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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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feels that a better course of action for our Association is to increase revenue by throwing more targets. SDSSA has already lowered the cost of trap doubles from \$11.00 to \$9.00. As of June 31, 2008 we have thrown 1,862 less rounds than June of 2007. This number takes in to account a couple of factors; we had good shooter turnouts for both the SOCAL Skeet Championship and the Southern Zone Trap Tournament. Some of you may have heard that SDSSA had an opportunity to host the CSSA Skeet Tournament over the July 4th weekend. After several conference calls and give and take negotiations, which included target fees that SDSSA would charge CSSA and the impact to SDSSA and our membership, the Board of Directors made the decision and voted not to hold the State shoot at SDSSA this year. Some may look at that decision as a potential loss of revenue and a lost opportunity to throw more targets, not to mention passing on chance to host an event such as the CSSA State Skeet Shoot. San Diego Shotgun Sports Association is just what its name implies, an Association supported by dues paying members. I feel our first responsibility is to our membership to provide a safe affordable shooting venue. Holding the State shoot would have shut out 5-stand and skeet fields to our members for four days leading up to and including the July 4th weekend. I feel the Board of Directors made the correct decision by deciding not to hold the State shoot at SDSSA. That said SDSSA still needs to throw more targets. We always look for ways to do that. I have heard talk of some 5-stand shooters interested holding a fun shoot or a Wednesday morning league. We are open to any possibility to throw more targets. SDSSA is also a great place to hold corporate events or

informal shoots. Remember, members sponsoring a shoot have access and use of all Association amenities, including our new gas grill, kitchen and The Silva Center. We have started a dialog and have opened lease negotiations with The Marines. I hope to have more information next month. Remember San Diego Shotgun Sports Association depends on our membership. The more involved you are and the more targets we throw the more successful our Association will be. Be safe, stay active and I hope to see you at the range.

PRESIDENT'S

MESSAGE

By

Robert Keefe



I'm sure you've noticed the cost of gasoline on the raise and most everything else costs more these days, everything that is except the cost of a round of clays at **San Diego Shotgun Sports Association**. Yes, SDSSA's cost of doing business has increased, including another .75 cent for a case of targets, and that does not include the shipping cost. The Fee Committee has met and discussed the possibility of fee increases, but, has not recommended any target fee increase and the Board of Directors has taken no action to increase the cost of a round of targets. There has been discussion concerning annual dues and initiation fees, and our non member Day Use Fee structure. These are important issues and will affect our members and The Association. The Board of Directors



**OLYMPIC
SKEET**

By

Gene Greene

When the **ORIGINAL** sport of skeet was given world-class status in 1947, was target speed increased or did the USSA decrease target speed in 1952, along with getting rid of low gun/delayed pull? After five years of searching, I have found the answer. FITSAC increased target speed in 1947.

If you want to see the latest results and video from World Cups, etc., go to ISSF-Shooting. Org and click on ISSF-TV. I am hopeful that they will have some live coverage of the 08 Games.



**OLYMPIC
SHOTGUN
SPORTS**

By

Bill Bolinger

The Olympic shooting events will be starting August 9, 2008. As a member of this club I am sure you will have an interest in how the United States team is doing in the shotgun events. To find out and follow the action go to www.issf.org it will have scores and live video.

To appreciate the Olympic shotgun sports SDSSA is having a special day on Saturday August 9, 2008 from 10:00 to 3:00 on fields 10, 11, 12. We will have Olympic Skeet, Olympic Trap and Olympic Double Trap. This is not a competition it is just to tryout the Olympic Shotgun events. We will have instructors at each range to guide you. Who knows maybe we will find a talented shooter from our club that we can watch at the 2012 games.

Come out and give it a try. You will be given a free lunch for shooting just one of the events.

SKEET

NEWS

By

Neil Vann



The SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association hosted the June 2008 NSSA registered skeet shoot entitled, "June Bug Open" to 19 entrants in San Diego, California who braved our unusual beginning of Summer heat wave. Even though we always enjoy a westerly breeze, it was HOT!

Starting the 600-target weekend on Friday were 9 shooters who shot the 12ga. Preliminary event at high noon.



