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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Robert Keefe

A meeting was held Tuesday, May 20, 2009 in Congressman Duncan Hunter's Washington DC office. Participants in the meeting included Congressman Duncan Hunter, Major General E.G. Payne; Deputy Assistant Commandant, U.S.M.C., Robert Keefe; President, SDSSA, Richard Peddicord PhD; President Environmental Range Protection, and Jimmy Thomas; Military Legislative Assistant for Congressman Hunter, Robert Boland; Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Brian Bilbray.

The meeting focused on discussions concerning the ongoing CERCLA environmental response and SDSSA's desire in acquiring a new lease. Major General Payne is very knowledgeable of the current situation SDSSA finds itself in. He informed us that he has had four meetings with the Commandant of the Marine Corps specifically regarding SDSSA. He expressed that it is both his and the Commandant's desire to see SDSSA remain open.

Congressman Hunter was focused and on point in expressing his desire to see SDSSA remain open. Mr. Hunter was very blunt in his assessment of the whole lease process and with the environmental concerns of MCAS Miramar towards SDSSA's shooting operations. Congressman Hunter and Major General Payne both are dismayed at the turn of events and are unable to comprehend how the situation between SDSSA and MCAS has reached this point.

Major General Payne could not give a clear reason why CERCLA was invoked in this situation or who authorized it. He did advise us that the U.S.M.C. legal department was consulted before authorization of the CERCLA study was approved.

I asked Major General Payne if the CERCLA study could be stopped.

He was clear that CERCLA could not be stopped at this time and advised that we wait for the final report (due at earliest Nov. 2009, the latest March 2010) for the findings and what type of cleanup will be warranted.

I conveyed to General Payne my concern that SDSSA could be out of money by the time the CERCLA study would be completed. General Payne reiterated that SDSSA will continue to operate rent free under the license granted by MCAS, until all issues are resolved.

Lease considerations such as the cost of a new lease, fair market value and how fair market value is assessed was discussed. General Payne did express that the marines are willing to work with SDSSA on acquiring an affordable lease.

I asked Major General Payne if the marines would consider a proposal to increase our leasehold by an additional fifteen acres that would include the overshoot area and the sensitive environmental habitat that is in question. With the inclusion of the fifteen acres, SDSSA would be responsible for any cleanup and restoration of environmental habitat at the end of any lease agreements. Major General Payne suggested that a logical extension of our leasehold would be to the east of field one.

I asked General Payne about the possibility of SDSSA reopening a few fields while the CERCLA study is ongoing. General Payne suggested that SDSSA provide his office with data that can show that no lead will leave our leasehold, coupled with our LMP for his consideration to that matter.

SDSSA is currently working on a plan that will show that we will be able to throw targets on four fields and ensure that no lead will leave our leasehold. We anticipate completing the plan and incorporating it into a package including our LMP for presentation to Major General Payne.

At the conclusion of the meeting, after Mr. Hunter and General Payne left, Richard Peddicord, Jimmy Thomas, Robert Boland and I continued the discussion. It was agreed that Mr. Boland from Congressman Bilbray's office will contact Colonel David C. Myers Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar to request a meeting with Mr. Bilbray and Mr. Hunter.

My impressions are that Congressman Hunter will be a driving force in the effort to get SDSSA reopened to shooting. Jimmy Thomas, Military Legislative Assistant to Congressman Hunter is taking a leading role and is working diligently on behalf of SDSSA.

Robert Boland Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Brian Bilbray informed me that Mr. Bilbray is very concerned about the future of SDSSA and will be actively involved in any discussions concerning SDSSA.

Major General Payne is well informed and all indications point to the fact that he is an active participant in the discussions concerning SDSSA. I believe he and the Commandant want to work with Mr. Hunter and Mr. Bilbray to get SDSSA reopened to shooting as soon as possible. Major General Payne has firsthand knowledge of SDSSA's physical layout from having visited our site and walked the fence line and San Clemente Canyon. Major General Payne mentioned that he and Major General Lehnert, Commanding General of MCI West, have discussed the possibility of Major General Lehnert extending an invitation to the members of SDSSA the privilege of shooting at Camp Pendleton.

It was refreshing to talk with a marine that is willing to work with us at finding ways for SDSSA to remain open as opposed to, what seemed to me, people working to find ways to close us. I came away from the meeting with a renewed optimism for SDSSA's future. We have two congressmen working on our behalf, as well as the Deputy Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps who is open and agreeable to finding solutions to the environmental concerns confronting SDSSA.

June Schedule/Calendar Change – The Range will be closed (locked) from Friday, June 19 thru Monday, June 29 allowing our Association GM to attend the CGSTA (Trap) State Tournament in Kingsburg, CA. The range will reopen on Tuesday, June 30.



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.



SUSAN SLEDGE STILL RANKED #1 IN USA by Carla Sledge

Susan is not shooting her best. She did not make the final in Munich, Germany or Minsk, Belarus. These are the first two competitions she has had since September. Her practice range has been closed since July. Normally she is able to shoot the Maple Leaf, Golden Bear and other local competitions. The lack of these competitions has been detrimental to her competing skills. I hope that these World Cup Competitions will help give her the edge she needs to compete at her best at Nationals in July and the Selection Match for next years team, which finishes in September. It is always easier to report the good news, but as you know this sport has its ups & downs. Susan is still ranked number one in the Nation and will remain number one in my book.

Good luck to everyone shooting ATA at the State shoot.



MORE SHOT IS ARRIVING by Layne Kuhlman (MEMBERS ONLY)

If you pre purchased shot, the 2nd delivery will be available for pickup starting at 9AM on Wednesday, July 1. The 2nd load of shot is not sold out so if you want to purchase some, it will be available for sale at that same time.

As in the past, it is only being made 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 2nd 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.



FILLING IN FOR THE EDITOR by Augie Daddi

Editor **Neil Vann** returned from his cruise with full intention of compiling and sending out the July Newsletter. Unfortunately his planning had a hiccup. So here I am once again filling in for the Editor and thanks again to those that submitted articles making my task less than tough.

Here's Neil's note to me:

Augie,

I had my Total Knee Replacement surgery on the 2nd and was released from the Coronado Hospital on the 6th. Had my first PT session yesterday and will continue that for two to three times a week for the next 3 or 4 weeks.

I am in constant discomfort and cannot take the pain pills as they stop me up! My tolerance is zero but enough of my woes.

I need your help to produce the July newsletter and send to Taylor for mailing. I thought I could do it but am not able to. Something should be said about the June Swap Meet and maybe the pictures in the newsletter for those who don't have internet access would be good. I don't know what the July 4 schedule for the range is or any other dates that might be affected in July. I seem to recall that Layne was planning to go to Kingsburg for the State Shoot.

I appreciate your help in this matter.

Neil

A lot more filler than I had hoped for but filler it is. Our Board meetings; the 2nd Thursday of the month, have drawn more members than I've seen in many years. That's a good thing. Our members are interested in knowing the progress being made to resume shooting.

Latest report from our President:

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 Hunter Prepares Amendment to Reopen Miramar Gun Range

Congressman Duncan Hunter continues to work on behalf of The SAN DIEGO Shotgun Sports Association. Click here <http://www.hunter.house.gov/> to read the full text of the Amendment.

Robert Keefe , President



SCTP GOING TO KINGSBURG by Mike Sorchy

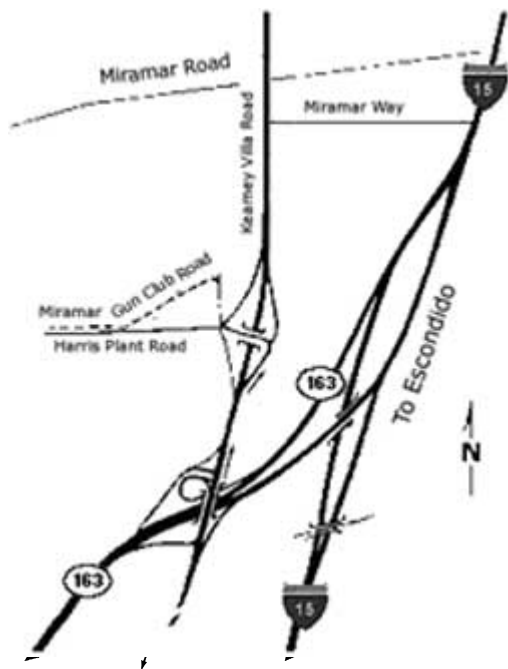
SCTP Coach Mike Sorchy is headed for Kingsburg with his SDSSA SCTP Teams to compete in the State SCTP Championships. The Tournament is a 200 Singles target event that will be held on Friday, June 19th. Mike will report the results of that Tournament in the next Newsletter. Naturally, I'll try to post in on our Web site as soon as he submits his report. - ABD

June 6 Shotgun Sports Swap Meet at the Range



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JULY 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 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	4 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm
5 CLOSED	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 BOARD MTG. 5:00PM	10 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	11 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm
12 CLOSED	13 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	14 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	15 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	16 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	17 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	18 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm
19 CLOSED	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 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	25 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm
26 CLOSED	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 Visiting Hours Mon – Sat 9am-1pm	