

BREAKING NEWS FROM SSSF!

New Insurance Coverage for Volunteers and Athletes

Lakeland, Florida – The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation is proud to announce a first for the Scholastic Clay Target Program, all Volunteers and Athletes registered with the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation (SSSF) are now covered by an Accident and Illness Insurance Policy. This policy is similar to the insurance policy enjoyed by members of the 4-H Program. In addition, as was previously announced, all registered SSSF Volunteers are covered by a Volunteer Liability Policy.

National Donor Steps Forward with Philanthropic Plan

Greensboro, Georgia – The A.I.C. Corporation, a credit card processing company doing business nationwide, has stepped up to provide a means to both support the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation and to help coaches and parents of athletes offset the cost of youths participating in the SCTP. The beauty of the A.I.C. program is its design. Business owners wanting to support youth in the SCTP can do so without costing them a penny.

Be sure not to miss the two A.I.C. brochures attached to this document, especially the prize brochure that describes how every coach, athlete, and parent can receive a FREE flat of shells. Go to the SSSF Web site (www.sssfonline.org) and click on the icon: “The Story of A.I.C. and the SCTP” to see how you can get your team started on receiving FREE flats of shells.

SSSF’s Super Supporter

Lakeland, Florida – The SSSF is pleased to acknowledge the continuing expansive financial support from the National Shooting Sports Foundation. **To President Steve Sanetti, the NSSF Board of Governors, and the NSSF Staff, a sincere THANK YOU!**

New National SCTP Championship Additions

Shelby Township, Michigan – The SSSF is very pleased to announce some exciting NEW additions to the SCTP National Championship. Two NEW TEAM awards will be presented this year at Sparta. And for the first time, all registered Athletes will have the opportunity to try their hand at some NEW and really neat SHOOT FOR FUN – WIN SOME GREAT STUFF Events sponsored by companies that are leaders in the shooting sports industry.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPION

Calling ALL High School Scholastic Clay Target Teams! The SSSF is introducing a new HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPION award to the SCTP National Championship Event. The three top scoring squads from a duly registered HIGH SCHOOL in each of the disciplines, Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays, will be awarded a beautiful trophy to add to the school’s trophy case. This is an open Senior Division competition with no distinction between the categories. (9Trophies awarded)

HIGH ALL-AROUND TEAM CHAMPION

Who is the best all-around SCTP TEAM in the country? Well, the SSSF is going to find out. This year ALL registered TEAM members who shoot in one of the 2009 SCTP National Championship 200- Target Events (Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays) may enter the HIGH ALL-AROUND (HAA) Event. This competition will provide the answer as to who really is the best all-around clay target team in the country.

THE EVENT: 300-Targets per SQUAD MEMBER – 100 Trap, 100 Skeet, 100 Sporting Clays

SCORING: Competitors will shoot with their regular squad members in the National Championship 200-Target Events for which they are registered. The FIRST 100 targets shot in the National Championship Event(s) will be used as that

discipline(s)' 100-Target Score in the compilation of the HIGH ALL-AROUND score. These targets are registered.

TARGET SCHEDULE: For the 100-Target Scores for the discipline(s) not shot in a 200-Target National Championship Event the three-person SQUAD will be given a SQUAD number to shoot 100 targets. These squads will be scheduled at the end of the 200-Target Events. These targets will NOT be registered.

SPORTING CLAYS – Athletes shooting only the registered SPORTING CLAYS Event will shoot their SKEET Targets on Thursday afternoon and their TRAP Targets on Friday afternoon. Athletes shooting more than one registered event will have their first 100-Target score counted in each of those events.

TRAP and SKEET – Athletes shooting only the registered TRAP and/or SKEET Event will shoot their SPORTING CLAYS Targets on FRIDAY. Athletes not registered in both 200-Target Skeet and Trap Events will shoot their targets, either TRAP or SKEET Targets, on SATURDAY and SUNDAY.

ENTRY PROCEDURE: Head Coaches complete a HIGH ALL-AROUND SQUAD ENTRY FORM for each three-person SQUAD. ANY Athlete that is registered with the TEAM may be put on a HIGH ALL-AROUND SQUAD no matter the discipline. As long as an Athlete shoots in one 200-Target National Championship Event, he or she is eligible to compete in the HIGH OVER-ALL TEAM CHAMPION Event.

COST: The cost of the 100-Target HAA races for Trap and Skeet is \$25.00 each.

SHOOT FOR FUN – WIN SOME GREAT STUFF

The SCTP National Championship is not just a shoot, but an EVENT and this year's Championship will provide opportunities for Athletes to try their hand at some FUN.

SCTP Shootout

Talk about fun, here is a game that will keep you coming back for more. Two fields, the *BERETTA SCTP SHOOTOUT* and the *REMINGTON SCTP SHOOTOUT*, will be in operation each afternoon beginning on Thursday.

The Field: Contestants shoot from an elevated platform at targets launched from six traps situated around the field. Each trap will have an indicated point value based upon its difficulty.

Targets: Each contestant shoots at 10 targets. All targets are pairs. NO view targets.

Guns & Shells: Contestants MUST use the gun and shells provided. Cost is \$5.00.

The Game: The first two target pairs are on report; contestant MUST shoot the straightaway target (1-point target) first, the second target is of his/her choice. The final three target pairs are simultaneous pairs that the contestant selects. The value for each of the targets hit is aggregated into a final score for the ten shots.

Fourteen Winners: The leader's name and score total is posted on the scoreboard. Only the current leader's name and his/her score are posted. That is the score to beat. There are seven separate contests (see schedule) that run for 75 minutes. On each field, at the end of that contest "block" the contestant with the posted leading score on the board is declared the winner. Winners on each field receive a \$100.00 gift

certificate for merchandise from the field sponsors respectively, *REMINGTON* and *BERETTA*.

Beretta's "Last Competitor Standing"

This is one event where a cool head, a lot of skill, and a dose of luck can make all the difference. Every registered Athlete will want to enter this ALL Competitor Contest. Saturday night, right after the Beretta Cookout, the call to take the line will be announced. This event is similar to an Annie Oakley.

The Field: Trap fields, as many as needed. Approximately 20 contestants will be assigned to each field. The number of fields opened will depend on the number of contestants. There may be multiple flights.

The Targets: Targets will be launched from a standard Trap House.

Guns & Shells: Contestants use their personal gun and shells. Entry is FREE.

The Game: Contestants will be lined up shoulder-to-shoulder beginning on the 20-yard line. The first three contestants load their gun with ONE shell. Beginning with the contestant on the far left of the line as one views the trap house; she/he calls for the target and fires. If he misses the contestant to his immediate right shoots and if he hits the target, the first shooter is eliminated from the competition. If, however, the second shooter misses, the third shooter in line shoots at the target and if he hits it both shooters preceding him are eliminated. If the third shooter misses, everyone is still alive. The shooter next line who has not fired at a target calls for the target and the process continues until there is only one competitor left standing on the Trap Field. There is just one kicker, neither the second nor third contestant in a series can fire at the target until the contestant calling for the target has fired. And the third contestant cannot fire until after the second contestant has fired. If one fires out of turn or before the contestant next to him has fired, he is eliminated even if his shot breaks the target.

The Winner: All the winners from each Trap Field will be assembled on one field to shoot the event until there is only one shooter left – the "Last Competitor Standing." The winner of Beretta's "Last Competitor Standing" wins a new BERETTA 391 SHOTGUN.

RUGER RIMFIRE CHALLENGE.

The folks at Ruger are bringing a new demonstration event to the SCTP National Championship - The RUGER RIMFIRE CHALLENGE. This action-packed game is so much fun that you will definitely want to give it a go. It tests a person's reflexes and ability to shoot quickly but accurately. You owe it to yourself to try this one.

The Range: The range will be set up behind the pistol range berm in Bay 11.

The Team: This is a Team Game. Each team is composed of three members. Team members may be all from one SCTP Team or a mixed group from different teams. Ruger personnel will assign lone competitors to an amalgamated team.

The Game: The purpose of this competition is to shoot fast and accurately. Each member attempts to score as many points as possible in the two sub-events. One sub-event is shot with .22 calibre rifles, the other with .22 calibre handguns. Targets are reactive (steel) targets. Competitors will be timed. Each competitor's score will be determined by elapsed time and the number of targets

hit. Team score will be the aggregate score of the three Team members' sub-event scores.

Guns and Cartridges: Ruger will furnish all equipment – rifles, handguns, ammunition, and targets. Registered SCTP Athletes shoot the event for FREE!

Many Winners: At the end of the competition each day, Ruger will award prizes to the top scoring Team for that day. At the end of the week, members of the Team with the highest Team score posted throughout the competition will be awarded special prizes.

National SCTP Championship Entry Fees Held in Check

Lakeland, Florida - Although the economy has soured and the prices of ammunition and targets have soared, the SSSF has instituted cost containment for the SCTP National Championship. The target fees for Skeet and Sporting Clays are REDUCED from last year's fees; the Trap fee has been slightly raised to bring it into parity with Skeet.

2009 SCTP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE SCHEDULE

SKEET (200 Targets).....\$45.00
TRAP (200 Targets).....\$45.00
SPORTING (200 Targets)...\$85.00

National SCTP Championship Clarification Notes

Shelby Township, Michigan – Answers to FAQ's.

BUMP-UP RULE

There has been some confusion regarding the "Bump Up" rule. Coaches may move an Athlete up to a higher Category or Division to establish a Valid Competitive Squad for the SCTP State and/or National Championships so long as it does not vacate a Valid Competitive Squad from the lower Category or Division. Any "Bump-Up" is permanent for the rest of the SCTP season. Athletes bumped-up in the previous season will be classified for the new season in their rightful Category or Division based upon their current grade in school. They are once again eligible to be bumped-up if the need arises.

CATEGORY CLASSIFICATION

An Athlete who registers for the first time in the Intermediate or Senior Division will automatically be classified into either the Intermediate Entry Level Category or the Senior Junior Varsity Category respectively.

AWARDS FOR SPORTING CLAYS

A number of Sporting Clays coaches indicated it would be a hardship for some teams to stay until Sunday evening for an awards ceremony. To accommodate Teams who have won Sporting Clays awards and must leave before Sunday, an Awards Ceremony will be conducted for them during the Opening Ceremony on Friday.

REGISTER SQUADS ONLINE FOR THE 2009 SCTP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Coaches, all registration for the 2009 SCTP National Championships will be conducted online. Our Web site developer has promised the SCTP National Championship Registration Forms will be ready for you on June 12th at www.sssfonline.org. Click on the 2009 SCTP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SQUAD ENTRY FORM for the discipline or disciplines to register a squad. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact our office. We are here to help you to ensure that your young Athletes have every opportunity to participate in the SCTP.

See You in Sparta!