graduate and SCTP Assistant Coach



Kurtis Sorchy a three year member of the Top Guns, Kurtis will now give others the benefits of his experience.

De Savage is our top SCTP shooter. His experience and shooting ability can help others learn.



Ilija Cupurdija is a proven leader and a welcome addition to our coaching staff.

Nick Meyer is a squad leader of the Top Guns and now entering his fifth year in the program. He was a member of our 2003 State Champion Squad.



Six of our SCTP members shot in the December ATA singles (16-yard) event. Leading our group was **De Savage** with a 99/100 and High Junior Award. His mom got into the act too and tied him with her own 99 to give her Hi Lady Award. Now if only Dad....! **Ilija Cupurdija** took Class B honors with a 98 and picked up a 75-straight patch too. Other SCTP scores were: **Alex Greb 81; Elliott Greb 89; John Siewerth 91** and twin brother **Roger** with 91. I can't believe how often the twins shoot the same score!

This year for the first time we are offering a clinic as a kick-off for the New Year and as an introduction for new members. We will divide into two groups for shooting activities and games that are planned to be fun as well as educational.

Group One will consist of Intermediates (formerly Juniors), Rookies and Trainees. They will begin at the pattern board where they will see what their shot pattern looks like and where their guns are shooting. They will then proceed to the trap field and shoot straight-aways and consolidate what they have learned. In the meantime, Group Two Varsity and Junior Varsity shooters will have a round of slide-trap back to the 22-yard line, the distance at which SCTP has handicap shoot-offs. This will be followed by a full round of 25 at that yardage.

The two groups will wrap the morning up with an Annie Oakley.

In addition to the monthly ATA competitions at our range we will participate in several SCTP events. The first will be the Las Vegas Scholastic Invitational to be held on Sunday, January 14. This event is a lot of fun and is a low-pressure but hard-fought competition and a great activity to begin the year.

Other competitions include our own, Miramar Scholastic Invitational, April 29, the Oak Tree Invitational (date to be announced) and the first state Regional and which we expect to be held at Redlands, CA May 19, and 20. This event will determine who will participate in the State Scholastic Championships on June 23, 2007 at Kingsburg.

Currently we have 31 youngsters on our roster: 11-Intermediates, grades 6, 7, and 8; 15-Junior Varsity, grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, and with less than 2 years experience; and 6-Varsity, grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 with 2 or more years experience. We anticipate registering a total of 40-45 students for the year.

Mary Ellen Siewerth has agreed to chair our fund-raising committee, which is exploring several options to raise funds for our activities. She already has organized a group to provide lunches at ATA competitions at our range with the profits going to the SCTP program. We are considering trying to find sponsors for each of our squads to offset some of their travel and shooting expenses. We would also like to have a youth-sized semi-automatic trap gun available for the smaller youngsters.

We recently received funds through State Director **Gail Miller** from California Golden State Trapshooters Association and the California

Trapshooting Hall of Fame to offset travel expenses to the Grand. We thank **Kurt Sachau** for his efforts with CGSTA on our behalf and **Al Yapeli** of the Hall of Fame.



Kurt Sachau a long time member of SDSSA and an active member of the State Trap Association. Kurt has worked hard on CGSTA fund raising for the SCTP programs.

Our range staff including managers **Layne and James, Chris** and the office staff and all the pullers cheerfully assist us in every way they can. Without their cooperation we would not have a successful SCTP program at the range. We thank them all for their cooperation and the Board for it's continued endorsement.

Olympic Skeet
by
Gene Green
(AKA)
The Skeet Freak



Brian Burrows, one of our fine young bunker shooters, has taken the walk *over to the dark side*. He took the Silver in a match in Los Angeles recently. Congratulations Brian!

I am putting together a fun shoot for the first part of 2007. For details, please call me at 619-465-5866.

SKEET NEWS
by
Neil Vann



The SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association held its monthly registered skeet competition in San Diego, California on December 8-10, 2006 entitled, Christmas Presents Open, hosting 27 shooters. A pleasant surprise awaited us on Saturday when **David Sines** (Goleta) arrived after driving approximately 250 miles, one way, to attend, for him, the one-day two gun competition. We appreciate the dedication that David and many others have in attending our monthly shoots way down here in the southwest corner of the United States where, especially this time of the year, our weather is one of our greatest assets.

We continued, for the third month, our Association wide plea to participate in the **Toys For Tots** drive. The person bringing in a toy would get 5 tickets in the jar for a drawing on Sunday afternoon sponsored by the Association. Two toys would get the participant 10 tickets, etc. The first place prize was a flat of

12ga. shells, second place a SDSSA logo shirt and third place, a SDSSA logo hat. Read on and the winners will be announced.



USMC RESERVES PICKING UP TOYS

Friday began the 3-day, 600 target competition with the preliminary gauge being the 28ga. We start at high noon to give those who might have the opportunity to take a half day off to get in some high end relaxation. With a small group of 7 we find that local **Pete Buompensiero** (San Diego) wraps up the event with a nice 94 to take event Gun Champion. An abbreviated shoot off took place between **Dennis James** (Escondido) and **Keith Phelps** (Torrance) to determine Gun Runner up and first in class. Dennis out shot Keith over three stations by one to take the Gun Runner up award.

