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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

I know I'm not alone when I say I MISS MY SPORT. I miss the skeet league; I miss the trap league, Dodge City and 5-stand. Shoot, I even miss the humiliation I feel after a round of Bunker.

I'm disappointed that we have as of yet been unable to come to a resolution with MCAS Miramar over the environmental issues facing SDSSA. Our resolve has not wavered; we continue to work towards a solution that will enable us to reopen SDSSA to shooting.

I want to thank those members that continue to attend our monthly Board of Directors meetings. Your comments and input are always welcome and appreciated.

Thank you to all our members that have continued their membership by renewing your annual dues. Your support during this time of uncertainty is greatly appreciated.



## SDSSA SWAP MEET by Layne Kuhlman

We had our first "Shotgun Sports Swap Meet" on Saturday, April 4. There were about 40 folks who came out to wheel-and-deal with many happy faces on both sides of the table. For those of you who missed this first SSWM, you missed a good time meeting folks who hadn't had a real reason to stop by the range. **Jim Snow** who recently had hip surgery didn't let that minor setback keep him from meeting and greeting members and friends. **Mary Ellen Siewerth** did her usual good job of cooking lunch consisting of hotdogs for the hungry with the proceeds going to the SCTP. It was good to meet and greet folks who we haven't seen in a while.

We had a table dedicated to a petition signing for reopening. About 19 people signed the petition and those names will go to the politicians and MCAS Miramar names which have been in previous newsletters. Thanks to **Mike Yavno** and **Frank Fogg** for their help in organizing the petition and bringing stuff to sell.

We anticipate that we will have repeat performance of this event on June 6 and with the experience developed over the 4 hours in April, we hope to make this next Swap Meet bigger and better. Many of those selling contributed to the Donations for SDSSA fund which we hope will help our financial situation. Only \$248 was donated at this our first attempt. Keep tuned for the next Shotgun Sports Swap Meet and if you didn't make the April one, put it on your calendar to make the June event. Any and all suggestions to make the next one better are solicited.



## **CAL-DIEGO PVA's 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL TRAPSHOOT 10-12 APRIL 2009**

**By Jim Russell**

For the first time in four years, the Cal-Diego April Trapshoot was held back at the Redlands Shooting Sports Range in Redlands, CA. We were forced to move our venue from the San Diego Shotgun Sports Association's Range on Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar because the Base environmentalist had ordered the range to close. We hope it will reopen. Even so, **Terry Bilbey, Jacque, & Mary Ann** made us feel quite welcome and did an outstanding job of running their great trap range for our participants.

Friday was set aside for our guests to practice their skills at shooting and to become familiar with the range. Not an outstanding day weather wise for outdoor recreation, slight drizzle and a little breezy. But if we have to have inclement weather we would prefer it to happen on practice day as opposed to on one of the competition days. That was followed by a welcome reception at the range in early evening. Our food crew headed by **Hilda Fox** and **Linda Schneider** did a great job of preparing spaghetti, lasagna, salads, and deserts plus adult beverages donated by Budweiser. What a great asset they are. Our thanks!

Competition for both days, Saturday and Sunday consisted of 50 singles, 50 handicap, and 25 pair of doubles. That allows shooters that can only support us on one of the two days to come out and participate and still enjoy a complete venue of trap shooting. By doing it both days we still throw the required 300 targets for a Circuit shoot.

Saturday morning saw a great day weather wise for competition. **Andy MacDonald** was with us from National PVA. He works in the Sports Department and heads up the trap program as well as continuing to work for the PVA Outdoor Recreation Heritage Fund. Since Cal-Diego does our own score keeping and awards presentations Andy decided to give trap shooting a try, and he did rather well for his first attempt at competition. Welcome aboard Andy. Our dedicated food crew had a great breakfast ready for us (they arrived at the range at 6:00 am to start the preparations). We had a breakfast burrito along with sausage gravy with fresh cooked biscuits and great fruit compote plus a whole lot more. Thanks folks! That was a great job. Cal-Diego member and Immediate Past President of National PVA, **Joe Fox Sr.**, was able to get a pass from the surgeon at the Long Beach VA to come out and participate. Just a few days before he had his right leg amputated above the knee. But he didn't let that stop him or even slow him down. He turned in some very impressive scores. He shot a 45 on Saturday to earn him the Champion award for B Class Singles and he continued to do well on Sunday as well as at the pistol shoot on Monday. Good job Joe! Thanks for your continued support for PVA.

