



# Newsletter

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step taken by SDSSA was to voluntarily shutdown fields 11&12. As you know, SDSSA wants to throw as many targets as possible. The shutting down of fields 11&12 does not help that cause. SDSSA is working diligently to correct the problem of shot leaving our lease boundaries. I would like to apologize to our members for any inconvenience shutting down fields 11&12 may cause. In the mean time we still have a lot to offer. American trap and skeet, two 5-stand fields and the fall trap league starts on August 20th. Ten fields are still open for business. Now is a great time to shoot whether you shoot for fun, competition, or a dove season tune up, come on down. I hope to see you at the range.

- Remain in the cage until everyone has finished shooting.
- Load only two shells.
- No Poaching.

These new signs will be posted this week. Will this solve the problem? THAT ANSWER SEEMS TO BE **NO!!!!** THE ONLY THING THAT WILL WORK IS A DESIRE TO BE SAFE AND CONSIDERATE OF OUR FELLOW SHOOTERS.

PLEASE READ THIS AND PLEASE HEED THIS.

Thank you

Fred Hoyle

### PRESIDENT'S

### MESSAGE



By

Robert Keefe

The SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association lease negotiations with MCAS Miramar continue. The lease process involves milestones set by MCAS that MCAS and SDSSA must meet in order to keep the lease process on schedule. SDSSA has supplied MCAS with requested documents and information. SDSSA is doing everything we can as is MCAS to keep the lease negotiations moving forward. We have every expectation that a new lease will be signed and in place by the end of the year.

We had a site visit from representatives of MCAS, as well as a meeting at SDSSA to discuss the lease and the Marines concern with shot leaving our lease boundaries. As a result of that meeting, one immediate



### RANGE SAFETY & COMMON SENSE

By Fred Hoyle

This month our safety topic is following the rules and courtesy to other shooters. For many months we have had a relaxed attitude toward five stand shooting. This has let to improved interaction between shooters, but has become a problem with safety.

The issue has been a topic of discussion at a number of Board Meetings. We have posted a number of signs enumerating the rules and noting particular rule violations. This method seemed to solve the problems, but things have once again loosened up. We have asked our sign maker to prepare new signs reminding us of the most important of the rules.

### PVA

### HIGHLIGHTS

By

Jim Russell



### CAL-DIEGO TWENTIETH ANNUAL SUMMER TRAP SHOOT

Cal-Diego's Twentieth Annual summer trap shoot was held on Sunday, 20 July at the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association shooting range located on Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar. It was a great day for a trap shoot, lots of sunshine, just enough breezes to keep us cool and very little humidity. The targets flew just great. What more could we ask for? Well, for starters, some great food and our committee came through on that score. They served us a very tasty continental breakfast and a cooked on the spot barbeque of hot dogs and hamburgers

lunch. We give many thanks to the committee for their continued outstanding support.

During singles we had two shooters with a 49, JC Craft and Doug Vann and two with a 48, Layne Kuhlman and Freddie Corley. For doubles we had only one 49, JC Craft and one 48, Doug Vann. For handicap we finally got our first perfect score, a 50 scored by JC Craft. We had one 49 by William Hamilton and one 48 by Clarence Welbaum. All-in-all, not bad scores for a bunch of weekend shooters.

### CAL-DIEGO AWARDS

GRAND CHAMP .....	J.C.CRAFT .....	147/150
W/C CHAMP .....	D. VANN .....	144/150
S/YD CHAMP .....	C. WELBAUM .....	48/50
M/YD CHAMP .....	W. HAMILTON .....	49/50
L/YD CHAMP .....	L. KUHLMAN .....	49/50
DBLS AA CHAMP .....	NONE	
DBLS A CHAMP .....	S. BURTON .....	42/50
DBLS B CHAMP .....	K. RHEINHARDT .....	42/50
DBLS C CHAMP .....	J. RUSSELL .....	40/50
DBLS D CHAMP .....	R. RUSSELL .....	36/50
SINGLES AA CH .....	F. CORLEY .....	48/50
SINGLES A CH .....	B. PALMER .....	47/50
SINGLES B CH .....	A. RUSSELL .....	47/50
SINGLES C CH .....	NONE	
SINGLES D CH .....	N. VANN .....	42/50

