



NEWSLETTER – JANUARY – MARCH 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

A WORD FROM TRACEY GRAHAM, AVGC PRESIDENT

I want to wish each and every one of our members a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

We've had a great year at the Club with unique training opportunities. In August, we qualified 16 Club members to be NRA Level 1 Rifle Coaches including one Junior Coach. Tim Smith, in conjunction with the High Desert NRA Council, put together our first America's Rifle Challenge and has subsequently led two more ARCs. Our Club was chosen by NRA Headquarters to host 24 Training Counselors from all over the country in preparation for the roll out of NRA's new CCW Training. We absolutely set a standard for how training programs should be conducted! Throughout the year our members have consistently stepped forward to volunteer their time, equipment, and expertise for our Ladies' Nights, Women on Target, and our newly unveiled Community on Target.

We thank all of the volunteers and three very active Junior Programs: Trap, Pistol and Rifle. Our Trap Shooters will be hosting kids from seven other clubs for their annual 5 Star Shoot on January 19, 2019. Mark your calendar to come out and support our kids. More information can be found on our website.

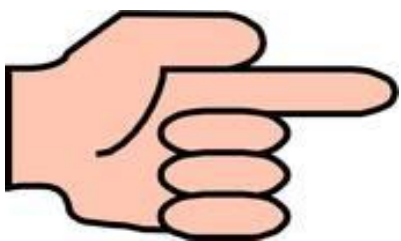
Tim Smith has done an amazing job all year long organizing maintenance and improvements to the range. We've added two new bays to the Pistol Range and raised all the berms to improve safety. Several hundred yards of dirt were added to the Rifle Range which greatly expanded the usability of the Range. As soon as Caltrans completes the highway project, we're looking forward to a fantastic new parking area with room for additional training facilities and indoor plumbing.

Our Club is unique in so many ways, yet I often feel that many of our members don't realize, or they forget, what great shooting opportunities we provide. I know of no other facilities like Apple Valley Gun Club. We can shoot from dawn to 10:00 PM on any of our outdoor ranges, and 24 hours a day on the Indoor and

Archery Range. As members, the Club belongs to each of us, but it's those who routinely volunteer their time and energy who make it the best in the Southwest. I thank you all!

I have been very proud to serve as your President for the past year. I'm confident that Ed Swan and the new Board of Directors will continue to provide direction for greater improvements and new shooting opportunities. I look forward to seeing you out on the range!

***Congratulations to an additional AVGC \$1000 Scholarship Recipient:
Wyatt Myskow***



DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2/16/19 ANNUAL AVGC MEMBERS' BANQUET 4:30 PM

PERCY BAKER CENTER – 9333 E STREET, HESPERIA

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM FOR GAMES AND DRINKS WITH DINNER AT 5:30 PM

- **EARLY BIRD TICKET SALES BEGIN 12/15/18 \$40 EACH**
- **REGULAR PRICED TICKETS, AFTER 1/31/19, ARE \$45 EACH**
- **PURCHASE TICKETS VIA THE AVGC WEBSITE; CLICK ON "EVENTBRITE" TO COMPLETE YOUR PURCHASE**

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO TANIA BENNETT – tania.avgc@gmail.com.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS: IF YOU'D LIKE TO START EARNING VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2019, WE NEED HELP WITH BANQUET SET UP, THE GAMES, OR THE CLEAN UP. PLEASE CONTACT TANIA BENNETT AT tania.avgc@gmail.com.

A NOTE FROM ED SWAN – VICE PRES/PRES. ELECT

2018 has been a busy year for the Club. There have been some changes for the good of the Club and the way we serve our community. 2019 will follow this course of continual improvement. One of the things you will be seeing around the Club is the return of Range Monitors. The Range Monitor program was initiated a few years ago for the safety of the members. The decision has been made to bring the program back to the AVGC to assist with safety on the ranges. The Range Monitor program is open to any member in good standing. However, a successful Range Monitor must have exceptional people skills and a willingness to insure safety as the priority on the ranges. Also RMs are “good will ambassadors” for new members; members that are infrequent users of the Club; and the non-member public using our facilities. In order to become a Range Monitor, the Range Monitor training class must be completed successfully.

