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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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it does. Things that we as members may take for granted.

Next time that you see Malcum or Charlie, stop and thank them for a job well done.

It is those two gentlemen that keep our Range looking great.

Thank you, **Malcum Campbell** and **Charlie Bover**.

**SUGGESTION BOX** Just a reminder... we have a suggestion box on the wall by the cashiers office. Whether a suggestion is dropped in the box or brought to a member of the Staff or a Director, all suggestions will be read and if signed will be directly responded to and appropriate action taken.

home the self satisfaction of having been a weekend winner. We encourage you folks to come join our fun and festivities in the greater City of San Diego. Perhaps some side trips on your "vacation" would be appropriate.

Friday is the day that we have our "High Noon" preliminary followed by the Doubles event. The noon event was the .410 Bore preliminary event. With 10 entrants competing, **Jay Carter** (Claremont) was the top seeded event Champion with a 93 followed closely by teammate, **Steen Thomsen** (Covina) with a 92 and gun Runner up.

Fifteen Doubles competitors made a hearty attempt at seeking fame and fortune (?). Local Association member, **Steve Claunch** (San Diego) posted the high score coming in with a nice 97. Gun Runner up honors went to recent prelim winner, **Jay Carter**, with a 94. Only one shoot off ensued that being between **Steen Thomsen** and another teammate, **Dave Erwin** (Corona) for Class A3 honors. The shoot off was impressive in that they both went seven stations, 3, 4 and 5 before Dave dutched a pair allowing Steen the victory.

On Saturday morning, twenty-two 28ga. shooters are ready willing and able to handle the much admired gauge. **Eric Van den Haute** (San Diego) posts the lone 100-straight of the event, with **Roger Christensen** (Perris) bringing in a nice 99 to take gun Runner up. Several shoot offs took place to break the ties that came in for Class. **Steve Claunch**, **James Dewey** (Ramona) and **Jay Carter** took to the field to duke-it-out for Class AA1, AA2 and AA3 with 98's. James (AA3) left after four stations and the fifth station proved to be less than fruitful for Steve (AA2) allowing Jay, with a perfect pair to covet the Class AA1 honor. Next, **Carl Best** (Spring Valley), **Steen Thomsen** and **Matt Fort** (Chula Vista) with 96's, shot off for Class A1, A2 and A3. Matt was the Class A hero after four pulls of the trigger with Carl taking

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By

Robert Keefe



The Board of Directors, Staff and volunteers work hard to make SDSSA a shooting venue that members and non members alike can come to and enjoy themselves. Next time you come out to the Range look around and you will see continuous improvements. Thanks go to our groundskeeper **Malcum Campbell** and his crew of one **Charlie Bover**. From trimming and watering trees to pulling and spraying weeds, they keep our Range looking outstanding. Malcum and Charlie scrape and paint benches, doors and fences. They pick up litter that includes cigarette and cigar butts as well as dog poop. Improvements and maintenance you may not notice such as expanded concrete at the skeet field shooting stations that make it easier for wheelchair shooters. Malcum also maintains the electric carts. There is also added lighting at walkways and steps. There are so many things that go into making our Range look as good as

## NOTICE TO BUNKER, INTERNATIONAL SKEET SHOOTERS & FIELD 7 FIVE-STAND SHOOTERS

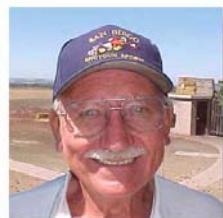
Fields 7, 11 and 12 will be closed on April 12-14 for Five-stand, Bunker and International Skeet shooters due to the Pacific Sporting Arms registered skeet shoot that weekend. We apologize for any inconvenience this may present.

## SKEET

## NEWS

By

Neil Vann



The first **SEMPER FI Open** was hosted by the **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association** located in San Diego, California on March 23-25, 2007. No inclement weather was forecast or evident, the skies were beautiful, as most always. We had a bevy of 25 shooters signed up for the weekend, all who were anxious to take

Class A2 and Steen, A3. Following the Class A shooters was the Class B shooters, **Bob Stockbridge** (Corona) and SDSSA Skeet Chairman, **Vern Gideon** (El Cajon) working to capture Class B3, both with 92's. This was another long shoot off, going seven stations before Bob got the upper hand at station 5 and taking Class B3. The final shoot off was between husband and wife, **Jean and Don Berry** (Upland). Both had 88's in C Class and were going for Class C3 honors with gusto! The second station was not kind to Jean and as unfair as it may seem, Don sleeps on the couch tonight with his Class C3 win.

