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February 2006

## A.A.D.E. Monthly Technical Forum

Thursday, Feb. 16th, 2006

Speaker: Joe DeFord  
Nabors Well Service

Topic: "Preventing Mast Failures"

Time: 5:30 - Social Hour  
6:30 - Dinner  
7:00 - Presentation

Place: Petroleum Club

Cost: \$20, if RSVP by COB  
Wed., \$25 after

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## From the President

It was a busy and successful January for AADE. As 172 of us successfully made it to the Rice Bowl on the 19<sup>th</sup>, we proved once again how skillful drillers are at adapting to last-minute changes in plans. Thank you for the great turnout. I apologize for the problem with the PA system. However, those in the back of the room that couldn't hear the presentations appeared to be having a good time anyway. Based on the presentations, we can expect 2006 to be busier than 2005. I don't know where the industry is going to come up with the additional people to handle all the work. Maybe Jim Fox can find a speaker to give us a presentation on "oilfield worker cloning" next year. Since many of you have told us that you enjoyed the meetings at the Rice Bowl venue in past years, the AADE Board is taking a poll of the membership to see if there is

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## AADE Calendar for 2006

2/16:	Feb. Technical Forum
3/17:	March Golf Tournament
4/20:	April Technical Forum
5/12:	May Clay Shoot

*This schedule is tentative and  
may be subject to change.*

## News Briefs

January was a busy time for the AADE with the Operator's Forecast Meeting and the December Sporting Clay Shoot the next day. Both turned out to be excellent events and thanks to all the members very well attended events. We want to first thank all the guys from each company that came and presented their company's plans for this year for being willing to get up there and provide us with that information. According to my notes there are about 2700 wells to be drilled this year and that does not include the smaller independent companies that we did not get to hear from. Thanks to all of you, we really appreciate it.

The next day we had the Clay Shoot that was supposed to have taken place back in December. The weather turned out perfect, who would have thought that January would have been better weather than early December. We had lots of participants, some shot very well and others, not so well. But everyone had a great time. You can check out your own score or all your friends scores if you want, they are listed in this newsletter along with the winners. A special thanks to all the sponsors and to everyone that donated prizes for the raffle. These raffles are great fun. There were two shotguns and two guys that went away very happy. Hope to see everyone at the next one in May.

Our speaker for the February 16<sup>th</sup> forum meeting will be Joe DeFord from Nabors Well Services. Be sure to schedule your time to be there and lend your support.

March will be time for the yearly Golf Tournament which has turned into about as much of an eating tournament as golf. You know it is going to be a good time so get your group together and get your entry in before it is too late, there is limited space available. Remember that this tournament take six players instead of your normal four. The entry forms are included in this newsletter.

*Bob French*

## From the President

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interest in returning some or all of our meetings to the Rice Bowl. In the event we do use the Rice Bowl in the future, it will be on the condition that the PA system operates properly.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> we had a good turnout for the AADE clay shoot. The weather and the food were great, and it looked like everyone was having a good time, even those that were disappointed by their scores. As a first timer, I had a great time and am thankful to not be the new custodian of "The Barn". Based on the recoil bruise I acquired, I have newfound respect for our shooters as the "toughest" members of the AADE. Better not mess with them.

We can take pride in the continuing improvement in the drilling industry's safety performance. Ten years ago, very few of us could have imagined our industry achieving the recordable incident rates that we had in 2005. I am impressed by our members and our partners in the industry who have worked hard for improved safety while also achieving improved operational performance. You have proven that we can have both and continue to get better on both fronts even in the face of adding so many new workers. Consistent with the goal of having a safer operation, our February speaker will discuss derrick and mast safety. I know we will have some good take-aways from the meeting, as we continue the journey toward an accident-free workplace for all in the industry.

*Bob Joseph*

## N O T I C E

Membership dues due date is changing!  
Effective January 1, 2006, the dues year will change from June 1 - May 31 to January 1 - December 31.

