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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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Association. Please realize the pullers are doing their job and that the Board of Directors are looking out and protecting one of the benefits of being a member of SDSSA. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

2. We would like to start replacing all the old wooden benches throughout the Range with new composite benches. We are going to start a program and solicit individual and corporate donations that will go towards the purchase of new benches. For a \$300 donation the Association will purchase a bench and engrave your name or business on the back of the bench that will signify your support for SDSSA. The benches will be just like the bench on field #5 with Grey Silva's name engraved on the back. For more information or to make a donation you can contact Layne Kuhlman at the Range or email me at [rkeef@cox.net](mailto:rkeef@cox.net). Thank you for your support and see you at the Range.

the next paragraph. However, if you have read this far...too late! Also, yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.



UFF-DA is an old Norwegian expression to express shock, dismay, surprise, disappointment and other mostly sensory feelings. Some examples of

UFF-DA are; forgetting your mother-in-laws name;, missing your option at low eight; finding no more pages in the Sears & Roebuck catalog in the outhouse; to name a few. I am sure you get the idea. It has been heard to be a call for the bird instead of, "pull."

## President's

### Message

by

Robert Keefe



As you read this the winter skeet league will be over and the spring trap league has just begun. With spring around the corner and daylight savings time upon us we will start to see warmer and longer days as well as more people at the Range.

There are a couple of things I'd like to touch on this month.

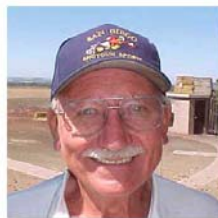
1. With all the shooters coming out to the Range, pullers see a lot of new faces during the day. I am asking that all members wear their 2007 membership badge while at the Range. This will be especially helpful at the office window. With so many new faces and with 700 members the pullers can't be expected to know who is a member and who's not. If a member is not wearing their badge the person at the window has been instructed to ask for member identification before charging any smart card. This will help insure that all non members will be charged the \$10 day use fee. SDSSA is your

## SKEET

### NEWS

by

Neil Vann



The fourth annual UFF-DA Open was hosted by the **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association** located in San Diego, California on February 23-25, 2007. Although a threat of rain was forecast and evident, the skies were kind to us. We had a contingent of 22 shooters signed up for the weekend, who were intent on doing their best to be the hero of the day/weekend

For those of you who have not read this article in the past four years and are not of Scandinavian and in particular, Norwegian decent may wonder what UFF-DA means! On the other hand, if you are inundated with UFF-DA history and background, you may wish to skip this bit of trivia and continue to

Our February registered skeet shoot got off to a roaring start on Friday. This is the day that we shoot a preliminary gauge and then Doubles. Our 12ga. Prelim had six shooters with **Jay Carter** (Claremont) the top contender with a 98. With two 95's, **Vern Gideon** (El Cajon) and **Neil Vann** (San Diego) shot off for Gun Runner up. Vern saunters up to station 3 missed the low house and captured Class B1. Neil lucked out again and was fortunate to hit both targets and declared Gun Runner up.

Eight shooters participated in the Doubles event with **Roger Christensen** (Parris) topping all comers with a 92. We had a tie in Class C between **Dick Seaver** (La Mesa) and **Dan McNaughton** (San Diego) both with a 76. Another short shoot off with Dick grabbing on to the Class C1 honor.

Cool clear blue skies greeted the 19 shooters for Saturday morning's 28ga. event. The thermometer read 37degrees at 6:30am which is practically summer for some of you folks. When all was said and done, the top scores went to **Brian Holt** (National City) and **Jay Carter** with nice 99's. Jay left early on the chromium highway due to a previous

commitment leaving Brian with the Gun Champion.

Our lunch was donated by retired Border Patrol Agents, **Charlie Geer** and **Nelson Jones**. Hamburgers, potato salad, with trimmings of onions, tomatoes, Peperoncinis, chips and water rounded out the luncheon. Paralleled with lunch was the Pie Plate shoot which pitted several folks shooting a furnished bent barrel Remington 870 full choke and ratty many-times fired .410 shells.

Six shooters shot 20 targets and **Tom Wilmont** was the winner by putting a pellet closest to the cross on the pie plate. The proceeds went into our much starved trophy/award fund.



