



# Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

1st Quarter 2016

January - March

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

Another year is behind us as I am coming to the end of my third term as your president. I believe the club is in good shape as the gavel gets passed to our new president, Lyle Drenth. The strength of the club lies in its membership and the high level of commitment and continual involvement our members demonstrate on a daily basis. Since the club has meeting at fair grounds the membership has filled the room, coming to board meetings, and discussing and making important decisions for their club at the membership meetings. I especially want to thank the Board of Directors for their support and actions they have taken over the past year, while not always easy or popular were in the best interest of the club. Thank you range chairs, you are members' first point of contact and keep the ranges safe and operational for us all year long. Our facilities have never been better thanks to the efforts of our Facilities Chair, Tim Smith. I can hardly wait to drive through the new automatic gate we have all been talking about for years.

It is time to vote for executive 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. Please vote and renew your membership as soon as you receive you packets. Last year you may have heard or experienced the issue we had with the food at the banquet. I promise you, what occurred last year would not happen again. Please come to the banquet and support you club, enjoy good conversation, food and win some prizes.

Due to current events there has been a lot of public interest in gun ownership, proper and safe use, and concealed carry permits. Your club is responding to the interest and needs of the community, which is one of our club missions by offering expanded opportunities beginning in January. Jon and Miki Marhoefer have taken the lead on getting these training opportunities scheduled and staffed. Please help support these programs by volunteering to help out at any level you are able. Whether you are teaching a class, serving as a range safety officer, helping with registration or monitoring the gate, all jobs are important and your participation is appreciated. We can't do it without you. We all know this is a critical time for gun owners across the national and we all need to stay positive and promote a professional image supporting shooting sports and our second amendment rights. It is you the shooter, who keeps us in business. Hope to see you at 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 in the Alaska USA Building.

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

## **6 HOUR WORK REQUIREMENT**

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. The combinations will change again on March 1, 2016.

## **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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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## RENEWAL

The renewal process is a challenge each year. Please read the instructions and follow them. Processing over 1100 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 if you pay your dues on time per we will mail your card out well before the gate combination change on March 1, 2016.

DUES AND BALLOTS are due by February 1, 2016 or they are considered LATE.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS AND CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

### Vice-President/President Elect – Bob Livrano

Benefactor life member of the National Rifle Association, life member of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, First Family member at Front Sight, Life member of the Second Amendment Foundation, member of the National Association for Gun Rights, U.S. Concealed Carry Association, Firearms Coalition, and the California Sheriff's Association.

I grew up in Gardena, CA and lived there for 50 years. I was a Boy Scout and attained Eagle Scout at 15 years old. I took Hunter Education and bought a Remington 1100 at 16 years old and a Colt Python at 18 years old. I worked for Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep in the Service Department for 35 years until I retired due to illness in 2010 then I moved to Apple Valley.

I am an avid shooter and reloader, I am also an NRA certified firearms instructor and Range Safety Officer. I believe everyone has the right and responsibility for their own and their families protection and should get the knowledge and training to have the necessary skills to accomplish that and dedicate the time/practice to stay proficient in doing so.

I think we have a great gun club and that it's getting better as time goes on. This is due to the leadership and members that participate in our activities. I want to keep this going by continuing the direction set by the current and previous leaders. I want to see us continue and expand our instructor training, individual NRA training, Women on Target and our shooting competition programs – 3 gun, Steel Challenge, Practical Pistol. I would like to encourage more Boy Scout participation as well as a program to get new non shooter out to the range – not just women. I think we need to try to have enough trained people ready and willing to step in when we lose our current trainers/leaders when they get ready to move away as that is going to leave a huge void for our club. This club is what we as members are willing to put into it, it's more than just coming to the range to shoot when you want. I ask for your support to allow me to serve our club and work towards accomplishing these goals. Thank you.

### **Secretary – Sheri Oros**

My name is Sheri Oros. I am a candidate for Secretary. I have been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club since early 2014. I joined AVGC to learn how to safely use firearms and to have a safe place to shoot. I never dreamed I would get involved in any other aspect of the club. While attending club events as a participant, I was extremely impressed by all of the volunteers who gave so much of their time and knowledge. The volunteers make this club, and the events, successful, educational and so much fun for all. I wanted to get involved in some way so I started coaching at the Women's Program pistol night and Women on Target. I have been the Treasurer since June 2015, and will remain in this position at least until the 2017 elections. I thoroughly enjoy volunteering for this club. It is my hope that, if elected, I will be able to continue the excellent work Miki Marhoefer has done as our Secretary for the last four years.

### **2 Year Director – Tracey Graham**

My name is Tracey Graham, and I'm running for the position of 2-year Board Member. I am currently serving in the 1-year Board Member position, and would like to continue serving in order to help promote our steady growth in membership and support our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights.

I am a NRA Pistol and Shotgun Instructor, and a Range Safety Officer. I'm an avid supporter of our Club's Women's programs, and I assist with the San Bernardino Sheriff's Office CCW program. I was one of the organizers of the Clay Busters Family Trap Shoot, and I help run the monthly shoot. I also serve on the Club's Finance Committee.

My goals for the coming year include increasing our membership by at LEAST 10%, conducting a minimum of four Basic Pistol classes to introduce new shooters to our sport and developing a plan for advertising the Club and its varied activities.

I would appreciate your support and your vote.

## **2 Year Director – Chris Katelhut**

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, Forum 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 have been a board member for the past two years and would be honored to remain on the board for two more years.

## **1 Year Director – Miki Marhoefer**

My name is Miki Marhoefer and I am running for the 1 Year Director position in 2016-2017. I have been a full member since 2011 and was an associate member for about a year before that. I am finishing up my second 2-year term as the club Secretary and it has been a great honor to serve the Apple Valley Gun Club in that capacity. I am also an NRA Instructor and Range Safety Officer, Indoor Range Chairman, and Women's Program Director.

The contacts in the community and knowledge I have gained over my 4 years have provided some unique and valuable relationships that have assisted in furthering the mission of the Apple Valley Gun Club. My experiences and more recent historical knowledge can make me a valuable asset to the Board of Directors decision making in the upcoming year. If elected will proudly serve as a 1 Year Director.

## **1 Year Director – Roger Suders**

My name is Roger Suders. I am a United States Marine Corps Veteran. I have a bit of a colorful background, I spent four years in the USMC and completed two combat tour to Iraq in 2003 and 2004. After which I worked construction as a framer for a few years, and then switched to finished carpentry. I then found a passion in corrections. I worked as a correctional officer from 2008-2011 where I spent two years as the union president. I negotiated the CBA and served as a rep for officer that were in need. From 2005 to 2014 I have been a member of AYSO region 665. I served as a board member and an executive board member. I coached, refed, post season and all-stars, and just plain help out. I am now retired. I currently serve on the 3 Gun community and help where I can. As a board member for AVGC I would do the best job that I can to make sure that everyone has a fun and safe time at the club.