Another significant change the New Year will usher in, is the end of the sponsorship program. New members will no longer need a sponsor to join the AVGC. Research has indicated the current Sponsor Program is ineffective. For the most part, the probationary members and their sponsors have not been getting together to shoot. Under the new program, new members will be required to attend two range specific training classes – one on the big-bore range and one on the pistol range. The new members will be trained on the proper protocol of each of these ranges plus receive training on safe gun handling. Additionally, they will be required to shoot a string of fire to demonstrate they are safe operating a firearm. The minimum duration of the probationary period will remain at 90 days and all other elements of the current program will remain in effect: 4 hours of club service plus attending the orientation class. A list of volunteer club members willing to meet with a probationary member wishing to access the Club when it’s closed to the general public will be included in each new member packet. If any club member is interested in providing their name on the volunteer list, please send me an email at avgc.eswan@gmail.com. This is a great way to get your volunteer work hours each year.

Last, but certainly not least, is my plea to all members who bring four or more guests to the Club: Please understand that each club member is responsible for his/her guests. This includes getting them properly signed in, (at the Adobe), on both the yellow and pink sign-in forms. The club member is responsible for his guests’ behavior on the ranges; they must follow all AVGC range rules. If guests are new shooters, it is strongly recommended that the club member does not shoot, but rather spend the time coaching and monitoring safe procedures of gun handling. If a club member wishes to bring a sizable group of guests, it is strongly recommended that he/she contact a member of the Board of Directors so a Range Safety Officer and additional coaches can be arranged for, if needed. Thank you all for your dedication to safety! I look forward to 2019!

Ed Swan, AVGC Vice-President/President-Elect/ Safety Committee Chair

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS?

CONTACT our Membership Secretary, Susan Barge – text or call her at 909-896-2923

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE CLUB'S WEBSITE AFTER FEBRUARY 16TH, 2019, TO SEE THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

CURRENT 2018 AVGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: Tracey Graham	<u>tracey.avgc@gmail.com</u>	760-963-5269
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MONTHLY RAFFLE – NO PURCHASE NECESSARY!

Each time you visit the Gun Club, sign in at the official “sign in” book at the Adobe Club House plus write down your phone number next to your name, your name will automatically be included in a monthly raffle. Every time you sign in at the Adobe and include your phone number, you will be added to the drawing so if you come to the range often, your odds of winning are greater. There will be one winner each month. The prize is either an AVGC hat or T-shirt.....your choice!

CLOSE CALL/INCIDENT REPORT RECAP*

In an effort to keep Club Members aware of safety issues that occur from time to time, the following recap is provided:

- A Club Member showing his gun to others on the range with the slide closed, the magazine inserted, and the muzzle pointing at people rather than down range.
- A Club Member accidentally backed his pick-up truck into another car while parking at the Trap Range.

DID YOU KNOW? AS NRA MEMBERS, EVERY CLUB MEMBER IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE NRA MEMBERS COUNCIL OF THE HIGH DESERT. 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 7 PM, AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, 9750 KEYPOINTE AVE., HESPERIA. THIS GROUP IS THE "GRASS ROOTS" OF THE NRA.

Vice-President/President-Elect Candidate Statement

Diana Roederer

Many of you know me, if you don't, I look forward to meeting you. If elected I look forward to the opportunity to serve all the members of our club. I am a retired Respiratory Care Practitioner; Neonatal Pediatric Specialist. Being retired, I have the available time required to fulfill the commitment of Vice President. I have enjoyed being a member of AVGC for 4 years. I've always volunteered in some capacity. Currently I am an active member of AVGC's Training Team as an NRA Training Counselor, Instructor & Chief Range Safety Officer. I am on the Safety Committee & the Annual Banquet Committee. I initiated The Jr. Pistol Program with the help of many volunteers. I have served on the Board of Directors as the Club Secretary & Director of our Ladies Program. The Vice President oversees the Safety Committee & the Training Committee. I am an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer. Anyone who knows me, knows safety is always my highest priority on the range. I am highly involved as a volunteer on our training team as well as in my business, High Desert Firearm Training. One of my goals is to develop more NRA Certified Instructors for our club's Training Team. I have scheduled future classes for those who would like to become an NRA Certified Instructor. I am a proud supporter of our 2nd Amendment, a member of the 2nd Amendment Foundation & a Lifetime member of the NRA & CRPA. I am on the Friends of the NRA Committee & a member of the NRA Members Counsel. I am an NRA Recruiter & dedicated to ensure our freedom. I stay current on legislative actions at the State & Federal Levels. I take my training seriously. The following are some of my certifications & credentials. I am NRA Certified in Range Development & Operations; I completed the NRA's Range Development & Operations Course where I received a multidisciplinary perspective on major topics such as EPA Lead Standards, Business Planning, Insurance, Grants, Construction, Sound Abatement, Master Planning, Range Equipment Costs, Range Maintenance, Range Safety, & NRA Programs & Resources. I am an NRA Certified Approved Club Leader. I successfully accomplished the requirements established by the NRA to have a productive term in office after completing the NRA's Club Officer Course. I am an NRA Certified Training Counselor. This past September I was honored to be invited to go to the NRA Headquarters in Virginia to attend a four-day Training Counselor Development Workshop. I am certified to teach, not only Student NRA Courses, but as a Training Counselor, I am certified to teach NRA Instructor Level Courses. During my time at NRA Headquarters I had the opportunity to meet with many of the staff members. I was able to establish a good working relationship & have an open line of communication with them. I am an NRA Certified Firearms Instructor for student & instructor candidates in the following: Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Defensive Shooting, Personal Protection Inside & Outside the Home,

