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## SCTP NEWS

By

Mike Sorchy



## 2008 MIRAMAR INVITATIONAL

The Weather forecast for the shoot was thunder showers and lightning. I can promise you one thing, there was plenty of thunder as 57 shooters from 5 clubs attended the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Miramar Invitational. Oaktree, Las Vegas, San Ynez, Project 2000 and San Diego Shotgun Sports shot 11,400 16 yard targets.

The event started on time at 8:30a.m. with cold temperatures, overcast skies, but thankfully, no rain. Twelve squads were done shooting the first round of 100 targets by 11:30 a.m.

We elected not to take a lunch break and continued on with the shoot. **Mary Ellen Siewerth** and parents did an outstanding job feeding 57 hungry teenagers and their parents for over two hours. The last Squad finished shooting at around 2:30 p.m. This shoot ran like a well oiled machine, thanks to a combination of experience, organization and a whole lot of dedicated volunteers.

## INVITATIONAL RESULTS

**Nick Meyer** took the Top Gun award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row with the same score as last year! Nick posted a 197 with the only 100 straight of the event. **Lydia Parsons**, from Oak Tree, was awarded a beautiful heart shape buckle for High Lady. **Micah Neidhart**, from Oaktree, took 1st place Varsity with a 196. **Matt Janikula**, from Oaktree took 2<sup>nd</sup> place Varsity with a 195 over San Diego's **Kurtis Sorchy** in a shoot off. **Curtis Edwards**, from Oaktree took 1<sup>st</sup> place Jr. Varsity with a 188, **Ryan Randles**, Las Vegas, took 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jr. Varsity with a 179 over **Doug Vargas** from Oaktree in a shoot off. 1<sup>st</sup> place Advanced Intermediate went to **Mathew Napoli** from Oaktree with a 187, with **Elliott Greb**, San Diego, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 186. Advanced Intermediate, **Logan Mountain**, from Oaktree, took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Entry Level Division with an outstanding 190.

Intermediate, **Travis Puccio**; Las Vegas, took 2<sup>nd</sup> place Entry Level Intermediate Division with a 167. **Ben Williams** from Oaktree took 1<sup>st</sup> place

Rookie Division with a score of 110. For the team awards the Top Guns from San Diego took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Senior division with (963/1000) over 2<sup>nd</sup> place Oaktree, (962/1000)!! Squad scores were **Nick Meyer** (197), **Kurtis Sorchy** (195), **Evan Marsch** (194), **De Savage** (193) and **Chris Dante** (184) had the top 5 scores from San Diego. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Oaktree scores were **Micah Neidhart** (196), **Matt Janikula** (195), **Travis Ferrier** (194), **Lydia Parsons** (189) and **Curtis Edwards** (188). In the Intermediate Division, Oaktree took the top spot with **Logan Mountain** (190), **Mathew Napoli** (187), **Grant Baldwin** (175), **Brandy Napoli** (152) and **Alex Hughes** (136). 2nd Place Intermediate Division went to San Diego's **Elliott Greb** (186), **Gordon Burkhart** (157), **Justin Wagner** (156), **Tiffany Hicban** (156) and **Lukasz Augustine** (137).

Overall Club Champion went to Oaktree with a score of (1802/2000) targets. This was a result of the top 5 scores from the Senior Division and the top 5 scores from the Intermediate Division.

Once again the raffle was a great success due to the efforts by **Denny Greb** and **Toni Osgood**. Denny did an outstanding job conducting raffle while **Chuck and Elizabeth Higgins** were busily tallying the scores. Many of the items raffled were generously donated by either club members or parents. A big thanks goes out to all of those people who donated items in support of the program. A separate raffle was held for the ever popular Ipod. **Jim Snow**, one of the more seasoned shooters at the range, conducted the drawing. As luck would

have it, **Kurtis Sorchy** held the winning ticket.

