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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



SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association wants everyone who shoots, or just comes out to visit our Range to have a safe and enjoyable time. Unfortunately that is not always the case. We have a diverse group of people who come out to shoot, from inexperienced first time shooters, father, sons, mothers, daughters, practice shooters, and experienced tournament shooters. Each and every person has the expectation that they will have a safe and enjoyable time at

SDSSA. One concern that was brought to my attention by a new member was what he perceived to be and is in fact unsafe gun handling. We have some folks who have a bad habit of pointing the muzzle of their shotgun at other shooters. Whether it is inadvertent or not, that practice must stop. You may know your gun is unloaded, but someone else does not. A hard, fast and mandatory rule at SDSSA is to always keep your gun unloaded and pointed down range. Semi - auto's breech open and over and under's open until ready to shoot. If someone brings your unsafe gun handling practice to your attention, please don't be offended. You shouldn't be offended. Gun safety is everyone's responsibility. We are all members of SDSSA. No member has any special rights or privilege to any field. There may be times such as when we have a tournament going on where we may only have one practice field open. If that is the case, the proper thing to do is to sign up and when your squad is called, shoot your round and sign up again if you want to shoot another round. This situation doesn't happen every week but when it does, please be courteous to your fellow shooters.

SDSSA's General Manager and his staff of pullers are here to provide a service to members and non members alike. Please use the pullers when you shoot. That's what they're here for. We have been working hard to get the range back in shape after San Diego's "winter" season. We did have rain that brought our attention to the need for some concrete work on the skeet field stations. That has been an ongoing project and should be completed by the time you read this newsletter. Pot holes in the driveway have been filled and a new slurry coat has been applied. The pot holes are ongoing problem and are something we will continue to work on. There have been some concerns that the trap machines aren't always working or set up correctly. I understand when you come out to shoot, whether it's trap, skeet; Olympic or 5-stand you should expect the machines are working and that you will get the best target presentation possible. I understand the frustration when you get on the field and the machines may not be set as they should be. If that is the case your puller will be happy to adjust the machines as needed. You can also expect your puller to be courteous and responsive to any

reasonable requests. I know there are many ways for you to spend your recreation dollars. We want you to continue to come out to SDSSA. Speaking for myself, the Board of Directors and staff of **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association**, we will continue to do what is necessary to provide all our members with a safe and enjoyable shotgun sports facility. Thank you.



WHAT SHOOTERS AT PSA DO BEST.....EAT

Saturday morning saw a great day and eight squads ready for competition. We also had two novices, **Carl Cotton** and his wife **Dee Ann** on line ready to try their hand for the first time at trap competition. Carl is a medically retired marine amputee. **Bill Palmer** worked with them and our one other novice, **Amir Pishdad** during the Friday practice session. Thanks Bill, we appreciate that. Competition was 50 singles, 50 handicap, and 25 pair of doubles both days. We had a great breakfast of handmade breakfast burritos, Hilda's famous homemade salsa, biscuits with pork sausage gravy, fresh fruit, and juice, WOW! Lunch was steaks donated by **Dan Fox** and **Fred Hoyle** along with beans, potato salad, fresh made macadamia nut cookies and Julian Apple pies. Our team member, **Doug Vann** wasn't able to shoot due to a recent operation on his lower spinal column but he was Johnny on the spot at grilling those steaks. Great job Doug. Thanks!

San Diego had a Santa Ana working on both Saturday and Sunday so we had a bit of a temperature running, mid nineties. That made it a little uncomfortable out in the direct sunlight, where we shoot, but it worked out OK. The scores sure don't indicate that our shooters suffered much. Saturday's top

shooter was **J. C. Craft** with a 145/150 followed by two shooters with a 139/150, **Kambra Brawner** and **Clarence Welbaum**. Top handicap shooter was **Bruce DeGuzman** with a 50/50 followed by **Clarence Welbaum** with 48/50. Doubles top scorer was **J. C. Craft** with 49/50 followed by three 46/50's; **Michael Gureckas**, **Phil Santos** and **Clarence Welbaum**. In Singles we had three perfect scores 50/50, **John Pilotte**, **Mike Davis** and **Kambra Brawner**. Those are great scores.