Lunch, one of our favorite events, was sponsored by the "C" Team which is comprised of **Jay Carter, Dave Erwin, Steen Thomsen, Roger Christensen and Bob Stockbridge**. We had Chili with big hot dogs, green salad and all the trimmings. Good fixing's to commence the afternoon event, the mighty 12ga. We thank the "C" Team for their contribution to our monthly event.

Twenty-one entered the 12ga. event with only one taking the top prize with a 100-straight, **Steve Claunch**. Three shoot offs took place as the next high score was a 99 belonging to **James Dewey, Harold Jeffers** (Torrance) and **Dennis James** (Escondido). James led off and promptly eliminated himself on the second station taking Class AA1. Harold and Dennis continued two more stations where Harold (A1) missed and Dennis didn't taking the Gun Runner up spot. Next were **Jay Carter** and **Steen Thomsen** vying for Class A2 and A3. It was hit and miss but the final result was Jay 5, Steen 4. The final shoot off of the day was between **Keith Phelps** (Torrance) and **Roger Christensen** for Class B1 and B2. Keith hit the first two solidly and Roger missed both of them "solidly."

The Novice award was presented to **Don Berry** (Upland) for his outstanding participation in the 12ga. event. This award is presented monthly at SDSSA and is made possible by the generosity of **John**



**DON BERRY-NOVICE WINNER**

**Herkowitz of Pacific Sporting Arms.**

Sunday morning brings on the multitude of 23 who aspire to greater heights in conquering the .410 bore. Three 98's top the list of comers. **Eric Van den Haute, Neil Vann** (San Diego) and **Dave Erwin** have the Cheshire cat smiles that radiate triumph in hitting those elusive targets. Dave (Class AA1) hits the highway early leaving Eric and Neil to duel it out. Station three is completed without a miss. Eric, shooting his Remington 870 scores a hit and miss at station 4 leaving the door wide open. With a dual miss at station 4 by Neil, all the marbles (Gun Champ) go to Eric in a fine display of coolness and sportsmanship.



**ERIC VAN DEN HAUTE**

**Matt Fort** and **Craig Potter** (Chula Vista), both with 92's, gird their loins for the battle of Class B1 and B2. Matt seemed to better "girded" and finished the contest at station 3 to take the Class B1 honor.

Off to a one-hour break again to sample the culinary delight donated by the "C" Team in anticipation of the final shooting event of the 600-target weekend, the 20 gauge.

We have 23 entrants in the 20ga. event with the final outcome almost magnificent. Three 99's are posted by **James Dewey, Jay Carter** and **Neil Vann**. Neil bowed out almost immediately to take the Class AA1 honor. Jay and James went two more stations with Jay missing a high five (Gun Runner up) and James performing in his usual high-tech manner by smashing the pair to take Gun Champion. **Brian Holt** (National City) and **Eric Van den Haute** shot off for Class AA3, both with 97's with Brian outlasting Eric at station three. So ends the weekend of fun, frolic and festivities in wonderful San Diego, California.

One shoot off ensued in High Over All between **Jay Carter** and **Harold Jeffers** for Class A1 and A2 with 384's. Final score at the end of five stations was Harold 5, Jay 6. HOA Gun Champion was **Steve Claunch**

with a 393 with HOA Gun Runner up going to **Eric Van den Haute** with a 391.

Many thanks go to those who so generously give their time and talents to make our monthly shoots successful. **Judy Phelps, Darlene Thomsen** and **Barb Vann** for their much appreciated help with the lunches. Our SDSSA staff and trained pullers are dually appreciated. It takes many talents and dedicated folks to have what we offer. **Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**TRAP LEAGUE SPRING 2007**



**By Mike Sorchy & Steve Marsch**

The Spring Trap League is off to a great start with 72 shooters on 13 teams competing for over \$4,000 in awards. After three weeks of shooting, Team 3, capably lead by **Chip Enniss**, is narrowly leading the pack with 24 points and an overall combined team average of 90%. However, with 4 weeks remaining, Chip has no reason to relax. Team 13, lead by **Augie Daddi**, is very close with 22 points. As is usually the case, there are some very notable individual performances. **Layne Kuhlman** is currently leading by narrowest of margins with 145/150, followed very closely by Junior **De Savage, Sonny Hale** and **Pinky Pinkowski**, all with 144/150. It should also be noted that, despite being "Helicoptered" out of his first handicap round, **Greg Alexander** has turned in four 25 Straights and a fifth round of 24. Very impressive!