CCW, Home Firearms Safety, RSO, CRSO & Reloading. I am a Utah Certified CCW CFP Instructor. I also am an American Heart Association CPR & First Aid Instructor. I have my CCW & carry consistently everyday exercising my right under our 2nd Amendment. I shoot pistol at our range as often as I can to keep my CCW skills solid. I also enjoy our Rifle Range & Trap Range. I train at Frontsite an average of at least 6 times a year. I am also an avid reloader. I am committed to our Club and its members. I want to hear your input as to your wants, needs, and desires for our Club. I will listen to you. I promise and assure you I'll work hard in representing all of our members. With my determination, training and credentials, and my solid commitment to our club, I have the ability to fulfill the office of Vice President. I ask for your support to elect me as your Vice-President/President Elect. Thank you and see you on the Range.

Treasurer Candidate Statement

Jonathan Weldy

Since joining AVGC in 2015, I have participated in the finance committee. In 2016 I was appointed AVGC Treasurer to finish the balance of the 2015-2016 term. Elected in 2017, it has been my privilege to serve as Treasurer during the past two years. I joined AVGC to learn to shoot trap and after meeting our NRA Instructors, began to take advantage of AVGC's educational opportunities. Currently I am an NRA Certified Instructor for Pistol, Shotgun, Rifle, Personal Protection Inside & Outside the Home, Defensive Pistol and Refuse to be a Victim. In addition, I am a Chief Range Safety Officer and I just participated in the Rifle Coach class. We have a fantastic instructor cadre and I always look forward to the next class.

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 Chairman of the San Bernardino County Planning Commission.

I believe the Apple Valley Gun Club is a trust held for the benefit of our current members, future members and our community. The Treasurer and Finance Committee maintain 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 for Treasurer 2019-2020.

2 Year Directorship

Perry Kyle Butts

My name is Perry Butts, but I go by my middle name Kyle.. I am honored to be a candidate for the 2 Year Directorship in the upcoming Board of Directors election of the Apple Valley Gun Club.

I have been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club for over 4 years. I have been the Chair of the Indoor Range for just over 2 years. I have enjoyed being the Chair of the Indoor Range and have no plans to resign.

I am the Director of Information Technology for a private college in Claremont . I have been there for 20 years. One of my major focuses is “ organization” . Perhaps it is because of my background in software development.

If elected, I look forward to working with the Board of Directors regarding current goals and also planning for future improvements in both “safety” and the “facilities”. I believe that we can make some significant changes to the Indoor Range that will benefit all of the members of the Apple Valley Gun Club. I would be honored to be a Director of the Apple Valley Gun Club. Thank you for your support.

2 Year Directorship

Gary Jackson

My name is Gary Jackson, and I have lived in Apple Valley for fifteen years. With respect to my experience for this position, following is a list of accomplishments that I feel would qualify me to run for this position:

- 1964-1968 Graduated from Syracuse University
- 1968-1972 A commissioned airborne infantry officer in the United States Army
- 1973-1977 Juris Doctorate Degree from Southwestern University School of Law
- 1999-2018 Owner of Waterfountains.com, Inc. an international sculpture company
- 2012-2018 Teaching Golf Professional
- March 2018 Became a Probationary member of the Apple Valley Gun Club to pursue my interest in firearms that had stopped 45 years before.
- June 13th, 2018 Became a Permanent member of the Apple Valley Gun Club
- Since regenerating my interest in Firearms in March, I have taken the following NRA courses: Basic Pistol; Range Safety Officer; Personal Protection Inside the Home; Personal Protection Outside the Home; Defensive Shooting; Refuse to be a Victim ; and soon will be taking the Instructor courses in Pistol.
- June 2018 Secured CCW permit through San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department
- July 2018 Became an Instructor for the United States Concealed Carry Association
- July 2018 Started another business with the intent of promoting courses to local businesses, churches, and educational facilities in the area of Countering the Mass Shooter Threat.

