



## **California Crowns Youth Skeet Shooting Champs**

*Teams Qualify for Upcoming National Championships*

NEWTOWN, Conn.—Young skeet shooters from across California earned state titles—with many qualifying to represent California at upcoming national championships—at the recent Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) California skeet state championships.

The competition, held June 28 at Stockton Trap and Skeet Club in Stockton, featured some of California’s top young shooters in varsity, junior varsity and intermediate divisions.

SCTP, for youths in grades 12 and under, has been called the “Little League of shooting sports.” More than 10,000 students in over 40 states are expected to compete in 2007. A program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, SCTP is managed in partnership with numerous sponsors, agencies and organizations.

California teams participating in the state title shoot qualified for their sport’s upcoming national championships. Skeet national titles will be decided July 13-15 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio.

The best of these young shooters could be selected to attend an Olympic development camp in August in Colorado Springs, and some will go on to compete at the collegiate level.

For more information, visit [www.nssf.org/sctp](http://www.nssf.org/sctp) or [www.casctp.org](http://www.casctp.org)

**Results:**

**SCTP California Skeet State Championship**

*(held June 28 at Stockton Trap and Skeet Club, Stockton, Calif.)*

**Varsity Division (Grades 9 to 12)**

1st Place—Ink Ballers, 590 out of 600 targets (Brian Foley of Bakersfield, Talia Borg of Salinas, Cole Rommel of Cloves).

2nd Place—Salinas Young Guns, 441 (Jonathan Merrill of Salinas, Jarrod Sammut of Salinas, Richard Romero of Salinas).

3rd Place—Not awarded.

**Junior Varsity Division (Grades 9 to 12)**

1st Place—Camanche Clay Busters, 501 out of 600 targets (Jacob Arthur of Ione, Cassandra Ding of Ione, Aeric Skinner of Ione).

2nd Place—Northern California Long Shots, 491 (Kevin Nowell of Shingle Springs, Joseph Gregorio Retherford of Suisun, Mike James Yaroch of Cameron Park).

3rd Place—Northern California Long Shots, Senior Team, 248 (Matthew James of Cameron Park, Austin Retherford of Galt, Drew Retherford of Galt).

**Intermediate Division (Grades 6 to 8)**

1st Place—Ink Ballers, 355 out of 400 targets (Richard Riddle of Bonsall, Arjun Singh Hundl of Stockton).

2nd Place—Not awarded.

3rd Place—Not awarded