We'd like to thank all the shooters that signed up for this league and the range staff for their continued help.

**RANGE SAFETY**

**By Augie Daddi**



As members of SAN DIEGO *Shotgun Sports Association* we take great pride in our Safety record at our range. For those of us shooting regularly safety is automatic or is it? We like to think it is.

Over the years, new safety rules have developed as a result of an incident. In the sport of Trap shooting, an open gun with a chambered round when moving between posts was not uncommon. However the incident of a shooter falling while walking

between posts, causing his shotgun to fire created a new rule.

Safety rules are intended to safeguard everyone's life in the immediate area. However the Range Safety Officer (RSO) can't see all the folks that are out on the fields to enforce those rules. So it becomes everyone's job to be the eyes of the Safety Officer. Some observations are better handled by reporting the matter to the RSO. Other observations are better handled on the spot by anyone. Here are a few simple violations that call for on the spot notification:

- Walking around the Range with a closed shotgun
- Sighting a shotgun towards others
- When on a shooting field with a live round chambered, pointing the barrel other than down range
- No shooting glasses while shooting
- No ear plugs while shooting

While not everyone qualifies as a goodwill ambassador, as necessary we need to tactfully point out the need to observe safety rules. Some of these rules affect only the shooter while other rules protect those around you.

As members we need to understand that many folks using our facility are not experienced in shotgun sports. The range normally assigns a field staff person to individuals that are not experienced shotgun users. It's these folks that require the attention of our range staff and other experienced shotgun users.

So for the safety of all and the future of our sport & facility, we need to make SAFETY everyone's responsibility. Your help in observing all safety rules while shot gunning will go a long way in keep our safety record intact.

Check out and adhere to the Safety Rules prominently displaced at the range. And remember, if you need help with shot gunning, talk to a member of the range staff or the RSO.

### **SAFETY-SAFETY-SAFETY**

It has been recently noted that there are individuals who are shooting more than clay targets at our range! This is a safety violation as well as a common sense violation. The rules of the SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association range are that ONLY shotguns will be used, with shot no larger than 7 1/2. There will be no other guns other than shotguns used! The reason for repeating this is that there have been .22 caliber casings and some center fire casing found on the range. Shooting of anything other than clay targets is strictly prohibited on the SDSSA range. That includes birds and animals. Anyone

observed violating this common sense directive will be escorted off the premises and not allowed to return until that person submits a petition to the Board of Director and can prove beyond a reasonable doubt that proper education and positive action has been taken by the violator. Safety is everybody's responsibility.



## **SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM**

By

**Don Wilkie**

### **Buddies lead the way at March ATA**

Two good buddies, Varsity shooters **Nick Meyer** and **Kurtis Sorchy** shot 99's to lead all Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) shooters at the SDSSA March ATA shoot and tied for high Junior ATA honors. The first singles event each month is also an SCTP event and it is our policy to take advantage of all shoot-off opportunities as part of our training program. In the shoot off, **Kurtis** missed only one target to win. **Matt Higgins** led all Junior Varsity shooters with a fine 97 and **Elliott Greb** led the SCTP intermediates with 88. Shooters classed as Varsity are in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12; Junior Varsity are also in the same grades but with less experience; Intermediates are in grades 6, 7, and 8; while Rookies are those in grades 5 and under.

### **The Ides of March**

The March Dogfight resulted in a draw with Alex Greb, a Junior Varsity shooter and Evan Marsh, a Varsity shooter both scoring 72/75. Dogfight is a patterned after the SDSSA Dodge City event and includes: one round of singles, one round of sliding trap from 16 to 24 yards, a buddy shoot and climaxes with an Annie Oakley. Kurtis Sorchy was last one standing in the Annie Oakley, followed by Ilija Cupurdija and Elliott Greb.

