



Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

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October-December

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE...

Those of you who have not been to a monthly meeting in a couple of months or have not been to the range recently may not have heard Lyle Drenth resigned as our president. The Board of Directors appointed me at the May meeting to complete Lyle's term of office. Some of the membership have inquired about the website not being update since my name appears as the president not knowing about Lyle's resignation in late April. I look forward to working with the Board for the remainder of the term helping to support the good work the Board is doing.

Our" Policies and Procedures "and "Range Rules" are living documents, and as such, they are continually being looked at for improvements by our membership and committees to meet club needs. At the February meeting the P&P's were amended to include a paragraph releasing the club from liability of personal property members may have stored or are using for matches or events. The club is at a point it is financially able to fund all needed equipment and materials for all events at the range. The Board recognizes and appreciates all of you who have donated your personal equipment, materials, and given your personal resources putting on past events. We know many events would not have been possible without the membership stepping up and being the champions for the many weekly events that have been going on for decades. At the June meeting section 7.3 was amended to include a paragraph regarding our sign-in policy. We all know we should sign-in any time we are on the range. Whether you sign-in at the club house, trap range, an event, or a meeting we all need to sign-in. Also, all guests, shooting or not need to sign in and you need to fill-out a waiver form with them since it requires a member signature. The penalty for not signing in is having to leave the range for the remainder of the day. Signing in is a requirement necessary to maintain or insurance and our good rates. Please, don't put your fellow shooters at risk by not signing in. See the website for the latest revision of all of our documents.

Our club is only as good as our volunteers and we have many of them doing a great job every day. I want to recognize two more examples from the June meeting. Jeff Shell, your outdoor pistol range chair recommended an IDPA style event and it was approved. Dean Houseberg is going to be the match director for this event. Mike Wilcox and Gary Mackenzie have volunteered to take over the Jr. Rifle Program. Mike's daughter shoots in the program and Gary shot in the program as a youth as well as our Jr. Shotgun program. Please shoot as many events as you can, volunteer when you can, and thank those putting on the events we all enjoy so much. See you at the range, shoot often.

Gary Menser, President

BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Join us on the 2nd 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 2016 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 3rd 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VETERANS

Your service to our country enables the rest of us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



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.

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THANK YOU SHERI OROS

If you were not aware, in February Sheri took on both the Secretary and Treasurer positions. This was a huge undertaking for her and she accomplished so much for the betterment of the club. Due to personal reasons she had to step down from both positions. If you see Sheri at the range, be sure to thank her for her dedication to our club.

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.

AVGC HISTORY

We need your help in collecting the history of the Apple Valley Gun Club. If you can help us document our origin, recount early events, recall interesting stories or can provide contact information for people we should interview, please contact Jonathan Weldy at AVGCWeldy@gmail.com or cell 909-380-9919.

MEMBER ONLY FORUM

We have a forum for AVGC members to get involved. You can read about upcoming events, post questions, and more. To join, go to <http://avgc.freeforums.net/>

Range Safety.....SMH.....

We've all had those SMH moments at the range (for us less internet savvy folks, SMH is a shorthand for "shaking my head" usually used to connote amazement or bewilderment) where you really wonder if folks have their own best interests at heart when it comes to range safety. Now I must in the interest of full disclosure state that I did not witness the incident I'm about to relate, but I received the story from someone who spoke with the person who claims to have been present when this incident occurred. No matter which range we are on, one of the basic tenants of range safety is that we NEVER handle/touch/manipulate/load firearms when people are downrange from us. We even go so far as to paint a red line on our Pistol and Big Bore ranges to keep people beyond arms reach of a benched gun when our lines are cold.

So the story goes like this: On the Big Bore Range, a shooter needed a line break to go downrange and change targets. We'll call him Mr. Downrange. So Mr. Downrange works cooperatively with the other shooters to call the line cold before heading downrange, but one shooter, we'll call him Mr. Shooter, is having issues with his rifle. Mr. Shooter asks Mr. Downrange if it's okay with him if he works on his rifle and loads magazines while Mr. Downrange is downrange. Mr. Downrange tells him to go ahead and proceeds downrange. Mr. Shooter stays seated on the bench behind his gun. After all, what could possibly go wrong? (SMH.....)

Shooting guns in an inherently dangerous activity and violations of cardinal safety rules can have tragic consequences. No one should handle firearms when a shooting line is cold and/or other shooters are downrange from us. I've lost track of the number of times I've stopped a shooter from bagging, un-bagging or handling firearms when other shooters are downrange.

So how do we do this safely? I'm glad you asked:

1. Call the line cold and walk to the line to ensure all shooters have heard and understood. (Someone may be shooting prone or hidden from view and may not have heard a verbal command or seen the cold range lights.)
2. Each shooter is responsible for opening their action, removing the magazine and verifying by sight and feel that their gun is safe, empty of ammunition and clear.
3. All shooters move behind the red line to be clear of benched guns.
4. If on the Big Bore Range, activate the cold range lights.
5. Once the line is clear, move downrange to change targets, etc..
6. If you are not going downrange, remain behind the red line and do not handle firearms. If new shooters arrive while the line is cold, do not allow them to unbag or handle firearms while other shooters are downrange.
7. Once all shooters have returned to the line, double and triple check that no one is still downrange.
8. Ensure everyone has eye and ear protection on, call the line hot, extinguish the cold range lights.
9. Resume shooting.

Remember it is each members responsibility to know and obey all Range Regulations and to conduct themselves in a safe manner at all times.

Be safe and see you on the range,

Jon Marhoefer, AVGC CRSO

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

The nomination cycle opened at the October meeting and will close at midnight on November 10th. If you are interested in taking on a leadership role at your gun club please come to the meeting on November 9th or you can email the club Secretary to submit your name. Nominations are open for:

Vice President / President Elect – 2 year term

Treasurer – 2 year term

2 Year Director – 2 positions open

1 Year Director – 1 position open

You could be one of those individuals

- who are committed to sharing their time and talents to help make the club a better place
- who have specialized skills and expertise that could benefit a nonprofit board's work
- who are willing to be enthusiastic advocates for your club and encourage others to get involved

Serving on a board is a wonderful way to support a cause that you care about. But it also can be a powerful way to build your own skills and expertise. Individuals who serve on a board have the opportunity to

- develop and grow as leaders and cultivate new skill sets
- expand their network of peers, professionals, community leaders, and community leaders

RENEWAL

Right after 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 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.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Membership Banquet will be on Saturday, February 18, 2017