

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY - MARCH 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A WORD FROM ED SWAN, AVGC PRESIDENT

Since this is my final “Message from the President”, I’d like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe New Year! I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and all of our Chairpersons for their exceptional dedication. They have always been willing to tackle the hard work that has made this year a success; I wish them well moving the Apple Valley Gun Club into the future. I’d also like to thank the majority of the membership that adhered to our range rules and have helped to keep it safe this year. Although there has been some questionable gun handling witnessed by our remote range monitors, the club overall didn’t suffer any serious injuries or property damage. All of the unsafe gun handling that has occurred is relatively minor in nature, however, major in potential for catastrophic injury, true close calls, but we’ve been lucky! This scares me. The majority of the dangerous behavior can be categorized under one thing: COMPLACENCY. Complacency is something I think we’ve all experienced many times without even realizing it. I say this because the members that are seen violating safe gun handling rules and have had to attend a meeting with the safety review panel have been completely surprised as they watched in disbelief at themselves in a starring role on the video clip. Complacency is a killer! We can’t allow it to live and thrive at the AVGC. We can’t rely on luck to get us to tomorrow. I would like to ask all of you when you come to the club, whether you are alone or bringing guests, please keep your focus and be on the top of your game when it comes to safe gun handling and range rule compliance.

A good way to brush up on your shooting skills and safe gun handling skills is to take a class. I highly recommend that all club members take advantage of the many training opportunities taught by our experienced instructors.

My final plea to you as your President is to know and comply with all the range rules. They have been established and adopted for our safety. If you are someone on the range not following the rules and being unsafe, please correct your actions so an innocent bystander does not get hurt.

On a more pleasant note, the field is set for our next Board of Directors election. We are extremely fortunate to have so many willing, dedicated candidates willing to run for office. May the best man or woman win and may the new Board of Directors have the wisdom, the courage, and the strength to keep the Club moving safely and successfully into the future.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President this past year. I've made so many new friends and have experienced many wonderful times. Having a leadership role in an organization as phenomenal as the Apple Valley Gun Club is something I'll always celebrate. See you on the range!

Ed Swan, President

NEWS FROM DIANAROEDERER, AVGC VICE-PRESIDENT

With 2019 coming to a close, I would like to thank all the members who have volunteered during this past year. Apple Valley Gun Club has had another great year! That is due to everyone who stepped up to help. That being said, AVGC has become like so many other clubs/organizations where the same 10% of the members are doing 100% of the work. It would be great if during 2020 those numbers could be flipped. Your 6-hour work requirement is the minimum. Please consider getting more involved and giving more volunteer time to your Club!

The following Youth Programs are in need volunteer help: JR. Rifle, JR. Pistol, JR. Trap, and SASSP, (the Scholastic Action Shooting Sports Program for high school youth). These programs continue to need coaches, RSO's and other support staff. If you want to make a difference, remember the youth are our future. If you are interested in helping in anyway with the youth programs, please contact either the program director or myself.

The other area where help is always needed is the RSOs, (Range Safety Officers). It has been increasingly difficult **challenge** to fill the need for RSOs at our classes and events. If you are an RSO who took the class at the Club's expense, please remember the commitment you made to RSO at least 3 times a year. When Gary Menser, our Club Chief Range Safety Officer, sends out an email for help, please consider stepping up.

For anyone who is considering becoming an RSO, the next class is January 25, 2020. The class can be taken at no charge if you commit to RSOing at 3 Club events and attend 3 Safety Committee Meetings a year. In addition to the class, the Club provides you with an RSO vest, pays for your credential with the NRA, and also pays for your first CPR-AED-First Aid-Gunshot & Stabbing Trauma Class. If you are interested in taking this class and becoming an RSO, please contact either Gary Menser, myself, or a Range Chair.

One more area that is lacking is "Coaches" for our Women's Pistol Nights, & Women on Target and our Community on Target & Pistol Clinics for men & women. This is another area where we need more coaches to respond when Tracey Graham sends out an email asking for help. If you have coached in the past or think you have what it takes to coach, please contact Tracey Graham at tracey.avgc@gmail.com or myself to be considered as a coach and be put on the coach email list.

Please keep in mind, when you volunteer, you are not only getting your required hours in, you will meet your fellow club members, make new friends, and have a lot of fun doing it!

We have implemented the Remote Range Monitoring System at the Club. Randomly the cameras are monitored for any safety issues. When a member has been unsafe, the Safety Committee arranges a Safety Hearing Meeting with the member. The Safety Committee works with the member to teach the safe and correct techniques needed for safe gun handling. Discipline is secondary to teaching, but can be an outcome. If the member does not agree with the Safety Committee, the

member does have the option to appeal it to the Board of Directors.