**Dogfight** is held once each month, in order to add variety and fun to our practice routine as well as to broaden our team members shooting experience. It usually takes place on a Saturday afternoon. The Thursday before each Dogfight is no longer a practice night.

Our first Dogfight took place on February 24. The youngsters enjoyed the change of pace and demonstrated their versatility with good scores. They were especially enthusiastic about the Annie Oakley. **Kurtis Sorchy** was high overall for the day.

**Ethan Mathias** was top Junior Varsity shooter and **Elliott Greb** top Intermediate. **Nick Meyer** won the inaugural Annie Oakley. Dogfight in April will be held on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Thoughts on Teamwork**

ATA Trapshooting is primarily an individual sport but SCTP is designed as a team sport although in California we also honor individual performances. At the National level emphasis is entirely on team performance. At the Grand, the winning Varsity squad last year (South Dakota) shot a team score of 979/1000 or 97.9%. Our Top Gun squad shot very well and posted a score of 96.5% placing 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Their team score was a little below their average for the year of 97% and below their top score at ATA events of 98%. If they shot as well at Sparta as their best performances at home, they could have won the National title (the same is probably true of many of the top squads at the Grand). But it is incredibly difficult for a squad to have all individuals perform at their best level at the same time. In most other sports an outstanding performance by one athlete may offset a sub-par performance of a teammate but in team-trap a sub-par performance by an individual can cost the squad a championship. Effective team play requires that each team member be in top physical and mental condition and feels confident that the team members support him or she at all times. Even playful kidding can ruin a shooter's confidence. Although meant in fun, a teasing remark may have an element of truth, and can raise doubts in another individual. The level of shooting at State and National Events is so high that even a momentary loss of confidence by one shooter can cost the team a championship. Winning a national championship requires that each team member effectively demonstrates his or her support of fellow team members. Team playing skills are reflected in life as well as on the shooting field.

### **Miramar Scholastic Invitational, April 29**

The planning committee of **Denny Greb, Ted Barlam, Mary Ellen Anderson, Chuck Higgins, Chip Ennis, Mike Sorchy, Toni and Rick Osgood** and Don Wilkie has been meeting monthly in preparation for the event. Fifteen squads from Oak Tree, Las Vegas, Project 2000 and San Diego Shotgun Sports have expressed their intention to compete this year. Last year we had 13 squads. We still have room for three more squads. Twenty-two parents have signed up as volunteers to help make this year another success. What will be this year's shooting highlights? Two years ago it was the battle between

**Brian Burrows** and **Jake Wallace**. Jake shot 199/200 for a fine performance but Brian was in the groove and shot a perfect 200. Ian Daube shot 200-straight at the State Competition last year. **Nick Meyer** shot a perfect 150 at Las Vegas Invitational this past January. Will we have another perfect run?

**ATTENTION TO SDSSA MEMBERS**

**We still need raffle prizes for the Invitational. Please help if you can with items under \$20 or cash contributions. Call Denny Greb (760) 749-6735 if you can help.**

**Hat shoots**



Hat shoots have become tradition. Shooters who demonstrate their marksmanship with their first 25-straight doff their hats and everyone peppers them. It is with pride that the shooter picks up his riddled hat, which is rarely wearable. At least he can nail shreds to the wall as proof of his or performance weeks. Congratulations to **Dakota Jacobson**, **Ethan Mathias** and **Cassie Osgood** who achieved this milestone this past month. Now on to 50-straight.

**New members**

We are pleased to welcome **Michael Dolphin** and **Christopher Dante** as trainees.



**MICHAEL DOLPHIN**

They will advance to full membership on the team after four satisfactory practices. Both are already showing early promise of becoming good trap shooters.



**CHRISTOPHER DANTE**

**Stop the press! Perfect 100's at the April ATA Shoot**

It's too good to keep till next month. We knew they were on top of their game and didn't expect two of our shooters to run a shoot perfect 100's in the same event.



**DE SAVAGE – 100 STRAIGHT**



**EVAN MARSCH – 100 STRAIGHT**

But **De Savage** and **Evan Marsch** did it! A thing of beauty! Right on their heels were **Kurtis Sorchy** and **Ilija Cupurdija** nearly did the same and shot 99's while **Robert Jones** added a fine 97 to give our top five Varsity/Junior Varsity Squad an average score of 99%. Congratulations for an outstanding team performance. **De** and **Evan** will shoot off at next week's practice on Thursday, April 12 for SCTP Varsity honors.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**By**

**Fred Hoyle**



This month my topic is membership.