## Lucky Members of the Month

### *John Messerschmidt*

I started with Halliburton in 1980 working in various operational, supervisory, and management positions both on the West Coast and the Rocky Mountains. I started in Montalvo, Ca. then transferred to Bakersfield in 1981 until 1992 when I transferred Farmington, NM, then transferred back to Bakersfield in 1994 until present. I am currently the Operations Manager for Coiled Tubing operations for the Rocky Mountains and the West Coast areas.

### *Rick Thorness*

Bob French asked me to submit a profile because I was one of the “Lucky” ones who had won a shotgun at the raffle at the AADE Steve Thomas Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot in January.

Well, a couple years ago I had been asked for a profile because I had won the \$50.00 “Lucky” member of the month drawing... a friend wrote the profile for me so if any of ya’ll are interested in my profile, it is on file in the AADE newsletter archives.

Instead of my profile, I would like to profile the word “Luck” and how it applies to my life.

The ‘New American College’ dictionary says – “Luck” – 1. The chance happenings of fortunate or adverse events; fortune 2. Good fortune or prosperity; success 3. One’s personal fate or lot. And so on and so forth.

OK...

True, I have been buying from \$10.00 to \$100.00 worth of raffle tickets (that’s the chance part) at any event I go to with the hope of winning something but I look at that as more of a donation than anything because although I do win sometimes, winning a raffle isn’t nearly as important as the cause we are trying to raise money for and the generosity of the raffle prize donors.

This may be a good time to thank the AADE for a beautiful gun which I will shoot with pride, (That’s part of the fortunate part) it is very generous of the AADE to offer that for us every shoot.

Back to “LUCK” and raffles – Our AADE raffle raises money for scholarships and if any of you ever get the chance to talk to one of the students that receive one of our scholarships you will be the recipient of “Luck” because they will share the feeling of accomplishment for winning the scholarship... for most of those kids it makes a HUGE difference for them. Even the smallest scholarship pay for gas for a couple of months or books for a semester.

This may be a good time to say thank you to all of my fellow raffle ticket buyers and AADE supporters that help make these scholarships possible.

Back to “Luck” and raffles – Charities of all types rely on all types of different ‘events’ in order to raise funds. To know me as a “Lucky” guy is to know that I participate in many of these events, including the raffle portions of these events, why?? Because I feel “Lucky” and it’s not because I win raffle gifts. To start with I am “Lucky” to have my health and the health of my family. I am “Lucky” to get to know so many unselfish volunteers who give and give of their spare time in order to benefit others. I am especially “Lucky” to get to know the benefactors of those fundraising and volunteer efforts. The benefactors of the different charities – the “less fortunate” kids and adults who with their courage and tenacity inspire me to be a better man every time I am “Lucky” enough to be in their space.

So, in closing, if you want to be “Lucky” like me, I encourage you to meet some of the Make-A-Wish kids and families (Talk about courage, meet a kid with cancer)... or go up to the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association’s) summer camp and just hang out for an afternoon. (Of course those kids won’t let you just hang out, they will make you play games with them... and beat you at them too) or visit BARC (Bakersfield Association of Retarded Citizens organization) on Union avenue and see what the meaning of “Proud of the work they do” really means.

Good fortune, prosperity, success or one’s personal fate or lot in life; all part of the meaning of the word “Luck”... and all part of my life thanks to all of the above mentioned organizations and people who are involved in them.

Thanks again AADE for putting on a great shoot, great gun, and for allowing me write this note of encouragement for my fellow AADE members.

Good Luck to you all and may you find the pleasure of “Luck” in life that I have.

Rick Thorness  
Region Technical Representative - Baker Oil Tools



## 2006 AADE West Coast Golf Tournament

To all AADE members it's that time again to start getting your team together for the 2006 AADE Golf Tournament. This year as we did last year the teams will be limited to 32 six man teams to improve playing time and prevent bottlenecks on the course. The tournament will be held at the prestigious Sundale Country Club on St. Patrick's Day March 17th.

We are planning to have food and refreshments on the course as in years past. If there are any other companies that wish to participate in serving food or drinks; please contact me for details. The AADE Golf Staff will also be serving refreshments and selling raffle tickets during the course of play.

We also ask anyone that would like to donate to the raffle please do so. Attach your business card for recognition of your donation. The AADE will have plenty of tax-deductible receipts for your donations.

There is a rumor that the leprechaun which has not been sighted on the course since the last time we played on St. Patrick's Day may be there with his pot of gold.

The AADE asks everyone again this year to be courteous on the course as play is a little slower due to the amount of participants playing. Have a good time enjoy the camaraderie and please use good safe judgment when driving home after the tournament. The use of a designated driver would be a good idea if you plan on enjoying the adult refreshments that will be available.

Best Regards,

*Dave Guerrero*

Golf Tournament Chairman



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### January Sporting Clay Shoot

The weather did not cooperate with us in December, but it sure was a great day to shoot in January. (Even if a few shooters were still feeling the after effects of the Liar's Club Meeting). The turn out was above our expectations and this was the best support for the raffle that the Sporting Clay Shoot has ever experienced. THANK YOU! Congratulations to Dave Morton and Rick Thorness who each won a shotgun at the raffle. We had a total of 136 shooters who shot at 13,600 clay targets and only hit 7,610 (56%). Does this mean the course was set up too tough or the fact that the Liar's Club was the night before? The next shoot will be May 12, so make plans early to get your teams ready. We are looking to adjust the Handicap system to give more shooters the opportunity to win. Thanks to everyone who donated to the raffle and we will see you in May.

*Pat Sullivan*



# 2006 AADE West Coast Golf Tournament

Sundale Country Club  
Friday March 17th, 2006  
Shotgun Scramble  
Time: 8:00 am

Entry Fee Is: \$110.00 Per AADE Member (Current)  
\$125.00 Per Non-Member

Prizes For 1st, Low Gross & Low Net, Closet to the Pin, and Raffle

Circle One      Shirt Size  
(Slope Index;Hdcp;Avg. Score)

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.# \_\_\_\_\_ (SI\_H\_AS) \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (SI\_H\_AS) \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_ (SI\_H\_AS) \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_ (SI\_H\_AS) \_\_\_\_\_

Player 5: \_\_\_\_\_ (SI\_H\_AS) \_\_\_\_\_

Player 6: \_\_\_\_\_ (SI\_H\_AS) \_\_\_\_\_

Tax I.D. # 77-0343650 (Please Make Check to AADE West Coast Chapter)

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name on Card (MC or Visa) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please Return to Information to:      J.D. Rush Company      Fax: 661-399-2728  
Attn: Dave Guerrero      Phone: 661-391-1501  
5900 East Lerdo Highway Shafter, CA 93263



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**BRONZE SPONSOR**

*\$ 250.00*

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**SILVER SPONSOR**

**\$ 350.00**

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**GOLD SPONSOR**

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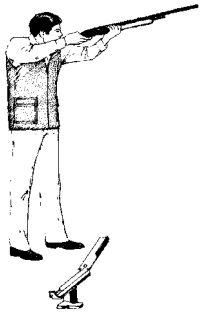
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# STEVE THOMAS SEMI-ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT

## *Individual Scores*

Matt Pandol	93.00	Bill George	64.00	Bill Donabio	47.00
John Alexander	92.00	Briant Sizemore	64.00	Patrico Rivera	46.00
Mike Frey	90.00	Blainn Lyons	64.00	Kevin Peck	46.00
Bob Morris	88.00	Russ Thibodeaux	63.00	Cecil Eagle	45.00
Ron Witcher	86.00	Jeff Fitz-Patrick	63.00	Ken Stienke	45.00
Dan Swainston	83.00	Kevin Peck	62.00	Tom Cahoun	44.00
Brice Henry	83.00	Rick Thorness	62.00	Gary Gillian	44.00
Ron Jordan	82.00	Jason Rooney	61.00	Blake Pyles	44.00
Steve Murphy	82.00	Brian Flink	61.00	Lonnie Hayes	43.00
Keith Key	82.00	Jason Mason	60.00	Sebe Munoz	43.00
Anthony Cricchio	81.00	Joe Reinbold	60.00	Bill Stevens	43.00
Rich Arias	81.00	Norm Cooper	59.00	Gary Morrish	43.00
Steve Dent	81.00	Tim Sullivan	58.00	Dylan Gill	43.00
Merritt Hayslett	80.00	Steve Berry	58.00	John Easley	43.00
Terry Fredline	80.00	Troy Marsh	58.00	Josh Allen	42.00
Randy Wuehler	78.00	Mark Leland	58.00	Tony Palarac	42.00
Jim Calloway	77.00	Christian Rogerson	58.00	Ed Rodriquez	42.00
John Olson	77.00	Greg Soukup	57.00	Gary Shinabarker	41.00
Brad Phelps	76.00	Dan Case	57.00	Dan Reifka	41.00
Dirk O'Rear	76.00	Bill Feille	57.00	Phil Phelps	40.00
Alan Thomson	75.00	Danny Hukill	57.00	Terry Wilkerson	38.00
Lonnie Kerley	74.00	Willie Oxford	57.00	Danny Garcia	38.00
Mark Birdwell	74.00	Sonny Larson	57.00	Chevy Garza	38.00
Jack Cook	74.00	Ted Meraz	56.00	Bob Porter	36.00
Anthony Cricchio	74.00	James Haney	56.00	Mark Hanson	36.00
Joey Rocha	73.00	Chuck Catchings	56.00	Rick Grisinger	35.00
Jim Phelps	73.00	Roger Montgomery	56.00	Alan White	35.00
Fred Burt	73.00	Jacob Banduci	56.00	Skip Wallace	34.00
Steve Lewallen	72.00	Rod Kessel	55.00	Greg Gray	34.00
Rob Reed	72.00	Ron McGranahan	55.00	Rob Emislie	32.00
Dave Elms	71.00	Rick Shaffer	54.00	Helmut Harwardt	31.00
Dave Morton	71.00	Frank Adamo	53.00	Bob Joseph	30.00
Don Parker	70.00	Mike Rauert	53.00	Anibal Araya	29.00
Bob Hunt	69.00	Pat Sullivan	52.00	Karen Cutsforth	29.00
Jim Martin	69.00	Paul Mason	52.00	Craig Taylor	28.00
Rick Henry	69.00	Tom Fowler	52.00	Andy Locklear	27.00
Ron Morris	68.00	Steve Schauer	51.00	Jim Fitzgerald	26.00
Robert Lugo	68.00	Larry Folsom	51.00	Vince Wipple	26.00
Randy McMahn	68.00	Robbie Mundorf	50.00	Bryant Morris	23.00
Bob French	67.00	Gerado Vargas	50.00	Victor Ramos	22.00
Mike Olson	67.00	Joe Ashley	50.00	George Gough	21.00
Mike Crider	67.00	Dave Rippy	50.00	Everett Stevenson	16.00
Allan Wells	66.00	Greg Weaver	49.00	Don Mosgrove	9.00
Kurt Sickles	64.00	Stacy Watson	49.00		
JJ Phelps	64.00	David Arias	48.00		
Bill Dixon	64.00	Jim Clifford	48.00		

# STEVE THOMAS SEMI-ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT

## *Winners*

First Place: Team - Gross  
Team 9D - 326

Keith Key  
Dirk O'Rear  
Alan Thomson  
Matt Pandol

First Place: Team - Handicap  
Team 6D - 408.67

Karen Cutsforth  
Don Mosgrove  
Gary Morrish  
Larry Folsom

First Place - Individual - Pro  
Second Place - Individual - Pro  
Third Place - Individual - Pro

Matt Pandol - 93  
John Alexander - 92  
Mike Frey - 90

First Place - Individual - Gross  
Second Place - Individual - Gross  
Third Place - Individual - Gross

Dan Swainston - 83  
Brice Henry - 83  
Rich Arias - 81

First Place - Individual - Handicap  
Second Place - Individual - Handicap  
Third Place - Individual - Handicap

Terry Wilkerson - 114.67  
Chevy Garza - 111.33  
Gary Morrish & Sebe Munoz - 106.33

First Place - Individual - Ladies

Karen Cutsforth - 29



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