One of the most often seen situations usually involves long time club members who are experienced shooters, but have become complacent. Another situation is members who bring guests. Remember you are responsible for anything your guest does while at AVGC. When bringing guests, I encourage you to not shoot so you can make sure your guests are using safe gun handling skills. If you bring multiple guests, I would encourage you to have them shoot in relays rather than at the same time. It is impossible to monitor more than a couple of shooters at one time. I also encourage you to read the AVGC Range Safety Regulations and be very familiar with them. Remember, just because it is done one way at another range you may visit, it does not mean that is the way it is done at Apple Valley Gun Club. Please read your AVGC Range Safety Regulations and be familiar with them. You can find them on our website.

I want to wish everyone a Safe & Happy New Year in 2020!

Diana Roederer, Vice President

2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

(New members of the Board will be announced at the annual AVGC Banquet on February 15th)

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***MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS?
PLEASE TEXT OR CALL THE AVGC MEMBERSHIP
SECRETARY, SUSAN BARGE, AT 909-896-2923.***

AVGC ANNUAL BANQUET – FEBRUARY 15, 2020

EARLY DEADLINE to purchase tickets this year
Ticket sales will END January 14th

*You will not want to miss this year's Banquet being held at a new location.
The Empire Banquet Hall - 15010 Circle Dr., Victorville, CA*

***We will have more than 12 Firearms
for your chance to win
along with many other great prizes!!!***

You will be there for the announcement of your 2020 AVGC Board of Directors.

This is sure to be a great fun filled evening; with friends, family & fellowship

*We will be enjoying a fantastic dinner of tri tip in a merlot mushroom sauce,
chicken with broccoli pasta alfredo, potatoes, steamed vegetables & rolls.
There is a vegetarian option of Broccoli pasta alfredo.*

A desert bar & Soft drinks are included.

We will have a no host bar at reasonable cost.

There will be games, raffles, prizes, & Guns-Guns-Guns & Fun-Fun-Fun!!!

Don't forget to bring cash to purchase more raffle tickets & play all the games

Banquet tickets are \$50.00 per person – Get your ticket before it sells out!

Click the link below to purchase you ticket on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-members-banquet-february-15-2020-tickets-79920027955>

2020 AVGC ELECTION

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Vice President/President Elect – Tracey Graham

Fellow Members, I first started shooting at the Apple Valley Gun Club in 1982 while I was stationed at George AFB. After a few more assignments and retirement, I returned to Apple Valley in 1992. I've been an active member of the Club since 2013. I served on the Board of Directors and as Vice President and President, and I am currently serving as your Pistol Range Chairperson. I hold multiple NRA Instructor Certifications, including Basic Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun Instructor, Personal Protection Inside The Home, Personal Protection Outside the Home, Defensive Pistol and NRA CCW Instructor, as well as Refuse to be a Victim, Home Firearms Safety Instructor. I am a Level I Pistol and Rifle Coach and a Chief Range Safety Officer. I am one of the Lead Instructors for the Club's Training Team. I would be honored to represent you as your new Vice President/President Elect.

Secretary – Dina McKinney

For the past two years I have served as a Director on the AVGC Board. Some of the things I have accomplished and have been responsible for during my tenure are as follows:

- Preparing Agendas and taking Minutes for our membership meetings while keeping in compliance with our Bylaws
- Drafting our non-compete clause in the re-write of the Bylaws, along with recommending and drafting the photo release that is now included in our standard Waiver of Liability release form
- Finalizing the most recent governing document revisions to include policy additions/changes, proper formatting, and sending them to print
- Subbing for the AVGC Secretary whenever needed at various safety hearings and committee meetings
- Active volunteerism to include the Jr. Pistol Program every 1st and 3rd Tuesday since its inception, coaching the Friday night Women's Program whenever possible, co-teaching the pistol clinic classes, RSOing Women on Target, working booths for the Club at the local Gun Shows, Women's Expo, Tractor Supply Grand Opening, and Outdoor Expo
- Organized our archery demo at the recent Outdoor Expo and worked the event with the help of our impressively skilled archery instructors
- Became an NRA Certified Pistol Coach and an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor, and NRA Certified Refuse to Be a Victim Instructor
- Corresponded with AVGC attorneys on several matters concerning Club business and presented their recommendations to the Board.
- I have been appointed as the current Secretary for the remainder of this term.

In addition to the Apple Valley Gun Club, I have been a member of the Well-Armed Woman for the past 7 years. In that capacity, I serve as the Chairwoman of the Safety Committee of the San Bernardino County Chapter, (now the County Line Chapter). This is where I became an NRA Certified Range Safety Officer, prior to joining AVGC. I am a lifetime member of the NRA, and the Chairwoman for the Friends of the NRA-High Desert Committee. I help fundraise grant money for our area, some of which the AVGC has applied for and received. I am part of the overall committee that awards money to local organizations. On a more personal note, I am married and do not have any children. I am the Senior Paralegal/Case Manager for a local law firm, Vondra & Hanna, for the past 20 years. I am an owner of the best football team in America, the Green Bay Packers! I look forward to continuing to work with you for another 2 years if given the opportunity.

