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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



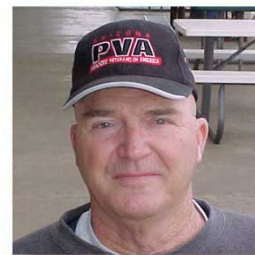
SAFETY! SAFETY! SAFETY! Gun safety is the number one priority at SDSSA. SDSSA safety rules are conspicuously posted throughout the Range. You will find them posted outside the Range office and 5-stand rules on the fence at fields six and seven. These postings are not guidelines. They are rules put down by SDSSA and are to be followed by our membership and guests. 5-stand has added rules that must be followed. No exceptions. There have been reported instances of shooters loading more than two shells at 5-stand. Loading more than two shells is not permitted under any circumstances at SDSSA. No poaching birds. That means no shooting at any birds that aren't thrown for you. This practice is not only dangerous but is unsportsmanlike. 5-stand rules are clearly posted. It is your responsibility to know the rules. They will be strictly enforced. **Layne Kuhlman** is the SDSSA's **Range Safety Officer**. The

pullers are the **Field Safety Officers**. If they witness anyone not following the rules or otherwise being unsafe, the puller will bring it to the shooters attention. If the unsafe condition continues the puller has been instructed to shut down the field and contact Layne. I would hope that before it got that far that one of the person's fellow shooters would also bring it to their attention. As members of SDSSA we all have a vested interest in our Association. Proper gun handling and safety is in everyone's best interest.

At the February Board of Directors meeting the 2008 budget was approved. With the successful lead mining and sales the Association finished the year in the black which carried over into 2008. A part of our Association's budget depends on new membership fees and annual dues. As of February 2008 SDSSA has a total of 714 members. We have 145 life and 570 regular memberships. These totals do not take into consideration the 98 memberships that will become inactive due to non-payment of annual dues. Those 98 unpaid dues equate to \$4900.00 in lost revenue and will reduce our membership to 616 current members. We are in the process of contacting those 98 members as a reminder that their dues are delinquent. The Board approved two grant requests from **Brian Burrows** to help offset his costs associated with his quest to make the Men's Olympic Trap Team. SDSSA wishes **Brian Burrows** and **Susan Sledge** success at the Final Olympic Trials being held on March 8 - 16th in Kerrville Texas.

www.sandiegoshotgunsports.com hit a milestone on February 7, 2008 when our web site had its 200,000 visitor to the homepage. That is quite an accomplishment and thanks go to **Augie Daddi** who developed our first site in 1999. Our first site was Miramar Trap & Skeet Club. It was changed to www.sandiegoshotgunsports.com when we switched to a 401 (c) 3 organization. There is a wealth of information on our website. From the latest scores and highlights along with interesting articles and links to other web sites. If you're reading this newsletter on

paper did you know that by opting out of having the newsletter mailed to you, you can read it on our web site? You can do this by emailing the newsletter editor **Neil Vann** at cnvann@cox.net and asking to be dropped from the newsletter mailing. I urge you to take this opportunity and check out our web site to see how easy it is to read the current newsletter as well as past issues with just the click of the mouse. Once again, **Safety! Safety! Safety! Think safety. Gun Safety is all of our responsibility.** I look forward to seeing you at the range.



PVA NEWS

By

Jim Russell

20th Annual Cal-Diego PVA Trapshoot



Hey! April the 11 - 13 will see trap shoot action with the Cal-Diego Paralyzed Veterans Twentieth Annual Trap Shoot. Come on out, join in the fun and help us celebrate our twentieth anniversary. Friday there will be practice in the afternoon followed by a welcome reception at the range. Saturday and Sunday will see competition of 50 singles, 50 handicap and 25 pair of doubles each day, plus a whole host of options will be available. Entry forms for advance registration at a reduced price will be available at the range office soon.

We know that many of us received a bug that was imported from Wisconsin by one of shooters at our shoot last year and for that we humbly apologize. Lets us try to make amends by providing you with a great time this year. To start with, we have changed the start time for shooting from 9:00 am to 10:00 am so we can all get an extra hour of sleep. Breakfast will begin at 9:00 am and Calcutta bidding will start at 9:15. Hope to see you there. Jim

SAFETY ON THE RANGE
By
Jim Tomsovic



Upon hearing that some folks liked my last bit on shooting safety, I felt inspired to do another piece, this time focusing on some of the hard and fast rules that I've learned over the years. Please take the following test (no, big brother is not grading you) and see just how well you do. I'm sure I haven't hit all the rules, but this should get you to thinking, which is a good thing (*unless of course you're thinking about too many things at the time you call "pull."*)

