



Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

3rd Quarter 2015

July-September

A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

This message will pick up where I left off in my last message and a couple of new goings on. There have been a couple personnel changes since the last report. Jim Youden has been selected to be the Indoor range chair, replacing Mike Davis. Congratulations to Jim, and I ask you all for your help and support with his new position. I reported Randy Kelley was selected as the interim treasurer due to Keith Gajewski resigning for personal reasons. At the June BOD meeting the Board appointed Sheri Oros to the permanent treasurer position. Sheri will be completing the remainder of the term of office. Congratulations to Sheri, and again I'm asking you all for your help and support with her new position. I have already heard good things about her efforts making the transition into her new position. Thank you Randy for filling in for the second time when the club was in immediate need of a treasurer. The Women on Target program which has been directed very successfully by Miki Marhoefer since to beginning of the program has been handed off to Wendy Smith. I'm pleased to report Wendy's first event was a big success with the transition appearing seamless to me. Thank you Wendy for taking on the directorship for the club. Thank you Miki for directing the program for over four years and helping make it possible for some many new shooters to be introduced to the sport. Although Miki has handed off the Women on Target Program she is still directing the Women's Program offering a shooting experience to women the second Friday night of each month. I ask you recognize these members for their efforts and thank them when you see them on the range.

On to some management issues we have been working on, the budget, bylaws and planning. As I reported in the last message our fiscal status has never been better. The treasurer continues to prepare and give complete transparent budget reports at both the board meetings and the membership meetings. The bylaws were approved at June BOD meeting and are posted on the website. The big issues with the bylaws recently have be our non-profit status and lack of a quorum at our May BOD meeting. The revised bylaws clarify both issues for us, we are a 501 c 7 organization, not a 501 c 3 which was inadvertently printed in previous versions of the bylaws. The quorum issue has been clarified to be a majority of the board members. Take a look at new version and let us know if you see things needing further attention. I'll end with letting you know the safety committee is reviewing and updating our five year facilities plan. The plan helps guide the board in making decisions, and the finance committee budgeting for future improvements to our grounds and ranges. This task was given to the safety committee because the committee is composed of the range chairs and the facilities chairs as voting members. If you have recommendations or ideas related to facilities planning let your range chairs know so they can bring them to the meetings to be heard. Shoot straight and shoot often, see you at the range.

Gary Menser, President

BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month

- Meetings will be at the Victorville Fairgrounds in the Alaska Air Building.

The board meeting begins at 6:00pm and the membership meeting at 7:00pm.

6 HOUR WORK REQUIREMENT

Don't wait until the end of the year to try to complete your 6 hours. You can contact any range chairman or event coordinator to help at a match or other event. Work parties with light labor are held on the 3rd Sunday beginning at 8am or you can come help at the meetings. You also have the \$100 buy-out option available to you if you are not willing or able to help your club with your time and labor. Our Policies and Procedures states if you are over 80 years old you are exempt and if you have health or medical issues you can ask the Board for exemption.



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Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm

LOCK UP BEHIND YOU

When the gate is locked open for a match, event, or class that is on the club calendar please be more diligent about asking others for their club ID. If you don't see anything on the calendar and nobody is around, please lock the gate for security. The digital locks on the building exterior doors can be a bit tricky but it is imperative we double check them before leaving.

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COMBINATIONS

Remember to NEVER share the combination to any lock on the property. If someone states they forgot it or never got it, please ask them to contact the Secretary or another board member. These may not be current members who want to still use the range.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Safety Committee is made up of the range chairmen, facilities chairman, CRSO, and is chaired by the Vice-President. All members are welcome and RSO's are encouraged to attend.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, and Range Regulations are available on the clubs website on the Publications page. Printed copies are available at the club meetings.

When there are issues to be updated, the Governing Documents Committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. When no issues are on the table, we don't meet. This is an ad-hoc committee and all members are welcome. If you have issues you would like to have brought up please send an email to the president or the club secretary at least one week before the meeting.

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RIFLE TEAM TRAVELS

The AVGC High Power Rifle “Team” started off the summer competition season with a “bang” by participating in the 29 Palms USMC “D-Day” Civilian Marksmanship Program’s Rifle & Pistol matches on June 6th & 7th.

Other participating clubs were - Santa Margarita Gun Club, High Desert Competitive Shooting Club, Burbank Rifle and Pistol Club along with the Marines from 29 Palms Air to Ground Combat Training Center, the Marksmanship Training Unit and Camp Pendleton.

The June 6th Match schedule included an M1 Garand Match, followed by a 1903(& A3) Springfield Rifle Match and finished with a Service Pistol Excellence In Competition Match (EIC).

