



# Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

1st Quarter 2015

January-March

## **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT – Jon Marhoefer**

This time of year is often a time of reflection for all of us, a chance to think back over the triumphs and losses, the changes and the challenges. Hopefully we all take a moment to give thanks for the blessings we are given, especially those that come in the form of family and friends. Please take a moment to remember those who are no longer with us and those who have given up their holidays in some far away land to keep us safe. We are truly blessed to live in the greatest nation on God's earth, and we enjoy the blessings of freedom every day.

The club has accomplished quite a bit over this year. Through the hard work of a number of volunteers we've moved the club forward to a point where we have financial stability and the ability to complete needed capital improvements for the foreseeable future. I want to take a moment to thank the members of the Budget Committee led by Keith Gajewski and our facility coordinator, Tim Smith. The committee and Tim have put in countless hours for our club and their hard work has truly paid off. Our grounds and facilities have never looked better, and our matches and equipment are first rate. Please take a moment to thank these volunteers the next time you see one of them on the range.

Please take a moment to read the candidate statements and send in your ballots with your renewals. If you have any questions about the renewal process, work hours or other issues, please reach out to any of the officers or directors and we'll be happy to answer your questions. Just a reminder that if you're 65 or over, we've lowered your annual dues to \$36 per year.

When the holidays are over, our state legislature will be back in session and you can expect additional attempts to restrict your Second Amendment rights. As a gun owner and club member we need to remain vigilant and engaged in the political process to ensure our voices are heard. Your local NRA Member's Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Express on Key Pointe and Main Street in Hesperia. Please come out and be involved. You can keep up with the latest news at [www.calnra.com](http://www.calnra.com) and sign up for legislative alerts.

As my time on the board draws to close, I want to thank the officers and directors I've had the privilege of serving with for the last two years. Your board puts in a tremendous amount of time to ensure the club operates as safely and as smoothly as possible. I can tell you that your 2014 board is a fantastic group of club members who worked tirelessly for the benefit of the membership. I appreciate all of the support the membership has given the board throughout the year as well.

In closing I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and I wish you a very blessed New Year. I hope to see you on the range soon.

Jon Marhoefer

## **BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

2015 meetings will be held at the Victorville Fairgrounds. January 14, February 11, and March 11<sup>th</sup>. The board meeting is at 6:00pm and the membership meeting at 7:00pm.

## **RENEWAL & LATE FEES**

2015 dues are late after February 1, 2015.

Late fees are assessed beginning March 2, 2015 150% of the dues. (\$126/\$54) Beginning April 2, 2015, late fees are 200% (\$168/\$72)

## **GATE COMBINATION**

The gate combination will change on March 1, 2015. New cards (Green) will be mailed out mid-February to those members who have renewed on time. If you are late renewing you may not get your card on time.

## **6 HOUR WORK REQUIREMENT**

Don't wait until the end of the year to get your 6 hours in. Opportunities are posted on the website when we have them, we have a work party on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 8am-noon, or you contact our Facilities Chairman, a Range Chairman, or Event Coordinator to help at a match or event. You also have the \$100 buy-out option available to you, if you choose.

## **MEMBERSHIP FORUM**

Visit <http://avgc.freeforums.net> to join. This forum is open to members only and is a great form of communication with like-minded people.

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## AVGC WEBSITE

Visit the website <http://applevalleygunclub.com> to keep current on the latest events, conservation groups, classes, and other important information.

## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

### Candidate for Vice President / President Elect - Lyle Drenth

I have been an AVGC member since 1992 and have seen many changes in the Club since joining "way back then". I have served on the Board of Directors for 2 terms for a total of 4 years from 2009 – 2013. This was a new and educational experience for me and I feel that I learned a lot from our past and present Board members, VPs and Presidents that will help me if elected to this new challenge. In addition to this experience, I am also the Co-Chairman of the Big Bore Range, a Hunter Education Instructor, Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Master Rifle Instructor and CMP Rifle Match Director, NRA Range Safety Officer, NRA Instructor for Basic Pistol & Western Big Game Hunting and Level 1 Coach for Rifle and High Power.

I am most proud of bringing in the Club the sanctioned CMP Rifle Matches and the Dept. Of Fish & Wildlife Advanced Hunter Education Deer Hunting Clinic new for 2015, the Muzzle Loader Hunting Clinic (thanks to our NMLRA Instructors David Birch & James Madry).

My intention, if elected as VP, is to continue the progress we as a Club are making, encourage input from all of our members, work with all the Match Directors to improve communication, increase the NRA certification classes in a variety of venues for our members, encourage and increase Community outreach programs and to ensure that all of our ranges maintain a safe and inviting place to shoot for everyone.

There are no doubt many of our Club members that would be more qualified and more articulate as the Club VP, wish they were running – I would tell you to vote for them! Thank you for your support, I will do my best for the Club.

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS Continued**

### **Candidate for Treasurer - Keith Gajewki**

I would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors as Treasurer of the Apple Valley Gun Club. I have been a member of the AVGC since 2012, where I have served on the Finance Committee from conception, Finance Committee Chairman, and Vice Chairman of the Indoor Range. Currently I have the privilege of serving on the B.O.D. as an appointed replacement to fill the position until the upcoming election. I have also served in the role of President, Vice President, Secretary, Deputy Treasurer, and B.O.D. positions for other non-profit organizations.

Through these experiences I have come to appreciate the many challenges confronting AVGC from both within and outside the organization. I have also come to believe that successfully addressing these challenges will require members to join together in developing creative, mutually beneficial solutions – that simultaneously honor the unique interest of each. As a B.O.D. member, I see the membership participation as critical to this process. I would welcome the opportunity to continue my service to the membership but in the capacity as Treasurer. Specifically, I would bring my thoughtful, yet optimistic approach to the role, as well as my commitment to work towards bringing together the members many voices in developing innovative, win-win approaches.