DAVE ROBERTSON

Dave Robertson (Valley Center) brought in a nice 99 to capture the Gun Champion spot with **Neil Vann** (San Diego) and **Dan McNaughton** (San Diego) battling for Gun Runner up with identical 97's. Neil led the shoot off with a dead pair. Dan let the high bird slip by allowing Neil the honor. Dan took Class B1. With the small turnout, everyone won a position on the score board.

The second gun of the day was Doubles with 8 shooters sweltering under the Arizona sun as it doesn't get this hot in San Diego. **Adam Stull** (Irvine) was top dawg with a respectable 95 for Doubles Champion.



ADAM STULL

The second spot was in a dynamic duel between **Eric Van den Haute** (San Diego) and **Dave Robertson**, both with 94's. After a 3-station shoot off, Eric has broken the most birds and is dubbed Doubles Runner up. Another shoot off for Class B2 and B3 with 89's is between team mates **Craig Potter** (Chula Vista) and **Keith Phelps** (Torrance). Another 3-station shoot off takes place before Keith squirts the high target giving the Class B2 to Craig. This ends the days shooting and off to find a working air conditioner and just maybe a cerveza.

After the playing of the National Anthem, we begin the 4-gun and HOA on Saturday morning at 8:30am commencing with the 28ga. Fifteen entrants are involved with a winning spirit and showing fine skeet shooting form. **Eric Van den Haute** tops the crowd with his lone 99 leaving **Steve Hernandez** (Pomona) and **Neil Vann** to duke it out for Gun Runner up with 98's.



ERIC VAN DEN HAUTE

Steve is a Novice shooter but shoots like an old pro! Neil lucks out and hit both at station 3 (see scoreboard for Doubles to see why the surprise). Steve must have been so shocked to see Neil hit not one but both that his concentration wavered and his high 3

sailed into the sunrise unscathed. Neil takes Gun Runner up and Steve, Class A1. Class B2 and B3 was to be decided between **Keith Phelps** and **Dan McNaughton**, both with 93's. Keith breaks the pair with authority. Dan is dead set against hitting the high target and accepts the Class B2 spot. The third shoot off is between **Craig Potter** and Novice shooter **Brent Hanson** (San Dimas) shooting off for Class C1 and C2 with 93's. After two stations, the fat lady sings and Craig is Class C1 winner.



GARY DITTMAR

Lunch this month was provided/donated by **Gary Dittmar** (Fountain Valley) who could not make this shoot as he is on a fishing trip in Alaska. He has promised to have some smoked Salmon at our July shoot so for those of you who read this in the Skeet Shooting Review, too late, but think about coming our way in the future. Gary provided the lunch for both Saturday and Sunday. We thank Gary and all the lunch sponsors for thinking of the shooter during our one-hour break.

The Saturday afternoon event is the 12ga. with 17 contestants. For this event, all Novices shooting will be eligible to win the Novice Award and we have three; **Steve Hernandez**, **Brent Hanson** and **Buck Buchanan**. Our fourth Novice, **John Grier** (San Diego) chose to shoot on Friday so missed his chance this time but is still eligible at a next opportunity.



JOHN GRIER

The Novice Award was established several years ago and the supporter of the prize is Association member, **John**

Herkowitz of **Pacific Sporting Arms** located in Azusa, California.

We thank John for his support and hope that all you Novice winners will do the same by dropping John a line or visiting his new and improved business site with a nose-to-nose thank you. **Eric Van den Haute** and **Neil Vann** bring in the top score of 98. The shoot off arena is ecstatic with tension. The crowd is as silent as a full moon. Both are clean until the third station and Eric lets a high bird slip by. Not to be outdone, Neil parrots Eric's miss and the next station is the tell tale as to who is the Champion. Eric is 12ga. Gun Champion and Neil, Gun runner up. **Dave Robertson** and **Steve Hernandez** stride to the shoot off station to determine who will be Class A1 and A2. Four stations and it is Dave over Steve, 8 to 7.

Three important issues to mention here, all having to do with the 12ga. event are the fact that **Steve Hernandez** won the Novice award; a Lonesome Charlie's handcrafted leather shell pouch with his 96.



STEVE HERNANDEZ

New NSSA registered shooter and his first shoot, **Buck Buchanan** (San Diego) not only shot a nice 90 but shot his "first" 25-straight. He was awarded with a SDSSA First 25-Straight patch that he can proudly wear.



BUCK BUCHANAN

Not to be outdone, our other Novice shooter, **Brent Hanson** captured Class D1 with his 92. All winners!

