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PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE

By

Robert Keefe



I would like to pass along some information to our membership regarding SDSSA's trap machines. We asked long time member **Jerry Albers** who is retired and now lives in Arizona to come over and take a look and give an assessment of all our trap machines. I have known Jerry for over 13 years. In my opinion there is not a person more knowledgeable in firearms and the set up, operation and maintenance of a shotgun sports facility. **Jerry Albers** along with SDSSA's mechanic, **Chris Cole**, went through and checked the operation and overall condition of our trap machines. I am pleased to report that SDSSA's trap machines are in good repair. Our skeet machines are around 18-20 years old but are still operating fine. There is a problem with the field 8,

high house machine. The grippers at the base of the loading turret are worn and need to be replaced. **Chris Cole** is looking into the cost and availability of the parts needed so the machine can be repaired as soon as possible. The Olympic trap and skeet machines are in great shape. There have been some problems with the machines throwing broken targets. This is usually caused when the targets are handled roughly and loaded into the machine already cracked. The trap machine tries to throw a cracked target; it breaks and in turn breaks the next target out of the machine. This will continue until the machine clears itself. The pullers are now aware of the problem and have been shown the correct way to handle and load the machines. There are no problems with the 5-stand machines. There have been some malfunctions with the pickle switches. On the 5-stand you have eight machines with cords strung out all landing in one box. The yellow pushbuttons on the skeet machines contain three micro switches and wires stuffed into that small space. There is a new generation of switches on the market and we will be looking into changing the old switches out. The machines on trap fields 1, 2, 3, and 4 are also in good repair. There has been some inconsistency in the targets thrown from these machines. The problem was we received some targets from White Flyer that have a coat of paint on the area that the throwing arm comes in contact with when the target is thrown. A twelve inch stick with some emery cloth attached to it corrected the problem. **Layne Kuhlman, Chris Cole, Taylor Craft** and I will be updating and implementing a new Planned Maintenance Schedule for all our

machines. All in all, for the number of targets thrown annually our trap machines are in great shape. I would like our membership to feel confident that SDSSA is doing all we can to insure the best all around trap, skeet and 5-stand targets are being thrown at Southern California's finest shotgun sports facility, **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association.**



OLYMPIC SHOTGUN SHOOTING

By

Bill Bolinger

The U.S. shotgun team will compete in the Beijing Olympic Games Aug. 9-17, 2008.

To recognize and appreciate these athletes SDSSA will hold an Olympic shotgun shooting day. The event will be on Aug. 9, 2008 from 10 am to 3 pm.

The three Olympic shooting sports are Skeet, Trap and Double Trap. All three Shotgun disciplines will be featured on fields 10, 11 and 12. This is not a competition it is just an opportunity to see what Olympic shotgun shooting is all about.

In the Olympics there are eight spots for the U.S. Shotgun Team; Men's Trap; two, Women's Trap; one, Double Trap; two men, Skeet; two men and one woman.

The U.S. team for the 2008 Beijing Olympics are: Men's Trap **Bret Erickson** and **Dominic Grazioli**, Women's Trap **Corey Cogdell**, Men's Double Trap, **Glenn Eller** and **Jeff Holguin**, Men's Skeet, **Vincent**

Hancock and **Sean McLelland**, Women's Skeet, **Kim Rhode**.

Come out have fun and experience Olympic Shotgun Sports for yourself. A free lunch to all that shoot.

TRAP LEAGUE



by

Steve Marsch and Mike Sorchy

It was a long hard fight and, as predicted, it was very close. Coming into the final week we had four teams vying for the title, separated by a mere 2½ points. Even the best Las Vegas odds makers would have had trouble with this one! We had **Chip Enniss'** Team 12 in the lead with 50 points, **Layne Kuhlman's** Team 3 with 49½ points, **Jan Slough's** Team 2 with 49 points, and **Mike Sorchy's** Team 11 with 47½ points. In the end it was Layne's Team 3 that captured the League Champion title and the John Storm shooting coats. Congratulations to **Layne Kuhlman, John Lunn, Bruce Deguzman, Charlie Bover, Sandie Kuhlman, and Butch Smallenberger**. Statistically speaking, this was an awesome league. The average of all of the league rounds was 90%. The total number of 25 straights was 228 out of 1,117 rounds. That's about one in five.



