



# Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

4th Quarter 2015

October-December

## **A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...**

My message is to let you know about some of the major things going on at your club. Especially for those of you who cannot attend the monthly meetings this message should help keep you up-to-date, and for those who regularly attend the meetings confirm what you already know.

This is the time of year nominations are being taken for your officers and directors for next year's Board. Nominations are opened at the October membership meeting and close at midnight the day after the November meeting per our policy. Thank you and good luck to all those running for positions. We are beginning preparations for the yearly renewal process and of course the annual membership banquet where the new Board of Directors will be announced.

Sheri Oros, your treasurer, deserves a huge thank you from all of us for saving the club over \$5,000. Those of you that have been attending the BOD meetings the past two months have heard it reported that the IRS had penalized the club for failure to file our 2013 taxes. The BOD had been told in our meeting from a former treasurer these taxes had been filed, so you can imagine our surprise. Sheri filed to have the fine reviewed for reduction or elimination. On Thursday, the day after our October meeting, Sheri reported the IRS had accepted our request to eliminate the \$ 5,000 fine imposed. I'm so pleased Sheri can speak IRS.

The membership recognized the need to keep unauthorized people off club property and approved a new fence on the north side of the range and an automated gate system at the September meeting. The north fence is complete and the gate work has begun. The most recent incident that emphasizes the need to keep our property secure occurred a couple Friday's ago. The gate was open for a calendared event and a non-member drove on the property near the trap range and decided it was a good place to smoke a bowl of meth. He was quickly reported and arrested by the Sheriff's Department without incident, thanks to the good work of our Sheriffs. Wow, you just can't make this stuff up.

I'll conclude with some housekeeping items that continue to come up and need the ongoing attention of all members. Members signing-in has been and continues to be an issue for the club. Please sign-in before shooting at any range per our policy we need you signed in before shooting. It is the responsibility of all members to verify that only members and their guests who are signed in are using our ranges. The board is considering a penalty for shooting without being signed in. The gate continues to be an issue. Please scramble the combination after you open the lock, it will still lock if scrambled. If the gate is locked back leave it alone, otherwise close and lock it with the combos scrambled. Miki Marhoefer is our new indoor range chair as of the September meeting. I ask you thank Miki for taking on this important position and give her your support. If you have a permit for CCW you will be affected by SB707 just signed by the governor, affecting carry on schools grounds, especially K-1 2. Be sure you up-to-date on this new law. We have a new group of NRA certified instructors for pistol and shotgun, congratulations on getting your certifications, we are looking for to your classes. I'll leave you with an invitation to come to a meeting of the NRA Member's Council that meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Hope to see you at the Council Meeting and the range.

Gary Menser, President

## **BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

- Meetings will be at the Victorville Fairgrounds.

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

## **6 HOUR WORK REQUIREMENT**

It's almost the end of the year and we hope you didn't wait to get your hours in. As a member of AVGC you are required to work 6 hours each year as part of your renewal requirement. If you joined in 2015 as a new member you only had to do 4 hours.

You do have the option to buy-out of the 6 hours for \$100 to be paid with your renewal. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday beginning at 8am or you can come help at the meetings. 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.

## **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.

## **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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## HUNTERS

It's that time of year. If you hunt and wish to get involved with the AVGC Hunters Group please come to the meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

## MEMBER ONLY FORUM

Join at <http://avgc.freeforums.net/>

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS AND ADVERTISEMENT

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## RENEWAL

Around Christmas the annual renewal mailers will be sent to each member via the US Mail. In that 6X9 envelope you will find an instruction sheet for the contents. You should get the renewal form, a ballot and ballot envelope, banquet registration, the newsletter with candidate statements for those running for offices, and a return envelope.

If you have moved and we don't have your current address, please send it to [avgc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:avgc.secretary@gmail.com) to ensure you get the packet.

The renewal process is a challenge each year. Please read the instructions and follow them. Processing over 1000 renewals is no simple task and when members do their own thing it causes delays for everyone. Please help the renewal committee.

We assure you, cards will be out to you before the gate combination change on March 1, 2016.



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November 11, 2015 – Veteran’s Day and Club Meetings

November 15, 2015 – No WORK PARTY but there will be Orientation at noon

November 18, 2015 – Safety Committee Meeting at 6:00pm

November 22, 2015 – Full Range Shut Down – NO SHOOTING – All day work party 8-5

November 26, 2015 – Thanksgiving

December 6, 2015 – Hanukkah begins

December 9, 2015 – Club Meetings with 2016 Board of Director Candidate forum

December 14, 2015 – Hanukkah ends

December 16, 2015 – Safety Committee Meeting at 6:00pm

December 20, 2015 – Work Party 8-noon and Orientation at noon

December 25, 2015 - Christmas

December 26, 2015 – Kwanzaa begins

Week between Christmas and New Years – Begin looking for your renewal packet