Sunday we begin with the .410 bore. Eleven turn out to cooler but still kinda warm weather to shoot the Mighty

Mite. **Matt Fort** (Chula Vista) is the hero of the day bringing a nice 95. **Eric Van den Haute** is Hero Runner up with a 94. No shoot offs ensued.



MATT FORT

The final shooting event is the 20ga. Again we have 11 anxiously awaiting the outcome of their efforts. **Eric Van den Haute** is top gun with a 96 and on his heels is team mate, **Keith Phelps** with a 95. Again no shoot offs take place.

HOA is won by **Eric Van den Haute** with a 387 followed by **Matt Fort** with a 383.

Thanks to **Chris Cole** and his staff for their attention to matters while Association General Manager, **Layne Kuhlman** is "cleaning up" at the State Trap Shoot in Kingsburg, California during this month of June.



DODGE

CITY

By

Jim Englund

It was good to be back at the Dodge City last month. Seeing the familiar faces, with some new ones. Summer always brings out the riff-raff. Weather being great, we drew out 53 shooters. Some of you actually broke a lot of clays. Notably at the 16 yard line, 7 hit all 25. **Fred Corley, Rich Davis, Jerry Dillard, Danny Godinho, Delano Hale, Paul Lumn** and **Mike Scott**. Only three sharpshooters at handicap: **Rich Davis, Sonny Hale** and **Mike Sorchy**. The first Buddy shot had three pairs with 19: **Joe Caruso** and **Taylor Craft, Rich Davis** and **Shirley Hamilton, Fred Hoyle** and **John Lumn**. One, and only one got all 20 at Buddy #2; **Shirley Hamilton**. I say one because she was teamed up with a staff shooter. Lucky Shirley! At the Annie Oakley **Sonny** took fourth, **Mike Sorchy** with third, **Mike Scott** second and ol' **Willie Turner** was the last

standing. Just shows to go you that any one can win. Be sure to thank **Annie Hoyle** for her delicious carrot cake she toils over each month for our dessert. What a nice touch to our already great lunch. See you next month.



SCTP NEWS

**By
Mike
Sorchy**

California State Shoot

The California State Shoot for the S.C.T.P. Trap State Championship was held at Kingsburg Gun Club on June 21st. Sixteen of our young shooters and their parents made the trip. It was well over 100 degrees as they persevered and turned in some great scores.

In the Varsity Division there were 28 squads from over a dozen clubs competing for the top Varsity spot. Once again, the Miramar Top Guns justified their name. They beat their own state record of 981/1000, set last year, with a new record 982, to take the top Varsity spot and win the State Championship. This year they shot a 490 in the 1st round and never looked back. As afternoon temperatures climbed over 110 degrees, the Top Guns took the field and bettered their morning score with a 492. **Evan Marsch** and **Roger Siewerth** both shot 197's, while **Nick Meyer, De Savage** and **Kurtis Sorchy** were close behind with 196's. **Kurtis** put another 100 straight on the board in the morning shoot.



The Top Guns (L to R)

Nick, Evan, De, Kurtis, Roger & Mike

Our 2nd Varsity Squad shot a 940 to come in 8th place. **Ethan Mathias** and **Alex Greb** lead the way with 195's, followed closely by **John Siewerth** 193, **Chris Dante** 192 and **Cassie Osgood** with a 165. We only had two Junior Varsity shooters attend. **Kyle**

Meadows, who is still getting to know his new Browning, shot a 169 and squad mate **Camaren Lebitzke** shot a 147.

With only four shooters on their squad, our Intermediate Division shooters were on a mission. Squad Leader **Elliott Greb** shot his 1st 100 straight in the morning session.



**ELLIOT GREB
FIRST 100 STRAIGHT**

After breaking another 25 straight on his first trap in the afternoon, he came off the line and said he just couldn't continue. The heat was oppressive to say the least! We cooled him off (lucky the squad in front of him was a little slow) and he finished his 2nd hundred with an impressive 97. That put him in a tie for 1st Place individual in the Advanced Intermediate division and on to a shoot-off with **Anthony Holmes** from Valley Clay Busters. The 1st round in the shoot off they each shot 24. In the 2nd round Elliott shot a 25 to **Anthony Hopkin's** 24 and took the Advanced Intermediate Division title.