On a different note, the Cal-Diego team flew to faraway Green Bay, WI for a PVA Circuit shoot held by the Wisconsin PVA chapter on 11 – 13 July. The weather there was a completely different story than San Diego. On Friday, during the practice sessions, they had rain most of the morning and heavy overcast all afternoon. **Ugh!!** Saturday saw mostly cloudy with just a little wind while Sunday was mostly sunny with a steady, very strong wind blowing. Not great weather for the Cal-Diego shooters! But, that did not keep them from prevailing. They captured first place Chapter team over two teams from Wisconsin and individually; Doug Vann won wheelchair champion with 262/300, Keith Rheinhardt captured champion B class doubles with 82/100, Joe Fox Jr. earned runner-up B class singles with 87/100, and Bill Palmer garnered runner-up A class singles with 81/100. Not bad for a laid-back team from San Diego.

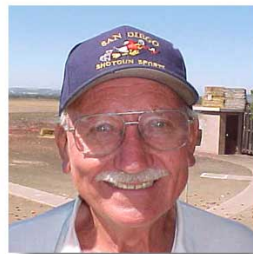
The next action on the PVA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Trap Circuit will be in Sioux Falls, SD hosted by the North Central Chapter on 5 – 7 September followed by the finale in Seattle, WA, hosted by the Northwest Chapter on 26 – 28 September. Hope to see you there. Happy shooting.

## SKEET

## NEWS

by

**Neil Vann**



The July 2008 registered skeet shoot held in San Diego, California at the SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association range had a turnout of 19 shooters attending the Salute To Heroes Open. In that the annual Comic-Com convention was held at the San Diego Convention Center on the same weekend limited the supply of hotel vacancies to none for those out-of-town shooters. Those that attended either shot just one day or drove back home after the days events. **John Gross** (Yuma, AZ) took the time and effort to drive the 360 mile round trip from Yuma, Arizona to San Diego to enjoy our comradery and magnificent San Diego weather which held to the low 70's, making the shooting for John and all most comfortable.

Friday started our 600-target weekend with the 20 gauge Preliminary event. Eight shooters entered the noon event with the 20ga. Gun Champion, **Neil Vann** (San Diego), topping all with a 98. **Dave Robertson** (Valley Center) emerged Gun Runner up with a 97. The lone shoot off was between **Brent Hanson** (San Dimas) and **Dan McNaughton** (San Diego) with 94's. Brent sauntered up to station 3 with supreme confidence but failed to hit the low double. Dan crushed the pair giving Dan first in Class B.



**DAN McNAUGHTON**

Our second Friday event was the Doubles event. Ten shooters went to the fields to do their best seeing "double." After the cordite cleared, **Dave Robertson** was deemed the Gun

Champion with a nice 96. A shoot off ensued between **Carl Best** (Lemon Grove) and **Dennis James** (Escondido) for Gun Runner up with 94's. Dennis was lead off and dropped the low double at station 3. Carl did the same! Both hit station 4 with authority but Dennis squirted a low 5 and Carl didn't giving Carl the Doubles Runner up.



**CARL BEST**

Saturday morning's event was the 28ga. with 14 participants. **Steve Hernandez** (Pomona) shot his first ever 100-straight in the 28ga.!!



**STEVE HERNANDEZ**

Along with much fanfare and congratulations on a job well done, Steve was presented with a "SDSSA first 100-straight" pin. **Dennis James** shot a near perfect score bringing in a nice 99 to take the 28ga. Gun Runner up position. No shoot offs took place.

Saturday and Sunday's one-hour break between gauges give all a chance to recoup from shooting and take a well earned break to chat and have a bite to eat. We had giant hot dogs, 4 bean salad, dill pickles and all those things that make a lunch enjoyable. **Brett McLaughlin** (La Mirada) was our July lunch sponsor and we all appreciated his involvement even though Brett wasn't able to attend. There was a big shoot in Northern California that he was committed to but that didn't stop him from thinking of the shooters in San

Diego. Thanks Brett for your commitment!