Saturday also saw other great scores. In singles we had perfect scores recorded by **Don Doorneweerd, Terry Bilbey, Keith Rheinhardt, William DeBreau** and **Jim Russell**. Handicap

saw no perfect scores, but two shooters tied for top position, **Keith Rheinhardt** and **Jim Moltz**, both with a 47. That earned both of them a half yard to be added to their handicap. Doubles also saw no perfect scores. Top shooters were **Doug Vann** and **Terry Bilbey** with a 49 each. That's great shooting!

Sunday again saw the dawning of a great day for outdoor sports and more great food from our committee. **Ron Jaffee**, the professional photographer that usually attends on Sunday had a prior commitment and could not attend but he did get us a Ted Nugent autographed hat to auction. but we still had great coverage photographically. **Henriquez De La Cruz** from the San Diego VA volunteered his time to take photos on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the trap shoot and continued on with the pistol shoot on Monday, and his work is great. Thanks Henriquez. We do sincerely appreciate that!

Sunday also saw some great shooting. In Singles we has six perfect scores from **Keith Rheinhardt, Doug Vann, Lee Specht, Roman Warren, Don Doorneweerd**, and Terry Bilbey with an additional three shooters just one off the mark with a 49, **Phil Ross, Mike Gureckas**, and **Jim Russell**. That's great shooting. In handicap again no perfect scores but one 49 from **Keith Rheinhardt**, (and that earned him another half-yard on his handicap), and three 48's from **Phil Ross, Terry Bilbey** and **Jim Moltz**. Doubles also saw a top score of 49 from **Terry Bilbey** followed by **Phil Ross** with a 47. That's good shooting in anyone's book.

For all that want to get involved, Cal-Diego has a monthly practice session on the last Sunday of the month. Contact **Bill Palmer** or **Jim Russell** to be added to the list to receive an e-mail notice of the time and location. We serve lunch also. Hope to see you there!

## CAL-DIEGO PVA's 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL TRAPSHOOT 10 – 12 April 2009

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS FOR BOTH DAYS

GRAND CHAMPION	Terry Bilbey	292/300
WHEELCHAIR CHAMPION	Keith Rheinhardt	285/300

### SATURDAY INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

SHORT YARDAGE CHAMPION.....	Neil Vann .....	45/50
MID YARDAGE CHAMPION.....	Bill Palmer .....	45/50
LONG YARDAGE CHAMPION .....	Jim Moltz .....	47/50
EXTRA LONG YARDAGE CHAMPION .....	Phil Ross .....	46/50
DOUBLES AA CLASS CHAMPION .....	Doug Vann.....	49/50
DOUBLES A CLASS CHAMPION.....	William DeBreau .....	45/50
DOUBLES B CLASS CHAMPION.....	Lee Specht .....	44/50
DOUBLES C CLASS CHAMPION .....	Mike Torrence.....	40/50
DOUBLES D CLASS CHAMPION .....	Kenny Rogers.....	36/50
SINGLES AAA CLASS CHAMPION .....	Roman Warren .....	48/50
SINGLES AA CLASS CHAMPION.....	Don Doorneweerd .....	50/50
SINGLES A CLASS CHAMPION .....	Joseph Fox Sr. ....	45/50
SINGLES B CLASS CHAMPION .....	Robert Russell.....	46/50
SINGLES D CLASS CHAMPION.....	Larry Arnold.....	40/50

## SUNDAY INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

SHORT YARDAGE CHAMPION.....	Alvin Russell .....	45/50
MID YARDAGE CHAMPION.....	Jim Russell .....	45/50
LONG YARDAGE CHAMPION .....	Charles Bover.....	42/50
DOUBLES A CLASS CHAMPION.....	Mike Gureckas.....	39/50
DOUBLES D CLASS CHAMPION .....	Andy Mac Donald .....	27/50

## CHAPTER TEAMS

### FIRST PLACE

CPVA .....	1378/1500
Terry Bilbey .....	292/300
Phil Ross .....	276/300
Roman Warren .....	272/300
Don Doorneweerd .....	271/300
Lee Specht.....	267/300

### SECOND PLACE

Cal-Diego .....	1352/1500
Keith Rhjeinhardt .....	285/300
Doug Vann.....	284/300
Bill Palmer.....	269/300
Mike Gureckas .....	260/300
Jim Russell .....	254/300

## CAL-DIEGO PVA'S THIRD ANNUAL SMALL ARMS SHOOT, 13 April 2009

Jim Russell

Monday 13 April saw 11 shooters gather for Cal-Diego's Third Annual small arms shoot, but instead of at the Carlos Hathcock Range Complex located on Marine Corps Air Station, East Miramar we were at the Inland Fish and Game Conservation Association Shooting Sports Facility, 8207 N. Orange Street, Highland, CA

In 2007 we shot Mini-14 .223 rifles, at Miramar, while last year it was Glock 40 caliber pistols on loan from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and we shot the Marine Corps pistol qualification course. That course is a total of 40 rounds with a maximum score of 400, and our shooters did quite well.