John, Butch, Charlie, Bruce, Sandie & Layne

The League-end BBQ went off with out a hitch. Well, that is except for lunch being served about 20 minutes late. That seems insignificant unless you're the one standing at the BBQ with about

a dozen obviously malnourished trapshooters at your back. There truly is nothing uglier than a mob of hungry trapshooters! We really had a great turnout at the BBQ with about 67 shooters and their guests who showed up to shoot a little trap, watch the shoot-offs, and enjoy the steak and baked potatoes. Once again, we are obliged to the SCTP crew, **Mary Ellen Siewerth**, her sons **John** and **Roger**, and **Meghan** from Project 2000 for doing such a great job on the food.

As for the shoot-offs, we had fifteen shooters competing for the much coveted DAL (Dead Ass Last) belt buckle. **Ken Buggeln**, the proud winner of last year's award, fought valiantly through two rounds to maintain his former title. But, alas he was no match for the young upstart **Bruce Deguzman**, who now holds the DAL title. I've been to more than a few trap shoots, and I can honestly say this is the first time I've ever witnessed a full cheering section behind the fence. Congratulations Bruce. You earned it.



BRUCE DEGUZMAN & KEN BUGGELN

The Top Gun award came down to two well known competitive shooters, **Chip Enniss** and **Ted Fenn**. After three rounds, **Chip Enniss** emerged victorious to win the Top Gun belt buckle. I don't think this was his first belt buckle!



"TOP GUN" CHIP ENNIS

As always, we would like to thank Layne and his staff for helping to make this one of the best leagues ever. And, of course, our sincere thanks to all of our league shooters for their participation. We would like to also extend a special recognition to **Willie Turner**, who exhibited extraordinary dedication to the league by shooting 10 weeks in a 7 week league. We're pretty sure his "best friend" Layne was responsible for encouraging him to keep shooting after he had completed all 7 weeks. Thanks Willie, but regretfully we could only use your first 7 score sheets.

Our next league begins on August 20th. All we can tell you is that, once again, we'll be changing to a new league format to keep all of you on your game. Look for the announcement in July.

EDITOR'S

COMMENTS

By

Neil Vann



How would you like to sponsor one of the monthly **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association's** newsletters? (Don't as NO yet; read on as it could be to your benefit.)

This is one of the avenues that we have available to divert a chunk of change to areas of improvement to our Range which benefits all members. First, you probably realize that SDSSA is a 501(c)3 non-profit association. Secondly, you can write off your donation as a charitable deductible resource for income tax purposes if your tax consultant approves.

What I propose is that you seriously consider signing up for a month in the future. You can choose the month that you wish to sponsor on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$207 for the reproduction of the newsletter and \$230 to send it to the "Luddites." So for \$437 you can be a full sponsor for a month. You may wish to contact an associate and split the cost. I would ask that you give me a short biography of yourself, and any other words that might express your positive feeling toward the Association that I can insert into the newsletter. I would use your Association photo (or another one that you might provide) along with the bio to give you and/or your business some

well deserved THANKS. Our SDSSA Treasurer will initiate a sponsor letter to you which you can use as proof of sponsorship for IRS purposes.

The newsletter is mailed to 558 Association members (as of May 14, 2008) plus there are countless individuals accessing our attractive and popular website looking for a place to shoot and they have the opportunity to read about the numerous activities that the Association presents on a monthly basis. An average of over 350 hits is recorded on the monthly newsletter. Good advertising for you and/or your company!

In addition, I am asking that those who are so inclined, to allow me to take your name off the monthly mailing list if you have access to the internet. To do that you must email me at cnvann@cox.net. Many of our members have been heeding the cause and I/we thank them for their consideration.

We at SDSSA encourage other charitable sponsorships especially for our active youth programs. Shotgun shells, shoot rounds or monetary assistance to our youth is most appreciated. We will acknowledge your sponsorship in the newsletter and with a personal letter with sincere appreciation and thanks.

SCTP SKEET

NEWS

By

Lou Riddle



The SCTP Skeet program started in March here at SDSSA and we already have 13 members. Their shooting skills are advancing rapidly and we feel that they will be ready to compete in the state championships on July, 3 for which we plan on sending at least two teams.

We had four Claybreakers compete in the Southern California Championships and they all did very well. **Bryce Brady** had a 76, **Nick James** had an 80, **Elliot Grebb** had an 81, and **Scott Jacobson** 83 which captured him third place in the E class.

