



Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

4th Quarter 2013

October-December

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT – GARY MENSER

My message in this newsletter, hopefully, will let you know what has been going on at your club. For those of you who attend the monthly meetings regularly this message should confirm what you already know and for the majority, not able to attend meetings you'll find out what has been happening. I'm not going to go into a lot of detail or specifics on the activities and decisions noticed here, for details I recommend talking to your range chairs, board members, and reviewing the minutes of the meetings.

The biggest decision affecting me was being voted in as your President for the remainder of the Madry term. James was removed from the board by a vote of the membership at the August meeting. The club has a past practice of offering the remainder of open presidential terms to past presidents. I was nominated and accepted the nomination and was voted in at the September meeting. James Madry has had his membership privileges suspended for 45 days due to bylaws violations. Two club members have had their memberships terminated as a result of their incidents hearings and in accordance with club policy and procedures. The club has had three membership terminations since the implementation of our "three strikes" policy.

Raoul Burchette, our treasurer has resigned his position as treasure on the board. Raoul has done a fabulous job for us during his time in office. He reported at or last meeting that our income last month exceeded our expenses, wow, how often do we hear that. Let Raoul know he was appreciated by thanking him for his service to the club when you see him on the range. Also, related to budget, the budget committee has been busy getting the financial records on to Quick Books for us. Keith Gajewski has been instrumental in making improvements to our financial planning and record keeping, thank you Keith and the committee. The club is now offering Sheriff's Department CCW training classes, thanks to the efforts of Jon Marhoefer. I'm a recent participant of the class. I want to thank Jon for bringing us this program, volunteering to teach the classes, and the revenue generated for the club.

We are in the process of planning, getting bids, and scheduling several urgent and overdue projects on the ranges. Many of the projects I've heard discussed ever since I attended my first club meeting, about three years ago. The first project is improvements to the outdoor pistol range. The range is scheduled for a new electrical service, improved lighting on all bays, and a covered cement pad matching the other shooting bays. Also, on the pistol range USPSA has been replaced with practical pistol, described as lots of fun. On the trap range the restroom facilities are beyond repair due to termite damage. The current plan (not confirmed) presented at the September meeting is to tear down the existing structure completely and bring in a modular unit 24"X40" with restrooms, kitchen and a meeting room. A new shoot on the trap range is "Family Night", scheduled on Saturdays at 6 PM, Craig Oehme is the chairman in charge for this event. I've attended this event and was a lot of food, folks and fun. See you at the range.

BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are on the second Wednesday of each month. Upcoming dates are October 9, November 13, and December 11. The board meeting is at 6:00pm and the membership meeting at 7:00pm. See you at the Victorville Fairgrounds in the Doris Davies Building.

ELECTIONS TO OPEN IN OCTOBER

Take an interest in your club and run for a seat on the Board of Directors. The October membership meeting will open nominations for Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary, 3 two-year Directorships and 1 one-year Directorship. Nominations will close one day after the November membership meeting.

Each candidate will be asked to provide a written candidate statement to be published in the Clubhouse and will be given the floor during the December membership meeting to introduce themselves in a forum setting. There will be an opportunity for questions to be asked by the membership.

6 HOUR WORK REQUIREMENT

Don't wait until the end of the year to get your 6 hours in. Opportunities are occasionally posted on the home page of the website or you can contact our facilities chairman Tim Smith to arrange work time or contact any range chairman or event coordinator to help at a match or event.

ANNUAL BANQUET COMMITTEE

If you like to plan a party this might be the right committee for you. A committee is now forming to plan the annual banquet held in February. If interested, please contact Miki at avgc.secretary@gmail.com.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If your NRA expires and you renew it, please drop a copy of the new card or magazine label in the black box or email it to avgc.secretary@gmail.com. We ask for a copy each year of your NRA status not to be a burden to you but to make things easier for the volunteers at our club who are processing your membership data.

We do our best to remind everyone of renewal time but sometimes mail does not make it or the mailer is ignored. Please mark your calendar for January 2014 to renew your Apple Valley Gun Club membership. Remember, your club renewal is your responsibility and you can ALWAYS pay early.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Three scholarships were awarded to three very dedicated Apple Valley Gun Club associate members who attend local colleges. Tommy Davis, Jodi Marhoefer, and Briana Ziegler each were awarded \$1000 Scholarships. We are very proud of these young people and very much appreciate their efforts and participation at our club. Keep up the good work!

The Scholarship account is funded with the proceeds of the 50/50 drawings at the monthly membership meetings and from the commission made when someone uses the NRA link from www.applevalleygunclub.com to join or renew their NRA membership. Tell your friends and remember to use the NRA link next time you renew your NRA membership!



MESSAGE FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Apple Valley Gun Club's Safety Committee is responsible for ensuring all club events and facilities are operated in a safe manner. The committee is comprised of the range chairs, the club's chief range safety officer and the facility chairperson. The club's vice president serves as the chair of the committee. All club members are welcome to attend and participate; meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 6PM in the clubhouse.