Sunday again saw the dawning of a great day with two more novices, **Amir Pishdad** and **Lesley Nolen**. Top shooter for the day was **J. C. Craft** with 147/150 followed by **Chip Enniss** with 145/150. Handicap saw **J. C. Craft** with 49/50 followed by three with 48/50, **William DeBreau**, **Clarence Welbaum** and **Chip Ennis**. Doubles saw **J. C.** with a perfect score followed by **Chip Ennis** with 48/50. Singles saw one perfect score, **Phil Santos** with 50/50 followed by six with 49/50, **Shirlene Hamilton**, **CT Smallberger**, **John Pilotte**, **Clarence Welbaum**, **Chip Ennis**, and **John Lumn**. We started the day with another great breakfast and for lunch we had a barbeque chicken meal with all of the trimmings including more Julian apple pies. It just doesn't get any better than that. Great job ladies.

For our out-of-town shooters that flew here, Cal-Diego's regular drivers met them at the airport to take them to the hotel and then took them back when they were ready to leave. We were fortunate to have other drivers volunteer their time to make the trips between the hotel



Cal-Diego PVA Trap Shoot

By
**Jim
Russell**

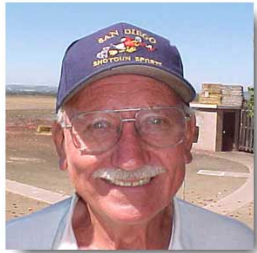
Friday, Saturday & Sunday saw some serious trapshooting taking place at the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association for the Cal-Diego PVA's 20th Annual Trapshoot. Friday was for practice, primarily for our out-of-town shooters to become accustomed to the range and get some of the kinks out from flying here to San Diego. Traveling by air has become such a hassle that it usually takes a while to get back down to earth. Friday evening was also the welcome reception at the range with spaghetti, lasagna, salad, warm crusty bread and some ice cold brewskies from Anheuser Busch. Our **Hilda, Linda and Edna** did an outstanding job of having a great meal for our shooters. We also had a new set of willing hands helping with the work, **Jennifer Zajac** from the PVA General Council's Office. She and her husband just moved to San Diego. Thanks for the help Jennifer, and thanks to all that helped.

and trap range. Great job folks!
We do appreciate that.



BILL, JOE, MIKE, JIM AND KEITH

For all that want to get involved, Cal-Diego has a monthly practice session on the last Sunday of the month. Contact **Bill Palmer** or **Jim Russell** to be added to the list to receive an e-mail notice of the time and location. We serve lunch also. Hope to see you there!



**NSSA
SKEET
By
Neil Vann**

At first thought I had not anticipated in writing an article about our recent registered skeet shoot but there were two significant events that took place that need to be brought out in the open!

The April **Pacific Sporting Arms Open** concluded its sixth year at the SAN DEIGO Shotguns Sports Association range on April 18-20, 2008 and a great shoot it was. We had 93 participants over the three-day event with 84 four-gun shooters. There were a slew of winners supporting Association member and owner of PSA, **John Herkowitz**.

Most significant (to me) were two Association members, **Vern Gideon** and **Dan McNaughton**, both San Diego residents.

Vern Gideon, SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association registered Skeet Chairman, shot his "FIRST" ever 100-straight in the 12ga. event at the April 18-20, 2008 **Pacific Sporting Arms Open** in San Diego, California. Congratulations, Vern. The start of a new era and many more!

Vern started shooting registered skeet in 1977. I note this because of Vern's stick-to-itiveness attitude and the patience that it takes to get one's first 100-straight. Many novice shooters, especially those of youth, can be discouraged if fame and fortune are not achieved in a timely manner in their eyes. For those impatient for their "first", think of Vern and his willingness to never give up! It was a joy to see this Veteran shooter and friend after the last shot and especially the pride in donning a well shot-up hat by his team mates.



VERN GIDEON'S FIRST 100-STRAIGHT

It is tough for a shooter to get a whole lot of praise when shooting a near-perfect score when your team mate not only shoots a perfect score but is notably pounded on the back for his first 100-straight! So went the

misfortune of **Dan McNaughton** shooting his best ever score in the 12ga. with a 99.

Dan started shooting NSSA registered skeet in March of 2001 and has worked hard practicing consistently during the week to improve his shooting. The 99 was the culmination of many long and arduous hours on the field. Dan is getting close to his goal and we wish him success. Dan is an integral part of the Skeet Committee and an asset to SDSSA and its skeet program.



DAN McNAUGHTON

The above comments are in no way to slight those who were contestants and winners in the PSA Open as there were many others who could share the lime light with my choice of the two pictured.