- September 2018 Became a Training Counselor for the U.S. Concealed Carry Association
- Currently taking the certification in the Law of Self Defense. Use of Force Law affects all Firearms owners, not just those that have a CCW permit. We all have firearms in our homes.

As can be seen from above, once I become interested in an area, I dedicate my immediate focus to it. I have become very interested in our Gun Club operations even though my term of membership is short. I've been spending a lot of my time at the club during these past few months. I have seen the importance for members who have the time available, to become active participants in not only promoting the safety of all of its members and guests but helping to improve our facility each year. At age 72, and actively still working, I had to think seriously about the time I have available to take on these additional responsibilities. I've decided that, not only can I make the time available, but I owe the Club's membership my best efforts to keep our club safe and an NRA Gold Medal facility. I also feel we need to elicit pride and support from our less active members. I'll try my best with the remainder of the Board to continue with our existing goals and accomplishing new goals.

2 Year Directorship

Ray Jameson

My name is Ray Jameson and I am asking for your vote to be elected to the AVGC Board of Directors. I am a lifetime resident of the High Desert, and I'm currently employed as a Project Specialist at a local power plant. In addition to my current employment, I served in both Technical, Instructional, and Managerial roles at a the NASA tracking facility for 24 years. I have served on many boards in my hometown of Barstow, mostly centered around the youth. Which brings me to my current passion of serving as Chairperson of the AVGC Junior Rifle Program. I enjoy working with the kids and teaching our great shooting sports in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. The youth are our future and to teach them safely is my way of ensuring our sport is allowed to continue. I am a Certified Level 1 Rifle coach, NRA Range Safety Officer, Women's Program Pistol Coach and in the process of gaining teaching credentials in many other NRA courses. I participate in pistol, rifle, trap and archery at the Club with my 16 year old daughter who is also a NRA Certified Rifle Coach. I must be doing something right because she often out shoots me! I want to be on the Board of Directors so I can direct my talents and passion for the betterment of our Club. I am a strong believer of being part of the solution and not just sitting back and complaining. As great as our Club is, I always feel with any organization, improvement is possible. If I am elected, I will work to get your ideas into discussion. Thank you for taking the time and participating in the election process.

“When a man hits a target, they call him a sharpshooter.

When I hit a target, they call it a trick.”

.....Annie Oakley

2 Year Directorship

Timothy Neubauer

I'm a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club. I've been involved with the Club and have taken a variety of NRA classes. In addition, I have taken instructor classes. I'm a Range Safety Officer, Instructor in Certified Pistol; Personal Protection Inside the Home; Certified Home Firearm Safety, and Refuse to be a Victim. I have also taken NRA Board of Directors and Range Operation Courses. I am giving back to the Club by teaching classes at AVGC.

I have served on several boards previously, including Little League President and various church boards in many capacities. I'm a business owner employing over 35 employees. I feel, with my business and community experience, I could contribute to the AVGC Board of Directors. I would consider it an honor to serve. I really believe in our Club and what we accomplish in firearms training and safety.

1 Year Directorship

Kenneth E. Crawford

Hi, my name is Kenneth Crawford . I was nominated for the 1 year Director position , and I am honored to be a candidate. I currently live in Hesperia with my wife, daughter, 5 grand-kids and 3 dogs. I have been a CCW holder for 3 year. I am retired from Brink Armed Security where I was employed for over 15 years and traveled throughout California teaching gun handling and safety to qualify others to work for the company. I am a volunteer with California Department of Fish and Game as a Hunter Safety Instructor; I have done this for 20 years. As part of my love for firearms, I am a lifetime member of the NRA. With the NRA I am certified to teach Pistol Handling and Firearm Safety.

I am a simple man who, as many retired folks, has too much time on my hands. I enjoy hunting and fishing although I don't get to partake as much as I would like. I have found that being a member of AVGC has given me the opportunity to occupy my time and develop a sense of belonging with my fellow members and the community. AVGC gives me a safe place to shoot my collection of guns. I own 9 in total. I love being a part of this club, as well as, the high desert we live in.