As Treasurer my primary goals will be to make timely deposits of income and prompt payment of invoices and maintain records of all receipts and disbursements and report this information to the B.O.D. and members of the AVGC. With turbulent financial times ahead, it is more important than ever to have an executive board and membership that is energized and working together toward common goals through monthly meetings, social media, e-mail, social events, and direct contact with members both new and old. By creating and maintaining a high level of visibility and camaraderie.

I am asking for your vote and support in this leadership position and the challenges that lie ahead.

Thank you for your consideration

### **Candidate for 2 Year Director – Randy Kelly**

I have served as Treasurer for the last year, during this time with the extensive help of the budget committee, an accounting system has been installed and a budget for 2013 and 2014 has been installed. While the gun club had run at a deficient in the past, I am happy to report that for calendar year 2013 and for the year 2014 the club has run a surplus. I was able to help Tim Smith with the new trap house which has allowed 2 classes to be hosted at the same time increasing the clubs revenue stream. My goals for the next few years is to insure the club is ran in a fiscally responsible way, continuing the strong financial footing we are on and we look to outside sources of new revenue, to allow further improvements in all ranges , and improve programs for the members .

Respectfully submitted

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS Continued**

### **Candidate for 2 Year Director – Jon Marhoefer**

For the past two years I've had the honor of serving as the Apple Valley Gun Club's vice-president and president. I've accepted the nomination for a two year director position in order to help the Club continue to grow in a positive direction for the benefit of the members. Working together with the Board of Directors, the various range chairs and volunteers, and the membership as a whole, we've accomplished quite a bit but there is more work yet to be done. In the last two years, we've upgraded our ranges, replaced the trap house with a safe and modern building, upgraded the electrical service at the pistol range which will allow us to light all of our pistol bays, and purchased new targets and club equipment. We've worked with the Budget Committee to create a realistic budget which tracks our spending and allows us to budget for future range improvements. For the first time in the history of the Club we've put away a sufficient reserve fund and we've done it all WITHOUT RAISING DUES.

I believe in transparency and accountability when it comes to how your Club is run. I will continue to be responsive and available to the membership on any aspect of Club operations. My personal goal is to do what I can to ensure all of the members have a safe and enjoyable place to shoot, a place where you are proud to bring your family and friends. If elected to a director position I will continue to advocate and support ALL of our ranges and programs, not just the ones I shoot. I believe it's important that we continue to improve and grow participation in our matches and provide opportunities for training and public outreach through our Women's and Junior programs.

Finally I will continue to work to preserve our Second Amendment rights. If you have been to a membership meeting you know I keep the membership updated on laws and litigation that involve our right to keep and bear arms. I'm active with our local NRA Member's Council dealing with local firearms issues and politicians.

I'm honored to have been nominated to serve on the Board as a director and I look forward to serving the Club and the membership.

### **Candidate for 2 Year Director – Wendy Smith**

I joined our club in 2012 but really got involved in 2014 when I was appointed to a one-year Director position. I have learned so much and have enjoyed the past year. As a retired business owner I have some unique skills and knowledge in many areas that directly relate to club business. This year I have been nominated for a two-year Director position and would once again be honored to serve the membership through 2016.

The main reason I joined AVGC was to learn to safely handle and proficiently use the firearms we currently owned. Because of the training and experience I've received at the club, I am happy to report that I now own several more. New members are my focus and I will work to assist the efforts to bring in, sponsor and direct the steps of those who choose Apple Valley Gun Club for their educational and recreational activities. I am very excited for the upcoming year as I am working with Miki to transition leadership of the NRA Women on Target events. I believe being a board member will greatly benefit my efforts to lead that program.

# **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS Continued**

## **Candidate for 1 Year Director – Tracey Graham**

I grew up in Montana, and had three Air Force tours in Alaska. I've been fortunate enough to hunt most of the North American big game, but I gave up hunting after having to spend three days packing out a moose! I retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1992, and retired a second time in 2012, and now spend three or four days a week at the Apple Valley Gun Club.

I'm currently a member of the Finance Committee; I'm an avid trap shooter, and I love both Practical Pistol and Steel Challenge. I enjoy the two-gun rimfire, and I'm strongly considering acquiring the guns to be able to participate in the three-gun matches.

I'm very interested in seeing our club continue to grow and to be a part of ensuring the Apple Valley Gun Club will be here for future generations of shooters.

## **REGULAR EVENTS & MATCHES**

First Saturday - CMP Match and Clinic

First Sunday - 3-Gun Match

Second Wednesday - Board and Membership meetings

Second Friday - Women's Program

Second Saturday - Steel Challenge, Open Archery, Archery 3D match

Third Tuesday – High Desert Quail Forever meeting

Third Wednesday – Safety Committee meeting

Third Saturday - 2-Gun Rimfire, Trap Pot-Shoot, and Muzzleloader Winchester Qualification

Third Sunday - Work party, Orientation, 22 F-Class Match

Fourth Tuesday – AVGC Hunters Group meeting

Fourth Saturday - Open Archery, Archery Vegas Shoot

Last Friday - Muzzleloader Sante Fe Shoot

Last Sunday - Rimfire Rifle Benchrest, Practical Pistol

Every Monday – Morning Trap shooting

Every Tuesday – Morning senior Trap shooting, Bull's-eye Pistol

Every Wednesday – Morning Trap shooting, Evening Junior Trap Shooting

Every Thursday – Morning Senior Trap shooting, Evening Trap shooting, Junior Rifle

Every Friday – Evening Trap Pot Shoot

Every Saturday – Morning Trap Pot Shooting

Every Sunday – Junior Rifle team practice