**SKEET LEAGUE
By
Dick Seaver**

This is a correction to last month's newsletter. The 2008 Summer Skeet League is scheduled to start on Wednesday, June 4th and run seven weeks ending on August 10th instead of August 6th. A sign up sheet is in the Range Office or you may sign up by e-mailing me at riseaver@hotmail.com.

Additional information may be found on the SDSSA website.

Remember, the \$50 entry fee is to be paid prior to the start of the league.

Good shooting to you all!

Week 1	Jun 4 to Jun 8
Week 2	Jun 11 to Jun 15
Bye Week	Jun 18 to Jun 22
Week 3	Jun 25 to Jun 29
Bye Week	Jul 2 to Jul 6
Week 4	Jul 9 to Jul 13
Week 5	Jul 16 to Jul 20
Bye Week	Jul 23 to Jul 27
Week 6	Jul 30 to Aug 3
Week 7	Aug 6 to Aug 10

TRAP LEAGUE



By

Steve Marsch
Mike Sorchy

It's the first week in May and we still have three weeks of league shooting ahead of us. We did select a date for the end of the league BBQ and Shoot-off. This will be held on Sunday June 1st at 12:00 pm. As with the last league we will start at noon with the shoot-off for the Top Gun and DAL Silver Belt Buckles, followed by another great dinner hosted by **Mary Ellen Siewerth** and the SCTP kids. Sign-up sheets for the dinner will be at the range

office. It's very important that you let us know if you're coming and how many non-league guests you're bringing with you. That way we will have a good idea of how much food to prepare.

Now for the statistics! Things haven't changed much since Week 2. **Layne's** team is still in first place with 36.5 points, ahead of **Jan Slough's** team in second place with 33 points. Following close on their heels is **Chip Enniss's** team with 30 points. The team with the highest point total at the end of the league will be receiving League Champion Jackets by **John Storm**. There is a couple of weeks lead time to get these jackets. Based on the scores I'm seeing, I think it's pretty unlikely that we'll be able to order those jackets before the end of the league. However, we would like to thank Layne and Chip for offering to give us their team's jacket sizes in advance. I just think it may be a little premature at this point. With nine and a half points separating first and fifth place, anything can happen!

As for the Silver Belt Buckles, all you have to do is stand back about three feet from the score sheet at the range and you'll notice an awful lot of red on the board. The contest for these awards promises to be an exciting one. Nearly one in five scores on the board so far are 25 straight.

As always, we would like to thank Layne and staff for doing such a great job on scoring and keeping track of the score sheets. They've managed to take what could be a very tedious job and turn it into an easy one.

We look forward to seeing you at the BBQ.



SCTP NEWS

By

Mike Sorchy

Trip to Redlands

Ten of our young shooters and their parents made the trip up to the Winter Chain at Redlands shooting park Saturday April 19th. This was a good chance for our novice shooters to get out and shoot at a different venue and for the more seasoned veterans to hone their skills. The event was 200 16yd. targets at a price of \$ 20.00 for all juniors. A special thanks to **Terry Bilbey & Co.** for the discounted targets. The fees for this shoot were paid by SCTP from funds raised by our monthly A.T.A. lunches and the generous donations received during the year.

Once again **Nick Meyer** took the top spot with a 198 to take Hi Jr.!! **De Savage** was a close 2nd with a 197. Other scores include **Evan Marsch** with a 195, **Kurtis Sorchy** 194, **John Siewerth** 184 (john came back in the afternoon with a 97!), **Cassie Osgood** 184, **Roger Siewerth** 181, and **Kyle Meadows** with a 171. New shooters **Tiffany Hicban** and **Nicholas Grubiss** shot well for the 1st time out of town. Tiffany shot a 168 and Nicholas shot a 160.



Nicholas, Tiffany, Cassie, John and Kyle

SCTP in the May 3rd ATA

Fifteen of our young shooters came out to shoot the 100 target 16 yard event on Saturday May 3rd during the Winter Chain. It seems like the hard work and practice have paid off as some good scores were shot. Top Gun teammate **Evan Marsch** lead the way with a 100 straight!! Good thing that I talked his dad Steve into letting Evan start shooting his Perazzi Grand Italia last year. Evan elected to take Hi Jr. for the A.T.A. Award as there were only 2 other 100 straights in this event. Good shooting Evan!!