**BRETT McLAUGHLIN**

Saturday afternoon saw 16 entrants shoot the 12ga. event. **Steve Hernandez** shot another 100-straight taking the 12ga. Gun Championship. Not only did he shoot his second 100-straight of the day but he shot his second 100-straight in the 12ga with his first at the beginning of July at the California State Championships. What a great accomplishment for a Novice shooter!!! Steve's plan was to shoot only Saturday but his wife (we were told) thought he was on a roll so she allowed him to return to humiliate us another day!!!! Great shooting from a great guy. **Dennis James** again brought in a near perfect 99 to seize the Gun Runner up position. With all the scores aligning, no shoot offs were required.



**DENNIS JAMES**

Our 12ga. Novice award is presented each month to the Novice shooter who has the highest score in the 12ga. event. This is a one-time prize that **John Herkowitz** of Pacific Sporting Arms located in Azusa, California sponsors and has done so for a number of years. The prize is a hand crafted leather shell pouch and is not only attractive but also practical. There are probably about 60 Novice (at one time) shooters wearing one of these handsome pouches. The winner in July

was **Brent Hanson** bringing in a personal best ever 97. Congratulations to Brent and many thanks to John.



**BRENT HANSON**

Sunday morning is accompanied by the .410 bore. There are 16 able bodied persons willing to take to the field and do their best. **Neil Vann** (who?) sneaks in a rare 99 to capture the .410 Gun Championship.



**NEIL VANN**

We had two shoot offs to entertain the fence leaners. **Steve Erbe** (Oceanside) and **Matt Fort** (Chula Vista) both shot 96's. One will end up being the .410 Gun Runner up and the other one will be Class A1. Steve takes the first pair smashing them both with Matt following suit. Station 4 is unkind to Steve and much kinder to Matt. So, the end result in the two station shoot-off was Matt Fort taking the Gun Runner up. To determine Class C1 and C2, **Craig Potter** (Chula Vista) and Novice Champ, **Brent Hanson** take to the field. Craig drops the low three double and Brent crushes the pair for Class C1.

Our final shooting event of the 600-target weekend is the 20ga. with 16 entrants. **Dave Robertson** again comes through with a great 99 taking Gun Champion. The "Ramona Rambo", **James Dewey** (Ramona) is hard on Dave's heels with a 98 and Gun Runner

up. We have 13 out of the 16 in the winners column with no shoot offs to get the onlookers excited. The final event is the HOA totaling 13 4-gun shooters with Champion **Dave Robertson** (387) only 2 birds ahead of Runner up, **James Dewey** (385).



**DAVE ROBERTSON**

To decide Class B1 and B2, **Carl Best** is pitted against team mate **Matt Fort**, both with 377's. Carl makes short work of the shoot off by missing the low three double. Matt powders the two for the Class B1 title.

We had a great weekend with many good things happening as related above. All had a good time thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and our range General Manager, **Layne Kuhlman** and his staff of field referees. Regardless of the size of the shoot, this behind-the-scenes activity is what makes a good shoot even better.

**ATA TRAP**

By

**Chip Enniss**



The A.T.A shooters had a fine slice of Southern Cal. weather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of August.

The wind was less than usual and the sun was out, making the targets easy to see. They looked so good that at times we had trouble breaking them. The results were as follows.

Event #1 singles Champion with the only 100x100 was **Bill DeBrau**, Bill has been coming on strong the last 3 months or so. 'AA' went to out-of-towner **Gene Baxter** with 99x100. 'A' was won by **Ken Jossenberger**, 99x100. 'B' winner with 96x100 was one of our volunteer cashiers, **Jan Slough**.

Jan has been shooting very well lately and last month won her class overall at the Western Zone at Redlands. 'C' class winner shooting a new gun for the first time was one of the S.C.T.P. shooters, **Nicholas Grubiss**. Looks like Dad my have to buy the gun. **Paul Busch** was High Vet with 98x100. **Ethan Mathias** took Jr. with 94x100 and High Lady was our other volunteer Cashier, **Lisa Isom** after a shoot off with **Diane Savage** both with 92x100.

Event #2 Handicap Champion with a fine 97x100 from the back fence was **Gene Baxter**.

**Paul Busch** also with 97x100 won short yds, Mid winner with 93x100 was **Jan Slough** and long was taken by **John Lumn** with 94x100. High Lady was **Lisa Isom**, and High Vet was **Jerry Callaway** with 92z100,

Event #3 Doubles winner with 95 was **Chip Enniss**; 'AA' was a tie at 93x100 by **Lonnie Catania** and **Gene Baxter**. Gene had a pretty good day. 'A' had no shooters and 'B' winner with 91x100 was **Ken Williams**. 'C' winner with 90 was **Bill DeBreau**. Lady winner was **Sandie Kuhlman** with 88.

Event #4 Sunday morning was won by **Chip Enniss** after a shoot off with **Bill DeBreau** and **Butch Smallenberger** all with 99x100. Bill settled into 'AA' class, 'B' winner was **Michael Vignato** with 97x100. (Welcome to 'A' class Michael) 'C' class was taken

**Lisa Isom's COACH, Harvey Isom** with 91x100. High Lady Winner with 95 was **Lisa Isom** and **Dave Johnson** was high Vet with 98x100.

Event #5 Handicap was won by Capt, **Kurt Sachau** with a fine 96x100 from the 27. Long winner with 94x100 was **Butch Smallenberger**. Short was won by **Heath Messenger** after a shoot off with **Ken Price**. There were not enough entries in the other categories to make a class.

Thanks to all who attend our monthly A.T.A. shoots and especially to all who help with the program, the sign up and the cashiering.

Also thanks to the S.C.T.P. parents and kids, especially **Mary Ellen** for all her time and effort to provide lunch at the shoots.

Bring a friend and come join us on Oct.11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. The Blue Angels will have their show on the first weekend. so the Range will be closed.

## DODGE CITY

By

**JIM ENGLUND**



July is always a nice time to get out and break targets. We had some competition with the Redlands shoot but still had 37 Dodge City fans. Again, we had some new faces brought in by some old timers. Not old in age mind you, but long time DC players. Bringing friends will introduce those to the club who want to shoot in fun and later maybe, get more involved with ATA. 25's at the 16 yard: **Greg Alexander, Lonnie Catania, Mark Cox, Shirley Hamilton, Annie Hoyle, Perry Jurancich, Kevin King** and **Ray Osgood**. Only two 25s at handicap: **Delano Hale** and **Bill Hamilton** (sandbaggers both). Buddy #1 had one team with 19: **Charlie Bover** and **Gary Dexter**. Buddy #2 had three teams with 18s: **Greg Alexander** and **Delano Hale, Bill Hamilton** with **Mike Reese, Willie Turner** got help from **Ken Williams**. The Annie Oakley paid out for the final three. Win; **Lonnie Catania, place; Ken Williams, show; Mike Reese**. High score over all; **Delano Hale** and **Bill Hamilton** with 84. They also split the progressive pot, which is building. Thanks again **Annie** for the delicious carrot cake.

## TRAP LEAGUE



by

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

A brief look at the calendar tells me that by the time this Newsletter is published, we will be well into the first week of the trap league. With a

week to go before the start, it looks like we'll have twelve very competitive teams.

With three trap leagues behind us, there are a couple things we've learned that make life a little easier. First, I've noticed that there's usually a tendency for some of us to leave the field in a hurry. In my case, I have a traditional five step grieving process I go through after shooting a bad score. I can usually get through the first two steps, anger and denial, before I reach the back fence! It's important to stop and take a good look at the score sheet before you leave the field. Many times the range office will prepare a score sheet only to have the order changed on the field. So while you may hear the correct scores on the field, your scores may very well have someone else's name in front of them.

The second most common problem occurs when people shoot ahead. Unless your score sheet is clearly dated and marked with the week you are shooting, it becomes a huge task to sort out later.

Last, but certainly not least, make sure your full name is on the score sheet. This is particularly helpful if your name is Bob, Tom, Bill, or John. If your name is Willie, don't worry, I'll figure it out. There's been more than a few evenings that I was tempted to call Miss Cleo on the Psychic Hotline to help match scores with shooters.

