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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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President's

Message

By

Robert Keefe



With 2008 upon us we look forward to another great year of shotgun sports. Two items need your immediate attention. First is the Annual Dinner Meeting which will be held at the Town & Country Hotel and Resort. The date is January 26, 2008. By now you should have received your invitation in the mail. I know I must sound like a broken record by now, but, I sure would like to see an increase in attendance at the dinner. The last few years we've had about one hundred fifteen people attend. This is our Association's Annual Dinner

Meeting. It will be an evening to socialize with friends and fellow SDSSA members. There will be a social hour with hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner with your choice of three entrees. After dinner enjoy dessert and coffee as we conduct some Association business. You'll hear the year end financial report. There will be a State of the Association report along with a recap of significant events of 2007 and upcoming events for 2008. There will be guest speakers, special awards will be presented and the new Directors will take the oath of office. Plus, don't forget the best raffle in southern California. Check out our website www.sandiegoshotgunsports.com for pictures of the dining room and directions. Come out and join the fun.

Along with your dinner invitation you should have received your 2008 annual dues letter. Dues are still only \$50.00. With the raising costs of everything from gasoline to lead, fifty dollars a year is a very reasonable amount to continue your membership in San Diego Shotgun Sports Association. Please don't delay sending in your dues payment. Also, take a minute and update your address and phone numbers along with an e-mail address if you have

one. This will help us keep our membership database current. We are shooting (bad pun) for 100% renewal. Your continued membership is important to SDSSA. Dues received after February 1, 2008 will be considered delinquent and subject to a \$50.00 late fee, which is in essence a membership re-instatement. That means, if you wait until after the deadline to renew your membership it could cost you \$100. Don't let that happen! Send it in today. I would like to thank you all for your continued support of SDSSA and I look forward to seeing you all at the 2008 Annual Dinner Meeting.

SKEET

LEAGUE

By

Dick Seaver



The next Skeet League will start on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. It will run for seven shooting weeks. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Range Office in early December. Start getting your teams formed and if you do not have a team, contact me and I will find a team for you.

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Above is the trophy case in which we are displaying some of the many trophies and awards that **Grey Silva**, whose name appears on our clubhouse, won during his skeet shooting career. We thoughtfully display these awards in tribute to a shotgun shooter who was a true gentleman. He is in the California State Hall of Fame as well as enshrined in the NSSA Hall of Fame. Should one have the opportunity to visit the NSSA/NSCA Museum on the home grounds of NSSA in San Antonio, Texas, one will see first-hand the many achievements of **Grey Silva**.

**NSSA
Sweepstakes
League**



By

Dick Seaver

An NSSA Sweepstakes League, at SDSSA, will be starting early in 2008. You can sign up for an individual team,

two man team, three man team, five man team or any combination of teams.

For additional information regarding the 2008 NSSA Sweepstakes League, go to www.mynssa.com/forms.shtml and scroll down to the "League & Sweepstakes" section. There is a link for the "League and Sweepstakes Guidelines" and also for "League and Sweepstakes Information"

If you are interested, contact me and I will get you signed up.

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RANGE

SAFETY

By

Fred Hoyle



Each month one of your board members has been asked to write an article on safety at our range. The board felt that safety is important enough that monthly reminders would make everyone do a better job of making the range a safer place. This was an excellent idea, but it does not go far enough. **SAFETY** is the job of each of us. We are open to the public and not all shooters are as safe as we feel is necessary. The staff and our directors cannot be everywhere at all times. We need the help of every member. If you witness an unsafe act bring it to the attention of the staff and take action yourself if you feel it is immediately necessary. When the situation has been handled please jot down the particulars and give them to the Manager.

Many of us have stories concerning safety. These stories can be learning experiences for everyone. All members are invited to write up safety articles and submit them to the board for publication in the newsletter. It's your club too. Please help keep us safe.

