



# Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – Gary Menser**

Here we go again, another year is almost gone. It is time to vote for officers, board of directors, renew our membership and attend the annual banquet, seems like it was just yesterday we were doing these very same things. I'd like to use this opportunity to thank some hard working volunteers who have gone above and beyond throughout the year without stopping and to recognize an important membership issue.

I've been a member for just over three years and I remember at my first meeting Lonnie Roberts talking about the work requirement being in the policy document and that it was a requirement for membership. At the time I didn't know the hours were not being tracked and the policy document had not been approved. I fulfilled the volunteer requirement as Lonnie and my sponsor described it. Between there and here the policy and procedure document has been approved and the hours have been tracked for 2013. The requirement has been described in our newsletters and at the meetings. An option to doing the six-hour requirement is paying \$100 in lieu of doing the six hours of volunteer activities, although not talked about much. I've noticed from the tracking information most members have opted to pay the \$100 fee. I'm hoping those of you who have not completed your hours are not going to be surprised by the pay option when you renew your membership. We'll all get a chance to decide on what we want to do for 2014, pay \$100 or volunteer.

I want recognize a few members for never stopping being strong advocates for our club. Jon Marhoefer for serving as our vice president, chairing our safety committee, getting CCW classes offered at AVGC and teaching those classes. Not only has Jon's efforts helped fulfill the mission of AVGC it has generated a significant revenue stream for the club. The efforts of Keith Gajewski and Bob Pedigo have taken the club from the dark ages relative to our accounting, budgeting, and planning processes. Keith has been a strong advocate on the budget committee since the beginning and his efforts along with Bob's will help us all make informed fiscal decisions to ensure the future of our club. Our secretary, Miki Marhoefer, she seems to never quit working for the benefit of the club. The enormity of duties and responsibilities for the secretary outlined in our documents is enough to scare most of us mere mortals to death. Miki doesn't stop with the duties of the office, she has been involved with our women's programs since the beginning and chairs our Women on Target and the women's monthly shooting programs, and she chaired the Friends of the NRA banquet this year. I want to recognize Randy Kelly for filling the treasurer position recently vacated. Randy enjoyed his first board and membership meetings this month as your treasurer.

Your renewal materials are included in this mailer. Please get them back as soon as you can. Don't do like I do and bury the packet in a stack of papers and scramble the last minute to make your vote count and avoid the late penalty. Remember, the late penalty was enforced for the first time with the 2013 renewal process. We have some new names on the ballot this year; show your support by voting and renewing before the due date. Hope to see you at the range. It is you the shooter, who keeps us in business.

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS** – listed in alphabetical order by category

### **Gary Menser, candidate for Vice President/President-Elect**

I'm Gary Menser, candidate for vice president/president and I'm running for this position for three specific reasons. First, I want to continue to work with our governance documents committee, helping to perfect our living documents, the Policy and Procedure Manual, our Bylaws and our Range Regulations. Second, I believe there is a tremendous benefit in having continuity in the leadership of the club and I can offer that. I believe I've made reasonable and good sense decisions as your president and vice president in my previous terms by listening to the needs of range chairs and the membership. I've been a part of the progress the club has made over the past three years and would like to continue being involved with the good work being done by our volunteers. Last, as a Board Member I want to continue to support the other directors and range chairs and all the other active participating members who help each other put on the numerous events and activities that our club offers as part of our mission to the membership and the public. I'll end by asking all members to vote in the election process. I'd like to see at least 50% of the members voting this year instead of the usual 30% deciding on our club leadership. Also, get your renewal materials in before the due date to avoid penalties, and vote for me. Looking forward to seeing you at the range.

### **Miki Marhoefer, candidate for Secretary**

My name is Miki Marhoefer and I am the incumbent Secretary. I have been the Secretary for almost two years and believe I have had some success with my two main goals; opening communication and bringing more training to the Apple Valley Gun Club. I have had the distinct honor of being both an associate member and now a full member of this club for about 4 years. I accept the nomination for Secretary and if elected will proudly serve our great gun club for two more years.

### **Pat Baker, candidate for 2 Year Director**

My name is Pat Baker and I need your vote to be elected to the Board of Directors.

Before I retired I taught Educable Mentally Retarded high school students for several years and then I worked as the Financial Secretary managing the high school's income and expenditures and also the finances for the Associated Student Body.

I was a member of an International Singing Association for 30 years and served several of those years on the Board as the Treasurer and as the Parliamentarian.

I didn't learn to hold or even shoot a gun until about 3 years ago after my husband died and I thought I should learn to shoot his gun for self protection. I contacted Miki and she met me at the gun range and showed me how to shoot the gun. It was heavy and cumbersome for me and I didn't do well so I attended a Women on Target class and learned to shoot a shotgun at the clay pigeons. I loved it and have shooting ever since. I am proud to say that I achieved a perfect 25 score and the trap guys (as is tradition) shot up my hat and gave me a badge.

I am deeply grateful to this Board, especially Miki and Jon, Gary and all the senior guys at the trap range who stuck with me in my training and probationary period.