With the recent resurgence in law abiding citizens reclaiming their Second Amendment rights, the club has swelled to over 1100 members. Shortages of firearms and ammunition notwithstanding, our ranges are consistently busy with members, their guests, and the public enjoying their firearms freedoms. Many members volunteer their time to serve the club as National Rifle Association certified Range Safety Officers. Their primary goal is to ensure all of us have a safe and fun place to shoot. You'll find that the Range Safety Officers are typically knowledgeable about many different types of firearms as well as the rules and regulations on our ranges. They're available to help you should you require assistance.

Our volunteers are not there at all times, so we depend on our members to also be knowledgeable about our range regulations and to be courteous and respectful of one another. Our range regulations were recently updated and can be found under either the "About Us" tab or the "Publications" tab on the club's website. Printed copies are also available in the clubhouse. Please take a moment to update yourself with the revised regulations. Here are some helpful tips to ensure you and your fellow shooters have a safe and enjoyable time on our ranges:

Follow the NRA's three rules for safe gun handling. <http://training.nra.org/nra-gun-safety-rules.aspx>

- ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

Never demand a line break, wait until there is a pause in shooting and communicate with the other shooters.

- Do not case, uncase or handle firearms when other shooters are downrange.
- Should you see a safety issue, politely and constructively bring it to your fellow shooter's attention.
- Use the facilities log book on the clubhouse to let us know about issues or items that require repair.
- Ensure the gate is secured unless a calendared event is being held. Please do not leave the combination in the lock.
- Remember that we are brought together by our enjoyment of the shooting sports and we should treat others with courtesy, respect and good sportsmanship at all times.

We always say we are just one accident away from placing our club in jeopardy. All of us must have safety first and foremost in our minds when on the range. Your commitment to safety will help ensure our club will be a fun and safe place to shoot for many years to come.

October 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> Senior Trap Bullseye Pistol Match	<u>2</u> Trap Jr Trap	<u>3</u> Senior Trap Junior Rifle Evening Trap	<u>4</u> 2nd Chance Trap Trap Pot Shoot	<u>5</u> Trap SBSD CCW class Hunters Sight-In Weekend Family Trap Night
<u>6</u> 3-Gun match Hunters Sight-In Weekend Jr Rifle Team practice	<u>7</u> Trap Phelan 4-H Indoor Rifle	<u>8</u> Senior Trap Bullseye Pistol Match	<u>9</u> Trap Jr Trap Board of Directors Meeting Membership Meeting	<u>10</u> Senior Trap Junior Rifle Orientation Evening Trap	<u>11</u> Women's Program Trap Pot Shoot	<u>12</u> Trap Steel Challenge Open Archery Archery 3D Match Family Trap Night
<u>13</u> SBSD CCW Class Jr Rifle Team practice	<u>14</u> Trap Front Sight At Home Training	<u>15</u> Senior Trap Bullseye Pistol Match HD Quail Forever meeting	<u>16</u> Trap Jr Trap Safety Committee Meeting	<u>17</u> Senior Trap Junior Rifle Evening Trap	<u>18</u> Trap Pot Shoot	<u>19</u> Trap Range Henry Shoot 2-Gun Rimfire DFG Hunter Education Prone Rimfire NRA Muzzleloader Family Trap Night
<u>20</u> ATA Trap Rimfire Rifle Silhouette Orientation Jr Rifle Team practice	<u>21</u> Trap Phelan 4-H Indoor Rifle	<u>22</u> Senior Trap Bullseye Pistol Match Long Range Rifle Clinic	<u>23</u> Trap Jr Trap Governing Documents Committee	<u>24</u> Senior Trap Junior Rifle Evening Trap	<u>25</u> Sante Fe Shoot Trap Pot Shoot	<u>26</u> Trap CMP Match and Clinic Open Archery Archery Vegas Shoot Family Trap Night
<u>27</u> Rimfire Bench Rest Match Front Sight At Home Training Practical Pistol Match Jr Rifle Team practice	<u>28</u> Trap	<u>29</u> Senior Trap Bullseye Pistol Match	<u>30</u> Trap Jr Trap	<u>31</u> Senior Trap Junior Rifle Evening Trap		

This calendar is subject to change. For up to date calendar information see the website.



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ONLINE FORUM FOR AVGC MEMBER'S ONLY

Looking to get involved with your gun club? Join this unique communication tool that is available only to members of AVGC at no cost. Visit <http://avgc.freeforums.net> to join. Membership will be validated by your email address on file.

This forum includes message boards dedicated to the individual ranges and programs found at our club as well as places for general comments and suggestions. There are also places dedicated to members helping members find ammo and reloading components and a place for members to buy, sell and trade.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16, 2013 – CCW Information class for those looking to apply for a concealed weapon permit and who reside in San Bernardino County.

November 23, 2013 – Women on Target

December 8, 2013 – NRA Club Champion Challenge

January 1, 2014 – Look for your annual mailer with renewal form and ballot.

February 1, 2014 – All membership dues must be paid in full for ballot to count.

February 15, 2014 - Save the date for annual banquet. A fun time with a lot of prizes to win!