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## NEWSLETTER JUNE & JULY 2018

### *A Message From Tracey Graham, AVGC President.....*

Summer is upon us, and the temperatures are rising! As members of the Apple Valley Gun Club, we're very fortunate to be able to shoot late into the evening on any of our well-lit ranges. This is a perfect time to bring the family out and take advantage of our cool desert evenings. (Just remember, all shooting must cease at 10:00 PM, unless you're using the indoor range for small-bore shooting.)

For those interested in becoming a Level 1 Rifle Coach, the Club will be hosting a 16-hour certification course on August 18th and 19th. Successful completion of this clinic leads to accreditation as a Small-bore Rifle/Air Rifle (Level 1) Coach or Junior Coach. Junior Coaches must be between the ages of 15-17. Letters of recommendation are required from the parent or Range Chair for each Junior Coach applicant. Clinic includes: Safety; How to Run a Match; Sports Psychology; Training Plans; Fundamentals; Rules; Hands-on Position; Coaching, Equipment and other subjects. The limit is twelve coaches. The Club will be funding these certifications; however, each applicant must agree to volunteer with our Jr. Rifle Program at least 10 times over the course of the year. Interested Club members should contact Tara Nadreau at 760-220-3963.

Some of you may be aware that the NRA is rolling out their own CCW Course. In order for instructors to be trained to teach the course, Training Counselors first need to be certified to teach the Instructors. As an NRA Gold Medal Club, Apple Valley Gun Club has been selected as the Training Counselor Training Site for the Southwest. We'll be hosting this two-day training program on June 23rd and 24th, for TCs from all over the Western states. We believe this CCW Course will become the standard for issuance of CCW permits in San Bernardino County. By having NRA certified CCW Instructors, there's an excellent possibility that we will once again be able to assist the Sheriff's Office with their process and significantly increase revenue for the Club.

Please remember, this is YOUR Club, and your input and involvement are critical for the Club's continued success. We meet at Victor Valley Christian Church at the corner of 11th & Eucalyptus in Hesperia on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please come join us.

## **LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE RANGE!**

### **UPDATE FROM ED SWAN – VICE PRESIDENT**

During the month of June, the Club will be using the new Incident/Close Call Report forms available at each of the ranges with locking deposit boxes for the completed reports at the Adobe and Trap Club Houses. The purpose of the form is to report incidents that occur involving Personal Injury or Property Damage. When an Incident occurs, a form should be completed as soon as possible and dropped in to one of the locked deposit boxes.

The Club is also interested in knowing about Close Calls. These are situations that involve a potential of injury or property damage. The Club wants to keep track of Close Calls because if a situation keeps occurring, we can correct it before it reaches the "Incident" level. Please be sure to complete the form should you ever be involved in and "Incident" or "Close Call".

**Thank you!**

### **SPONSORING A MEMBER AT THE APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB**

In lieu of background checks, the AVGC relies on input from each sponsor regarding the new probationary member's suitability.

Sponsors should meet with their probationary member at least 3 times during the 90 day period. This would include time shooting at the range and attending the new member orientation meeting.

If a sponsor should notice any areas of concern, he should relay the information to a member of the AVGC Board *prior* to the expiration of the probationary period. This would include non-responsiveness by the probationary member. If no concerns are reported, the probationary period will continue as outlined in the Club's Policies and Procedures.

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

❖ **PRACTICAL PISTOL IS CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE.**

❖ **APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB'S ANNUAL BANQUET – FEB. 2019 –**

If you would be interested in helping Tania Bennett, the Chairperson for this event, please Contact her at 760-807-7558 or email her at: [tania.avgc@gmail.com](mailto:tania.avgc@gmail.com).

## **AVGC'S 6 HOUR WORK REQUIREMENT**

Club members are required to work 6 hours each calendar year as part of their renewal requirement. Work parties are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 8AM until Noon. If you have any questions, Please contact a member of the Board.

## **UPCOMING CLASSES**

PLEASE CHECK ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE FOR A FULL LISTING OF CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES: [www.applevalleygunclub.com](http://www.applevalleygunclub.com)

All participants must register for classes through "Eventbrite". Tara Nadreau is our Training Coordinator, 760-220-3963.

