



# 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

*(At press time, Robert was preparing to depart for Washington DC to meet with Congressmen Duncan Hunter and Brian Bilbray for discussions regarding our future. The following is a repeat of a piece of his message last month.)*

I know I'm not alone when I say I MISS MY SPORT. I miss the Skeet League; the Trap League, Dodge City and 5-Stand shooting. I even miss the humiliation I feel after a round of Bunker.



## JUNE SWAP MEET by Layne Kuhlman

Saturday, June 6 is fast approaching for members, family and friends to join our second every-other-month SWAP MEET. All of us that attended the May SWAP MEET had a great time. We got to see folks that we haven't seen in some time, have a nice chat and still have time to sell or trade some goodies that had been laying around our garage and yard for too long. If all fails and you can't find anything to swap/sell, the lunch that **Mary Ellen Siewerth** puts on is well worth the trip out to the range. The donated proceeds of the lunch go to the Scholastic Clay Target Program.

We have a lot of books, both hardback and paperback, that are already at the clubhouse and they always make an easy trade/sell. Should you want to get rid of some books, bring them to the June SWAP MEET. Some of us with time on our hands have found that reading a good novel, mystery or biography keeps our mind off what we would rather be doing; shooting; during that time.

The item that you bring out does not have to be a shooting related item. We all have other discards that someone else can use so with that in mind, come join us at the range on Saturday, June 6 for some greetin' and eatin' from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm! We will also have a bucket that can be used to place donations to keep us going should you feel the desire to contribute.



## THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS by Steve Marsch

While our membership numbers may be down from last year, even our most optimistic directors couldn't have predicted the tremendous level of support we've seen. Our current membership stands at 577 members. By comparison, last year's membership started the year at 673. All things considered, an 82% renewal rate, for a club that has been closed to shooting for over six months, is impressive. You would be hard pressed to find another club that could boast of a more loyal bunch of members.

As one of the "optimists" that predicted a 50% membership loss, our success tells me two things. First, I was wrong. There are a lot more optimistic, positive, and forward-looking trap and skeet shooters than I thought possible. The fact that so many of you showed up to have dinner in a tent, on what was undoubtedly the worst storm of the season, should have been a clue! Second, the popular stereotype of the whining, complaining shooter is really just an urban myth. I really only whine and complain when I'm having a bad day, and then it's always for a really good reason.

While no one can guarantee a positive outcome in our current negotiations with the Marine Corps, I can say with absolute conviction that, without your patience and unwavering support, SDSSA wouldn't even have a seat at the bargaining table. I remain very positive that the club can emerge from the current problems healthy and in a better position to secure a more stable future. In the end, it's the grace of God, hard work, and your continued support that will get us there.



## SUSAN SLEDGE RANKED #1 IN USA by Carla Sledge

USA Shooting (The National Governing Body for Olympic Shooting Sports) has **Susan Sledge** ranked as Number One in the Nation for Women's Trap.

Susan is currently in Munich, Germany competing in a World Cup Competition. In June she goes to Minsk, Belarus for another World Cup. In July she competes in Colorado Springs, Colorado at Nationals (This is like the Grand in ATA). In August she competes in Maribor, Slovenia at the World Championships (These are held in lieu of the Olympics) and in September she competes in Kerrville, Texas for the Selection Match which determines who will represent our country and travel abroad next year.

Last year she took First Place at the Selection Match (250 targets over 3 days plus a final, event). This is why she is representing the United States in so many out of Country competitions this year.

I hope she will get her practice range back soon because the competition is getting fierce. It takes a lot of time, effort and dedication to compete at this level. The monthly competitions that were held at SDSSA were a real asset for her.



The Sledge family thanks you for your support!



## FILLING IN FOR THE EDITOR by Augie Daddi

Editor **Neil Vann** is off on a cruise this month with his lovely wife Barbara. Neil didn't want to skip a month so he asked me to put it together and Treasurer **Taylor Craft** to handle the greatly reduced mailing. So here I am writing a filler piece.

We're all awaiting President **Robert Keefe's** return from DC with great news about our future. No I don't know anymore than anyone else does. But you can be assured that any news on his return will get posted on our web site and not wait until the next Newsletter.

Thanks to **Carla Sledge, Steve Marsch & Mike Sorchy** for their articles and images making my job as this month's Editor easier than anticipated.



## SCTP NEWS by Mike Sorchy

It has been a little while since I last wrote. The Scholastic Clay Target Program is still alive and well at SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports. We continue to practice at Escondido Fish & Game and shoot competition targets at Redlands Shooting Park. A new member has joined the program and his name is **Marcus Crayton**. I would like to welcome Marcus to the program and wish him many years of good shooting.

