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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



As 2008 comes to a close, The **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association** finds itself in an unprecedented situation. In the course of lease discussions with MCAS, Miramar it was brought to our attention by the marines that lead shot was falling beyond our lease boundary. An environmental study was commissioned by the marines to ascertain to what extent the lead was impacting the environmentally sensitive habitat. As result of that study, MCAS, Miramar ordered a cease fire at our range. We have received a letter from the Commanding Officer of MCAS informing us that the marines are currently formulating plans to conduct another environmental study. We have been told that this environmental assessment should take 3 to 4 months to complete. Because of this new environmental assessment, SDSSA will not reopen for shooting as soon as we had hoped. We are looking at a date sometime in the second quarter of 2009. SDSSA has been working with the marines along with federal, state and local officials to find a solution and come to an agreement that will end the cease fire and enable SDSSA to resume shooting activities. We have retained a leading expert in lead management and assessment to develop a comprehensive Lead Management Plan required by the air station that will be incorporated into a new lease. We are also working closely with the nationally recognized environmentalist that specializes in Best Management Practices for shooting range environmental issues. We have received advice and guidance from the National Rifle Association and the National Shooting Sports Foundation. We have been in ongoing dialogues with MCAS Miramar concerning our lease and environmental concerns since April 2008. Our current lease expires on December 31, 2008. The marines have issued SDSSA a six month license that allows us continued access to the range for administrative, maintenance and other currently approved purposes under our current lease. No shooting activities are authorized under this license. We are working tirelessly towards finding a solution to the challenging issues facing SDSSA at this time. SDSSA is open 9AM to 1PM, Monday thru Saturday. We feel it is important to remain open and accessible for our members.

SDSSA is closed to shooting at this time, but, we are still an active Association. Now more than ever, our Association needs to stay strong. Soon, you will be receiving your annual dues letter in the mail. Support your Association by renewing your membership.

It's a lot to ask in these unstable economic times, but SDSSA is more than a shooting club. We are unique in that our facility offers American trap and skeet and 5-stand sporting clays. Our International bunkers offer a training venue for Olympic hopefuls and attract some of the best Olympic trap shooters in the world. There is no other facility in San Diego where you can shoot ATA and NSSA registered targets and we are proud of our SCTP trap and skeet youth programs. It is the combined commitment and financial support of our members that has sustained SDSSA for 31 years and made us the premier shotgun sports facility we are today.

We appreciate your continued support of the **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association**.

**2009 – 2010 SDSSA Board of Directors by Fred Hoyle**



Your SDSSA Board of Directors has been chosen for calendar years 2009-2010. With only one new member volunteering to run for the 2009-2010 Board, those outgoing members who chose to serve the membership were affirmed by the election committee. The swearing in of the new Board will take place at the Annual Dinner. 2007-2008 President, Robert Keefe elected to serve another two-year term. Past president, Gary Krueger, volunteered to run to fill the vacancy of Vern Gideon who chose not to run again. Vern will continue to be an active part of the NSSA skeet program serving on the SDSSA Skeet Committee. The Board thanks Vern Gideon for his participation and dedication to SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association for the past six years and wishes him well in his “semi-retirement.”

The **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association** 2009 Board of Directors

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## SCTP NEWS by Mike Sorchy



It seems like the the perfect storm this year. The temporary range closure, SCTP changing hands and the A.T.A. forming its own youth program have all combined at this moment in history to create a lot of uncertainty in our youth programs. Yet, despite that, we intend to move ahead and keep SDSSA's youth programs alive. The SCTP season will start January 3<sup>rd</sup> with an orientation and safety lecture at the SDSSA range. During our temporary closure Escondido Fish & Game has graciously offered their range for practice. Practices will be held there the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month and competition targets will be shot at Redlands shooting park until the lease is resolved at SDSSA. The schedule will be posted on the SDSSA website.

The Scholastic Clay Target program has been administered by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) since its inception eight years ago. With the SCTP. now of a size and scope beyond the NSSF's mission parameters, responsibility for its continuation and development is being passed along to the newly formed Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) headed by Dr. Bill Christy. The new foundation will be responsible for all aspects of SCTP, including participant registration, coaches, state coordinators, state and national championships, promotion, communication, websites, public relations and growth strategies. Transition of the program will begin January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. The A.T.A. has also formed a youth program called AIM. This program is for elementary school through college age youth. At this time there is not a state director for this program. Hopefully this program will get up and running in the near future so that some of the kids that have graduated from SCTP can continue to compete in a organized youth program.

## ANNUAL DINNER by Mike Sorchy



The Annual dinner meeting will be Saturday February 7th at the range this year and will be hosted by the Scholastic Clay Target Program . At the time of the newsletter printing the final details are being worked out.

A tent will be set up with tables that will seat 8 to 10 people. Look for the invitation in the mail with the details of the Annual meeting. Payment can be made either by check or by credit card at the range office during business hours. President Robert Keefe will give a speech regarding the present state of the range. There will be raffle prizes and more.

**JANUARY****SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Events****2009**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
				<b>1</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>NEW YEAR DAY</b>	<b>2</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>3</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm
<b>4</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>6</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>7</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>8</b>  <b>BOARD MTG.</b> <b>5:00PM</b> Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>9</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>10</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm
<b>11</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>12</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>13</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>14</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>15</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>16</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>17</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm
<b>18</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>19</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>20</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>21</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>22</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>23</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>24</b>  Visiting Hours Mon - Sat 9am-1pm
<b>25</b>  <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b>  Visiting Hours Wed - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>27</b>  Visiting Hours Wed - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>28</b>  Visiting Hours Wed - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>29</b>  Visiting Hours Wed - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>30</b>  Visiting Hours Wed - Sat 9am-1pm	<b>31</b>  Visiting Hours Wed - Sat 9am-1pm