Other noteworthy performances included **Tiffany Hicban**, who shot her 1st 25 straight and ended with a very fine score of 180. Not bad for her first state shoot. **Gordon Burkhart** also shot his 1st 25 straight and ended up with a 179 shooting after shooting an impressive 95 in the second hundred of the day. **Nicholas Grubiss**, who was also learning to shoot a new gun, finished with a 145. All and all a great weekend for everyone. I would like to thank all the parents, coaches and kids for a job well done. Also, more importantly, from everyone in the SCTP program, we'd like to thank all of the SDSSA Members, Directors and Staff for all of their support this season. You really have made this program successful.

On to Sparta and the S.C.T.P. National Championship

The Top Guns are preparing to go to the National Championship in Sparta Illinois to be held on August 4th & 5th. They finished in 4th place last year and hope to do well this year. They will be practicing every Thursday and will be

shoot the SDSSA ATA and the next ATA up at Redlands to prepare for the trip to Sparta. With the state shoot behind us, the SCTP Trap season has officially come to an end. I encourage everyone to continue to practice and shoot the ATA's until we begin the 2009 season in November.

TRAP LEAGUE



by

Steve Marsch & Mike Sorchy

We're well into the Summer, the Skeet League has four weeks left, and believe it or not, it's already time to start thinking about the Fall Trap League. The Fall Trap League begins on August 20th and will run thru October 26th.

After giving this a lot of thought, and considering the opinions of more than a few dedicated and would-be trapshooters, we've decided to change the shooting format again. As an aside, if you ask two trapshooters for an opinion, you're likely to get at least ten different opinions! Besides, there were just way too many 25's in the last singles league so we thought we would do something a little more challenging and avoid that inevitable complacency that comes from shooting too many good scores

This league will be seven weeks, as in the past. The handicap rules will largely remain the same, but the two rounds per week will be a singles round coupled with a progressive round. The term "progressive" has a lot of different definitions, depending on which club you shoot at, so I'll explain our definition. Your first shot starts at the 16 yard marker. For each of the next four shots, you'll move back two yards with your fifth shot taken at the 24 yard marker. Your next post starts at the 24 yard marker and progresses to the 16 yard marker. Your third post starts at the 16....Well, you get the point by now.

We're going to be giving a couple of very nice belt buckles to the Top Gun and DAL shooters. As in the past leagues, these awards will be decided by a shoot-off at the league-end barbeque between the top and low shooters from each team. In addition

we'll have trophies for the top team and silver belt buckles for the top shooter on each team. Of course, the money left over in the pot will be divided up among the shooters based on the team's point standing each week.

We'll have sign-up sheets at the range office next week so start forming your teams. As always, if you don't have a team in mind, let us know when you sign up and we'll do our best to get you on a squad. Layne is also a well known matchmaker and can help you out as well.

We're really looking forward to this league and hope you are too. It promises to be a lot of fun.



INTRO TO SHOTGUN SPORTS

By

Jim England

What started out as a youth introduction to the shotgun sports program has changed quite a lot. **Don Wilkie** had the idea of introducing youths to the sport of clay target shooting therefore, to get some "recruits" for the scholastic program. Don got so busy with the kids he turned the class over to me. Then I thought why not open the class for all ages. In no time I was getting calls from adults.

Word got around and we were seeing father/son taking the class. A sport they could do together. In the two plus years that we have offered the class we have had father/son, mother/son, mother/ daughter and father/daughter. One guy brought all three of his daughters and two of their girlfriends. When you have 12 students and 5 are young ladies from ages 10-15 years, it's a fun handful. To see the excitement of breaking their first clay disc, I knew this was an important offering at the club. Since the beginning of the program we have taught safe gun handling and the basics of clay target shooting of trap and skeet to nearly 200 individuals. Some went on to Don's youth program, some have become new members of the club and some just enjoy shooting twice a month. The class therefore, has become successful and we will continue as long as interest is there.

Most of you know of this class but, many don't know what we do and the results we have had. I was asked to write an article and give an overview of just one

of the many activities SDSSA has going. Along with gun safety, we teach range etiquette and rules. To have fun and not to forget you have a loaded shotgun in your hands. With the great help of **Dave Kruger** and **Gene Green**, we keep very close to each new shooter. With the sad loss of **Duke Wilber** (who was classic with kids), we sometimes come up short with classes of 10-12. If you have an interest to help coach new shooters, let me know. The classes are 1-4:00 once a month on Saturdays. Also, do you know someone who has an interest in learning the basics? Direct them to me, our web site or the range office.