I would be honored to be a member of the Board to continue to represent the interests of our current and future members.

### **George Ellison, candidate for 2 Year Director**

George served in the United States Air Force for eighteen years where he managed the Supply Systems Branch at numerous locations around the world. George completed a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education while in the Air Force. His extensive experience with computerized logistics provided a natural stepping stone to several successful entrepreneurial ventures after leaving the Air Force. One such company was called Software Solutions where George assisted banks and Real Estate companies in the early days of computerization. He later co-founded a company in the Redlands area called Home Loan Profiles Inc., where as a Mortgage Brokerage, he developed one of the first ever automated loan processing systems.

He then moved on to high tech companies where his computer skills were invaluable.

George served on the Board of directors for the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Pasadena for two years where he helped guide them successfully through two pastoral transitions and numerous community projects.

He retired from the computer industry after thirty three years and now resides in the community of Spring Valley Lake.

George has been around firearms and archery equipment from an early age back in Iowa where hunting in the fall of the year was a natural part of putting food on the table. In order to improve his firearms skills even further, he completed a Four Day Defensive Handgun course with a One Day 30 State CCW course at Front Sight Nevada. George currently holds Concealed Carry Permits in Nevada, Utah and California. He recently completed a One Day Practical Rifle Course presented by Falcon Operations.

He currently serves as the Archery Chairman for Apple Valley Gun Club. In this capacity, he doubled the number of Open Archery sessions and initiated a 3D archery Tournament as well as a Vegas Tournament once a month. If elected as a director for the Apple Valley Gun Club, he will continue to serve as the Archery Range Chairman.

### **Chris Katelhut, candidate for 2 Year Director**

My name is Chris Katelhut, I'm a stay at home dad for my 2 kids, 2 dogs, 2 cats and a loving hard working wife. I am also an Apple Valley Gun Club member, Range Safety Officer, Facebook Administrator, ProBoards Blog Administrator, NRA lifetime member, Frontsight Ambassador and club event coordinator. I've dedicated my efforts to Apple Valley Gun Club so that my kids and I have a safe second amendment friendly place to explore to vast differences within our gun culture. There is so much going on in our world today that I don't want my kids, your kids or the next generation of kids to miss out on the insight that many of our members have experienced already and are still willing to open up to share.

I was first introduced to this club through an article in the local paper about the Jr. Rifle program. My kids, wife and I enjoyed the atmosphere and safety that the Jr. Program offers. We have explored every venue and most associated programs that are offered in our club; from Jr rifle, bullseye, archery, the mountain man experience, steel challenge, CMP and all the way to shooting a .50bmg on the big bore range, (I think that's when I earned dad of the year from my daughter.) With such a large gathering of people in one place with something in common I have had the greatest opportunity to meet and speak with several of the diverse characters (members) of our club, that I am more encouraged today than ever before that I made the right decision to join the Apple Valley Gun Club and I now ask to be a representative of the membership as a board member.

I have an innate ability for lateral thinking; comparing and evaluating information and adjusting my communication style to meet the situation. I have a self-awareness for following procedures and instructions to find the necessary information for a proper solution. I utilize brainstorming, mapping and strategic thinking to gather information from varied sources within a group setting, without offending others. Seeing things from different perspectives, seeing alternatives for creating solutions and designing processes with the ability for adapting and improvising on concepts while understanding what other group members have to offer. This provides me the ability to communicate and provide creative services to others using common metaphors to help explain ideas across differencing ideas or opinions.

### **John Mahany, candidate for 1 Year Director**

My name is John Mahany

I have lived in the high desert about 29 years. I built my house in Silver Lakes in 1985, shortly after retiring from the Santa Ana Fire Dept. I worked in the Fire Dept 28 years, (the last 18 in upper management). I was a Board member of the Firemen's Assoc. for 2 years and a Board member of The Santa Ana Credit Union for over 15 years before moving to the high desert.

I have only been a Club member going on 3 years. I am very supportive of our current Board and I urge you to re-elect any of our current Board members seeking re-election. I was not thinking of being a Board member, but since I was nominated, I decided to give it a try. I think the current Board are hard working people and have made sound decisions for the Club. If you are looking for someone to make big changes, don't vote for me. I feel I can work with current Board and any vote I make will be what I consider to be in the best interests of the Club. I do not have a personal agenda other than the continuous success of our Club.

### **Wendy Smith, candidate for 1 Year Director**

My name is Wendy Smith, and I have been nominated for a One-Year Director's position at our club. I joined The Apple Valley Gun Club mid-year in 2012. For those of you that I've met, you already know I am a dog lover and supporter of many rescue efforts. I have two Chocolate Labs of my own, or rather that own me. Neither are hunting dogs as I have one that is not bothered at all by gunfire, but is too lazy to actually retrieve anything. And one that shows high bird prey drive, but is deathly afraid of any loud noises. Still one day I hope to have the best of both in one dog!