SHOTGUN SAFETY TEST

All questions are True or False

- 1 Always treat every firearm as if it is loaded. T F
- 2. If someone *you trust* hands you a firearm, you can assume it has been cleared. T F
- 3. It's OK to point a shotgun at something you're not planning to shoot *if you're practicing* T F
- 4. Always pass a shotgun to another with the action open and the *barrel pointed in a safe direction.* T F
- 5. Always carry a shotgun with the action open *until it's time to shoot.* T F
- 6. It's OK to place a loaded shotgun in the rack *only* if the safety's "ON." T F
- 7. It's OK to lay a loaded shotgun down as long as you don't *leave it unattended.* T F
- 8. Always place your unloaded shotgun down in such a manner that it *cannot be knocked over.* T F
- 9. Never leave your shotgun or ammo where a child might find it *or pick it up* T F
- 10. Never load you shotgun indoors *except at the range.* T F
- 11. It's OK to store your shotgun *in a closet* as long as it's where no child might find it. T F

12. It's OK to keep a loaded gun in your vehicle as long as *you're actively hunting.* T F

13. When in the field, always carry your shotgun in such a manner so it's *not pointing* at any person or dog. T F

14. Don't bother to unload your shotgun when crossing a fence or other obstacle in the field as long as you *set the safety* T F

15. You should always *check your barrel* after clearing an obstacle for lodged debris. T F

16. When hunting, it's OK to lay your finger *on the trigger* in case that "quick one" pops up. T F

17 In modern guns, safeties are infallible and can *always be trusted.* T F

18. It's OK to have a brew with the guys before shooting as long as you *know your limits.* T F

19. Upon hearing an *odd sounding discharge*, you should always inspect your barrel for obstructions. T F

20. If you have a misfire, *immediately open your action* and inspect the faulty round. T F

OK, take a deep breath...you're done. Pretty basic stuff, huh? Questions 1,4,5,8,9,10,13,15,&19 are True, all the others are false. How'd you do? Are you a plus or a risk in the field or on the range? One wrong and you're a *risk* in my book. Please, always "think safe," and you and everyone around you will continue to enjoy our sport.

SKEET

NEWS

By

Neil Vann



SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association conducted the February **UFF-DA V OPEN** in San Diego, California on February 22-24, 2008 amid cloudy, windy, rainy, cooler-than-usual weather, hosting a total of 19 shooters.

The **UFF-DA OPEN** was created 5 years ago to commemorate the Norwegian influence in the area. All of you from the mid-west and other parts of the country that the Norsemen settled know the term and what it means. For the uninformed UFF-DA is a Norwegian expression that used to acknowledge an element of shock/surprise or maybe some exasperation. UFF-DA is a verbal expression to use when you forget your mother-in-laws name in your wedding reception line! There are many other situations and if you put UFF-DA in Google, you will see them.



SOME WHO BRAVED THE RAIN.



OUR UFF DA REPRESENTATIVE DAN McNAUGHTON

Even with the San Diego inclement weather, we had 7 signed up on Friday to shoot the 28ga. preliminary event. **John Daubenschmidt** (Virginia Beach, Virginia) and **Dennis James** (Escondido) tied with high score of 97.



JOHN DAUBENSCHMIDT

Gun Champion was won by John after a two station shoot off with Dennis taking the Gun Runner up spot. The next event on Friday was the Doubles event with 9 entries. **John Daubenschmidt** did it again! This time with a 96 to take Gun Champion. **Roger Christensen** (Perris) was crowned Gun Runner up with a 93.

Saturday morning was just the opposite of Friday; lots of nice sunshine. Just right to start the 28ga. main event with 18 eager shooters ready to enjoy our sport.

Eric Van den Haute (San Diego) brought in the top score with a 99.



ERIC VAN DEN HAUTE

John Daubenschmidt took Gun Runner up with a lone 98. **Matt Fort** (Chula Vista) and **Neil Vann** (San Diego) went head-to-head to battle it out for Class A1 and A2 with 94's. Matt proved to be the superior shot and captured the Class.

Our lunch sponsors for both Saturday and Sunday were the "C" Team comprised of **Roger Christensen**, **Dave Erwin** (Corona), **Bob Stockbridge** (Corona) and **Steen Thomsen** (Covina). Chicken Tenderloins served on a gourmet bun and all the trimmings settled the stomachs of the participants. Thanks, "C"-Team for your support.