In closing, there were over twenty parents, coaches and range staff that made this event a huge success. **Rick Osgood**, who eagerly accepted the job as the event chairman, and **Toni Osgood** did an outstanding job planning the event and provided those great Invitational patches. Many thanks go to **Denny Greb** for taking care of the trophies this year. This is never an easy task.

**Mary Ellen Siewerth** did a great job on lunch along with help from **Maggie Mathias** and **Suzanne Masters**. **Leeanna Dante** designed and sold some really unique custom Invitational T-shirts. **Dianne Savage**, who is our field manager, organized all the volunteers and helped score during the event.

**Claire and Tim Meadows** signed people up on Saturday and Sunday. **Chuck and Elizabeth Higgins** his family did a great job with the scoring. **Stan Leonard, Wayne Leibitzke, Don Lewis and Mike Wagner** took care of Field safety. **Ted Barlam** made up the signs. **Ted Hicban** took pictures. Coach **Chip Enniss** coached, kept score, ran the shoot offs and assisted with the coffee. **John Lumn** coached his squad and helped others. **Steve Marsch** did the final accounting and help set up the entire shoot.

Last but not least is **Layne Kuhlman** and staff for running a smooth event. This includes setting the targets in the morning, keeping the traps filled and throwing 11,400 targets, all before 2:30 p.m. Great job!!!

## TRAP LEAGUE

By

**Steve Marsch**  
**Mike Sorchy**



This League's turnout has been great. We have 15 teams with 85 shooters, all shooting for the two silver belt buckles and team jackets. With two weeks of scores on the board, it's very clear that this is going to be one of the most competitive leagues ever.

Currently in first place with 15 points, is **Layne Kuhlman's** band of club regulars, including **Sandie Kuhlman, John Lumn, Charlie Bover, Butch Smallenberger, and Bruce Deguzman**. While Layne is the only shooter to post four "clean" rounds, I have to say I'm more impressed with **Bruce Deguzman**. Most people know Bruce as that affable rail thin cashier behind the range window. But, who knew he could shoot? After only a year or so shooting, Bruce has managed to put together an impressive 97% average so far with his Benelli. A real Cinderella story!

Close on Layne's heels with 14 points, we have **Jan Slough's** team with an impressive list of shooters, including **Charles Slough, Barry Sinkoff, Dave Chuprinski, and Aaron Valdes**. All are dedicated shooters and as competitive as they get. One of the few things in life you can count on, besides death and taxes, is that you'll always find someone from Jan's squad out on the field practicing.

Third place team honors is shared by 5 teams with 11 points each. Team Captains for the third place teams include **Liz Sheld, Randy Blankenship, Mike Sorchy, Chip Enniss, and Robert Keefe**. Did I mention that this was going to be a competitive league? Any time you have half of the league teams in the top three places, you can bet it's going to be a close race.

Mike and I would really like to extend thanks to those team's and their team captains, that in our opinion, really embody the spirit and goals of league shooting. We have a lot of new names on the league roster this year including new club members, shooters from other clubs and some shooters that are new to the sport. Remember, league shooting is all about having fun, improving your

game and introducing others to the sport. This is how we keep the sport and our local clubs alive.

For those of you feeling a little confident in first place, remember, there are still five more weeks to go. My experience has been that there are few things more fleeting than first place in a SDSSA Trap League.

Good luck and always remember to check your scores when you leave the field.

**SKEET**

**NEWS**

By

**Neil Vann**



The challenge of the month at the SAN DIEGO *Shotgun Sports Association* range located in San Diego, California on March 28 – 30, 2008 was appropriately named the BLOWING WINDS OPEN.

As is our tradition, we commence shooting the preliminary event on Friday at high noon. The rotational gauge this month is the 410bore.



**LOU RIDDLE**

Seven sign up to shoot with **Lou Riddle** (Bonsall) taking the Gun Champion prize with a 94. The only shoot off was between **Dave Robertson** (Valley Center) and **Neil Vann** (San Diego) breaking the tie of 92's for Gun Runner up and Class A1. Dave outgunned Neil at station 3 and it was all over!