The 12ga. Event was shot after lunch with 20 attending. Four shoot offs ensued. For Class C3 with 89's were **Danny Godinho** (San Diego) and **Vern Gideon**. It was two stations and Danny was the victor. Next was **Roger Christensen** pitted against **Pete Buompensiero** (San Diego) with identical 97's. This shoot off took four stations before Roger became triumphant taking Class B1 and Pete, Class B2. Our third shoot off was between **Dave Erwin** (Corona) and **Matt Fort** (Chula Vista) for Class A2 and A3 both with 97's. Dave punched the pair and Matt let one get away. The final shoot off was between two who had perfect scores; **James Dewey** (Ramona) and **Brian Holt**. James was up first and shot the pair with authority. Brian followed suit. The fourth station was a miss for James and also a miss for Brian. On they go for another four stations until James missed the high four double and Brian didn't. Great shoot off between two great shooters. Brian is the 12ga. Gun Champion and James, Gun Runner up.

We have an active Novice program at SDSSA and this month we had four Novices shooting; **Mike Yavno** (Santee), **Eran Fuchs** (San Diego), **Alex Tye** (San Diego) and brandy spanking new Novice, **David Robertson** (San Diego) above, pictured. The winning Novice must be a first time winner of the prize shooting the 12ga. Our winner this month was Alex who took away a leather hand-crafter shell bag donated by **John Herkowitz** of [Pacific Sporting Arms](#)



Congratulations, Alex and welcome to our skeet family, David. Our continued thanks

to **John Herkowitz** for his support to our monthly Novice program.

We had a "news flash" early Sunday morning that **Bob Stockbridge** (Corona) had a 200-straight on Saturday! That was 200-straight without a single blooper. That is in 9 years of shooting competition. Wish we had a pin or something for that long awaited accomplishment.

Sunday morning again brought us clear crispy blue skies in anticipation of the .410 bore competition. We had 19 shooters without a 100-straight in the bunch. Several 97's came in but without a shoot off we had to long run the top classes. Many headed for home so that let the shoot off field vacant awaiting the outcome of the next event; the 20ga. However, **Brian Holt** took the .410 Gun Champion with a 97 and leave-for-home-early, **Dave Erwin** was Gun Runner up with a 97.

Following lunch 19 of us participated in the 20ga. event. When the fusillade subsided there were only two shoot offs to conduct. **Carl Best** (Spring Valley) was paired with new registered skeet shooter, **David Robertson** (Valley Center) for Class B3 with 91's. Carl missed the low #3 bird and David stepped up to the station. David broke the pair to take the Class B3 for his first win of his hopefully long career in skeet shooting. Next was **Dick Seaver** (La Mesa) versus **Craig Potter** (Chula Vista) with 90's and going for Class C1 and C2. This shoot off was twice as long as the previous one with Craig the victor on station #4.



**BRIAN HOLT**  
**HOA CHAMPION**

HOA had 15 entrants with the combination of the four guns going to **Brian Holt** with a 394. So ends the 600-target weekend of fun and frolic.

We thank those who participated in the shoot along with our lunch sponsors, set up and clean up folks, our Skeet Committee and to **Layne Kuhlman** (San Diego) our General Manager and his staff of field referees who put up with all the excuses without a word and still maintained their poise while attending to good pulls and fine refereeing.

Our next shoot at SDSSA in March is the [SEMPER FI OPEN](#) to be held on March 23-25. Our lunch on Saturday and Sunday is sponsored by the infamous "Cteam" made up of Roger Christensen, Jay Carter, Dave

Erwin and Steen Thomsen. There is a move afoot to add a fifth member but at this time the vacancy is open to the highest bidder. As usual, to pre-register for this salute to our neighbors and landlord, email Vern Gideon at [Maryvern@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Maryvern@sbcglobal.net) or call 619-579-8157.

I continue to plead with you to consider pre-registering as it sets up the fields and allows us a heads-up on how much food to buy to make sure that we have enough. Our menu in March will consist of Polish Sausages grilled to perfection along with some super-duper mouth watering chili the results of which are likely to be heard!