If you would like to join our program or would like more information, please email or call me, **Lou Riddle** at lrhomes@aol.com or 760-732-3799



SCOTT JACOBSON



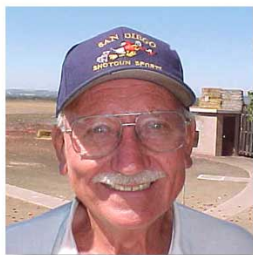
SCTP SKEET CLAYBREAKERS AND COACHES

SKEET

NEWS

By

Neil Vann



The second "big" registered skeet shoot of the year with 80 entrants, the **Southern California Skeet Championships** hosted by the SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association range is now behind us with many notable achievements by the unexpected.

First off, prior to the SoCal Championships but in the month of May and on Mother's Day, May 11, 2008, Association member, **Dave Robertson** (Valley Center)) shot his FIRST 100-straight in the mighty .410 bore!



DAVE ROBERTSON

This is Dave's fourth gauge with one hundred straight since he joined NSSA

on February 12, 2007 and started shooting registered targets. Dave has one more to go, Doubles, and he will have accomplished more than most in his short registered shooting career. He is competitive, determined and a great guy to shoot with. His positive attitude deserves an award. **Congratulations, Dave!**

During the SoCal Championships held at the SDSSA range on May 23 – 25, 2008, Dave shot a career high 98 in the Doubles event to take Gun Champion, the artistic craftsmanship of **Joe Freitas'** hand carved duck trophy as his prize.

We had the privilege of having four San Diego Scholastic Clay Target Program shooters join us in the 12ga. event on Saturday, May 24. Of the four, **Scott Jacobson** was high with an 83 and Sub Junior Champ, next was **Elliott Greb** with an 81 and Sub Junior Runner up, then **Nicholas James** with an 80 and Sub Junior 3rd and **Bryce Brady** with a 76 and Junior Champ. Congratulations and good shooting!



NICK JAMES

The SCTP is under the tutelage of **Lou Riddle** and Coaches **Steve Claunch** and **Brian Holt**. We failed to get a picture of the group but were able to capture Nick. We will not let this oversight happen again!

Association member and past-President, **Brian Holt** (National City) secured enough duck prizes to start a duck farm.



BRIAN HOLT

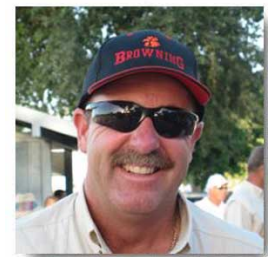
Brian won 12ga. third with a 99, 28ga. Runner up with a 99, .410 Runner up with a 99 and High Over All Runner up with a nice 392. **Nice shooting, Brian.**

We had two first-ever 100-straight during the tournament. **Teri Stonier** achieved hers in the 28ga. and **Bob Hendrix** shot his in the 20ga. Both terrific accomplishments and we are all proud of your victory!!

With the exception of the previous paragraph, you will note that I have only highlighted the accomplishments of a limited few of the 22 Association members and the other 58 that attended this event. I did this purposely in that I declined the task of writing the article for the whole event. So, if there are those who did not see their name mentioned, I apologize, but it was not an oversight, just a vacation from the computer.

It was truly a great experience for me to see so many shooters that have not seen in some time. I hope we will start seeing them again and more often. Great sport; Super people.

I had an email from our SoCal President, **Bill Page**, on the 6th of June indicating that fellow skeet and sporting clays shooter, **Fred Mathews**, had a major heart attack requiring a quadruple by-pass. Our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery go out to Fred and his family. Should you wish to drop him a line to boost his spirits, his email address is; fmfinish@aol.com.



SCTP NEWS

By

Mike Sorchy

Oak tree Invitational

The Oak Tree Junior Claybreakers held their 4th annual Invitational on Sunday May 11th. Sixteen of our young shooters attended this event. It was a tough day as equipment and conditions do not always cooperate. **Elliott Greb** was definitely up for the task as he shot a fine 94 to take 1st place in the Advanced Intermediate division. This did not come easy as Elliott dropped 4 targets on the 1st 2 traps and came back to win this division by 2 targets!! **Tiffany Hicban** was also a standout as she shot an 83 to take 3rd place in the Entry Level Intermediate division. Other

Intermediate scores were **Harrison Samaniego** 84, **Nicholas Grubiss** 81 and **Gordon Burkhart** 78. In the Varsity division we had 3 teams representing the club, the Miramar Top Guns, Miramar Tomcats and the Miramar Hornets. There were only 4 out of 5 members shooting for the Top Guns as Squad leader **Nick Meyer** did not make the trip. **Evan Marsch, Roger Siewerth, Kurtis Sorchy** and **De Savage** shot 94. Not their best score but a good reminder that you have to work on every target. For the Miramar Tomcats, squad leader **Ethan Mathias** shot a 91, **Chris Dante** 92, **Alex Greb** 88, **John Siewerth** 87 and **Cassie Osgood** 85. The Hornets had two shooters on their team, Jr. Varsity shooter **Kyle Meadows** with an 87 and **Sarah Williams** 72. The highlight at the end of the day was manager/coach **Steve Marsch** winning the grand prize in the raffle, a 32 inch flat screen HDTV! In closing Oak tree did a great job of hosting the tournament.