## Redlands ATA April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Nicholas Grubiss** was the one to beat at the singles event for the group. Nicholas missed the 1<sup>st</sup> target out and never looked back as he shot 99 straight and also carding his 1<sup>st</sup> 50 and 75 straight to win class C. A very impressive showing for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year shooter. **Tiffany Hicban** continues to shoot well and won Hi Jr. with a 97. **Gordon Burkhart** shot his very best score to date with a 96. AIM shooter **John Siewerth** shot a 98 and brother **Roger Siewerth** shot a 94. **Dakota Jacobson** shot an 85 followed by **Cassie Osgood** with an 82. New shooter **Marcus Crayton** shot a 79 followed by SCTP rookie **Doug Burkhart** with a 64 and **Arianna Grubiss** with a 54. Jim Crayton, father of **Marcus Crayton** shooting his 1<sup>st</sup> ATA shot a very impressive 99 to win class B. A great performance by the group from SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports.

## Oak Tree Invitational at the North Hollywood Gun Club

Seven of our young shooters made the trip up to the North Hollywood Gun Club to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Oak Tree Invitational. Participation was down a little this year with 52 young shooters competing at this event. **Tiffany Hicban** was the top shooter of the group taking High Lady with a 95. **Nicholas Grubiss** continues to shoot well and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Junior Varsity division. Season SCTP shooter **Elliott Greb** was surprised that he was going to be in a shoot off for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Advanced Intermediate division with a 92. The shoot off was 2 targets per post. Elliott went out and calmly shot a perfect 10/10 to win 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Advanced Intermediate division. Varsity shooter **Dakota Jacobson** shot an 84, Entry Level Intermediate shooter **Marcus Crayton** 83, Junior Varsity shooter **Michael Blankenship** 80 and **Arianna Grubiss** with 47.

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 2009 Oak Tree SCTP Invitational at North Hollywood Gun Club



From left to right: Nicholas Grubiss, Michael Blankenship, Dakota Jacobson, Marcus Crayton, Tiffany Hicban, Arianna Grubiss & Elliott Greb



Elliott Greb  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Advanced Intermediate



Tiffany Hicban  
High Lady



Nicholas Grubiss  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Junior Varsity



Coaches  
Mike Sorchy & Chip Enniss



## **MORE SHOT IS ARRIVING by Layne Kuhlman (MEMBERS ONLY)**

If you want to purchase some shot, prepay now to ensure that you will get some from the 2nd delivery.

As in the past, it is only available to members. The Board at its 9 April meeting approved a price of \$18 (including tax) per 25 pound bag with a limit of 500 pounds (20 bags) per buyer/member. At its 14 May meeting, the Board approved permitting members who purchased shot in the first delivery, purchasing an additional 500 pounds in the 2<sup>nd</sup> delivery. You must be a member in good standing (dues paid for 2009) to be eligible to purchase this shot. If you haven't received your 2009 membership card (annual members) we haven't received your 2009 dues. If you think our records are incorrect, contact GM Layne Kuhlman at the range. Buy now and reserve your purchase. Layne is accepting advance sales for pickup once the shot arrives.



## **THANKS TO THE FRIENDS OF NRA by Steve Marsch**

On behalf of the youth program at SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association, I'd like to extend our most sincere thanks to the NRA Foundation and our local San Diego Friends of NRA for their generous support of our young shooters. Their grant of \$4,000 will go towards providing ammunition and safety equipment for the SCTP program for the next year. Barbara and I had the pleasure of attending the most recent fundraising dinner at the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley. I can say, without any reservation, the dinner was great, the games and auctions were fun, and you couldn't find a better group of people to spend an evening with.

The Friends of NRA is a national grass-roots organization with thousands of volunteers across the country that raises money at a local level to support youth development, firearm safety, range

development, and wildlife conservation programs. 100% of the proceeds raised at the local fundraisers are distributed to these programs through NRA Foundation grants, with over 50% going to youth development programs. We will be posting the information on their next fundraising dinner on the website in about four months. Whether you're able to donate auction items or just attend the next dinner, you won't be disappointed. This is a great cause. If you would like to



help or would like more information, contact me at [secretary@sandiegoshotgunsports.com](mailto:secretary@sandiegoshotgunsports.com).

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## JUNE SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Events 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>2</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>3</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>4</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>5</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>6</b> SDSSA SWAP MEET 9am-1pm
<b>7</b> CLOSED	<b>8</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> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm BOARD MTG. 5:00PM	<b>12</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>13</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm
<b>14</b> CLOSED	<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> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>19</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>20</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm
<b>21</b> CLOSED	<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> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>26</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>27</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm
<b>28</b> CLOSED	<b>29</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	<b>30</b> Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm				