



# Newsletter

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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

The **SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association** has been granted a six month license by the Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar. We signed the license on December 22, 2008 and the license took affect on January 1, 2009 and will expire on June 30, 2009. The license allows SDSSA continued access to the range for approved activities that were included in our lease. **THE CEASE FIRE IS STILL IN EFFECT.** With the holidays behind us we will resume discussions with MCAS. A new participant in the dialogues will be **Congressman Duncan D. Hunter**. Congressman Duncan D. Hunter was sworn in as the new congressman representing San Diego County's 52nd district on January 6, 2009. We have been in contact with Mr. Hunter's Chief of Staff and a meeting between SDSSA and Congressman Hunter will be scheduled at the earliest convenience. SDSSA feels that after discussions with the marines and meetings with the Station's X.O., the Operations and Logistics Officer and the environmental department, we have a good grasp of the situation and what needs to be accomplished. The difficulty will be reaching a solution that all parties can agree upon. We have found when dealing with environmental issues there is no easy solution. We are continuing our efforts and have obtained valuable knowledge along the way. We have received help and guidance from some of the country's best and most respected professionals in the environmental and lead management fields. I feel confident that SDSSA will prevail and we will have a new lease in place in 2009.

All members should have received a letter from the Association requesting your annual dues payment. I want to thank those members who have already sent in their dues payment and if you haven't yet, please, don't delay. Our Association needs every members support. Many of our annual members have also sent a donation along with their dues remittance. Thank you, and thank you to all of **The SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association's Life Members** who've made additional donations.

Please check your mailboxes for your invitation to **The SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association's 2009 Annual Meeting**. This year the meeting will be held on **February 7, 2009 at SDSSA**. **Mike Sorchy** and **Rick Matulich** along with a lot of help from **Mary Ellen Siewerth** and the **SCTP folks** are putting together a casual afternoon event that promises to be a great time. Look for the flyer/invitation in the mail, the article in this newsletter and on our website. Send back your RSVP today.

The new members of the **Board of Directors** have taken the oath of office for the 2009-2010 terms. I want to thank all the members who have expressed their trust and continued support in me as the **President**, of **The SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association**. At the January Board of Directors meeting **Mike Sorchy**, **Taylor Craft** and **Steve Marsch** were elected by the Board to continue as **Vice President**, **Treasurer** and **Secretary** respectively.

I would like to welcome **Past President Gary Krueger** to the Board of Directors and to thank outgoing **Director Vern Gideon**. Thank you, Vern, for all your contributions to our Association. The Association is better for having you as a member.

I would like to bring your attention to The Association's website. **Augie Daddi** has been the **webmaster** from the websites inception. Under his management [www.sandiegoshotgunsports.com](http://www.sandiegoshotgunsports.com) has become a world class website. Thank you to the overwhelming majority of our membership that has chosen to view the newsletter on line. By choosing to read our newsletter on line you have saved our Association the added costs involved in printing and mailing the newsletter. **Neil Vann** continues to edit, cut and paste the newsletter together for Augie Daddi to format it to the website. The website will continue to evolve. Look to the website for updates as well as other pertinent information and articles that will keep our membership current about SDSSA.

This past year has been a difficult one for SDSSA. We have had roadblock after roadblock put up by Miramar in our efforts to obtain a new lease for our Association and we have met each one head on. I would like to thank all the Directors and volunteers for the hard work and dedication to **The SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association** in 2008. I would like to acknowledge **Taylor Craft**, **Fred Hoyle** and **Steve Marsch** for all the extra time and work that they have put forward in the lease discussions and environmental concerns SDSSA is facing. I feel confident we will be able to work out a solution with the marines that will lift the cease fire and reopen our Association to shooting in 2009. Thank you.



## 2009 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING by Mike Sorchy

The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held at the range on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. and will be hosted by the Scholastic Clay Target Program.

A tent will be set up with round tables of eight to ten people. The buffet menu will consist of grilled tri-tip, pasta salad, potato salad, mixed-green salad, baked beans, a mixed vegetable, and garlic bread. A selection of beverages will be provided including beer and wine. The dinner will be topped-off with a delicious assortment of desserts.

Tickets for the dinner meeting are \$20.00 for each member, spouse or guest. Please pay by cash or check at the door. RSVP's are kindly requested no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> to Mary Ellen Siewerth (SCTP volunteer) at (858) 213-7757, or e-mail to [msiewerth@propertyenterprises.com](mailto:msiewerth@propertyenterprises.com).

Leave your fancy clothes at home! Dress casual and come out for some camaraderie and chat with your fellow shooters whom you may not have seen in quite some time!! Our Association President, Robert Keefe, will give a speech on the current state of the range and our 2009 Board of Directors will be installed.

We are planning a fun-filled event with raffle prizes so don't miss out! Mark your calendars for February 7<sup>th</sup> and come out for a great time. We are currently looking for donations for the raffle. If you would like to donate, Please drop your Items off at the range.

We hope to see you there!



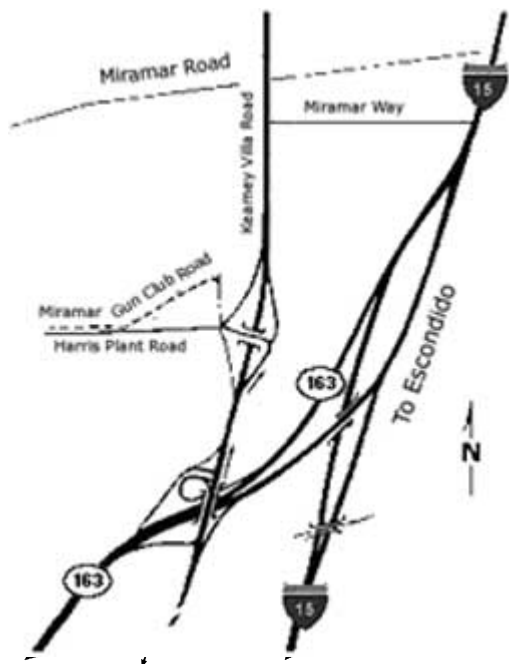
SDSSA President **Robert Keefe** (left) accepts a donation in the amount of \$750 from Project 2000 President **Herman Sledge**. Herman and wife **Carla Sledge** made a personal donation to SDSSA as did daughter and Olympic Shooter, **Susan Sledge**. SDSSA is currently working with MCAS Miramar to resolve range issues and has not been open to shooting since September 2008. Clay target shooting is the Associations source of income. Members are renewing their annual membership and also making separate donations during this difficult period.

To date, 251 members have renewed their 2009 membership and 49 have added a contribution. Additionally, 14 Life members have sent in contributions. To date we have received \$8,485 in contributions to help us continue operating during this period of no income. We are currently exploring fund raising activities such as a shooter swap meet held at the range. If you would like to help your Association with fund raising, please contact any Board member or Range General Manager **Layne Kuhlman**.

The membership of SDSSA as of the December 11, 2008 Board meeting was 721 of which 144 were Life Members and 577 Annual Members. The yearly membership dues is the life blood of the Association. It has been our policy in past years that if a previous years member has not paid their dues, another reminder letter is sent out. This process is both expensive and labor intensive but necessary as some members either have forgotten to mail in a check or my favorite reason is, "I never received a notice!" Every Annual Member is sent a notice in December as the dues is payable on or before January 1. As you can see by the numbers in the previous paragraph, we will be sending out a significant number of letters in the near future. Should we have an incorrect address, we will phone or email the person to alleviate sending another mailer. We sincerely appreciate your effort in getting your 2009 dues in to us as soon as possible.

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TO:

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