AVGC members shooting the above, included Brandon Ryder (1st Place M1 Garand), Lyle Drenth (2nd Place M1 Garand), Alex Montenegro, Jeff Pennington, Jeff Lovat (1st place 1903A3 Springfield) & Phil Callister. We actually tried the EIC Pistol match shooting 1911’s & Berretta 92’s we were no threat to the Marines, but we had a heck of a good time!



Brandon Ryder wore his complete WW2 “GI” combat uniform – complete with steel helmet & Field Pack which made his first place finish even more notable!

During the awards ceremony he “dressed up” and wore a regulation GI tie.

Nice write up in the 29 Palms USMC newspaper -

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/1990222/marines-experience-weapons-greatest-generation>

An EIC Match is a special event, with no sighter shots, with the Pistol match consisting of 25 yard targets fired in Timed & Rapid Fire & 50 yard targets fired slow fire.

The Service Rifle EIC is fired at 200 yards Standing & Rapid Fire Sitting, 300 yards in Rapid Fire Prone & 600 yards Slow Fire Prone with no sighters.

The top 10% of the competitors over a set score in an EIC match get points toward the Distinguished Rifle or Pistol Badge. “Going Distinguished” is a big deal with Military and Civilian shooters and the distinguished badge is one of the few items that can be worn on a USMC uniform.

<https://thecmp.org/competitions/distinguishedbadges/>

On June 7th there was a Vintage Rifle Match and a Service Rifle EIC Match. In the Vintage Rifle match - AVGC member Jeff Pennington came in 3rd place with his 8 mm Mauser and AVGC member Randy Callister with his AR15 A2 Service Rifle took 1st place in the Service Rifle EIC and the only one to score above the minimum to receive EIC points!

AVGC Member Steve Hobart traveled to Talladega, Alabama to shoot in the special June 6th “D-Day” M1 Garand and Inaugural Match of the new CMP Marksmanship Park – a state of the art Range that uses electronic monitoring and scoring of the targets. Each competitor had an individual monitor showing his target and there were monitors in the lobby and behind the firing line showing all the targets with the competitors’ names. Steve said it was an awesome experience – even more awesome was that he won a Bronze medal in the M1 Garand competition. These are one of a kind commemorative medals for the D-Day and Inaugural Match that only the few that achieved the qualifying scores received.



The next day Steve fired the EIC match with his M1 Garand and got to meet and have his picture taken with the “Gunny” - R.Lee Ermey.

Steve and the rest of the “Team” have more stories to tell and like to help new shooters learn, so come on out to one of our CMP Rifle matches to hear more and become a better rifle shot.

Several of our members – notably Jeff Lovat & Steve Hobart – can be found practicing on the Rifle Range preparing for the pilgrimage to the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio in July. They will be shooting in quite a variety of team and individual Vintage & Modern Service Rifle matches. We wish them the best of luck and safe travel. Standby for a “National Match Report” on their return!

Submitted by Vice-President Lyle Drenth.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS AND ADVERTISEMENT

If you have articles, submissions, photos, or want to place an advertisement in our next newsletter issue please send an email to avgc.secretary@gmail.com.

Funds from advertisements help to offset the printing and mailing cost associated with our quarterly newsletter. Over 1000 members get this newsletter and it’s a great opportunity to publish your company information and maybe even a coupon. A half page ad is \$200, quarter page vertical or horizontal \$100, and a business card sized ad is just \$50. Layout and/or logo work can be done if needed.

VETERANS DAY EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Planning an event can be fun and it's an easy way to get your work hours completed. We are looking for a few members who are interested in helping to plan a range wide event in November honoring Veterans Day. If you are interested, please come to our first meeting on Monday August 10th at 6:00 pm in the Trap Classroom. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and positive attitude!

SAFETY COMMITTEE REMINDER

It'll Never Happen....and other great stories of denial.

Our love of the shooting sports and the Second Amendment brings with it great responsibilities as misuse or carelessness carries the potential for serious injury or death. All of us are expected to know and practice the cardinal rules for gun safety at home, on the range, in the field or carrying the gun in public:

ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.

ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

We also have a legal and ethical responsibility to store our firearms so they're not accessible to unauthorized persons. We must remain committed to these rules and guard against complacency and carelessness or we may place ourselves or others at risk. Having the proper mindset is crucial to using and owning firearms. Like any other tool in someone's hand, it will reflect the thoughts and moral stature of the user. The person behind the gun is the key, for they alone are responsible for the outcome of using that tool.

