



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

A quarter of a million pounds of spent lead shot has been harvested from our fields this year. With each load weighing 96,000 lbs, that is almost 3 full loads of lead. SDSSA has worked out a very favorable deal with the company that mines our lead. The Association's portion of the lead was 96,000 lbs. and we received cash for our portion of the partial third load. That is 96,000 lbs of new shot that was sold back to our members at \$18.00 a bag. All but 2,000 lbs. of #7 1/2's have been sold. After expenses that included the manufacturing of the new shot, plus shipping and taxes, the sale of the new shot has brought the Association an influx of much needed income. Thank you to all our members who have purchased lead shot.

As of this month the monthly newsletter will no longer be printed and mailed to those members who had elected to continue receiving the newsletter in the mail. Since making the newsletter available online, printed copies have been reduced to 75 copies per month and of that only 60 newsletters are mailed to members. The Association has realized a substantial savings by discontinuing the monthly printing and mailings.

It was not our intention to discontinue the printed copies of the newsletter at this time. Unfortunately for the Association, **Neil Vann** has decided that after 2 1/2 years as newsletter editor it was time to step down.

Thank you, Neil, for your unwavering dedication and hard work to our Association.

We are looking for someone to take over the responsibility of putting together the newsletter. If you are interested, please contact me or Neil for information. The newsletter will still be available online.

If you have visited our website you may have noticed a new link.
www.sandiegoshotgunsportsassociation.blogspot.com.

In an effort to be more interactive and respond to members and friends of SDSSA, I have started a weblog that I hope will promote feedback and to provide a forum for you to post comments and viewpoints. Please click on the link and check it out.

SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association has sent a proposal to **Major General Payne Deputy Assistant Commandant, USMC**, and to **Congressman Duncan Hunter** requesting permission to allow us to reopen four fields to shooting while the PA/SI (CERCLA) is ongoing. As part of the requirements for consideration SDSSA must insure that no lead will leave our leasehold. The proposal we presented lays out a plan that shows no lead will leave our leasehold. Review of our shot fall diagrams and limiting shot sizes to #8 for trap and #9 for skeet, it looks like (after field testing) we can stay inside our lease boundaries. To insure that only # 8 and #9 shot will be used SDSSA will require that only new factory shells be used during this interim period. We understand that this proposed interim solution that requires only new factory shells is a concern and may be a financial hardship on some people. There has been some discussion, but no decision has been made on the best way to implement the requirement for factory shells at SDSSA.

Please understand that if this plan is accepted by the marines that this is an interim solution that will enable shooting to resume at SDSSA on a limited basis. In my view, that's a good thing. To be clear, **Major General Payne** has only agreed to consider the plan. The proposal is in his hands. Let's be clear, the marines are under no obligation to allow SDSSA to reopen some fields while the PA/SI is ongoing.



AUGUST SWAP MEET by Layne Kuhlman

Saturday, August 1 is our third every-other-month SWAP MEET. All of us that attended the June SWAP MEET had a great time. 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.



SCTP AT KINGSBURG by Mike Sorchy

Eight of our young shooters and their parents made the trip up to the Kingsburg gun club to participate in the California Scholastic Clay Target program State Championship Saturday, June 20th. There were 315 young shooters competing for the top spots in each division. The championship race consisted of 200 16 yard targets, 100 in the morning and 100 in the afternoon. This year the weather was fantastic compared to years past. The temperature was a comfortable 88 degree's.

In the Junior Varsity division there were 16 teams competing for the top spot. The team from Livermore Gun Club took 1st place with a 952. Keep in mind that these shooters are either in their 1st or 2nd year of shooting, a very impressive score. Our Junior Varsity team consisting of **Tiffany Hicban** (182), **Nicholas Grubiss** (186) **Gordon Burkhart** (186), **Marcus Crayton** (177) and **Mike Blankenship** (172) Shot a 903 to take 5th place. A very respectable score considering our limited practice schedule this year. Returning Varsity shooter **Dakota Jacobson** after a year layoff recovering from back surgery shot a 172. **Ariana Grubiss** shot a 142, 65 in the morning and improving in the afternoon with a 77. Rookie **Douglas Burkhart** shot a 56/100 and received a participation award.

Three of our young shooters returned the following Saturday to shoot the State Championship singles targets through the AIM program. The AIM program is the ATA's junior program. In the Sub Junior B division Nicholas Grubiss took the top spot with a 192/200 followed closely by **Tiffany Hicban** with a 191/200. In the Sub

Junior C division **Arianna Grubiss** shot a 132/200. Arianna was nursing a cold and toughed it out to shoot the afternoon round. Returning Top Gun teammates **Kurtis Sorchy** and **De Savage** also competed in the AIM program. Kurtis dropped 2 targets on the 1st post and then ran 150 straight dropping 1 target on the last field for a 197/200 to win 1st place in the Graduate A division. After a long layoff De shot a 191/200 to win the Junior A division.

2009 CALIFORNIA STATE TEAM

Top Gun teammates **De Savage** and **Kurtis Sorchy** both made the junior 1st team for 2008 target year. They were awarded John Storm shooting Jackets with the CGSTA logo during a break between the Championship doubles and the Presidents handicap Friday June 26th at the California State Shoot. Requirements for the Junior State team are a minimum of 1000 singles, 1500 Handicap and 500 Doubles targets shot at 5 different clubs in 2 zones. All targets are counted for a combined average. Kurtis shot a combined average off 93.373

For the 3rd spot on the team and De shot a combined average of 93.066 for the 4th spot on the team. Quite an accomplishment for these 2 young shooters.

The SCTP season has officially come to an end with the conclusion at the State Shoot. There were a lot of obstacles to overcome this year, not having a home club to shoot at and the SCTP in transition. Escondido Fish & Game very graciously filled the void for our practice session's and competition targets were shot up at Redlands. The SCTP got on track and the State Shoot was a huge success. In Closing on behalf of the Parents and Myself I would like to Thank the following for their help this past year. SDSSA board of Director's, **Steve Marsch** (Treasurer and coach), **Chip Enniss** (coach), **John Lumn** (coach) **Mary Ellen Siewerth** (Fundraising and Annual Dinner) **Layne and Sandie Kuhlman** and my wife **Lyuba Sorchy**.

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AUGUST SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Events 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SWAP MEET 9am-1pm
2 CLOSED	3 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	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 CLOSED	10 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	11 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	12 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	13 Visiting Hours 9am-1pm BOARD MTG. 5:00PM	14 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	15 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm
16 CLOSED	17 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	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 CLOSED	24 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	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
30 CLOSED	31 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm					