

CALIFORNIA SIDE BY SIDE SOCIETY, INC.™



CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP & EXHIBITION

April 20- April 23, 2023



EVENT PROGRAM

- **Four Days of Shooting Events for Classic Doubles**
- **Grand Exhibition of Antique and Vintage Shotguns**
- **Hall of Fame Induction**
- **Dinners, Raffles, Auction, and More!**

WELCOME!

You are cordially invited to attend the 14th Annual California Side By Side Society's State Championship and Exhibition, hosted once again by the Sun Mountain Gun Club. Our State Shoot offers ten different Shooting Events (including Double Rifle and a Long Shot), an exhibition of guns spanning over 200 years of shooting history, and a splendid gathering of collectors, competitors and characters that guarantees a memorable experience.

Two distinguished members will be honored in the Hall of Fame ceremony. **Congratulations to Bill Bell and Don Derobertis!**

We will have additional activities including Raffles and Auctions. The details are inside this Event Program. Our all-volunteer team is working hard to deliver a great side-by-side experience – please join us in Coarsegold and help create the best State Shoot ever!

THE STAFF AT SUN MOUNTAIN GUN CLUB

John and Shelly McCormick, our hosts, have built a reputation over the years for providing a high quality shooting experience combined with family-style hospitality - a great time is guaranteed for all. Join us in Coarsegold to see for yourself – you will be glad you did!

The scenic Sun Mountain Gun Club is located in the old Gold Country of the Sierras, north of Fresno off Highway 41. Just north of the Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino, turn right on Road 417 (look for the new Dollar General store). Sun Mountain Gun Club is located at the end of the road.

Sun Mountain Gun Club
32868 Shotgun Lane
Coarsegold, CA 93614
(559) 683-3669
email: info@sunmountaingunclub.com
Thursday - Sunday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

YOUR 2023 STATE SHOOT COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson: Dave Slade
Committee Members: Alton Anker, Mel Cohen, Don Derobertis, Phil Fayne, Frank Finch, Dave Fjelline, Bobby Grilli, Harry Kauffman, Roger & Doreen Odle, Dodie Slade, Robert Szerwo, Dave Towers

PLEASE THANK AND SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

To the following companies, members, and friends who have donated time, money and merchandise to support this event, we THANK YOU !!

Bird's Landing Hunting Preserve & Sporting Clays

California Waterfowl Association

Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve

L.A. Clays Gun Club

L.C.Smith Gun Collectors Association

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Bobby Grilli

Harry Kauffman

Pat & Lois Kirkendall

Roger Lake

Bill Lilliott

Gary Long

Mike Marshall

Bob Mills

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Roger & Doreen Odle

Peggy Potter

Carl Rana

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Sandy Shelton

Dave & Dodie Slade

Robert Szerwo

Dave Towers

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 20

- 9:00 am: Sun Mountain's office opens.
CA Side by Side Registration table opens for check-in and event sign-ups
Clubhouse opens for exhibitors to set up display tables
Kickoff Meeting in Clubhouse
Sporting Clays shooting begins
- Noon: Trap Shooting practice and competition begins
- 4:00 pm: Shooting ends for the day
Sun Mountain's office closes

Friday, April 21

- 9:00 am: Sun Mountain's office opens
CA Side by Side Registration table opens for check-in and event sign-ups
Kickoff Meeting in Clubhouse
Shooting competition resumes
- 12:30 pm: Double Rifle shooting event (at rifle range, on west side of gun club)
- 4:00 pm: Shooting ends for the day
Sun Mountain's office closes
- 6:00 pm: Dinner festivities at Sun Mountain, including Member meeting, Raffle and Thursday & Friday Pot Shoot payouts.

Saturday, April 22

- 9:00 am: Sun Mountain's office opens
Kickoff Meeting in Clubhouse
Group Picture
- 9:30 am: Shooting competition resumes
Be sure to cast your ballot for your favorite display gun for the People Choice award
- 3:45 pm: State Championship shooting events finish, except for Sunday shoot-offs
All score cards must be turned in by 4:00 pm in order to count
- 4:00 pm Sun Mountain office closes
- 6:00 pm: Dinner festivities at Sun Mountain, including Auction, Raffle, Gun Raffle, Hall of Fame Induction, Presentation of Exhibitor's, People's Choice, and Shooting Awards, and announcement of any Sunday shoot-offs.

Sunday, April 23

- 9:00 am: Tie Shoot-offs and presentation of those Shooting Awards

EXHIBITION

Please share your favorite Side by Side double guns and shooting memorabilia by participating in this year's Exhibition.

Best of Show: Three awards for outstanding Side by Side gun displays. Criteria includes display theme, collector importance, educational value, and overall appearance and aesthetics.

People's Choice: An award for the favorite Side by Side gun on display, as voted by the members present.

Members only may reserve display tables on a first come-first served basis, subject to availability, with a maximum of two tables per exhibitor. Use the enclosed Registration Form to reserve tables. Display set-up begins on Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

MAIN SHOOTING EVENTS (Thursday - Saturday)

Shoot as many or as few events as you wish. If you want to shoot lots of events, we suggest you start on Thursday afternoon or you may run out of time. Sign-up and payment for shooting events will take place at the CA Side by Side Registration table in the Clubhouse at Sun Mountain starting on Thursday morning - **Cash or Check only**. You may prepay for shooting events with the Registration Form attached.

1. Sporting Clays	100 Targets	4 Trophies	\$85.00	
2. Small-Gauge Sporting Clays	50 Targets	4 Trophies	\$45.00	
3. 5-Stand	25 Targets	4 Trophies	\$25.00	<i>No practice tickets All tickets for score</i>
4. 20-yd Trap Singles	25 Targets	4 Trophies	\$25.00	
5. 25-yd Handicap Trap Singles	25 Targets	4 Trophies	\$25.00	
6. 20-yd Vintage Single Barrel Trap	25 Targets	4 Trophies	\$25.00	
7. 16-yd Trap Doubles	30 Targets	4 Trophies	\$25.00	
8. 16-yd Continental (Wobble) Trap	25 Targets	4 Trophies	\$25.00	
9. Double Rifle	To Be Determined	4 Trophies	\$25.00	

NOTES FOR MAIN SHOOTING EVENTS:

Small-Gauge Sporting Clays: No gauge reduction devices are allowed in small-gauge events. Handicaps are: 20 ga.=0; 24 ga.=2; 28 ga.=4; 32 ga.=6; and .410=8.

Vintage Single Barrel Trap Gun (SBT) Trap: Only break-open guns that began production before 1950 are allowed in the 20-yard SBT Trap event.

Double Rifle: The Double Rifle event will take place on Friday at 12:30 pm at the rifle range on the west side of the gun club. Black Powder rifle ammunition is allowed during this event.

5-Stand: You may shoot the 5-stand as often as you want and submit your highest score. No practice tickets will be sold for this shooting event - all tickets are for score.

MAIN SHOOTING EVENT AWARDS

Lewis Class: Each Main Shooting Event will have four trophies based on Lewis Classification: One Champion and A-C Class winners. **Only one Champion trophy will be awarded to an individual shooter.**

AGGREGATE SHOOTING AWARDS

High Overall (HOA): Based on combined total scores in the following eight Main Events: Sporting Clays, Small-Gauge Sporting Clays, 5-Stand, 20-yard Trap Singles, 25-yard Handicap Trap Singles, 20-yard Vintage Single Barrel Trap, 16-yard Trap Doubles, and 16-yard Continental (Wobble) Trap.

Hammer Gun (HOA): Based on combined total scores in the following eight Main Events: Sporting Clays, Small-Gauge Sporting Clays, 5-Stand, 20-yard Trap Singles, 25-yard Handicap Trap Singles, 20-yard Vintage Single Barrel Trap, 16-yard Trap Doubles, and 16-yard Continental (Wobble) Trap. **To qualify for this award, be sure to indicate you are shooting a Hammer gun on all your score cards.**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Award for High Overall Score shot with a L.C. Smith gun. **To qualify for this award, be sure to indicate you are shooting a L.C. Smith gun on all your score cards.** *Sponsored by Frank Finch, L.C. Smith Gun Collectors Association*

Award for High Overall Score shot with a Parker gun. **To qualify for this award, be sure to indicate you are shooting a Parker gun on all your score cards.** *Sponsored by Bobby Grilli*

Award for High Score on the 5-Stand shot with a Parker gun. **To qualify for this award, be sure to indicate you are shooting a Parker Gun on your 5 Stand score card.** *Sponsored by Dave Fjelline and Alton Anker*

TIES

Ties in clay target games will be decided by the long run from the front. If shooters are still tied, we will have a shoot-off on Sunday morning at 9:00 sharp; shooters who miss their shoot-off will forfeit.

DAILY POT SHOOT (Thursday - Saturday)

A challenging Long Shot: 5 Targets for \$20.00.

You may fire both barrels at each target, and shoot as many rounds as you wish. For each round, \$10.00 will go into a pot for the daily winner. Ties divide the pot. We will have a separate pot for each day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

PRACTICE TICKETS

Practice tickets for the trap shooting events will be available at the CA Side by Side Registration table. Practice shooting will begin at 12:00 noon on Thursday. Practice shooters are asked to yield to competitors who are shooting for score. Note: No practice tickets will be sold for the 5-Stand as you may shoot as often as you wish and submit your highest score.

RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the shoot with the drawings on Friday and Saturday nights. Undrawn raffle tickets on Friday night will stay in the drum for the drawing for Saturday. All raffle proceeds help support our Society events and activities. Raffle donations are greatly appreciated. *Please thank and support our generous Raffle sponsors.*

AUCTION

This year, we are continuing a tradition by holding an Auction during our Saturday dinner. These are fun affairs with interesting shooting related pieces donated by generous members and all proceeds go to support Society events and activities. We will have a Silent Auction and a Live Auction featuring our own Don Derobertis as Chief Auctioneer. Donations are gladly accepted for both auctions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Office and shooting hours at Sun Mountain Gun Club are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.
2. Shooting Event sign-up and exhibitor set-up begin on Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
3. Practice trap tickets are available from the CA Side by Side Society Registration table. Practice shooters should yield to competitors who are shooting for score.
4. Practice and Shooting competition begins at noon on Thursday.
5. Winners and shoot-offs are posted on Saturday night, and Sunday shoot-offs start at 9:00 am.
6. Open shooting begins Sunday after lunch.
7. **Ammunition will NOT be available for purchase at Sun Mountain Gun Club.** Be sure to bring enough ammo - the nearest retailer is Big 5 Sporting Goods in Oakhurst, CA.
Note: Contact Sun Mountain to see if pre-paid advance purchase of ammo is available.
8. Non-Members are encouraged to shoot but will not be eligible for awards.
9. CA Side By Side Society apparel and accessories will be available at the CA Side by Side Society Registration table.
10. All trophies must be picked up by lunchtime on Sunday. Trophies will not be mailed. If you cannot pick up your trophy, have a friend pick it up or you will forfeit your trophy.
11. **Sporting Clays shooters will squad up at Registration. Remember to pick up your target counter before going to the sporting clays course. Clays used over the number provided by CA Side by Side are the responsibility of the shooter.**

GOLF CART RENTALS

A limited number of golf carts will be available. If you wish to reserve a golf cart, contact Sun Mountain Gun Club two weeks in advance to ensure availability. (559) 683-3669.

HOTELS

Best Western Plus Yosemite Gateway Inn
40530 CA Hwy 41, Oakhurst, CA 93644
Tel: (559) 683-2378

Americas Best Value Inn - Yosemite South Gate
48800 Royal Oaks Drive, Oakhurst, CA 93644
Tel: (559) 658-5500

Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino
711 Lucky Lane, Coarsegold, CA 93614
Tel: (866) 794-6946

Holiday Inn Express
40820 Highway 41, Oakhurst, CA 93644
Tel: (559) 658-4436

SHOOT RULES

1. **SAFETY FIRST!**
2. Guns shall be open except when being shot, or when sitting in a gun rack.
3. Observe all rules of the host club.
4. All official targets must be scored on CA Side By Side Society score sheets, or they will not be counted.
5. Write your full name, shooter number, and gauge of gun on your score sheet.
6. Sporting clays shooting events must have at least four people on a squad for enough view pairs for all stations.
7. Only the first person on each squad is allowed to see one view pair.
8. No choke-changing or gun changes during an event, unless a gun breaks.
9. Targets should be launched immediately, but they will be legal with a delay of up to three (3) seconds.
10. A visible piece of the clay pigeon must be seen to score a hit.
11. **Malfunctions:** In each shooting event, each shooter shall be allowed a total of three (3) malfunctions without penalty – meaning any combination of gun, ammo, and shooter malfunctions – where either (a) the gun does not fire for any reason (including “it didn’t go off,” “I pulled the wrong trigger,” “the safety was on” and “I didn’t see the target”), or (b) the gun fires but the shell is obviously defective. A shooter’s first three malfunctions may be re-shot for score; additional malfunctions will be scored as lost targets. A trap or puller malfunction, or a target that breaks before the shooter fires, is not a “malfunction” – it will be treated as “no-bird” and re-shot with no penalty to the shooter. If a gun is malfunctioning, the shooter may change to another gun.
12. **No-birds:** If a broken bird is shot at, it will not be scored and must be shot over. In report pairs: If the shooter fires at the first target, and the second target is a no-bird, the result of the first target will be scored and the pair will be re-shot to score the second target. For true pairs, if either target is a no-bird, then nothing is established and the pair will be re-shot to score both targets.
13. **Clubhouse Pairs:** In report pairs, if the first shot is missed and the second shot breaks both targets, the score shall be “dead pair.” In true pairs, if both targets are broken by either shot, the score shall be “dead pair.”
14. Any side by side gun can be used, except in the Vintage Single Barrel Trap shooting event.
15. In the Vintage single Barrel Trap shooting event, only break-open single-barrel guns that began production before 1950 are allowed.
16. Gauge reduction devices cannot be used in small-gauge events, but they can be used in other shooting events. For example, a shooter may use a 10 ga. gun with 12 ga. tubes for Trap Doubles, but not a 12 ga. gun with 20 ga. tubes for Small-Gauge Sporting Clays.
17. Handicaps for 50 target small-gauge Sporting Clays are: 20 gauge = 0 targets added to score; 24 gauge = 2 targets added to score; 28 gauge = 4 targets added to score; 32 gauge = 6 targets added to score; and .410 = 8 targets added to score.
18. Shot shells are limited to a maximum of 1-1/8 oz of shot, except that shooters using 10 ga. guns may use 1-1/4 oz of shot. The maximum shot size for all shells is 7-1/2.
19. All ties that cannot be broken by comparing “long runs from the front” will be shot off at 9:00 am on Sunday morning, using the sudden-death/miss-and-out format, from shooting areas decided upon by the shoot committee.
20. Only current members of the California Side By Side Society are eligible to win shooting event awards. Current members are those in good standing with membership dues paid in full.
21. **A participant may not win more than one shooting event Champion trophy.**
22. Disputes will be settled by a committee of three shoot officials.

REGISTRATION FORM

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The Registration Fee is \$150 each for current members who register by April 7; after that date, the fee is \$200. The Non-Member Registration Fee is \$200 but non-members who submit a membership application and dues payment along with this Registration Form will be eligible for all member prices and benefits.

Registration includes two dinners which may be used on either Friday or Saturday night by shooters and/or guests. Additional dinners may also be purchased. No pre-registration accepted without payment. Registration fees are non-refundable.

NOTES: Shooting events paid for at the shoot must be paid with **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**. No ammunition is available for purchase at Sun Mountain Gun Club, however, contact Sun Mountain to see if pre-paid advance purchase of ammo is available. Reserve Golf Carts two weeks in advance - Call SMGC (559) 683-3669

REGISTRATION FEE:

Registration Fee (received by April 7) includes 2 dinners
Members/Spouses only

\$150 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Registration Fee (received after April 7) includes 2 dinners
Members/Spouses & Non-members

\$200 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Included dinners (indicate number of dinners per night):

Friday _____ Saturday _____

ADDITIONAL DINNERS:

Friday Dinner:

\$ 40 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Dinner:

\$ 40 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

EXHIBITION DISPLAY TABLES:

Members only, maximum of two tables per exhibitor

\$ 45 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

SHOOTING EVENTS:

You may prepay for any shooting events.

Score cards and tickets will be waiting for you at Check-In.

Sporting Clays (100 Targets) *Squad up at CA SxS Registration*

\$ 85 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Small-Gauge Sporting Clays (50 Targets) *Squad up at CA SxS Registration*

\$ 45 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

All other Shooting event tickets are \$25 each: *includes 5-Stand, 20-yd Trap Singles, 25-yd Handicap Trap Singles, 20-yd Vintage SBT, 16-yd Trap Doubles, 16-yd Continental (Wobble) Trap, and Double Rifle*

\$ 25 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

Practice Tickets (Trap events - no 5-Stand)
Trap events (No 5-Stand)

\$ 20 ea. x _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: California Side By Side Society

MAIL CHECKS TO: CA SxS Society, 775 Yolo Way, Livermore, CA 94551

I (WE) PLAN TO ATTEND:

NAME(S): _____

CHAPTER (circle one): Northern Cal Chapter Southern Cal Chapter

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____