All JUNE 8<sup>th</sup> 6PM WOMEN'S PISTOL NITE; JULY 6<sup>TH</sup> 6 PM NRA PERSONAL PROTECTION OUTSIDE THE HOME;

JULY 25<sup>th</sup> 6PM NRA HOME FIREARMS SAFETY; AUG. 1<sup>st</sup> 6 PM BASICS OF SHOTGUN SHOOTING;

AUG. 25<sup>th</sup> 8 AM NRA DEFENSIVE PISTOL.

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**INTRODUCING**  
**AVGC'S NEW**  
**BOARD**  
**MEMBERS:**

As many of you know, during the month of May two of our Board members, Richard Amos and Jonathan Fairfield, moved out of state. With the Club's busy agenda of activities, it was imperative to find willing volunteers to step in to these positions. We were very fortunate to receive an interested response from club members, and are delighted to introduce the following new Board Members to you:

**TANIA BENNETT** - Tania is a resident of the high desert. Since joining Apple Valley Gun Club, Tania has been active with the Women's Program and Junior Pistol. She has also been an RSO for the Club a few times and looks forward to also becoming a trainer for both Pistol and Rifle. Tania has a background in event planning, public relations, fund raising along with 14 years owning and operating a non-profit horse rescue operation. During the 14 years, the non-profit operation took in over 700 animals! Tania oversaw the rescue including taking care of each horse's dietary, exercise and rehab needs. She also handled the adoption process, and kept track of each animals' well-being after adoption. Thank you, Tania, for your willingness to serve on the Board. We look forward to working with you!

**PAUL NADREAU** - Paul is also a high desert resident. He volunteered for five years at Victor Valley Community College teaching the EMT class, and in 1992 he was hired for the same position at the College. He also assisted with their Paramedic Program. His experience includes instructing Fire Academy and State Fire Marshal accredited courses; developing and coordinating the State EMT Program for the Fire Technology Department; teaching classes and developing training programs for the US Forestry's Training Center through Victor Valley College. He has been the Fire Captain at Ft. Irwin's Fire Department for the past 14 years. He continues to be the Fire Captain, overseeing all aspects of the fire station's operations at Ft. Irwin's National Training Center. Welcome, Paul, to the AVGC Board of Directors, We are delighted to have you on our Team!

**ELIZABETH STUPPY** - Elizabeth is a resident of the Silver Lakes community in Helendale. She attended a Women on Target class in December 2017 and decided that learning how to shoot a hand gun should be #1 on her "To Do" list. Thus far, she has completed a few AVGC courses and is looking forward to becoming more proficient. Elizabeth quickly noticed the volunteer spirit at the Gun Club and was motivated to offer her time to the Club. She is the Club's new Secretary as of 5/14/18. Elizabeth is retired from being a property and casualty insurance agent for the past 30 years. Her insurance background provides her with a variety of skills which will be put to good use in her new position. Welcome!

## **SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARCHERY RANGE**

(The AVGC Newsletter  
will spotlight a different  
range or program in  
future issues.)



Apple Valley Gun Club is fortunate to have George Ellison, (shown above), as the Archery Range Instructor. Archery has been an important part of George's life since he was ten years old.

If you are interested in learning about archery and/or improving your skills, the Club holds an Open Archery Clinic on the first and third Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 12 Noon. The clinics are free to Club members and youths 18 years and younger. Non-member adults may attend for a nominal fee of \$5 if they bring their own equipment. An additional \$5 will be charged for using the Club's equipment.

If you have a little archery experience under your belt and are looking for a morning of fun and friendly competition, you may want to participate in the 3D Target Archery Tournament. The tournaments are held from 8 AM to 10 AM on the first and third Saturdays of each month during the summer. Winter hours are different and will be posted. The entry fee is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. If you have any questions or wish to reserve a spot in a future tournament, please contact George Ellison at 818-585-5759. Additional information regarding archery can be found on the Club's Website, [www.applevalleygunclub.com](http://www.applevalleygunclub.com) under Ranges and Programs – Archery Range.