Each year we send out letters to all regular members asking them to renew their membership by paying the yearly dues. Each year a number of members forget to renew on time. We then write, call or e-mail them a reminder. We always get a partial response and a number of members who do not choose to renew are placed on inactive status.

Members do not renew for various reasons, the most frequent one is that they no longer shoot often, or at all. A number of people who have stopped shooting continue to keep up current membership to assist the Association to provide quality shooting facilities for those who continue shooting.

This year over 100 persons were reminded to renew by a second notice. Many of them were glad to be reminded and forwarded their 2007 dues. The final result was setting our membership at 660 (145 life & 515 regular), down from over 700 members.

As you know the Association attempts to keep shooting costs as low as possible and each membership is needed. If you know anyone who has not renewed please ask them to continue to help us provide our shooting services. Thanks

**April 7 & 8 ATA Results**

**By**

**Augie Daddi**



SCTP shooters are making there mark early in 2007. Two of them; **Evan Marsch** & **De Savage** ran the singles in Event 1 on Saturday. The other 2 squad members; **Kurtis Sorchy** and **Robert Jones** shot 99 & 97 respectively. Not bad...in fact pretty darn good. The only other 100 was posted by **Chip Enniss** who garnered the **Champion award**. Another SCTP shooter; **Roger Siewerth** posted a 94 and took B Class. **Larry Premo** wasn't in the winners circle in the Saturday Singles but wife **Kathy** shot a 94 and took C Class. Junior **Kambra Brawner** continued her winning ways posting a 95 and taking the Hi Lady award. **Freddie Corley** took Hi Vet with a

99 and Juniors **Ilija Cupurdija** and **Kurtis Sorchy** tied for Hi Jr with 99's

In the afternoon Handicap, **Larry Premo** took the Champion award with a 97 from the 27 yard line. **Wilbur Poston** took the long with a 96, Kevin King, middle with a 94 and **Ray Laumer**, short with a 95. **Jan Slough** took Hi Lady with a 95 and **Ray Gutierrez** led all Vets with a 91.

In the Saturday Doubles Event Junior **De Savage** bested all shooters by three targets, posting a 98. Mom **Dianne Savage** took the Hi Lady award. **Lonnie Catania** posted a 95 and was high in AA Class. B shooters **Aaron Valdes** and **Carlos Dominquez** tied for B Class honors with 90's. **Kevin King** posted the Hi Class C with an 84

On Sunday **Russ Hawes** led all Singles shooters with the lone 100. **Alan Lanning** topped AA Class with a 98. **Aaron Valdes** took A Class with a 96, **Carlos Dominquez** took B Class with a 94 and **Jan Slough** broke a 97 for the C Class winner. In the Special Categories, **Dianne Savage** took Hi Lady with a 98, **Emily Heckencamp** took Hi Jr with a 86 and **Freddie Corley & Ray Gutierrez** shared Hi Vet honors with 96s.

In the Sunday Handicap, newcomer **Carlos Dominquez** led all shooters with a 97 and took the Champion award. In the yardage groups **Morris Hall** took long with a 94, **Ken Datz** took the middle with an 82 and **Aaron Valdes** took short with a 96. **Jan Slough** broke an 87 for the Hi Lady while **Ray Gutierrez** took Hi Vet with an 88.

Our 2007 Winter Chain 3 day ATA Shoot is scheduled for May 4, 5 & 6; Fri, Sat & Sun. SCTP parents will have food available Saturday & Sunday. Proceeds from the sale of food go to the SCTP, supporting the Juniors Program. Look for the Winter Chain Program on our web site.



