

me," says Fennell. "On a good TV you can see the shot impacting the target at 60 yards. The i-Cam provides great insight to the relationship of the barrel and the target."

Two further DVDs now available include 'Timed to Win', a dynamic new approach to sporting clays with 12 time All American Anthony Matarese Jr. and 'One Man's Passion' with English SxS enthusiast Cyril Adams. Copies of all five current DVDs in the ever growing series can be ordered from www.championvideoonline.com

GOOD CAUSES

By the time you read this issue, the fires in Southern California will be out, and people's lives will have started to return to normal. The outpouring of support for the victims of the devastation surprised even the most cynical Californians.

In that same spirit of giving, sporting clays shooters came together the weekend of November

17/18th to help two of their own. On Saturday, OakTree Gun Club in Newhall (CA) hosted the 4th Annual Jacob Anthony Zamora Memorial Shoot. On Sunday, Triple B clays in So. El Monte (CA) hosted Jim Porter's "Not Just Another Shoot" supporting ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) research.

Jacob Zamora was a young man with a dream of becoming a California Highway Patrol officer. While working toward that goal, he worked at OakTree as a trapper. He was well liked and well respected for his enthusiasm for the shooting sports. He unfortunately lost his life in a non shooting related accident before he could realize his dream. His parents, Ruben and Sue Zamora, keep his name and spirit alive with an annual memorial shoot. All monies raised go to the California Highway Patrol Explorer program so that others may go where he could not.

As shooters checked in they were greeted by members of the CHP, Jacob's family, and what had to be hundreds of raffle items. Husband and wife team Bobby and Kattya Nesen didn't know Jacob, and hadn't even fired a shotgun before, but they helped sponsor the event – and even participated. Lunch was catered by StoneFire Grill and included delicious barbequed chicken and tri-tip (a brisket type roast not normally seen outside of CA).

Then came the part every shooter awaits, the award ceremony. H. Kaminsky took D class with a 19x100. Jarod Langford and Joe Efflandt were the C and B class winners respectively. Turning in a respectable 79x100 and the winner of A class and a \$100 OakTree gift

certificate was Bob Hendrick. HOA with a 92x100 was local shooter Guy St. Louis. He claimed a new Remington shotgun for his top performance. Next year's event has already been scheduled for November 22nd. More information can be found at www.jacobzamoramemorialsshoot.com

Sunday brought a new day, a new club and a new challenge. Jim Porter is a local Southern California shooter and the driving force behind So Cal Top Guns. SCTG is dedicated to bringing Junior and Sub-junior shooters into our sport. Porter uses his Level III instructor skills to mentor these young shooters. Porter also suffers from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) but he doesn't let it slow him down one bit.

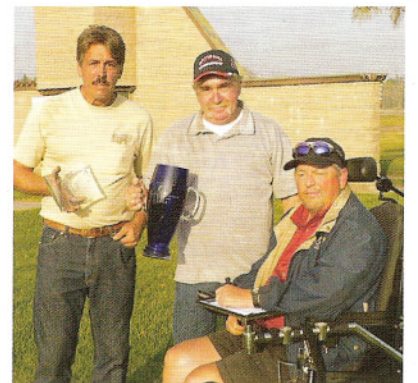
Where Saturday's shoot was about remembering Jacob and raising money, Sunday's event was about shooting wacky targets and having fun. Bruce and Billie Barsotti had set up 12 of the craziest stations you'll ever see in sporting clays – rabbits that bounced across the water, three birds that could be shot with an over/under, and the famous 'last three stations' awaited competitors. Most stations offered you a chance to buy your way out of the gimmick. If you wanted to shoot a semi auto at a three bird station instead of a pump gun, it cost you money. If you didn't want to hug the eight inch diameter pole in the center of the shooting box at station 20, it cost you money. This extra money along with all the proceeds went to ALS research.

Participants ran the gamut from 85 year young five-time All American Keith Radcliffe, to his 20 year old grandson Scott Marzano. Would young eyes and lightning fast reflexes beat age and experience? It didn't. Radcliffe said, "I drove all the way down from San Jose to shoot with my grandson. Bruce and Billie always put on a great event. I've been shooting with them since they owned their first club at River Road."

In a format not usually seen at tournaments, participants shoot the first six stations, break for lunch and raffle, then shot the remaining six stations. The famous "last three stations" reflects the progression of ALS. The first station is shot with a side-by-side that has a 10 pound trigger pull. (ALS attacks your fine motor skills first.) The next station is shot in one of Porter's wheelchairs. Just holding the gun up without the support of your whole body was difficult for some. The last station really is the last station – it is shot while laying down in a real, full size coffin. No explanation needed.



When it was all said and done, in spite of all the gimmicks, it was perennial front runner Tom John that took HOA with 93x100. Jeff Owens was one bird behind for 1st Master. Charlie Carroll took 1st Sharp Shooter with 75x100, Howard Hull took 1st Expert with 68x100 and Chuck Hoy took 1st Novice with 59x100.



(L-R) 1ST MASTER JEFF OWENS, HOA TOM JOHN AND JIM PORTER (SEATED).

(More information on Triple B Clays can be found at www.triplebclays.com More information on ALS can be found at www.alsa.org)

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(L-R) RUBEN ZAMORA, SUE ZAMORA, MEMBERS OF THE CHP EXPLORERS.