The main idea is to get new people to know who and where we are, increase shootership and throw more targets. So, that's what introduction to shotgun sports is all about. Introduce someone.

SKEET

SCTP

By

Lou Riddle



On July third, 2008 the San Diego SCTP Claybreakers competed in the SCTP California State Skeet Championships at Triple B Clays in El Monte. Several teams from all throughout the state competed in the tournament and when you think of the way that our Claybreakers performed, the word Success should come to mind.



NICK JAMES, DIANA RIDDLE, & SCOTT JACOBSON

Two teams were entered into the State Shoot from San Diego, an Entry Level Intermediate team consisting of **Diana Riddle, Nick James,** and **Scott Jacobson** and a Jr. Varsity team consisting of **Ryan Rees** and **Bryce Brady**. Both of our Claybreakers teams were victorious in their divisions, with **Bryce Brady** having the high score of our kids with a 170 out of 200.



COACH LOU RIDDLE with BRYCE BRADY AND RYAN REES

The most impressive thing about our victories though is that we are the youngest program in the state and our kids still managed to win two of the five divisions against teams that have been shooting for much, much longer.

Overall, this tournament was a great success for our young program and the kids that have been working so hard at practice to win. I know that if we keep up the hard work, we will go back with more kids and win even more at next year's state shoot.



2008 SDSSA SCTP STATE COMPETITORS AND COACHES

Thanks again to all of the kids, parents, coaches, range staff, and board of directors who made these victories possible. Also, if there are any other kids interested in joining our SCTP Skeet program please call me at 760-732-3799, or email me at lrhomes@aol.com.

ATA TRAP

By

Chip

Enniss



July A.T.A. Results

The July A.T.A. shoot was held on Saturday and Sunday, July 12 & 13. Event 1, Singles, and event 2, Handicap winners are as follows.

Champion.....	Dave Johnson	100
AA	Bill Ruhlman	99
A.....	Roger Siewerth	98
B.....	Sandie Kuhlman.....	98
C	Lisa Isom.....	99
Jr.	De Savage	98
Lady	Jan Slough	94
Veteran	Paul Busch.....	98

Champion.....	Michael Valdez.....	95
Long.....	Dave Johnson	95
Mid	Jan Slough	94
Short	Michael Saindon	95
Lady	Sandie Kuhlman.....	88
Veteran	Jerry Callaway	92

Event 3 Doubles

Champion.....	Charlie Bover	90
AA	Chip Enniss.....	89
B.....	Heath Messinger.....	87
C	Sandie Kuhlman.....	85

Sunday winners were; Singles Champion **Kurtis Sorchy** after a shoot off with **Mike Sorchy, Bill DeBreau** all with 98X100. Also shooting 98x100 and forfeiting was **Dave Johnson, Larry Premo** and **Ray Gutierrez**. **Bill DeBreau** settled into the AA- class win, Dave and Ray split Vet and Larry and Mike said they would be back another Day. A Class winner was **Dave Chuprinski** by forfeit over **Jerry Dillard** both with 97x100 B-Winner was new shooter **Michael Vignato**, 95x100 and C- class was taken by **Karen Lanning** with 87. High Lady with 95 was **Jan Slough**. Jr class was a three way tie with 97's by **Roger Siewerth, Nick Meyer** and **De Savage**.

Handicap on Sunday was interesting because of the wind, scores were low but all had a good time trying to break some erratic Targets. Scores were;

Champion.....	Michael Vignato	93
Long.....	Bill DeBreau	90
Mid	Jan Slough	90
Short	Ken Price	86
Lady	Diane Savage	88
Veteran	Dave Johnson	87

The weather was near perfect except for some wind and a good time was had by all.

Thanks to Jan, Lisa and Kurt for the time you donate to make these shoots run as smooth as they do. Remember, if you tie for an event you need to make arrangements for the outcome before leaving or you will forfeit also if you have money or trophy's coming please try to collect them before you leave. The Money for each event is figured as soon as all the results are in.

Thanks for your support, bring a friend and come have some fun if you can let's try to get some new shooters out and get the addicted.

Chip Enniss, Trap Chair.