If you've been to any NRA Personal Protection Course or received training for a concealed carry license, you've undoubtedly had some instruction on the topic of mindset. We carry and practice with firearms for recreation and sport, and for the protection of ourselves, our families, our community and our nation. Part of our mindset must be the consistent application of the cardinal rules of gun safety, but we must supplement that with the understanding that dangers do exist in the real world, and not all of them take the form of a predatory criminal or vicious animal. Having the proper mindset requires discipline – commitment to and understanding of core safety principles, acknowledgment of the possibility of danger, mental preparation for potential scenarios we might encounter, and management of the aftermath that leads to a successful outcome.

That's a lot to consider and some of you may be inclined to dismiss it as "over the top" or "that'll never happen to me". Yet daily we are bombarded with evidence in our media sufficient to reject those denials outright, so much so that some of us have become desensitized to them and we tune them out. All that bad stuff happens to someone else, until it's your turn. Threats to our personal safety come in many forms – from the careless shooter next to us on the practice range to the drug crazed mugger committing a crime of opportunity. Recent events have shown us that schools, colleges, delis, movie theaters and houses of worship

are not off limits to individuals who may wish to cause harm to us or our loved ones. No matter the environment, having a “Shooter’s Mindset” is key to avoiding or prevailing in dangerous situations.

The Shooter’s Mindset is not difficult, but like any other discipline, requires understanding and commitment to the objective. It can be broken down in just a few, easy to remember bullet points:

- Understand and model the cardinal gun safety rules regardless of your environment or operational posture (training, competition, or out in public).
- Remain vigilant for danger and prepare to remove yourself and your family away from that danger without hesitation.
- Pay attention to intuition – if it doesn’t feel right, it most likely isn’t. Start planning on what you’re going to do about it.
- Every plan should have a backup plan. “No plan survives first contact with the enemy.”
- Consider your options - the more distance you have from a threat, the more time you may have to consider your options. Be prepared to take immediate action to protect yourself or someone else.
- Know the rules so your options are compatible with law, are moral and are consistent with any rules in play at the time.
- Be prepared to deal with the worst case scenario because bad things can happen quickly and we may have limited influence on the chain of events. Develop the skill sets to deal with “time is life” scenarios ranging from deadly force to accidental injury.
- Prevail in the aftermath – if it’s predictable it’s preventable. What can you do or put in place today to help you prevail when the time comes? Where is your med kit, your reload or your attorney’s phone number?

There’s a saying out there that goes “The time chooses us”. We have a choice as to how we will perform when confronted by a dangerous situation and our performance under stress will be directly impacted by the amount of thought and effort that went into preparing for that moment. Take your training and competitions seriously and strive to grow as an increasingly competent gun handler. If we see something unsafe, we should be prepared to immediately say something or do something to rectify the situation.

While we may be up on all the latest gear and hardware, work on the “software” side of being a shooter by understanding the cardinal gun safety rules, the rules for the range or competition you’re participating in and the laws of deadly force when out on the street. Consider training in first aid, communications or other skills that may be beneficial in a time of crisis, and carry the tools with you to employ the skills you’ve learned. Training and education is a never ending journey. While all of us are gun owners, some have made the transition to shooters by virtue of their mindset and their quest to improve themselves. Cultivating a Shooter’s Mindset is an important part of situational awareness when using a firearm safely and responsibly.

Be safe and I’ll see you on the range.

Jon Marhoefer



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Rifle Range	1 st Saturday morning CMP Match, 3 rd Saturday morning 3 Position Rimfire Rifle, 3 rd Sunday morning 200 Yard "F" Class Rimfire Rifle, and 4 th Sunday morning Rimfire/Centerfire Benchrest
Trap Range	Each Monday morning, Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning, Thursday morning, Wednesday evening Junior Trap, Thursday evening, Friday evening Pot Shoot, and every 4 rd Saturday morning is Clay Busters
Indoor Range	Monday evening Phelan 4H, Tuesday evening Bulls-eye pistol match, Wednesday evening AAEJROTC, Thursday evening Junior Rifle, Sunday afternoon Junior Rifle team.
Archery Range	2 nd Saturday morning open archery and 3D shoot, 4 th Saturday morning open archery and Vegas Shoot
Pistol Range	1 st Saturday afternoon SBDB CCW, 1 st Sunday morning 3-Gun Match, 2 nd Saturday morning Steel Challenge, 2 nd Sunday afternoon CCW, 3 rd Saturday morning 2-Gun Rimfire, Last Sunday morning Practical Pistol Match
Muzzleloader	3 rd Sunday afternoon Winchester Qualification (Rifle), 4 th Friday morning Santa Fe Shoot
Women's Program	2 nd Friday evening each month
Hunter Education	1 st Sunday, Quail Forever meeting and shoot, 2 nd Saturday Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education, 4 th Tuesday, AVGC Hunters Group meeting