OLYMPIC

SKEET

By

Gene Green



The 2007 California State Skeet Championship was held last March and was a 200-target event with final. The winner was **Ahmad Shirloo** with a score of 207. Coming in second was **Ali Chaing** with 196. Third went to Mark Nicholson with a 175. Congratulations to all!

2008 will see the beginning of a Scholastic Clay Target Program for skeet. Some of our finest shooters have volunteered to coach. So if you know of young person who might want to learn to shoot a shotgun, please tell them about this!

ATA TRAP

By

Chip Enniss



The monthly A.T.A. competition was held Dec. 1st and 2nd with the following results.

Event #1 200 Singles Targets, Champion **Kurtis Sorchy** with a strong 195 x 200 in less than good conditions. Nice job Kurtis! Class winners were **Chip Enniss** over **John Lumn** after a shoot off

with 193 x 200 for "AA". **Mike Sorchy** "A". **Michael Rush** from New Hampshire "B. and another Jr. **Alex Greb** won "C" class. Jr. with 189 x 200 was **De Savage** 189 x 200. High Lady was **Diane Savage** 184 X 200 (shooting her old Gun) and **Charlie Bover** secured Vet with a 191x 200.

Event #2 200 Doubles Targets Scores were very low because of the wind and poor light conditions and only 8 die hard Trap shooters even attempted them.

Champion was **Chip Enniss**, 179 X200. "AA", **Charlie Bover** 170 x200 "A" **Robert Chambers** 174 x 200 "B" **Michael Rush** 173 z200 "C" winner with 156 x 200 **Wayne Langevin**.

Sunday dawned with good light on the Targets and a light Breeze and some shooters took advantage by breaking some good scores. **Kurt Sachau** won both Handicap events with 94 and 97 respectively. Way to go Kurt! **Tony Benigno** was Long winner in both events chasing Kurt. Other winners on event #3 were **Aaron Valdez**, Mid yardage @ 92.

Heath Messenger Short, @93, and our volunteer cashier, **Lisa Isom** won High Lady @ 90.

Lisa has been shooting GREAT the last few weeks. Come on Harvey, time to get after it .**Evan Marsch** was high Jr. @ 90. Vet winner was **Dave Johnson** @84

Other event 4 winners were **Ronald Wilcox** , mid @94, Short **Bill DeBreau** with 96, good for ½ yard and **Dave Johnson** again was High Vet with 86. **Jan Slough**, our other volunteer Cashier and record keeper won high Lady @ 86.

When you see Lisa or Jan, be sure to thank them for the work they do. By having these two Ladies doing what they do we are able to put \$1.00 per shooter more into the Trophy fund and that allows all of us to win more and get better Trophies., Also helping out at the squad room is **Kurt Sachau**, as always, **Sonny Hale** and **Mike Sorchy**, when he is not tied up with the kids in the S.C.T.P. program. Thanks for all the help Guys and Gals.

The program for January will be a standard Singles, Handicap and Doubles on Sat. and Singles and Handicap on Sunday, Come join us and have some fun. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. See you all at the January shoot.



DODGE CITY

By

Jim Englund

The November D.C. had a great turnout with 54 clay breakers. The progressive pot had 22 buy-ins with a high score of 83. Therefore, it is growing. There were a lot of dead-eyes at the 16 yard line: **Greg Alexander**, **Lonnie Catania**, **Taylor Craft**, **Augie Daddi**, **Rich Davis**, **Bill DeBreau**, **Chip Ennis**, **Larry Fontana**, **Bill Hamilton**, **Kevin King**, **Tudor**, **Butch Smallenberger** and **Mike Sorchy**. No 25's @ handicap, but there were 6 to break 24: **Michael Bates**, **Taylor Craft**, **Jim Clayton**, **Augie Daddi**, **Rich Davis** and **Bob Murray**. Buddy # 1 had two teams to hit 19: **Chris**