Next month, April, is the annual [Pacific Sporting Arms Open](#) put on by **John Herkowitz** and friends at our range. John always has lot of very nice prizes to supplement the winners. He also will no doubt have a display of fine shotguns that one can't be without. We encourage you to sign up early and avoid a disappointment in not getting a spot to shoot during the weekend of April 20-22.

The Skeet Committee had decided to offer to those interested the 2007 NSSA League & Sweepstakes commencing March 7 through May 9. [You need not be a member of NSSA to shoot this league.](#) NSSA offers many great prizes (shotguns, shooting accessories, ammunition) at mid-September. The prizes are awarded based upon the Lewis Class System giving everyone a chance to win. To view the prizes awarded by NSSA in 2006, look at the February issue of SSR, pages 72-75. You can, if you wish, register the targets. If you want to shoot recreationally, the cost is \$15. Should you desire to register the 500 (50 targets per week times 10 weeks) targets, the cost is \$40. The fee must be paid prior to starting the league and the gauge that you are going to shoot must also be declared. Contact Dick Seaver for sign-up or rules/questions at [Riseaver@hotmail.com](mailto:Riseaver@hotmail.com) or 619-540-4687. At this writing we have 10 folks in the process of signing up. Give it a try. I think you will like it.



**RICK MATULICH**  
**INTERNATIONAL**

The Maple Leaf and the Golden Bear; two week, 600 targets. What more could ask for? I would like to thank **Steve Lakatos**, **Vickie Cowin** and **Gary Whiting** for putting on his event, and it ran like clockwork, starting with the Maple Leaf.

## Maple Leaf Results



**MIKE HERMAN, BRIAN BURROWS, JACK WALLACE, JEFF CHURCH & MAT DePUYDT**

### Single Trap Results

HOA M.....	Jeff Church .....	183+21=204
HOA W ...	Susan Sledge .....	163
AA.....	Mat DePuydt .....	184+18=202
A .....	JC Craft .....	183+20=203
B .....	Jack Wallace .....	182+19=201
C .....	Khaled Alsaud .....	167
D .....	S.L Wang .....	156
E .....	Shakti Mehta .....	151
JR .....	Brian Burrows .....	181+19=195
SR.....	Dave Pondzinsk.....	158

## Golden Bear Results



**RICHARD HADDEN, MICHAEL HERMAN, J.C. CRAFT, BRET ERICKSON, JOSHUA LAKATOS, BRIAN BURROWS**

### Single Trap Results

HOA M..	Brian Burrows .....	192+22=214
HOA W .	Susan Sledge .....	170+20=190
AA.....	Bret Erickson .....	190+23=213
A .....	J C Craft, .....	186+21=207
B .....	Calvin Smiley .....	177
C .....	Kith Ansley .....	175
D .....	Lloyd Litwin.....	167
E .....	Austin Van Gilder.....	164
JR .....	Jacob Turner .....	180
SR.....	Dick Lichtenberg .....	173

I would like to thank all of the shooters for their participation and congratulations to **Brian Burrows**. Good Job.



## SKREET LEAGUE

BY

**DICK SEAVER**

The 2007 Skeet League is now in the books. There were 53 shooters involved in the seven-week league. The final ranking was as follows:

First Place .....	Team 5
Second Place .....	Team 9
Third Place .....	Team 10
Fourth Place .....	Team 1
Fifth Place .....	Team 7
Sixth Place .....	Team 2
Seventh Place ....	Team 8
Eighth Place .....	Team 3
Ninth Place .....	Team 6
Tenth Place .....	Team 4

High individual average for the league was a tie between **Steve Claunch** and **Eric Van den Haute** with 344 targets broken out of 350. **James Dewey** was one target behind with 343 out of 350.

I conducted two surveys during this league.

One was to determine how the shooters wanted the entry fee paid back. Of the 53 questionnaires that I sent out, I received responses from 24 shooters. The responses broke down as follows: Eight would like both a participation award and a cash award. Sixteen would like just a cash award and one said they would go along with the majority. Since about one third of the responses would like to have both cash and a participation award, I will be looking into participation awards for the next Skeet League.