A.T.A. Southern Zone

There were 15 of our young shooters who attended the A.T.A. Southern Zone Sunday June 8th. These are the same 3 squads, the Vipers, Tomcats, and Top Guns that will be representing SDSSA at the State Shoot. **Elliott Greb** shot an impressive score of 191/200 with his first 75 straight to lead the Viper Squad and take the Advanced Intermediate SCTP award. 2nd on his team was **Nicholas Grubiss** who shot a 171/200 to take the Entry Level Intermediate SCTP award. Other scores on the Vipers were **Tiffany Hicban** 166/200, **Gordon Burkhart** 147/200 and **Kyle Meadows**, who won the Junior Varsity SCTP award. **Alex Greb** had the top score on the Tomcats with 97 in the morning followed by a 93 in the afternoon for a score of 190/200. Squad Leader **Ethan Mathias** had a good day with a 187/200 also shooting his 1st 50 and 75 straight!! Other scores on the Tomcats were **John Siewerth** 177, **Chris Dante** 169 and **Cassie Osgood** 166. It must have been a good day for squad leaders as Top Gun **Nick Meyer** won Hi. Jr. (again) with a 196/200. **Kurtis Sorchy** followed with 195/200, **De Savage** 194/200; **Roger Siewerth** won C Class with a 193/200. **Evan Marsch** finished with a 191/200.

Southern Zone Team

I am pleased to announce that 4 of our junior shooters made the Southern Zone Team. **Nick Meyer, Kurtis Sorchy, De Savage** and **Elliott Greb** have the honors of shooting for the Southern Zone at State Championship singles Saturday June 28th held at Kingsburg Gun club.

It was a Banner Weekend for A.T.A. lunch sales. Many Thanks go to **Mary Ellen Siewerth and Company** for raising over 500.00 dollars on lunch sales at the Southern Zone. This would not be possible without the generous donations from **Liz Sheld, Harvey and Lisa Isom**. SCTP parents **Claire & Tim Meadows, Mike Sorchy, Wayne & Peggy Libitzke, Rick & Toni Osgood, David & Denny Greb, Bill & Dianne Savage, John & Leeanna Dante, Matt & Ellen Burkhart, Ted Hicban and Paul Grubiss**. Last but not least, thanks to **John and Roger Siewerth** who helped make both days a success.

PVA

HIGHLIGHTS

By

Jim Russell



Hey Shooters! Listen up! If you missed the April PVA shoot, or even if you didn't, there is another PVA shoot on the horizon, scheduled for Sunday July 20th. There will be great food, great targets (50 singles, 50 handicap and 25 pair of doubles), lots of options plus loads of camaraderie. This shoot is open to everyone. By-the-way, we will start serving breakfast at 09:00 am and shooting will commence at 10:00 am so you can get a few more min of shuteye. Let's unite in supporting those that have given so much to support us.

Please make your check payable to Cal-Diego PVA and mail it along with the entry form located at the range office to: CAL-DIEGO PVA, 3350 La Jolla Village Drive, Room #1A, 118, San Diego, CA 92161. Any questions call 1-800-423-2778



ATA TRAP
By
Chip Enniss

The C.G.S.T.A. Southern Zone Shoot was held June 7th and 8th at the Club. This is where shooters earn a spot on the Southern Zone team to compete with the Central and Northern Teams at the State Shoot later this month in Kingsburg, CA.

The Weather was good with a little wind on Saturday but the sun was out and everyone had the same conditions all through the Shoot.

Event #1 on Sat. was 100 Doubles Targets, Champion after a shoot off with **Rich Davis** was **Jimmy Heller** with 97. Rich took AA, A winner with 92 was **Charlie Bover**, B winner with 91 was **Ronald Wilcox**, C was taken by **Mike Sorchy**, **Dr. Richard Neese** won Vet and **Lisa Isom** secured the High Lady win.

