



# Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

1st Quarter 2017

January - March

## A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT...

My end of the year message is to let you know about some of the major goings on at your club and review important things that have happened during the year. For those of you who cannot attend the monthly meetings this message should help keep you up-to-date, and those who regularly attend the meetings confirm what you already know. A big thank you out to all of you who come regularly to the monthly meetings. It is very important to the well-being of the club to have a quorum of members at the meeting. Also, coming to the meetings helps keeps you informed about club activities, allows the Board to conduct business that requires a membership vote, and gives you the opportunity to give your input to the Board.

This is the time of year nominations have been completed and we are all thinking about voting for our officers and directors for next year's Board. We have nominations for each open position; which are vice-president, treasurer, two two-year directors and one one-year director. It is important we all vote and participate in our club's governance processes as much as we can. Please vote and support your officers in the new year. Congratulations to our new President, Bob Livrano, who will be officially assuming the position after the annual meeting.

Changes in leadership are inevitable and are part of our processes, however, when they occur mid-year and outside the election process these changes are a bit stressful. I want to thank those members who went above and beyond this year keeping the club operating smoothly. First, I want to thank Miki Marhoefer, she stepped up to fill both secretary and treasurer after the unexpected resignation of a board member who held both positions. Johnathan Weldy, a member of the finance committee stepped up and filled the treasurer position and was nominated to run for a new two-year term as treasurer beginning in 2017. Diana Roederer has stepped up to serve as our secretary for the remainder of the term of office. Steve Hobart stepped up to fill the vacant director position and was nominate to run for the open director position. I want thank all of these special members who helped out in a time of need and continue to serve the club.

I want to personally thank Miki and Jon Marhoefer for all they have done for the club during the last five years. Their level of commitment, support, and dedication to our club and the shooting sports is remarkable. Miki has served unselfishly on the Board of Directors as a director, secretary and filling in as treasurer when need arose and it did many times. She also was our club champion and advocate for our Women's Programs. Jon has served on the Board as director, vice-president and president, and as our Chief Range Safety Officer. Jon and Miki have generated over \$50,000 for the club offering numerous training opportunities for the club, club members and the public. No one has created, taught and participated in as many training classes and activities as Jon and Miki. A bitter-sweet tale, if you don't know they are leaving the state soon, good for Jon and Miki, not so good for the club. It has been a lot of fun for me personally to have befriended them and worked with them on many activities for our club. So again, a big thank you and we'll miss you.

I'll conclude with some housekeeping items that continue to come up and need the ongoing attention of all members. Membership 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. Also, read you renewal packed carefully, the penalty date for late dues has been revised. Please pay on time, it makes it much easier for our officers, saves the club considerable money and is the right thing to do. I'll leave you with some invitations; first to come to our annual meeting the third Saturday in February and second to the NRA Member's Council that meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Hope to see you at the annual meeting, the NRA 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 in the Alaska USA Building. \* We may be in a different building in early 2017 due to some remodeling. Watch for signs and emails.

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 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 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.

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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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. **The combination will change again on March 1, 2017.**

## LOCK UP BEHIND YOU

Recently, and on more than one occasion, the gate has been left open after matches and events. If you locked the gate open, please remember to release it. Please double check the doors and locks before leaving the range.

## RENEWAL

The renewal process is a challenge each year. Please read the instructions and follow them. Processing over 1200 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.

## SUPPORT THE HIGH DESERT FRIENDS OF NRA

### **It's a lot of fun and you can win guns!!!**

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Hilton Garden Inn in Victorville. To register for this event go to <https://www.friendsofnra.org/eventtickets/Events/Details/5?eventId=53683>

Amongst the fun and fellowship, *Friends of NRA* events boil down to one goal— fundraising for the future of the shooting sports. The funds raised at these events are used for local grant funding in areas such as youth firearm safety and education programs, hunter education, range development and improvement, women's training seminars, and wildlife conservation efforts.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS AND CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

## **Vice-President/President Elect – Tracey Graham**

I've served on the Apple Valley Gun Club Board of Directors for two years, and with your approval, will continue to provide direction and leadership for the Club over the next two years.

During my tenure on the Board of Directors, we have seen numerous improvements to our range, including upgraded lighting on the trap range and new lights on all pistol bays and the rifle range. We're now looking at adding a classroom, with indoor bathrooms, to the pistol range, putting heaters on the rifle range and developing a lead mitigation plan.

I believe there is no better way to increase firearms awareness in the community than through the many training classes we provide throughout the year. I am a Chief Range Safety Officer, as well as being a NRA Certified Instructor in Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun. Additionally, I hold certifications to instruct Personal Protection Inside the Home and Personal Protection Outside the Home. I was on the committee for the first Community Training Day, which not only provided invaluable firearms training to our community members, but brought about an awareness of our club and all its benefits for local gun owners.

I would appreciate your vote.

## **Treasurer – Jonathan Weldy**

It is my privilege to serve as your Treasurer, appointed to finish the current term. I have participated in the AVGC finance committee since joining 2015. I shoot trap whenever I can and share responsibilities for the Thursday evening shoots. Taking advantage of AVGC's educational opportunities, I am an NRA Certified Instructor for Pistol, Shotgun and Rifle.