The 12ga. event hosted 18 shooters with teammates **James Dewey**, **Carl Best** and **Eric Van den Haute** all bringing in 99's. Eric (Class AA1) had to leave early so he missed out in all the fun that a shoot off provides for both the shooter and those who are on the other side of the fence wishing/knowing they should be out there. James out shoots Carl in a two-station exhibition taking the 12ga. Gun Champion and Carl, the 12ga. Gun Runner up.

Our 12ga. Novice Champion was **Ligouri Soulsby** who is active military with the United States Coast Guard and stationed in San Diego.



LIGOURI SOULSBY
FEBRUARY NOVICE WINNER

This is Ligouri's second shoot since joining NSSA in November 2007 and only 600 targets later, she finishes with an excellent 82! During the 12ga. event, Ligouri shot her first 24 on the last box. Not only was her dad, **John**

Daubenschmidt proud of her, we ALL were. Congratulations, Ligouri.

Sunday morning is the .410 event with 13 entrants and we are experiencing another day of intermittent showers. It is not so much the weather that is bothersome to shooters but the clothes one needs to wear to prepare for the weather. The relentless **John Daubenschmidt** cranks out the top score of 96. If he was playing marbles, he would have a sack full! Teammates **James Dewey** and **Carl Best** shoot 92's, good enough to shoot off for .410 Gun Runner up. Again, James out-guns Carl for the award.



CARL BEST

The final shooting event of the 600-target weekend is the 20ga. James Dewey is the 20ga. Gun Champion with his lone 98. Three 97's are posted. John Daubenschmidt, Eric Van den Haute and Dennis James take to station three to start the shoot off of the day. John is first and hit the pair with authority. Eric has a good hit on the high bird but. . . Dennis squirts the first and hits the low. John is the 20ga. Gun Runner up; Eric takes Class AA1 and Dennis, Class A1. Station 3 seems to be the downfall of many a shooter. Craig Potter (Chula Vista) and Vern Gideon (El Cajon) vie for Class B3. Vern took that one, again at station 3. The shoot offs were few during the week end but there is always hope for some of us next time.

The last event of the weekend was the non-shooting event of HOA. Yep! By now you have guessed who came out on top. But, it wasn't just John!! Three had top HOA scores of 386; Eric Van den Haute, John Daubenschmidt and James Dewey. Can they get past station 3? James didn't but did capture the Class AA1 position. Now we have a shoot off! Eric allows the low four bird to exceed the limits of the leading edge of the shot pattern for a loss taking HOA Runner up. John devastates the pair

and gracefully saunters off station 4 accepting the congratulation of the multitude winning HOA Champion.

That being the completion of all that there is to complete, we head off into the cloudy sunset for thought of grandeur on another day. Thanks to all who participated, the SDSSA staff and anyone else who had a part in making this February shoot a good one.



DODGE CITY

By

Jim Englund

Ah, Spring is in the air and the Dodge City shooters are out to enjoy the fun. February brought out 47 shooters to break targets have a great lunch with **Annie Hoyle's** carrot cake, which is worth the price of admission alone. We had 21 shooters buy in to the progressive pot with **Sonny Hale** taking 25% with an 86. Some scores at the 16: **Chip Enniss**, **Danny Godinho**, **Sonny Hale**, **Harvey Isom** and **John Lumn** breaking all 25. **Charlie Bover**, **Taylor Craft** and **Fred Hoyle** all got 25 at the handicap. Buddy #1 had only one team and shot a 20; **Sonny Hale** and **Mick Sorchy**. Two teams at Buddy #2 got all 20 targets; **Charlie Bover** and **Fred Corley**, **Mike Sorchy** and **Willie Turner**. The Annie Oakley got pared down to **Clarence Ades** in forth, **Jerry Dillard** third, **Ray Osgood** second, and **Lonnie Catania** took first. High score: **Sonny Hale** with an 86.



VOLUNTEERS

By

Vern Gideon

Have you hugged or shaken their hands and said thank you to our volunteers? Yes, we have a paid staff. **Layne Kuhlman** and his staff do a fine job of keeping the range open and running like a well oiled machine. But what would it be like if we did not have the volunteers for the rest of the events at the association? Would there be any ATA Trap, NSSA Skeet, Bunker shoots? Would there be a Dodge City or Introduction to Shotgun Sports? We would not have a Scholastic Clay Target

Program for the young shooters. We would not have our news letters or a web site. The maintenance and repair of the facilities would go unattended. All of these things are organized and run by the people who step forward and volunteer. In 2007 we had 35-40 (out of a membership of over 600) volunteers put in 6500 hours to provide the guidance and effort to make these things happen. The hours noted does not include the time spent by your Board of Directors in running the Association. I think it is time to stand up and say thank you and ask what I can do to help. Seek out the chairperson responsible for an area you are interested in and ask "what can I do to help"?