The second event of the day is Doubles. Again we have seven shooters entered in the event. **Eric Van den Haute** (San Diego) tops the

bunch with a 95 for Gun Champion. Gun Runner up was **Dennis James** (Escondido) with a 94.

Saturday morning hosts the 28ga. event with 20 entrants. A whole gaggle of 98's come in in Class AA and Class A making it a nice shoot off. Five shooters vie for the top spots of Gun Champion, Gun Runner up, first in Class AA, second in Class AA and first in Class A. **Eric Van den Haute**, **Roman Warren** (Riverside), **Matt Fort** (Chula Vista), **Dave Robertson** and **Gary Snover** (San Bernardino) line up in that order. Eric makes the first miss and captures Class AA1. Roman hit the highway early so he fills in the Class AA2 spot. Dave drops one early in the game and takes Class A1, leaving Matt and Gary to grimace and groan at each target. Gary finally out-groans Matt for Gun Champion and, of course, Matt takes the Gun Runner up position. Good shoot off!

Our lunch host for this shoot was **Gil Siu** (Corona). Gil is well known in the California Skeet circuit as well as nationally and is a staunch supporter of SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association. Through Gil's generosity, we had sandwiches from Quiznos. All enjoyed the one-hour break with appreciation to Gil for his thoughtfulness.



**GIL SIU**

The afternoon gauge of choice is the 12ga. Again, we have 20 entries. Two brandy-new NSSA registered shooters are a part and parcel of this event.



**BRENT HANSON**



**EDDIE GOLDSTEIN**

**Brent Hanson** (San Dimas) and **Eddie Goldstein** (San Dimas) are newest Novice shooters. This skeet year we have a total of 12 Novices including Brent and Eddie. Welcome to the world of skeet! No shoot offs took place but our lunch host, **Gil Siu** (Corona), posts a perfect 100-straight and walks off with the Gun Championship. Must have been the lunch sandwich that Gil had! Gil's teammate, **Gary Dittmar** (Fountain Valley) took Gun Runner up with a nice 99.

We had a fun shoot that took place on Saturday afternoon just prior to the anticipated shoot offs. The fun shoot was sponsored by Association Life Member, **Pete Buompensiero** (San Diego) in which Pete gave away two cases of Remington Gun Club 20ga. shells to the winners.



**PETE BUOMPENSIERO**

The program was Doubles, Stations 1 through 7 with a plus handicap to all 28ga. Class B, C and D shooters. At the end of the contest, Class D shooter, **Eddie Goldstein** was the winner of 7 boxes with a 12 plus a handicap of 3 for a perfect (plus 1) score! **Craig Potter** (Chula Vista) won 6 boxes, **Keith Phelps** (Torrance) third place and the winner of 4 boxes and **Dan McNaughton** (San Diego), three boxes. We thank Pete for his continued support to SDSSA.



**GOLDSTEIN, POTTER, PHELPS, McNAUGHTON**

Sunday we wake up to drizzles in anticipation of shooting the .410bore. There were a total of 12 shooters. **James Dewey** (Ramona) came in with the high score of 97 to win the hearts of all and the Gun Champion. **Gary Snover** took the Gun Runner up with a 95.

Lunch is the hit of the one-hour break and again we thank **Gil Siu** for his sponsorship. Same lunch as yesterday and just as good!

The final shooting gauge of the 600-target weekend was the 20ga. Again we have 12 shooters and again we have **James Dewey** as Gun Champion with a 98.

**JAMES DEWEY**



We did have a couple of shoot offs to thrill the spectators. For Class A1 and A2, **Neil Vann** and **Gary Snover** had identical 94's. Neil led off and smashed the pair as did Gary. Station four was kind to Neil and dealt Gary a one bird setback to hand over the Class A1 to Neil. Our second shoot off was between **Craig Potter, Keith Phelps** and **Matt Fort** with 91's all vying to take the Class B3 spot. After two stations, Craig becomes the winner of the event.