This year we moved north because of the closure of the trap range on Miramar. We moved the trap shoot to Redlands and needed a pistol range in that same vicinity. Inland Fish and Game is just one mile from Redlands Shooting Sports Park and the management there was quite pleased to have us utilize their facilities. Our thanks to Tom Morris for helping us make the arrangements to use this facility. The rifle and pistol range, restrooms, and club house are all completely wheelchair accessible. The range is all cement and has a roof over the shooters so there is protection from the sun and cover during inclement weather. Fortunately, we had an absolutely beautiful day.

This year instead of providing weapons we allowed the shooters to bring their own weapons. The stipulations were, nothing larger than a 45 caliber, no scopes, or laser sights. For those that pre-registered, indicating the caliber of their weapon, we purchased ammunition. The remainder provided their ammunition. Long time Cal-Diego member Steven Disler donated 4 boxes of .40 calibers so we did not have to purchase any of that ammunition. Thanks Steven. Additionally, Inland Fish and Game waived their range fee. We do appreciate that!

We were also fortunate to have eight Marines from Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar drive to the range and provide assistance for the shoot. Seven were from the Marksmanship Training Unit (MTU) and one from the Public Affairs Office (PAO). They were:

Sgt Justin Jones.....	MTU, NCOIC
Sgt Laurel Golley .....	MTU
Cpl Jacob Bonano.....	MTU
Cpl Clay Cook.....	MTU

Cpl Joshua Farrell.....	MTU
Cpl John Padua .....	MTU
Cpl John Pohl .....	MTU
LCpl Ryan Rholes.....	PAO

Sgt Jones gave a class on range safety followed by Cpl Bonano with a class on marksmanship. During the shoot, Sgt Jones ran the range and did an outstanding job of that, while the other Marines gave individual instruction to our shooters, scored the shoot, moved the targets, put new target faces in place, and policed the range area. They did a great job for us. Our thanks to Colonel Christopher E. O'Connor, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and to MSgt Lee Duncan, NCOIC, MTU for providing the Marines to support our shoot.

Following shooting our great food crew provided lunch for the Marines and all of the participants plus we had Henriquez De La Cruz volunteering his time to record the event photographically.

The top three shooters each received a certificate for a new Glock pistol provided by the Paralyzed Veterans of America Outdoor Recreation Heritage Fund (ORHF). Our thanks to the Board of the ORHF and to the assistance of Andy MacDonald for those certificates. We are considering holding a combined rifle and pistol shoot for next year, with each participant providing their own weapons. We would like to hear what our members think of that for a one day event.

### **COURSE OF FIRE**

#### Practice

7 yard line, slow fire, 10 rounds.

#### Competition

25 yard line, slow fire, 15 rounds in 15 minutes.

7 yard line, slow fire, 15 rounds in 15 minutes

7 yard line, quick fire, 5 rounds in 15 seconds.

7 yard line, quick fire, 5 rounds in 15 seconds.

<b>CAL-DIEGO THIRD ANNUAL SMALL ARMS SHOOT, 13 APRIL 2009</b>						
<b>NAME</b>	<b>CAL</b>	<b>25 SLOW</b>	<b>7 SLOW</b>	<b>7 QUICK</b>	<b>7 QUICK</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Roman Warren	22	142-1X	150-11x	50-5x	50-3x	392-20x
Jim Russell	40	142-5x	150-7x	50-5x	50-0x	392-16x
Doug Vann	38	139-2x	150-10x	50-4x	50-0x	389-16x
Bill Palmer	22	136-3x	149-12x	50-5x	50-5x	385-25x
Keith Rheinhardt	22	135-0x	149-9x	50-5x	48-0x	382-14x
Lee Specht	22	116-1x	140-2X	50-X	45-0X	351-4X
Joseph Fox Sr.	40	100-0x	149-8x	50-5x	48-0x	347-13x
Larry Arnold	22	81-0x	144-6x	46-2x	50-0x	321-8x
Mike Gureckas	40	65-0x	150-9x	49-2x	49-2x	313-13x
Andy MacDonald	38	42-0x	147-6x	49-2x	49-3x	287-11x
Kenny Rogers	40	34-0x	144-8x	50-1x	35-0x	263-9x

**MAY****SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Events****2009**

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