Kurtis Sorchy was close behind with a 99, **De Savage** and **John Siewerth** both shot 96. **Chris Dante** won the A.T.A. B class award with a 95 and **Ethan Mathias** won C class with a 95. The rest of the scores were **Harrison Samaniego** 93, **Elliott Greb**, **Kyle Meadows** and **Roger Siewerth** with 90's, **Tiffany Hicban** 87, **Cassie Osgood** 86, **Nicholas Grubiss** 81 and **Camaren Libitzke** 75. All in all, a good weekend for our junior shooters. **Mary Ellen Siewerth** and volunteers did a great job of serving lunch to the hungry trapshooting crowd as well as raise money for the program both Saturday and Sunday.

Donations

I would like to thank the following Individuals and businesses for their donations and support of the program: **Jim Snow**, **Steve Quinn**, **Mike Mulvehill**, **William Mulvehill**, **Pat Meyer**, **Paul Sherrard**, **Tim McCain**, **Discount Gun Mart** and **Bill DeBreau** (A.T.A. and league shooter). Once again, thanks for your support



REDUCED PRICE TRAP DOUBLES

By
Fred Hoyle

Thursday, May 8th Board Meeting included a brief

discussion regarding encouraging members to shoot more. One suggestion seemed like a sure fire way to shoot more rounds and give members a cost break at the same time. **So beginning May 15th the cost of a round of trap doubles will be reduced from \$11.00 to \$9.00.** We can throw more rounds, encourage members to try doubles and give all a cost reduction. Try it you will like it.

Thanks



ATA WINTER CHAIN Results

By
Chip Enniss

The California Winter Chain shoot was held at the club on May 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

The Weather was bright and warm all three days and the few who participated had a good time. The scores were down for the type Weather and the good light conditions we had.

The scores were; Friday singles, 18 Shooters, Champion with 100x100 was **Barry Gamblin**, Class "AA" was won by **Fred Corley** after a shoot off with **Dave Johnson** and **Barry Sinkoff** with all with 99x100. **Jack Gamblin** also had 99x100 but did not shoot off. Class "A" winner was **Mike (Coach) Sorchy** with 98x100. Class "B" winner was new A.T.A. shooter **Dave Martin** with 95x100. This is Dave's second shoot.

Friday's Handicap Champion was **R.L. Davis** with 94x100 Long was taken by **Dave Johnson**, 93x100. Mid winner was **Fred Corley** with 89x100 and short yardage winner with 89x100 was **Lisa Isom**.

Sat. Singles Champ saw 3 shooters break them all; **Evan Marsch**, **Larry Premo** and **Kambra Brawner**. (Kambra and Evan are both Junior shooters) Kambra and

Larry carried over to Sunday with Kambra winning Champion and Larry taking "AA". Evan had to leave so He took Junior. **Bob Chambers** won "A" Class with a fine 99x100. "B" winner was Junior shooter **Chris Dante**, 95x100 and "C" was taken by another Junior shooter, **Ethan Mathias** also with 95x100. High Lady with 93x100 after a 4 way shootoff with **Peggy Callaway**, **Candy Hammond** and **Jan Slough** was **Lisa Couch**. Lisa was the only one able to run the 1st overtime. High Vet was Arizona shooter **Bud Rupe** with 99x100.

Sat. Handicap Champ was **Terry Bilby** with 95x100. Long winner with 94 was **Rich Davis**, Mid was taken by **Kevin King** with 93x100. Short winner was **Peggy Callaway** with 93x100. High Lady with 93 was **Kambra Brawner, Jr.** winner with 82 was **De Savage** and High Vet was **Bud Rupe** with 92x100.

Doubles winner was **Rich Davis** 95, "AA" **Bud Rupe** 94, "B" **Candy Hammond**. There was no "A" or "C" class.

Sunday Singles Champion was **Rich Davis** with 99x100 and a shoot off win over **Kambra Brawner** and **Steve Smith**. Steve took "AA" and Kambra was Lady Winner, **Bill DeBreau** secured "A" with 98, "B" was won by **Bruce Deguzman** with 94 after a shootoff with **Ron Schwartz**, "C" winner was **Lisa Isom** with 95 and **Roger Siewerth won Jr.** with 93.

The Gold Coin Winter Chain Buckle was won by **Kurt Sachau** with a fine 97x100 from the back fence in less than perfect conditions. **Morris Hall** took Long with 96, Mid winner with 95 was **Aaron Valdez**, short winner was **Dennis Webb** with 92, **Lisa Isom** won Lady with a nice 94, high Jr, was **Kambra Brawner** with 89 and **Wilber Poston** won Vet. with a strong 95x100.

All in all it was a pretty good shoot. Thanks to all the people who donated their time to make it as good as it was.