## DODGE CITY SHOOTOUT

By

**Jim England**

We had a great turnout at the March DC Shoot. 59 shooters with three juniors. It seems that when the weather gets warmer, the attendance goes up as well. It seems that with each month there's a new face or two. Regulars bring a friend, word gets around. 9 shooter got 25 @ the 16: **Clarence Ades, Fred Brown, Lonnie Catania, Jerry Dillard, Chip Enniss, Larry Fry, Danny Godinho, Fred Hoyle** and

**Mike Sorchy**. Only one 25 @ handicap: **Sonny Hale**. Three buddy teams got all 20: **Frank Bass** and **Ron Campbell, Steve Claunch** and **Augie Daddi, Sonny Hale** and **Willie Turner**. At buddy #2 one team: **Tom Hickerson** and **Ron Siewerth**. The Annie Oakley came down to **Kyle Meadows** 4<sup>th</sup>, **Bill Hamilton** 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Delano Hale** 2<sup>nd</sup> and **Sonny Hale** 1<sup>st</sup>. Top score with an 86: **Sonny Hale** and **Kevin King**. See you all April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERS

We just finished on April 1 the drive to contact some 104, 2006 Association members who decided not to renew their 2007 membership that was due on January 1. From a financial standpoint, that adds up to \$5200 that the Association could have had in the treasury to support the programs that the other 660 of us enjoy from day to day. Although this is a significant amount of money the real issue is survival!

We have enjoyed the location of our Association since 1977 and plan on enjoying for many more years due to the positive feedback that we get from our good neighbor landlord on the north side of the runway. Our lease is up in 2008 and at this point in time we don't know what we will be paying for rent for the next five years (our lease is a five-year lease with the U.S. Navy). Should the powers to be decide that their land is worth more than we have been paying them over the past five years, we will have to look hard at what we must do to survive. If you were on the SDSSA Board of Directors, what would you do? Maybe eliminate some projects that benefit the membership. Certainly you would have to consider an increase in shooting fees knowing that clay target prices have risen considerably lately along with the possible rent increase. Maybe you would eliminate some of the paid staff that keeps the facility in good shape. Would you supplement the elimination of paid staff with volunteers? Would you count on volunteers doing more on a day-to-day basis than is presently recognized? Think about it and put yourself in the place of Board members who are all volunteers and while you are thinking, how many volunteers do you think you could get to do the jobs you just eliminated?

Let's look at the volunteer situation. Most if not all of our shooting venues are staffed with volunteers. A volunteer is one who is not paid and does not expect pay for the gift of giving. The International Bunker, field 11 and 12 have no paid personnel running first class International shoots for Olympic hopefuls. Our skeet program is totally run by volunteers except for when there is a monthly shoot and then the staff provides field referees who have been schooled in the voluminous rules of the

game, by volunteers. The 5-stand folks have a "puller" to conduct their recreational shooting program. The Scholastic Clay Target Program is totally run by volunteers, youth as well as adults. The popular Trap and Skeet Leagues are coordinated by volunteers. With 660 members one would think that there is someone who would step forward and VOLUNTEER their time and talents to head up the registered ATA trap program! It has been suggested that should no one wish to take the time on a monthly basis to head up our most prolific sport that maybe we should discontinue the trap program until we can find a "giver" in amongst all the "takers!" Or, only have a trap shoot when someone decides to step up and run the shoot that one weekend of the year! Mull that thought over in your mind for just a moment and see if you can tell where we are going in the near future. Volunteers will make or break your Association. You should be personally concerned.

Back to the issue on membership for a moment. The twelve Board members divided up the 103 persons who had not paid their 2007 dues and contacted each one of them. Some of those contacted were "old" members with very low membership numbers. Some were last year's newbie's. The list of 103 was whittled down to 83 dropouts. Not a good thing when we have that many not coming back to shoot and support the only facility of our nature in Southern California.

As you can read, we have two very important issues facing us. One is the loss of worthy members and the other is the lack of volunteers on a very worthwhile shooting venue. If you as an important SDSSA member have any positive suggestions that will give your elected Board members a "warm and fuzzy," send all to the address on the front of this newsletter, attention Robert Keefe, SDSSA President.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

We hold a Board of Directors meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 5:00pm in the west end of the Silva Center. At the beginning of the, we set aside time to have the "introduction of guests." We encourage you to stop by and either listen or contribute your concerns/positive suggestions/questions. You are free to vacate the meeting at any time. Your concerns are our concerns and silence, in this case, is not golden! The range is open until 9:00pm so you have an opportunity to get some much deserved shooting in before returning to the rigors of home life. Our May meeting will be on Thursday, May 10 at 5:00pm. Hope to see you then if not before on the field shooting.