



Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

4th Quarter 2012

October - December

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2013

Your current membership will expire on January 31, 2013. The gate code will change on March 1st, 2013.

Your membership renewal is your responsibility and it is incumbent on you to maintain your membership just as you do your property taxes and vehicle registration. A renewal package will be mailed to each member at the end of December along with a ballot for the upcoming club election cycle.

Late fees have been established and will be in full effect next year. For payments made after March 1 (30 days late) the rate is 150% of the standard renewal rate and will be \$90.00 for members, \$45.00 for seniors. For payments made in excess of 60 days late, the rate is 200% of the standard renewal rate of \$120.00 for members, \$60.00 for seniors. If you are more than one year late, you will have to start over as a brand new member.

Beginning with renewal year 2013, members shall be required to log 6 hours of work per year in some capacity. All work accomplished will be reported to the Facilities Committee who shall keep a master spreadsheet recording hours worked by members. You should also have it recorded on the back of your membership card for your records. The Range Chairs and Committee Chairs shall also report to the Facilities Chair any work hours accomplished by members on their ranges/projects. A \$100 fee can be paid in lieu of the 6 hours.

CHANGES AT OUR CLUB

The Archery Range is on its 3rd Chairman this year and is now being held by George Ellison. George is already holding 3D Target Tournaments and has expanded the open archery to both the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 10am to noon. George can be contacted at george@4mailservice.com or via phone at 818-585-5759.

Jon Marhoefer has accepted the Pistol Chairman position. Jon can be reached at jmarhoefer@hotmail.com or 760-563-4101. Please welcome these guys to their new positions and don't forget to thank them for volunteering their time to our club.

Don't forget to vote on November 6th!

Please join the 723 members who have already signed up for AVGC email! Use the bright orange box on the lower right corner of the website at www.applevalleygunclub.com

The printed version of the newsletter is printed in black and white and mailed via USPS while the emailed copy is in full color and is delivered with no delay. The best way to keep informed about the events at AVGC is through email blasts and newsletters. You have our assurances that your email address will never be shared, sold, or used for any purpose outside of AVGC club business. If you try it and decide to unsubscribe to email, please let us know so we can get you back on the mailing list. Keep us informed so we can keep you informed.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT – Gary Menser

I want to challenge all members to shoot more by coming out and supporting the calendared club events and activities. Most ranges have scheduled weekly shoots open to all members including probationary members who may attend without their sponsor or in the company of another member. We have an ammo group buy program that allows the membership to purchase ammo at a discount and delivered to the range for easy pickup, Ken Koehler is our contact person and presents at most membership meetings the details of ordering and what is available. We have club bows and arrows and guns that may be borrowed at many of the venues such as shotgun, indoor bulls -eye, archery, and CMP rifle, check with the range chairs or match directors to assure availability.

I've been shooting at all ranges and have been using the club equipment or borrowed guns and ammo to become familiar with all the ranges and the members who shoot at them. My latest experience was the Labor Day Shoot, Chris Katilehut's first event as our event director. Chris did a fabulous job bringing us a NRA Club Champion Event which included tactical shotgun, tactical pistol, and center fire rifle. I showed up with only a shotgun hoping to use the club pistol, my ammo, a friend's rifle and ammo for the rifle event. My buddy did not show up with the rifle I was going to use and he was bringing the ammo. What to do? So I ended up shooting my shotgun, my ammo, Seth's pistol, my ammo, Miki's rifle and Ed's ammo, what a safe and good time I had, and I loved those pulled pork sandwiches. Congratulations to Jon Marhoefer the overall club champ. My next challenge is 3-gun. Hope to see you on the ranges!

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate membership(s) are available to your spouse and dependent's under the age of 18 (unless they are a full time student at which time the age will be 23). The Associate member must be an NRA member, have a certificate of safe gun handling and attend an orientation. There is no fee for an Associate Membership and they will have the same access to the facility as any full member. Associate members do not have voting rights and cannot run for office.

A very generous donation was received from an anonymous donor. The donation of \$7,314.07 was to be used exclusively for promoting the kids. These funds were split in three equal amounts with funds going to the AVGC Scholarship Fund, the Junior Rifle Program, and the Junior Trap Program.

ORIENTATION

Club orientation is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month and begins promptly at noon. Although this is primarily conducted for probationary members, any member may attend. If you have been a member for a while, one of these orientations will help update you on new happenings on the ranges.

TWO NEW COMMITTEE'S ARE FORMING

Two new committee's are forming at AVGC. We are looking for volunteers to get involved in the 2nd Amendment Committee and the Governing Documents Committee. The 2nd Amendment Committee will begin with the task of researching issues and presenting Legislative Updates to the membership on items threatening our 2nd Amendment Rights. The Governing Documents Committee will be a group tasked with the review of our Bylaws, Range Regulations, and Policies and Procedures to ensure continuity and constant review. Both committee's need your help and meeting dates have not been selected. If you are interested in a seat on either committee, please contact any of your Board of Directors to get your name on the list.