My past experience includes the following: since 2005 I have been a small business owner, I have served more than 25 years on several boards and nonprofit organizations, including the National Association of Home Builders, Building Industry Association, HomeAid IE, Church of the Valley and several Homeowners Associations. In these organizations, I have served multiple terms as president, director of budget & finance, legislative advocate, programs chair and membership services. In addition, I currently serve as a member of the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board and the Vice Chair of the San Bernardino County Planning Commission.

I believe the Apple Valley Gun Club is a trust held for the benefit our current members, future members and our community. The Treasurer and finance committee maintains responsibility for fidelity, transparency and timeliness in all financial matters. We provide current and accurate financial information to empower the Board and Membership as they direct the future of the Apple Valley Gun Club.

Respectfully, I request your support as Treasurer.

## **2 Year Director – Michael Moore**

My name is Michael Moore and I am honored to be a candidate for the upcoming Board of Directors election of the Apple Valley Gun Club.

I am an NRA Benefactor member, a life member of CRPA, and an NRA certified RSO. I joined the Apple Valley Gun club two years ago in order to improve my marksmanship and I have since attempted to keep up with Jon Marhoefer's pistol training regimen.

I grew up in Germany, a country that strictly regulates gun ownership and makes private gun ownership virtually impossible. Ten odd years ago, I moved to the United States of America and, how I see it today, learned how to breathe – something that requires freedom and opportunity: attributes that Germany is still lacking. In those American years, I have taken advantage of many of the opportunities this country provides: I attended college and earned degrees in child development, public relations, and teaching. I obtained a teaching credential in English and Social Studies. I realized the two loves of my life: My wife Connie and this country, that I can now proudly call my country of citizenship.

When becoming a citizen, I took an oath to "support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and I consider protecting gun rights a major aspect of this commitment. As a teacher, I acknowledge education as my weapon of choice in non-lethal combat. Consequently, I consider educating the public regarding responsible gun ownership an important area of the our club's growth.

I offer my services as a board member in deep appreciation and gratitude to all those who built this club and maintain it as a symbol of responsibility and liberty. It is my goal to join those who helped me realize my passion and to afford others a similar opportunity.

## **2 Year Director – Jenaraye Ryan**

I have been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club and the NRA for a little over 3 years now.

- Chief RSO
- Pistol Instructor
- Shotgun Instructor
- Rifle Instructor
- Personal Protection Inside the Home Instructor
- (currently scheduled) for Personal Protection Outside the Home Instructor
- Coach for Women on Target
- Coach for Ladies Night

Myself, my children, other family members and friends have had the experience of participating in each and every range that exists on the grounds of our club. Our members are incredible! Our members are talented, fun, friendly, willing to lend a hand, dedicated and eager to engage with new learners.

- On the Archery range, members have created a fun and friendly experience for all ages.
- On the Rifle range, I have experienced amazing, talented, experienced members humble and quick to lend a hand.
- The Indoor Pistol range offers opportunities for youth in our community that a member can be proud of.
- On the Trap range I've witnessed members with dedication, comradery, humor and an eagerness to pass on their knowledge to new shooters.
- And finally, our Pistol range. Like all of our ranges, my family, children and friends have learned from our members, the importance of SAFETY and RESPECT for those who shoot and for what they shoot.

Therefore, my decision to be a willing candidate on the board of our club comes from respect for our dedicated members. It also come from the belief that each of our ranges are unique, each of our ranges will continue to strive for future needs and improvements, therefore each of our ranges deserve a voice and a vote.

I would appreciate yours.

Jenaraye J. Ryan

### **1 Year Director – Steve Hobart**

My name is Steve Hobart and I am running for the 1-year Board of Director position for 2017. I have been a member of the club since 2014. As a life member of the National Rifle Association and a life member of the California Rifle and Pistol Association I am a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment. I served a hitch in the United States Navy as an Air Rescue Swimmer and retired in 2009 as a Sergeant after 27 years with the California Highway Patrol. I am involved in pistol shooting, trap shooting and competitive NRA High Power Rifle and Civilian Marksmanship Program matches.

As a NRA Certified Instructor in several disciplines and Chief Range Safety Officer, I am involved in teaching NRA classes at the AVGC. I also serve as the Match Director for the AVGC's Civilian Marksmanship Program monthly rifle matches.

I am currently serving on the Board of Directors in a 1-year position, filling a mid-term vacancy left by another member. I would like to continue to serve on the Board of Directors and help the club continue to move forward in providing a great place to shoot and enjoy our 2nd Amendment rights. I would appreciate your support and vote.

### **REMINDERS**

- Your 2017 dues must be in before February 1<sup>st</sup>. Late fees will be assessed beginning February 1, 2017 and will increase in March 2, 2017.
- New 2017 cards will be mailed before the gate combo change on March 1, 2017
- AVGC Membership Banquet will be on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>