We had ten shooters that participated in the High Over All event with **James Dewey** the clear winner with a 386. **Gary Snover** captured the Runner up spot with a 383



**GARY SNOVER**

Thanks to all who had a part in this our last monthly shoot until July.

In April 2008 we will host the **Pacific Sporting Arms Open** and in May the **Southern California Skeet Championships** which will be written up by someone else

Our thanks to Association General Manager, **Layne Kuhlman** and his staff for a job well done. Until July 2008.....CNV

**SKEET**

**LEAGUE**  
**By**

**Dick Seaver**



The 2008 Winter 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 11
- Second Place..... Team 3
- Third Place..... Team 8
- Fourth Place ..... Team 7
- Fifth Place..... Team 1
- Sixth Place..... Team 2
- Seventh Place..... Team 6
- Eighth Place..... Team 10
- Ninth Place ..... Team 9
- Tenth Place..... Team 4

High individual average for the league was **James Dewey** with 348 out of 350. **Eric Van den Haute** followed close behind with 345 targets broken out of 350. In third place was **Dennis James** with 343 out of 350.

High team average was shot by Team 11 – **Matt Fort, James Dewey, Eric Van den Haute, Carl Best and Steve Erbe.**

A Pizza and Beer “Bash” was held on April 2, 2008 at Filippi’s Pizza Grotto with 25 shooters attending.

The 2008 Summer Skeet League is scheduled to start on Wednesday, June 4th and run seven weeks ending on August 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be three “Bye” weeks in this league. A sign up sheet will be in the Range Office in early May 2008.

**APRIL ATA**

**REPORT**

**By**

**Chip Enniss**



The Monthly A.T.A. Tournament was held on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Club. The weather was dry, windy and we had very little good light most of both days. The turn out was small, but the ones who shot had a great time. **Maryellen** provided food as usual with the proceeds going to the S.C.T.P. program. Maryellen has been a great help to the club and the youth program. If you get a chance let her know you appreciate all her hard work.

The results were as follows. Event #1 Singles was won by **Chip Enniss** 100 , AA class winner was **R.L.Davis** with 100, A was taken by **Ted Mueller** 96, B champ with 87 was **Michael Saindon, Wayne Langevin** with 93 won C. high Lady with 93 was our Volunteer cashier, **Lisa Isom**, Vet winner was **David Johnson** after a tie with Paul Busch with 98 and Junior winner with 97 was **Kurtis Sorcky.**

Event 2, Handicap Champ was **Chip Enniss** with 98, Long winner with 91 was **R.L. Davis**, Mid yardage champ with 92 was **Jeff Jones** from the Imperial Valley, and short was taken by **Heath Messenger** with 91.

High Lady winner was **Jan Slough** with 89, Vet was **Paul Busch** with 88 there were no Jr. shooters,

Doubles champ was **Charlie “the Shark’ Bover** with 89 AA was taken by **Chip Enniss** with 85, A winner was **Bob Chambers** with 83, B champ was **Ted Mueller** 83 and C was taken by **Wayne Langvin** 76.

Sunday, the light was even worse than Sat as the scores show.

Singles Champ with 99 was **Larry Premo, Ted Fen** won AA after a blank on number 100 for a 99, and A winner was **Mike Sorchy** with 95 B was taken by **Jan Slough** , our other volunteer cashier with 97, C winner with 94 was **Lisa Isom Peggy Callaway** won high Lady with 85 and **Charlie Bover** was Vet Champ with a

fine 99.

Handicap, Event 5 was won by **Mike 'Coach' Sorchy** with 91 in adverse conditions, mid champ with 89 was **Bill DeBreau**, short winner with 87 was **Ken Jossenberger** Lady winner was **Jan Slough** again with 88. **Jerry Callaway** secured Vet honors with 72.

We will be hosting a California Winter Chain shoot on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. We will shoot 100 Singles on Friday starting at 10:00 am followed by 100 Handicap Targets. On Sat. we will shoot 100 Singles, 100 Handicap and 100 Doubles, and on Sunday 100 Singles and 100 Handicap with the beautiful CGSTA Gold Coin Buckle going to the Handicap Champion. We will have some good trophies on other events too, so check the program, get a friend or two and come out and join us for some fun at the Range.