JUNIOR RIFLE



The AVGC Junior Rifle has been busy in September. The first weekend we had 5 Juniors compete at the Southern California Metric Prone Championship NRA Regional 2400 Match at Los Angeles Rifle & Revolver Club in El Monte. It was a 2 day match. Alexis was 1st place Woman's Jr., Richard was 2nd place Male Jr. The following weekend we had 6 Juniors go to Yucca Valley for an 800 Match. Richard was first place Jr. with a sling and Dustin was 2nd place. The third weekend we were at AVGC for the Bill Cash 600 match; offhand 50 yards, then prone 50 yards, then prone 100 yards. Richard was first with 580. Richard has been on fire this month. All the Coaches and Parents are proud of how well the Juniors have been doing. Next up is the 51st Anniversary Jr. Club Shoot on October 6, 2012, 400 match. Open to all past and present Coaches and Junior shooters who were involved with the Jr. Rifle. For info call Mike Davis.

The Jr. Rifle kids are raising money to purchase new equipment such as shooting jackets, mats, gloves, etc. If you are planning to purchase gift cards (or cards with which you use to shop instead of cash, check or debit/credit,) for any other reason, please contact avgc.scrip@charter.net or call (760)685-4961 to help the kids AND get the gift cards you need. Scrip cards are like prepaid ATM cards and need to be thought of as more than just gift cards especially when your purchase helps the Junior Rifle program with a percentage of your gift card purchase going toward their program. For a full list of the available gift cards, see the AVGC website under the Indoor Range Junior Rifle.

ADVERTISING YOUR BUSINESS IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER

Beginning in the 2013 newsletter, AVGC will offer advertising for its members and businesses in our community. Four new pages will be added to the newsletter and sent to our 1200 members and it will be available for anyone to download from our website. A full page ad is \$200, half page for \$120, quarter page vertical or horizontal \$80, and a business card sized ad is just \$50. Layout work can be done if needed and you should act fast as space is limited. Please contact Miki Marhoefer at avgc.secretary@gmail.com or Jim Cottingham at avgccrso@verizon.net to reserve your spot today! The funds raised will help offset the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, membership cards, and other required club mailers.

NRA MEMBERSHIP

When your NRA membership expires and you update it, please don't forget to let your club know. Drop a copy of your new card or magazine label in the black box or the Secretaries mailbox in the Clubhouse. You may also scan and email a copy to avgc.secretary@gmail.com. As an NRA Gold Medal Club we must maintain 100% current NRA membership to be eligible for the many benefits.

CALLING ALL CHILI COOKS!

Sunday November 11th AVGC will hold its first ever Chili Cook-Off. Rules are available on the events page of the website. There is no entry fee and cooking will not be onsite; you will bring your chili that morning. Please send an email before November 3, 2012 to avgc.secretary@gmail.com to RSVP for a spot in the competition. Prizes and categories will be determined depending on how many participants we have.

ARCHERY RANGE

The Archery range has been dusted off and is back in use. Open archery dates have been extended to include the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at from 10am to noon. New targets are being acquired for use and two 3-D Archery Tournaments have already been held and more will be coming. If you are interested in Archery and want to get more involved in events, please contact George Ellison. A basic guide to archery has been prepared and is available here <http://www.applevalleygunclub.com/index.php?page=32>.

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1948 the Apple Valley Gun Club has been a registered Corporation that is governed by California Corporations Code. The Articles of Incorporation were updated in 1997 to comply with our 501(c)(7) status.

In 1948 there were 7 members of the Board of Directors and 20 members. Only men were admitted.

Earliest Bylaws were dated April 2, 1959. Although they have changed significantly, we still have governing documents that dictate how things are to be done.

In 1983 or 84 the first woman was accepted as a member.

Before 2013 we will reach 1200 members.

AVGC Member Joe Chacon



Joe joined our club in July 2009 and was always cheerful. He loved the 2nd Amendment and the freedom to shoot his rifles and pistols. On September 2, 2012, while surrounded by his family and friends, Joe passed into the next life from complications due to pneumonia.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, DeShawna and their combined family of children, many nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Special thanks to Terry Haas and Jeff Shell for their generous donations of time and materials to our range.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The newly formed budget committee has met three times and is working on establishing an operating budget for the 2014 year. There are eight members on this committee who are reviewing past financial records with a fine-toothed comb and detailing their findings to ensure a proper budget is generated for our future. Thanks to all those who volunteered.

The purchase of a laptop computer and Quickbooks Pro was recommended for the Treasurer to maintain proper financial records in a digital format. The Board of Directors approved the purchase.



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FACILITIES LOGBOOK

If you are at the range and notice something wrong, let somebody know. You can contact Facilities Chair Tim Smith, a Board Member, or a Range Chairman and you need to log it in the "Facilities Logbook" located in the Clubhouse in the Facilities Chairman's mail box. It can't be fixed unless we know about it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6th - Junior Rifle 51st Anniversary Shoot and BBQ October 24th - CCW Info meeting

October 10th – Board of Directors/Membership meetings - Nominations open for 2013 election

October 20th and 21st – El Toro Sea Cadets visit

October 24th – 6:00 pm CCW Information meeting at Victorville Fairgrounds

October 27th - Women on Target (Pistol, Rifle and Trap ranges in use from 7:00am – 12:30pm)

October 27th and 28th - Victorville Gun Show

November 3rd - CPR/1st Aid from 8am-5pm. Pre-Registration required.

November 11th - Annual Turkey Shoot, M1 for Vets event, and Chili Cook-Off

November 14th – Board of Directors/Membership meetings

November 15th – Nominations close for 2013 election

Late December – Election ballots and membership renewal information are mailed via USPS