The other survey was to try to determine how many Skeet Leagues per year that the shooters would like to have. Of the 53 surveys that I sent out, no one wanted just one league per year, nine were satisfied with two leagues per year and 21 would like to have three Skeet League per year. There were two shooters that are apparently shooting in the 2007 NSSA Sweepstakes League and they felt if there were a Sweepstakes league each year that two leagues were enough. If there is not a Sweepstakes League, they would like to see three Skeet Leagues per year. Based on these results, when the 2008 calendar is made, I will be looking to see if we can fit another Skeet League into the schedule.

The next Skeet League in 2007 is scheduled to start on Wednesday, June 6th and run seven weeks ending on August 5th. There will be two "Bye" weeks in this league.



## March 3 & 4 ATA Results

by

**Augie Daddi**

In the singles event on Saturday, **Chico Agundez** and **Lonnie Catania** ran 100 straight to tie for Event Champion. A pair of SCTP (Scholastic Clay Target Program) shooters; **Nick Meyer** and **Kurtis Sorchy** shot 99 and tied for Hi Junior. Three of the 10 winners in the singles event were SCTP shooters with **Matt Higgins** taking C class posting a 97.

**Ted Mueller** was back in the winners circle after returning from a tour in Iraq. A regular event winner, he was noticeably absent from the winners circle during the last year. Little did many of us know about his deployment. Welcome back Ted and thanks for serving our country. Ted took the Handicap Champion award by posting a lone 92 among 28 other shooters. **Gene Baxter** from Indiana (spends his winters in So Cal) shot a 90 winning the long yardage honors. Gene posted winning scores in all 5 events.

After posting a 100 in Singles Event 1, **Lonnie Catania** came back strong in Event 3; Doubles, with a 96, besting 13 other shooters.

In the 3 events on Saturday, at least 1 SCTP shooter was in the winners circle. In addition to the 3 in Event 1 Singles, **Evan Marsch** took Hi Jr in Event 2 Handicap with an 89 and **De Savage** took Class A in Event 3 Doubles with an 89.

On Sunday, a new addition to Trapshooting and current US Marine, **Beau Mattioda** shot a 98 to take Class AA in Event 4 Singles. Beau has won a number of times during the past 4 months but we lacked his image to post on our web site. He didn't get away from us in March and his image is now posted for all the times he had a winning score over the past months. Great shooting Beau and like **Ted Mueller**, we thank you for your service to our country

In our 5<sup>th</sup> and last event; Handicap, SCTP shooter **De Savage** posted a 93 and took Champion honors.

In April; we'll have our normal ATA Program of Singles, Handicap and Doubles on Saturday followed by Singles and Handicap on Sunday. Look for our Winter Chain Program in May where we'll add Friday to the Program for a 3 day Tournament. The dates for these 2 shoots are Saturday & Sunday, April 7 & 8 and Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 4, 5 & 6. Mark your calendar and join us. Remember, Trap shooting is lots of fun made even better when you post a great score.

**APRIL****SAN DIEGO SHOTGUN SPORTS EVENTS****2007**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  Olympic Skeet Practice – Field 12	<b>2</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>4</b> TRAP LG BYE WK  <i>Lighted Fields</i>	<b>5</b>  <i>Lighted Fields</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> ATA – 8:30AM
<b>8</b> ATA – 8:30AM	<b>9</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>10</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>11</b> TRAP LG BYE WK  <i>Lighted Fields</i>	<b>12</b> Board of Directors 5:00 PM PVA INVITATIONAL <i>Lighted Fields</i>	<b>13</b>  PVA INVITATIONAL	<b>14</b>  PVA INVITATIONAL
<b>15</b>  Olympic Skeet Practice – Field 12	<b>16</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>17</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>18</b> TRAP LG WK 4  <i>Lighted Fields</i>	<b>19</b>  <i>Lighted Fields</i>	<b>20</b> NSSA Skeet PSA OPEN	<b>21</b> NSSA Skeet PSA OPEN
<b>22</b> NSSA Skeet PSA OPEN	<b>23</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>24</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>25</b> TRAP LG WK 5  <i>Lighted Fields</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>Lighted Fields</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  DODGE CITY SHOOTOUT 9:00AM
<b>29</b> SCTP INVITATIONAL	<b>30</b> <b>CLOSED</b>			<b>Range Hours</b> Wed: 9am-8pm Thurs: 1pm-8pm Friday: 10am-5pm Sat & Sun: 8am- 4pm		