INTERNATIONAL TRAP
By
Rick Matulich

The Maple leaf and the Golden Bear shoots were a big success. The staff and the equipment performed flawlessly except for a little rain. We had 44 shooters for the Maple leaf and 45 shooters for the Golden Bear.

The Maple Leaf and the Golden bear were a great time for all. I would like to thank **Steve Lakatos** and **Gary Whiting** for putting on his event, and it ran like clockwork, starting with the Maple Leaf.

Maple Leaf Results

HOA M	Bret Erickson.....	194
HOA W	.Corey Cogdell.....	189
AA.....	Jacob Turner	189
A	JC Craft	192
B	Ken Fong.....	179
C	Kelsey Zauhar	167
D	David Kruger	168
E	Ashley Carroll	163
JR	Brian Burrow.....	189
SR.....	Peter Werth	166

Golden Bear Results

HOA M..	Bret Erickson	190
HOA W .	Mara Desso	176
AA.....	Jake Wallace	190
A	Susan Nattress	171
B	Breanna Heckenkamp	172
C	Lloyd Litwin.....	162
D	Dinnie, James.....	160
E	Stephanie Martinago	162
JR	Giuseppe DiSalvatore.....	187
SR.....	Dick Lichtenberg.....	172

TRAP LEAGUE



By **Steve Marsch & Mike Sorchy**

No doubt by the time this article is published we will be well underway with the Spring Trap League. So far we have had a great response from our members and other local shooters, all shooting for the Silver Belt Buckles and Champion Team Jackets.

We do have a couple tips for league shooters that will make things a little easier on us and help get your scores published on the website faster. First, make sure your full name is spelled out clearly on the score sheet. Tracking down someone named Bob, Jim or John gets a little tricky when all you have is a first name and a score. Second, make sure your score sheet is marked with the week you are shooting next to your name. Last, but not least, make sure your score sheet is dated. Good luck and keep it safe out there.

SCTP NEWS

By

Mike Sorchy



The group continues to show progress. We held a 100 target practice on Saturday February 16th. Thirteen of our young shooters came out to shoot the event. Returning top gun teammate **Nick Meyer** was high with a 97. Other scores were **Evan Marsch** 95, **De Savage** 94, **Roger Siewerth** 94, **Ethan Mathias** 90, **John Siewerth** 89, **Klye Meadows** 73, **Tiffany Hicbam** 72, **Cameron Libitke** 72, **Nicholas Grubis** 62. **Cassie Osgood**, **Chase Lewis** and **Chris Dante** shot partial rounds. An Annie Oakley was held after practice. New shooter **Tiffany Hicbam** knocked out a couple of the boys before she was eliminated. The final came down to **De Savage** and **Roger Siewerth**. After moving back to the fence, De came out on top. Good shooting De!!

A.T.A March 1st Results

Fourteen of our young shooters came out to shoot the 200 targets in the singles event. Some Impressive scores were shot. **Roger Siewerth** started out on the 1st trap shooting 25 straight and then his gun broke. A.T.A. shooter **Ron Wilcox** loaned him a Browning XT and Roger continued on to shoot an impressive 196 to take Hi Jr. That's one heck of a score to shoot after borrowing a gun!! **De Savage** and **Evan Marsch** each shot a 193. Other scores were **Nick Meyer** 190, **Chris Dante** 187, **Cassie Osgood** 178, **Elliott Greb** 178, **Justin Wagner** 174, **John Siewerth** 172, **Ethan Mathias** 165, **Lukasz Augustine** 145, **Tiffany Hicbam** 139 and **Nicholas Grubis** 113.

One new shooter has joined the program this month and one has returned from last year. **Colton Foster** has joined the

SCTP for the 1st time and comes from good shooting stock. Mom and Dad, **Donna Foster** and **Ray Torres** are both familiar faces on the Trap fields. Also, returning from last year is **Harrison Samaniego**.

ATA TRAP

By

Chip Enniss



We finally got some decent Weather for our monthly Tournament Feb. 2nd and 3rd.

The 200 Singles had Beautiful Silver Buckles as trophies. Champion with 199x200 was **Dave Johnson**, 'AA' Class winner was **R.L. Davis** with 197, High 'A' was **Joe Roby** with 193, 'B' was taken by **Michael Bates**, 'C' winner was Mr. **Ed Bannister**. High Lady was **Jan Slough** with 186x200, Jr. winner was **Roger Siewerth** with a fine 196 and Vet was secured by **Charlie "the Shark" Bover**. 55 Shooters participated in this event.