Burrows and **Jerry Callaway**, **Roger Snipes** and **Aaron Valdes**. Buddy #2 had one team to get 18: **Mark Cox** and **Bob Murray**. The Annie Oakley came down to **Michael Bates** 4th, **Mike Sorchy** 3rd, **Charlie Bover** 2nd and **Curtis Sorchy** took top prize. Top score with an 83 **Rich Davis**, who did not buy in to the progressive. The real high light of the day was the celebration of **Jim Snow's** 97th Birthday. **Diane Savage** brought a beautiful cake for all. If you were not at the shoot, wish **Jim** a H.B. when you see him at the range. Wow, 97 and still shooting! Go get'em **Snow**.



SCTP News

By

Mike Sorchy

The 2008 S.C.T.P. season started out with a team meeting held on November 1st. A safety lecture and test was given by **Steve Marsch** to returning members and new members. There was also discussion on what the new year will bring. At this time I would like to welcome the new members to the program. Their names are **Aidian Kim**, **Chase Lewis**, **Draven Morgan**, **Cardigan Morgan**, **Camaren Leibitzke** and **Tiffany Hicban**. Practice has been held as scheduled. The practices have consisted of both time on the field and instruction in the classroom.

The team shot their 1st A.T.A. on November 3rd. Leading the group was **De Savage** and **Kurtis Sorchy** with 97/100. De

and Kurtis shot off for hi-jr. with De winning the event 24 to 23. Good shooting De! Other S.C.T.P. scores were **Matt Higgins** 93, **Chris Leonard** 83, **Evan Marsch** 96, **Kyle Meadows** 79, **Nick Meyer** 91, **Cassie Osgood** 87 and **Justin Wagner** at his 1st A.T.A. with an 87. Eight hearty souls shot the December 1st A.T.A. which was 200 targets. Three of our S.T.C.P. members took home the gold. **Kurtis Sorchy** won champion with a 195, **De Savage** won hi-jr. with a 189 and **Alex Greb** took class C with a 180. Other S.T.C.P. scores were **Elliott Greb** 177, **Chris Dante** 177, **Ethian Mathias** 147, **Kyle Meadows** 129 and **Roger Siewerth** 165. **Mary Ellen Siewerth** continues to do a great job providing the lunches for the A.T.A.. Proceeds from the lunches go towards entry fees and other misc. expenses during the season.

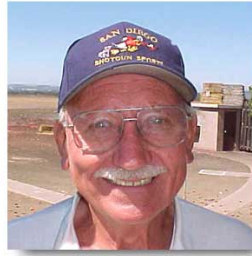
In addition to the monthly A.T.A. competitions at our range, we will participate in several S.C.T.P. events. The first one will be hosted by the Silver State Claybreakers at the Las Vegas Gun Club January 20th. Hopefully it will not be freezing cold like it was last year. It did not seem to bother **Nick Meyer** as he shot 150 straight last year. The other events will be the Miramar Invitational on March 16th, Oak Tree (to be announced) and the State Championship in Kingsburg on June 21st.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, Layne and staff for their continued support of the program.

SKEET

NEWS

By
Neil Vann



STORMY WEATHER was the theme song for the December 7 – 9, 2007, Santa's Warm up Open held at the **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association** range located in what is normally deemed, "sunny" San Diego, California. Something we are blessed with once or twice a year (rain) and then it is as dry as a dog bone the rest of the time! I believe it was the angels in heaven shedding tears for those who perished on this day in December of 1941!

The inclement weather understandably kept most of the out-of-towners away for Friday's 12ga. preliminary event. A crowd of four braved the elements with **Vern Gideon** (El Cajon) and **Dan McNaughton** (San Diego) posting very nice 97's. Then the two station shoot off ended with Vern triumphant and 12ga. prelim. Gun Champion, Dan placing Gun Runner up.