Since we have no real news to report, the best we can do at this point is offer all of you our sincere thanks and good luck.

## SCTP NEWS

By

**Mike Sorchy**



## National Championship

The Top Guns and their parents made the trip to Sparta Illinois to compete in the National Championship. Everything went smooth for the group on Friday

August 1<sup>st</sup>; which was our travel day. Everyone arrived safely along with their guns and luggage.

This year we decided to get there two days before the shoot to acclimate to the area and shoot practice. The practice sessions went well as the shooters got into the groove and shot well both days. The weather this year was warm, but not as hot as the years past. The first day of competition was Monday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Squad leader **Nick Meyer** lead the way with a 99 followed by **De Savage** with a 98. Teammates **Evan Marsch**, **Roger Siewerth** and **Kurtis Sorchy** shot 97. Their combined score of 488 put them in 8<sup>th</sup> place for the 1<sup>st</sup> day. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team from Tennessee shot a 497!! The 2<sup>nd</sup> day of competition was the same with a combined score of 488. **Kurtis Sorchy** shot a 100 straight followed closely by **De Savage** with a 99. **Roger Siewerth** finished with a 98, **Evan Marsch** 96 and **Nick Meyer** 95. As a team this is the best score they have shot at the Grand. This year's score of 976 put them in 3 way tie for 8<sup>th</sup> place out of 130 squads that competed for the top spot. By comparison, last year's winning score was 972. This year the bar was definitely set up a few notches. The winning team from Alabama shot a 987.

This shoot was the last for this Top Gun team. With the exception of **Roger Siewerth**, this team has shot together for the last 3 years. Roger previously shot with the Tomcats, who won the Senior Novice division at the State shoot two years ago. Roger clearly earned his way on to 5<sup>th</sup> spot on this team by shooting some

outstanding scores this year

Squad Leader **Nick Meyer**, **De savage**, **Evan Marsch** and **Kurtis Sorchy** were on the team that won the State Championship in the Varsity Division the last two years. They've certainly earned the right to call themselves the Top Guns. This fine group of young shooters will definitely be missed in this program. Watching them develop as shooters and young men has been a real pleasure.

I would like to particularly thank **Harvey Isom** and **Lisa Isom**, **Ray Guterrez** and **Mary Guterrez**, **Tom Sudbury**, **Innovative Coatings** (**Victor Kimberling**), **Jim Snow**, **Bill DeBreau**, the CGSTA, Layne Kuhlman and Staff and the Board of Directors for their generous support of this group and commitment to helping get these talented shooters to the Grand.



**SKEET  
LEAGUE  
By  
Dick Seaver**

The 2008 Summer Skeet League is in the books. We had 57 shooters on eleven teams.

**Steve Claunch** broke all 350 targets in this league. As far as I know that is a first. Coming in second, for high score was **James Dewey**. He broke 344 out of 350 and **Eric Van den Haute** was right on his heels with a 343.

By the time you read this, our customary "Bash" will also be

finished as it is scheduled to be held at Filippi's Pizza Grotto on August 27. I'll give a report on that in next month's newsletter.

Team 11 consisting of **Matt Fort**, **James Dewey**, **Eric Van den Haute**, **Carl Best** and **Steve Erbe** came in with the high team score again with a total of 1,695 targets broken out of 1,750 for an average of .9686. Great shooting guys!

The final standings for the 2008 Summer Skeet League were as follows:

- Team 11 - First Place
- Team 3 - Second Place
- Team 7 - Third Place
- Team 1 - Fourth Place
- Team 8 - Fifth Place
- Team 9 - Seventh Place
- Team 4 - Eight Place
- Team 6 - Ninth Place
- Team 5 - Tenth Place
- Team 10 - Eleventh Place

Team 10 shot some very good scores but they only had three shooters and consequently ended up in last place. You guys need to get at least one more shooter next time.

The next Skeet League will start in January 2009. Stay tuned for more information in December.

If anyone has any questions regarding the Skeet League, they can contact me at [riseaver@hotmail.com](mailto:riseaver@hotmail.com)

Additional information and scores may be found on the SDSSA website.

**Good shooting to you all!**