Thanks to **Layne** and his crew and to all the volunteers who help out each month with out your help it would be pretty dull around the club the first weekend of each month.

**DODGE**

**CITY**

**By**

**JIM ENGLUND**



As Spring nears and weather clears so does the shooter participation. March had 57 clay busters. Of that, we had 13 juniors due to the scholastic program on Sunday..And they all had a great time.Eight got 25's @ the 16 yard line: **Rich Davis, Taylor Craft, Clearence Ades, Chip Ennis, Kevin King, Augie Daddi, Matt Janikula** and **Larry Fry**. No 25's at handicap but four 24's: **Jerry Dillard, Ken Williams, Taylor Craft** and **Pinky**. Buddy #1 had two pairs with 19: **Sonny Hale** and **Clearence Ades, Mike Scott** and **Alex Greb**. Buddy #2 had 4 teams with 18's.The **Annie Oakley** was tough shooting. **Ken Jossenberger** forth, **Jon Seiworth** third, **Curtis Smith** second and good old **Fred Corley** with first. Can't figure out haw he can win so often. Top gun: **Rich Davis** with an 83.

I want you all, if not already, to thank **Annie Hoyle** for her carrot cake that she graciously brings every month. See you April 26<sup>th</sup>.

It would appear that the reminder that has been published in the last few newsletters concerning asking the membership to let us know that is OK to stop sending the letter via USPS is working! To date in 2008 we have had 28 members who have opted to receive their monthly Association newsletter on our attractive and informative website rather than receiving by the United States Postal Service. Not an impressive number of converts, but a start. This savings we can pass on to you, the membership, in the form or improvements or necessities. And as indicated previously, the on-line newsletter is in living color, all intact and always on time. I was going to skip this month's reminder until I was approached by a gentleman Association member and consistent shooter who is an octogenarian with the heart of the Association in mind. He handed me a hand written letter (this is important) and asked that I open it at my convenience. Having said that, he departed the range. My cynical mind had some thoughts about, "what have I done to upset this fine person?" I will duplicate verbatim his letter and you can be the judge.

**3-29-2008**  
**El Cajon, CA**

*Dear Neil,*

*Recent mailings of the SSSA newsletter requests members to accept the on-line issue.*

*Be aware that secretly among you are some extremists. They are descendants of an old and violent organization established in England during the industrial revolution. They smashed the newly invented knitting machines and burned factories. You probably know they were called Luddites.*

*Modern Luddites, though non-violent, do not own computers and therefore are not on line. I am one.*

*I believe a gracious note in the next issue of the said newsletter would be effective. A sample follows. 'Hey you cheap Deadbeat Luddites without a computer, send in the stamps to cover the mailing.'*

*P.S. My stamps are enclosed.*  
*Yours in fun,*  
*Frank Fogg"*

I looked up the work 'Luddite' as it was unfamiliar to me. A Luddite is a person opposed in principle to technological change. I can relate as I too was behind the power curve relating to computers and their relevance in today's society until my son convinced me that computers were nothing to be frightened of but could aid the day-to-day activities. Today I am glad I was convinced of their importance. Although I don't suggest that all you Luddites send in stamps as that becomes a logistics problem that I personally don't care to deal with. So my message is not for the loveable Luddites but to you that do have on-line (website, not email) capabilities, let us know if you wouldn't mind receiving the monthly Association newsletter on-line via our website, we would be most appreciative. We will continue sending the newsletter to all the Luddites free-of-charge and wish them well! To the non-Luddites, email me at [cnvann@cox.net](mailto:cnvann@cox.net) to accept the newsletter via the web.  
(Editor)

As a closing to this our May 2008 SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association newsletter, I offer the following

## "PET POLICY"



If your dog cleans up  
after itself GREAT!  
If not....YOU NEED TO!