The second event of the afternoon is the Doubles event. Thirteen hearty souls went forth with high expectations. Top dawg was **Bill Page** (Torrance) bringing the high score of 96. **Dennis James** was right on Bill's heels with a nice 95. With no shoot offs to watch, the multitude of fence leaners left for the day in anticipation of, "tomorrow- will- be-a- better-day" attitude.

Clear blue skies welcome the 18 that have come to conquer and divide the spoils surrounding the 28ga. main event. (Note: rain is predicted). **Carl Best** (Spring Valley) does his best and saunters in with the lone 100-straight amid the constraints of an upscale breeze that rivals the flight path of sporting clay targets. **Bill Page** holds on to the gun Runner up spot with a 99. Class AA1 and

AA2 is shot off between **James Dewey** (Ramona) and **Eric Van den Haute** both with 98's. James creams two stations with Eric missing the fourth target. Class A1 and A2 are a contest between two aging shooters, **Neil Vann** (San Diego) and **Dave Erwin** (Corona). Neil is declared winner by not falling off the station after the second shot!

We traditionally take a one-hour break between gauges on Saturday and Sunday. This is a time for refreshing the body and soul. The body by lunch; the soul by either telling or listening to those who want to expound on why they missed a target and, "could have had a hundred if they hadn't missed high one six times!" Maybe that is why some shooters don't attend our free sponsored lunch. Anyway, back to the task at hand.

The afternoon event is the 12ga. Here we have 21 entrants will all kinds of possibilities of numerous 100-straight. **Eric Van den Haute** and **Bill Page** bring the high score of 99. No joy in mudville! With the skill that these seasoned shooters possess, we could have the much awaited shoot off of the year. It went for five stations with Bill letting a low 3 slip by and giving the gun Champion spot to Eric. A pair of 96's pitted **Carl Best** and **Craig Potter** (Chula Vista) for Class B2 and B3. **Carl out Bested** Craig to capture Class B2. (Note: still no rain but a swarm of bees took over station 3 on field #10, settled to nest and put some concerned looks on those shooting on that field.) Our monthly 12ga. Novice award was won by **Charles Lea** (Rosemead).

Sometime between leaving the range on Saturday evening and arriving on Sunday morning, the heavens let loose with enough moisture (rain, to us) to keep the dust down and the bees in the tree. This combination was good for the .410 bore event to be shot by 20 shooters. New Association member and Class B shooter **Russ Terry** (Irvine) whooped the crowd with a nice 97. Another Class B shooter and Terry teammate, **Neil Vann**, brought in the lone 96 for gun Runner up.

The final shooting event of the weekend was the 20ga. Class A shooter, **Gary Snaver** (San Bernardino) had an ear-to-ear smile with his lone 99 taking the gun Champion. **James Dewey** and his teammate, **Eric Van den Haute** posted 98's and shot of for gun Runner up and Class AA1.

Nobody yawns when these guys are in a shoot off. Again, they do not stop at the first, second or third station in a shoot off. But this one time either James's afterburner extinguished or the target was as hard as a woodpecker's lips 'cause it didn't break. Eric broke both and James gave Eric a look that would have boiled cucumbers. Sounds like the right competitive spirit to me. **Steve Erbe** (Oceanside) and **Neil Vann** took a shot at breaking the tie with 95's for Class A1 and A2. Neil got lucky and hit the second pair while Steve missed the last target while under extended ocular warfare.

High Over All went to **Bill Page** outscoring the other 15 shooters with a 386.

Newsletter Editor

by

Dan Fox



After 12 years of producing the newsletter it is time to move on and get some fresh ideas involved in the newsletter, therefore this will be the last newsletter I will be working on. I took over as editor in 1995 and have continued until this issue.

Of course the newsletter could not be produced without the dedicated group of committee chairpersons who write the articles for the newsletter and the great bunch of members who turn out each month to fold, label and stamp it. To all of those who work toward the production of the newsletter, I say thank you for making my job so much easier.

I have really enjoyed working on newsletter and hope that it has been of benefit to the Association.

SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports ATA Registered Shoot – 500 Target Event

Saturday January 6th & Sunday January 7th, 2007

8:30 AM Saturday, January 6th

- Event # 1.....Doubles Trap..... 100 targets.....AA, A, B, & C Classes
Event #1 is a Targets Only Event
- Event # 2.....16 Yard Trap..... 100 targets.....AA, A, B, & C Classes
- Event # 3.....Handicap Trap 100 targets.....(19-21) (22-24) (25-27)

9:00 AM Sunday January 7th

- Event # 4.....Handicap Trap 100 targets.....(19-21) (22-24) (25-27)
- Event # 5.....Handicap Trap 100 targets.....(19-21) (22-24) (25-27)

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