The main reason I joined The Club was so I could safely handle, and proficiently use any firearm we currently owned. Because of the training and experience I've received at the club, I now own 4 of my own and feel pretty comfortable with many other types, shapes and sizes of firearms. Upon joining, I received an amazing sponsor - and many incredible mentors that took me through range safety, gun safety and various Women on Target programs. Because of these events, I almost immediately wanted to be more active in the club. New members are my focus and will work to assist the efforts to bring in, sponsor and direct the steps of every person that considers Apple Valley Gun Club for their educational and recreational activities. I was most thrilled to be nominated for this position and look forward to the election process. Your vote would be appreciated immensely. Thank you.

**Ballots must be received by February 1 along with your renewal form and dues. If you are paid ahead, a renewal form is still required so we may verify voter eligibility.**

### **MEMBERSHIP LATE FEES**

Your membership fees are your responsibility and it is incumbent on you to maintain your membership just as you do your property taxes and vehicle registration. Your current membership expires each year on February 1<sup>st</sup> and the **gate code will change on March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Dues were increased in 2013; Regular member dues are now \$84 (\$7 per month) and senior member dues are now \$42 (\$3.50 per month)

**Late fees are established with our Policies and Procedures.** Late payments made after March 2, 2013 (30 days late) the late fee is 150% of the regular member renewal rate and will be \$126.00 for regular members and \$63.00 for senior members. Late payments made after April 2, 2013 (60 days or more) will be assessed a 200% late fee making the renewal rate \$168.00 for regular members, \$84.00 for senior members.

### **6 HOUR VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT**

Beginning with renewal year 2013, members shall be required to log **6 work hours** per year in addition to the other requirements in order to renew their membership. Work accomplished will be reported to the Facilities Committee who shall keep a master spreadsheet recording hours worked by members. You can contact the Range Chairs, Facilities Chair, or your Board of Directors to find out which opportunities may be coming up. Your work hours can be accomplished by helping at events with sign in, keeping score, set up/tear down help, physical work such as moving rock, painting or other range projects. We also have Maintenance Days or you can do special projects with the Facilities Chair, any Range Chair or any Committee Chair. For our older or disabled members your work can be completed in envelope stuffing, sign in tables for meetings and events and you can contact the Secretary to volunteer.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Each month the club calendar is posted at the Clubhouse with copies available to you to take. Please also check the website for the most up to date version, specific times of events and contact information.

# **APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB RECURRING EVENTS**

## **Mondays**

Trap – Trap Range – begins at 8am in the summer, 9 am in the winter  
4H Juniors – Indoor Range – 6pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays only

## **Tuesdays**

Senior Trap – Trap Range – begins at 8am in the summer, 9 am in the winter  
Bullseye Pistol Match – Indoor Range - 6pm  
Quail Forever Meeting – Clubhouse – 6pm, 3rd Tuesday only  
Cal Deer Meeting/Rifle Clinic – Clubhouse or Rifle Range– 6pm, 4th Tuesday only

## **Wedensdays**

Trap – Trap Range – begins at 8am in the summer, 9 am in the winter  
Junior Trap – Trap Range – 6pm  
Junior ROTC – Indoor Range – During traditional school year  
Board and Membership Meetings – Fairgrounds or other designated location – 6pm/7pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday only  
Safety Committee Meeting – Clubhouse – 6pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday only

## **Thursdays**

Senior Trap – Trap Range – begins at 8am in the summer, 9 am in the winter  
Junior Rifle – Indoor Range – 6pm  
Evening Trap – Trap Range – 7pm

## **Fridays**

Trap Pot Shoot – Trap Range – 6pm  
Muzzleloader Sante Fe Shoot – Rifle Range/Archery Range – 10am, 4<sup>th</sup> Friday only

## **Saturdays**

Trap (Pot Shoot, Henry Shoot, or standard) – Trap Range – begins at 8am in the summer, 9 am in the winter  
Steel Challenge – Pistol Range – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, begins at 8am in the summer, 9 am in the winter  
2-Gun Rimfire – Pistol Range – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, begins at 8am in the summer, 9 am in the winter  
Muzzleloader Winchester Qualification – Rifle Range – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 1pm  
CMP Match – Rifle Range – 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 8am  
Open Archery – Archery Range – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays only  
Archery Shoots – Archery Range – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays - begins at 8am in the summer, 1pm in the winter  
Hunter Education Self Study – Clubhouse – 1pm - 6pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday only (Feb-Oct)  
Hunter Education – Clubhouse – 8am -6pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday only  
Family Trap – Trap Range 6pm – 10pm (Summer hours)

## **Sunday**

Junior Rifle Team Practice – Indoor Range – 3pm  
3-Gun Match– Rifle or Pistol Range – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday only - begins at 8am in the summer, 9 am in the winter  
ATA Trap – Trap Range - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday only 8am  
Rimfire Benchrest – Rifle Range – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday only  
Muzzleloader Pistol – Pistol Range – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday if there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8am  
Practical Pistol Match – Pistol Range – Last Sunday only, begins at 8am in the summer, 9 am in the winter  
Family Trap – Trap Range – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays – 1pm - 5pm (Winter hours)