Doubles Champion was **Lonnie Catania** with 91, "AA" winner was **Bob Chambers** with 89, there was no 'A' Class, 'B' winner was **Mike "Coach" Sorchy** with 89, C was taken by **Fred Corley** 82, **Charlie Bover** was High Vet again and **Jan Slough** won the Lady title.

Sunday mornings 1st Handicap Champ was **R.L.Davis** with 96, Long winner was **Mike Sorchy** 93, Mid winner was **Bill DeBreau** with 88, **Lisa Isom** took the Short title, **Dave Johnson** won high Vet with 90 and **Jan Slough** made it 3 for three with the Lady win.

The second Handicap Champ with 93 was **Dave Chuprinski** with 93x100, Long winner was **Butch Smallenberger** with 92, Short was taken by **Lisa Isom** with 86, mid winner was Jr. shooter **Emily Hechenkamp** with 91 and High Lady for a perfect 4 X 4 for the weekend was **Jan Slough**. Very good effort Jan, keep it up.

Our April A.T.A. will be on the 5th and 6th so mark your calendars, get your Spring Honey Dos done and come join the fun. Thanks again for all of you that helped out especially Lonnie for filling in when Kurt, Mike and Sonny had other commitments. Thanks to Jan and Lisa too. Jan may be shooting so well because of the volunteer work, you never know with this game.

SKEET

LEAGUE

By

Dick Seaver



The 2008 Winter Skeet League is now complete. Scores have not been posted yet due to six missing scores. As soon as I find out if those shooters shot week 7, scores will be posted.

Plans are being made for the "End Of League Bash" which will be held at Filippi's Pizza Grotto at 5353 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego 92123 on April 2, 2008. The "Bash" will start at 6:00 PM. Pizza, beer & sodas will be provided to all shooters at no cost. Guests will be charged \$10.00. There will be a raffle for shells and you must be there to win. The phone number at Filippi's is 858-279-7240.

A Sign Up sheet for the "Bash" will be available in the Range Office by Wednesday, March 12, 2008. You may also sign up by contacting me at riseaver@hotmail.com.

Put this date on your calendars now so you won't forget. Good shooting to all of you!!

SKEET SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM

Attention Junior shooters! The "CLAY BREAKERS" SDSSA SCTP skeet team had their first practice on Sunday, March 9 from 12 noon to 2pm. Signups were conducted in an initial meeting with coaches **Lou Riddle** and **Steve Claunch**.



COACH LOU RIDDLE



COACH STEVE CLAUNCH

There were five at the first meeting with hopes that the word will spread. If there are any Juniors wishing to join in this program coached by two fine skeet shooters, please contact **Lou Riddle** at 760-732-3799 or LRChomes@aol.com. One will find the practice a learning process in which one will grow to become a fine skeet shooter. SAN DIEGO *Shotgun Sports Association* gives "breaks" in target price to those joining the program and shooting practice and competition. Mom and Dad will enjoy seeing their daughter and/or son grow in this social sport. Spread the word. This is a great competitive sport. (Editor)

NEWSLETTER ON THE WEB A constant friendly reminder.

Another eight folks came forth in the month of March and asked that they be eliminated from the snail mailing of the Association newsletter. That now brings our total to 20 who have taken the positive step this year in helping the Association in putting your money to better use! This action just puts goose bumps on our frugal Treasurers arms when he sees that the members are truly attempting to save money in the most mundane ways. *We want* you to know what is happening in our great Association and so our most progressive website, www.sandiegoshotgunsports.com, is available un mutilated, up-to-date and in living color and, on time. Some have written that they would like the newsletter emailed. I communicate back that there are those who change their email address without notifying the Association which results in a returned newsletter. So we ask that rather than email, use the attractive website that Board member, **Augie Daddi** has designed and keeps updated on a daily basis. We are on a roll, so let me know, Neil Vann at cnavann@cox.net, which you want to view your Association newsletter on the website. I say "Thank You" in advance. (Editor)

SUGGESTIONS

Sometimes when there is room left over, I can get on my soap-box and fill in the space with some verbiage that may benefit you as a member and all of us in the Association. You might note also that for some of us that get the magnifying glass to read this epistle, now is a time to rest the eyes on a larger font.

One of the least used items at the range (besides the containers for cigarette butts), is the **SUGGESTION BOX**. One may think that it is not checked periodically for suggestions but it is! Our rule for suggestion is that the person making the suggestion, attach his/her name to the suggestion. We feel that if it is important enough to make the suggestion, it is important that we let the person making the suggestion know that we care by answering the suggestion. Use it. It is located near the cashier's window. (Editor)