As a member of AVGC for the past 3 years I have completed many safety courses as well as CPR. I am currently an ARSO and assist in the women's program, I am a sponsor of 5 new club members at the moment. I enjoy attending monthly meetings and staying up to date on current and future events pertaining to the Club. If I were to obtain the Director position, I would be able to devote myself to the needs of the Club and its members. I would like to see the Club membership at an all time high. I can see a few areas of improvement that I may be able to assist with when it comes to safety and training. As new members join I would like to make it a point to make them feel as welcome as I do now.

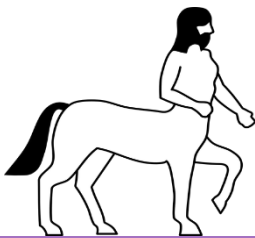
I would just like to thank all the members of The Apple Valley Gun Club for being like a second family and thank you for this nomination. My daughter says I need an additional hobby because I just have too much time on my hands. If elected, I believe I have plenty of time to handle the responsibilities of the position. I have found great fun here at the AVGC and will continue to be a member so long as I am able to do so. Thank you for your time and Happy Holidays to you all.

1 Year Directorship

Dennis Ingram

My name is Dennis Ingram, and I would be honored to serve as a 1 Year Director of AVGC! Being a Victorville resident for just two years and looking for a safer place for my family and I to enjoy firearms, I was introduced to the Club by a good friend in January of 2017. The very first time I came to AVGC, I was participating in a pistol match, and I was hooked.

Although only having been a member since March of 2017, I've been VERY involved in the Gun Club: Former Pistol Range Co-Chair and former Match Director. I'm also an NRA Range Safety Officer and Front Sight graduate. My focus and Number 1 priority, if elected, will be "Safety". I will work with the Board of Directors to promote and ensure a safe environment for everyone at the range. Personally, I am at my best when I'm serving and helping others. I would appreciate your vote, and, again, will be honored to serve as a Director of AVGC.



GUN MYTHOLOGY - MYTH OR FACT?

(The following information is taken from "Gun Facts – Version 71, by Guy Smith, 2017)

MYTH: Police and prosecutors are against concealed carrying by citizens.

FACT: In a survey of 15,000 officers, 91% said concealed carry should be permitted citizens "without question and without further restrictions."

FACT: 66% of police chiefs believe that citizens carrying concealed firearms reduce rates of violent crime.

SPOTLIGHT ON BOY SCOUT TROOP #357



“THANK YOU” to the scouts and leaders for doing the flag ceremony at each of our monthly membership meetings! Also the Club thanks the parents & volunteers who transport the scouts to & from our meetings!



AVGC appreciates Troop #357 !

Check the Club's website for full class details on the classes that are offered:

<http://www.applevalleygunclub.com>. PLEASE CONTACT OUR TRAINING COORDINATOR WITH QUESTIONS: AVGC.TARA@GMAIL.COM. CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED.



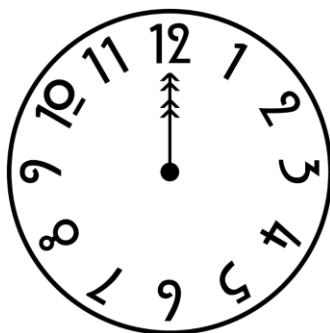
NRA

A Misfire – the 3rd Cartridge Malfunction

The past two issues of the Club's Newsletter, we've covered a squib load and a hangfire. The third cartridge malfunction is a failure of the cartridge to ignite when the primer or case rim has been struck by the firing pin. This is the "MISFIRE". A misfire may be caused by a defect in the cartridge or by a defect in the pistol that causes a weak firing pin strike. Though not dangerous in themselves, misfires should be treated with caution, as it is impossible to initially recognize a misfire from a hangfire. Thus, whenever there is a failure of a cartridge to ignite, the shooter should use the proper safety procedure for handling hangfires. It is always best to take the safe approach by waiting for at least 30 seconds before inspecting the pistol ; always keeping the muzzle in a down range direction. (NRA – Basics of Pistol Shooting)

Running out of Resolution Ideas for 2019? Try these:

- *ADD YOUR NAME TO THE VOLUNTEER LIST TO ASSIST NEW PROBATIONARY MEMBERS ACCESS THE RANGE TO SHOOT. (EARN VOLUNTEER HOUR S– SEE ED SWAN FOR THE VOLUNTEER LIST)*
- *FULFILL YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2019 PRIOR TO 6/1/19*
- *TAKE AN AVGC CLASS TO IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS*



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!