Event #2 was 100 Singles. Coming out on top was **Steve Williamson** after a tie with Jr Lady shooter **Kambra Brawner** both with 99x100 there was no shoot off. Kambra was AAA winner, AA was taken by **Doc. Neese**, at 97. A winner was **Charlie Bover**, (there seems to be a pattern here) with 98, B was **Mike Sorchy** after a shoo off with **Joe "Ricochet" Roby** at 94 each. C class winner was **Michael Saindon** over **Bill Ruhlman** (forfeit) with 96 each and D winner was **Mr. Harvey Isom** (Lisa's Coach) with a fine 95.

Vet. Winner with 96 was **Dave Johnson** and Lady winner with 93 after a shoot off with **Lisa Isom** was **Jan Slough**. **Helen Lemich** also had 93 but decided not to shoot off.

Event # 3 was the Zone Handicap. Our A.T.A Director **Kurt Sachau** was the Buckle winner with a fine 96, He was followed closely

by long yardage winner **Walt Hastings** with a 95. Mid was taken by **Jan Slough** with 88 and short was secured by Jr. shooter **Mountain Logan** with 93. **Lisa Isom** won High Lady with 92 (there are several patterns at work here) and high Vet with 89 was **Mike Gebhardt**,

Sunday was the Zone Singles Championship of 200 Targets, Champion was **Tom Larkin** over **Terry Bilbey** both at 200 X 200 tom won the flip and Terry became AAA winner, AA class was taken by **Ron Valdez** after a shoot off with **Morris Hall** and **Ronnie McMahan** all with 97's. A winner with 198 was **Mountain Logan**, B winner was **Coach Sorchy** with 196, (He tied some good shooters, we are hoping he can keep up at Kingsburg) C winner with 193 was **Roger Siewerth** and D winner was that **Lisa Isom** person again with 186. Lisa has been doing very well lately I think we may need to adjust something for her. High Lady with a fine 196 was **Kambra Brawner**, The last 18 months or so Kambra has won numerous titles at many large shoots and seems to keep getting better, Dad Scotty is having trouble keeping up. That a boy, Girl! Veteran winner with 199 was **Paul Busch** and Jr. shooter **Nick Meyer** led his squad with 196x200 for the Jr. Trophy

The mens Zone Team is AAA **Terry Bilbey**, AA **Aaron Valdez**, A, **John Lumn**, B, **Michael (Coach) Sorchy**, C, **Scott Sleeger**, and D, **Timothy Meadows**

Alternates are AAA, **Steve Williamson** and **Kurt Sachau**. AA, **Chip Enniss** and **Chuck Poindexter**, A, **William DeBreaux** and **John Carmadella**, B, **Joe Roby** and **Ken Jossenberger** C, **Bill Ruhlman** and **Marsh Hauge** and D, **Rick Osgood** and **Harvey Isom**.

Womens Team, **Kambra Brawner**, **Jessica Anderson**, **Lisa Isom**, **Jan Slough**, and **Vicky Larkin**. Alternates are **Dianne Savage**, **Helen Lemich**, and **Elizabeth Sheld**.

Jr/sub Jr Team **Nick Meyer**, **Kurtis Sorchy**, **Logan Mountain**, **Elliot Greb**, **De Savage**. Alternates are **Roger Siewerth**, **Evan Marsch**, **Nicholas Grubiss** and **Gordon Burkhardt**.

Vet/ Sr Vet. Team. **Tom Larkin**, **Paul Busch**, **Chris Champion**, **Doc. Neese** and **Ronnie McMahan**. Alternates are **Morris Hall**, **Wilber Poston Jr.** **Y.W. Low** and **Al Yapelli Jr.**

Good luck to all of you at the State shoot.

Layne, his Kids, and all the Volunteers worked very hard to put this shoot on and it was very much a success. We are always looking for new Volunteers and any new Ideas to make out shoots better and more fun, any one out there that wants to help or has a good Idea don't be shy, let us know.

Thanks to all of you that help make this program as good as it is.

SKEET

LEAGUE

By

Dick Seaver



The 2008 Summer Skeet League is off to a great start. There are 53 shooters competing in this seven week league. There will be three "bye" weeks this time.

During the first week of this league, **Bob Chambers** shot his first ever 25 straight. Congratulation Bob! I'll give you one of our specially designed SDSSA 25 straight patches at the bash at the end of the league.

If anyone has any questions regarding the Skeet League, they can contact me at riseaver@hotmail.com. Additional information and scores may be found on the SDSSA website.

Good shooting to you all!