



# Apple Valley Gun Club Newsletter

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October-December

## A word from your President...

Summer's gone, the temperature is beginning to drop and the holidays will be on us before we know it. 2014 has been a great year for the club and a lot has been accomplished through the hard work of our members. If you've been around the range lately, you'll notice that many of the locks have changed over into new electronic combination locks. These new locks are in place at the clubhouse, the trap range and the pistol house. The combination is the same as the gate code so you still have access to the facilities. Most members don't know this but prior to installing the electronic locks we usually spent around \$3,000 a year on keys. We can now put that savings into improvements at the club. Our new modular building is up and running at the trap range. The shotgun shooters are using it daily and we've been holding CCW and other NRA courses in it as well. If you haven't checked it out yet, swing by and take a look. A big thank you goes out to Rand Kelly and Tim Smith for doing the leg work and making it happen. We just got done with some concrete work and decomposed granite on the lower trap range, and new electrical runs have been pulled to all four pistol bays. Lights for P2, 3 and 4 are scheduled for the near future. Make sure you tell our facilities chairman Tim Smith thank you for all the work he puts in on these projects.

The end of the year also means it's time to nominate new club officers for 2015. We need to fill two one-year director positions, one two-year director position, treasurer and vice-president/president elect. Treasurer and VP are both two year terms. With a thousand members and a nearly quarter million dollar annual budget, we need good folks to step up into leadership positions to keep the club moving forward. I have to tell you that the work we do on the board isn't terribly hard, you get to work with some great people and the time you invest is well spent. If you're not sure what the duties entail, contact any one of us and we can fill you in. Please consider serving your club as an elected officer for 2015.

Has anyone seen the ashtray that was by the front door of the clubhouse? The ashtray and other small items (brooms, blowers, chairs, fence posts, tires, etc..) have begun to disappear off our range under suspicious circumstances. Some folks believe this may be tied to the recent population increase in the riverbed to our south. Honestly, no one knows for sure but it should serve as a reminder to us to secure our things and remain vigilant around the property. Here's some reminders to help keep us secure:

- Lock your vehicles and keep firearms in the trunk if you're not taking them immediately to the range.
- Keep our gate locked and ask to see club ID if someone is "tailgating" in behind you.
- Scramble combinations on locks.
- Remember to wear your club ID and politely ask to see club ID if you see shooters without theirs.
- If you see folks loitering about the range, introduce yourself to them and politely inquire as to what their business is. We have lots of curious folks who want to come watch, which is fine, but we also have folks who may be up to no good.

## A word...continued

I want everyone to have a safe and fun time at our range. Please keep introducing your friends and neighbors to our club and our support for the Second Amendment. Teach them about safety and the responsibility that comes with owning and using firearms so we can have more folks who see the value of firearms for protection, hunting and sports.

Remember the four rules:

1. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
2. Never point your muzzle at something you don't intend to shoot.
3. Keep your finger straight and off the trigger until ready to fire.
4. Properly identify your target and make sure the target's foreground and background are clear.

See you on the range!

Jon Marhoefer

### **BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Victorville Fairgrounds (Doris Davies Building.) The board meeting begins at 6:00pm and the membership meeting at 7:00pm.

### **LEADERS NEEDED! NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Nominations are open until midnight on November 13<sup>th</sup>. You can come to the meeting and nominate someone or yourself. If you cannot make the meeting but want to run, please send an email to the Secretary at [avgc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:avgc.secretary@gmail.com). The dedicated members listed on the right have worked hard to ensure this club is safe and enjoyable for its members. Consider helping us grow and run for a board position.

You will get to hear from these candidates at the December meeting and we encourage you to send in your ballot in January with your club renewal.

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

If your NRA membership 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](mailto: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 on our volunteers.

We do our best to remind everyone of renewal time but sometimes mail does not make it or is set aside. Please mark your calendar for January 2015 to renew your Apple Valley Gun Club membership before February 1, 2015.

## KEYS AND COMBINATION

You may have noticed the Clubhouse lock has been changed to a digital lock and the Trap Classroom has one too. These locks can be a bit tricky but it is imperative we be sure the lock has locked when leaving. Be patient and double check!

Remember to NEVER share the combination. If someone states they forgot it or never got it, please ask them to contact the Secretary.

We have provided a container in the Clubhouse to collect your old keys. Get the weight of your key ring and turn it in. We plan to recycle these old keys and put the money back into the club.

## 6 HOUR WORK REQUIREMENT

Don't wait until the end of the year to try to complete your 6 hours. You can contact any range chairman or event coordinator to help at a match or other event. We need help at the monthly meetings with the sign in table and selling items. We have two more work parties scheduled this year, they are Sunday November 16, and Sunday December 21 from 8:00am to noon. Other work opportunities are occasionally posted on the website main page. You also have the \$100 buy-out option available to you, if you choose. If you are unable to help your club with your time and labor.

A binder is posted in the Clubhouse with the logged hours that have been reported to the Secretary. If you are unsure about your hours please check the book.



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## **Save the Date!**

The Apple Valley Gun Club Annual Membership Banquet is coming up quick. Please put it on your calendars and plan to join us on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Details will follow soon. It is a fun night of mingling with other members, meet new people, and we always have great raffle prizes too!

## **2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Renewal Packets will be delivered late December or early January.

DUE BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2015 - Regular members \$84, members turning 65 in 2014 or older are \$36. SENIOR DUES HAVE BEEN REDUCED BEGINNING IN 2015.

You are obligated as a member to work 6 hours at the club or club event or you can buy-out for an additional \$100 at time of renewal.

AFTER MARCH 2, 2015 - Your dues are 30 days late and are increased to 150% of the regular price.

AFTER APRIL 1, 2014 - Dues are not 60 days late and increase 200% of the regular price.