The second Friday event encouraged six participants to enter the Doubles event. **Dennis James** (Escondido) emerged victorious as Doubles Gun Champion with a 95 followed by **Dave Robinson** (Valley Center) with an 89 and Doubles Gun Runner up.

Saturday morning, the advertised fouling piece of choice was the 28ga. First bank start time was 8:30am with five shooters approaching the skeet field something similar to, "On

Golden Pond." The 10 total shooters did finish without melting in the scattered showers. A frisson of excitement prickled **Matt Fort's** (Chula Vista) scalp during the event and he topped the group with a 97 taking the Gun Champion spot.



MATT FORT

Dave Robertson was Runner up with a 96.

Lunch, this month, was donated by **John Lumn** (Alpine), Association member, super-duper trap shooter, supplier of bulk reloading components and all-around good guy.



JOHN LUMN

On the menu were Costco super dogs, chili, chips, water and all the fixing's which made up for a warm lunch on a cool day.

Saturday afternoon hosted the 12ga. to 11 entries.



WALTER BRUNING

Novice, **Walter Bruning** (Oceanside) runs away with the 12ga. posting a 98 and 12ga. Gun Champion and Novice winner! Only one shoot off of note between Class B shooter, **Vern Gideon**, Class AA shooter, **Carl Best** (Lemon Grove) and Class C shooter **Dan McNaughton** all with 96's, vying for 12ga. Gun Runner up amid the puddles. The first station of the shoot off was unkind to Vern (Class B1) and Dan (Class C1) in that Carl busted a pair with authority for the prize. Last months Novice winner, **Jeff Hager** (Chino), shot his first 25-straight in the 12ga.



JEFF HAGER

Congratulations, Jeff! We look forward to additional achievements in skeet shooting by you.

Sunday morning we are back to the weather we enjoy and just in time to shoot the .410 bore! With 9 shooters in the competition, Association

members, **Steve Erbe** (Oceanside), **Matt Fort** and **Dave Robertson** all come in with 97's to vie for Gun Champion, Gun Runner up and first-in-class. Steve is absolutely perfect while Matt and Dave missed one. Steve is the .410 bore Gun Champion. The shoot off goes a couple more stations and Dave misses and Matt doesn't so we have Matt as .410 .bore Gun Runner up and Dave as Class A1.



STEVE ERBE

Back to the lunch event with the same menu, the same appreciated sponsor and a welcome break to begin the final shooting event, the 20ga. With only 11 shooters, **Vern Gideon** opted to get the entire 2:00 bank to shoot during the 12:30 bank thus shortening the shooting day. All agreed and off we went. Novice shooter **Bill Cramer** (Oceanside) came in with the lone 100-straight not only of the 20ga. but of the weekend!!

Congratulations Bill on your first 100-straight at SDSSA and first 100-straight. I explained later to Bill and his wife Wanda (first time shooter at SDSSA) that we have a rule at SDSSA that when husband and wife shoot on the same squad that we take the average and apply to both shooters. I almost had him convinced until one each **James**

Dewey (Ramona), with a 99, embellished the rule and Bill caught on. It was fun while it lasted. Bill was our 20ga. Gun Champion and James, the 20ga. Gun Runner up.



BILL CRAMER

The HOA event was participated by 8 folks with **Dave Robertson** the winner with a 380. **Matt Fort** and **James Dewey** dueled during the shoot off for second spot with 376's. Matt went to the mat with James and was the winner after a six-station shoot off.

NEWSLETTER ON THE WEB

Another friendly reminder. We are still looking for those who wish to assist the Association by notifying any one of the Board of Directors that you would like to receive your monthly newsletter via the internet and reduce the expense of mailing the newsletter to you. I know it sounds trivial but when there are over 600 mailings per month at today's present rate, that's money better spent toward the betterment of your Association rather than feeding the government postal service! You can email me, Neil Vann at cnavann@cox.net if you feel the urge to help.

Still another reminder. Your 2008 Association dues is due and payable on January 1, 2008!