2 Year Director (You will be voting for 2 on the AVGC ballot.)

Kyle Butts

Hello, I am Perry Butts, (I go by my middle name, “Kyle”), your Indoor Range Chair. I have been with the Apple Valley Gun Club for over six years and have been the Chair of the Indoor Range for over three years. I would like to continue to serve the Club as a member of the Board of Directors. I want to continue the fine work of the Board of Directors that have served in the past. The AVGC has come a long way in the short time that I’ve been a member. I want the positive progress to continue. We have a gem of a Club, and I want to make sure it stays that way. There is a lot of room for improvement currently and in the future. I want to help get us there. I would appreciate you trusting me to be a member of the Board.

Suzan Davies

Hello friends! My name is Suzan Davies, and I have been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club for 5 years. I love this club! I am currently the Club’s Training Coordinator, and I am in charge of the Eventbrite listings for all of the Club’s events and classes. I serve on the Finance Committee for the AVGC helping with the count each month and processing our new members at the monthly meetings for more than 4 years. Additionally, I am now responsible for the email blasts sent out to the Club’s membership. I have served on the Club’s membership committee; I have assisted the Club’s Secretary in the past with preparing the monthly newsletters along with being interim Secretary. I am also the Club’s photographer. I am also a member of the banquet committee for the 2020 banquet. I am very involved with the Club and I intend to continue doing so whether on the Board of Directors or not. I hold NRA Certificates as a Basic Pistol Instructor, Basic Shotgun Instructor, and Range Safety Officer. My goal in the upcoming year is to become an Instructor in all of the remaining Pistol Classes and some additional classes as well. I coach and /or RSO at the Club’s Women’s Pistol Program and the Club’s new SWAG program for women shooters. I look forward to representing you on the Board of Directors next year, and I will do my best for the Club always! Thank you for your support!

Dennis Ingram

My name is Dennis Ingram and I've been a resident of Victorville for 4 years. I'm in my third year of membership at AVGC. I have two adult daughters, Kellee and Kristy, and one love of my life, my wife, Sandy! I would be honored to serve as a Director at Apple Valley Gun Club! I was introduced to AVGC by a good friend in January of 2017. The very first time I came here, I was participating in a pistol match and I was hooked! Since then I've been very involved at the gun club: I've served as Pistol Range Co-Chairman and Match Director, I've had the privilege of coaching Jr. Pistol and the Women's Pistol program, as well as Women on Target, Community on Target and other events on the Pistol Range. I've taken firearms training very seriously and have earned certification as an NRA Range Safety Officer, NRA Pistol Instructor and NRA CCW Instructor. I'm also a Front Sight graduate. My focus as Director and number one priority for AVGC will be Safety, and I will work with the board to promote and ensure a safe environment for everyone here at AVGC. Personally, I am at my best when I'm serving and helping others, so I would appreciate your vote and, again, will be honored to serve as a Director of AVGC.

Bill Szymborski

I am Bill Szymborski and I am running for a 2 year Director position. I have lived in Apple Valley since 1962 and have seen a lot of growth and change to our area. I am very proud to be active in the Apple Valley Gun Club as a member, instructor, and coach. Our Club is one of the nicest in Sothern California. My first visit to the range was at age 14 during a 4H event at the indoor range. I have been a member since 2013. Coaching is my favorite thing to do at the range. I have been volunteering for over 4 years mainly with the Friday Night Ladies events. I am an NRA certified instructor for Basic Pistol, Home Firearm Safety and Pistol Coach (Level 1). I recently retired from 34 years as a heavy equipment operator at a local mining company. I plan on helping to make AVGC the best it can be! There are a lot of qualified people running for this position. Thank you for yoursupport.

Jennifer Tornero

My name is Jennifer Tornero. I have been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club for 4 years, and coming as a guest for many years prior to that time. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors and like to consider myself the outspoken spark of fire in the group. I am also this year's Banquet Chairperson. I hold NRA certifications in Basic Pistol; Personal Protection Inside the Home; Personal Protection Outside the Home; Defensive Pistol, and CRSO. I am also an NRA CCW Instructor, NRA Level 1 Pistol Coach and Refuse to Be a Victim Instructor. I truly enjoy educating our members and community in firearms and safety. I teach classes and coach as often as possible. I am also involved in the weekly SASP (Scholastic Action Shooting Program), where we are forming our next generation of shooters to carry on the tradition. One of my greatest achievements at the AVGC is the creation of SWAG, Strong Women and Guns, a monthly women's program that educates and trains women. There is also an AVGC SWAG women's traveling competition team being formed at this time. My tiny bit of free time is spent enjoying my passion, shooting here at the club or shooting in IDPA or GSSF matches. I believe I have a unique skill set to bring to the board as well as the commitment that is required to help keep our club running efficiently and effectively. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Janet Wilhelm

My name is Janet Wilhelm and I have been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club for three years. I participate in the Jr. Pistol program as an RSO; I coach pistol classes/events; and RSO on Women's Nights. I am an NRA Instructor certified to teach the CRSO Program. You can find me training at the Pistol Range and have recently taken up Archery. My professional career includes 25+ years of Operational Management in the Warehousing and Fulfillment Industry. I spent many years working for a venture capitalist going in to a potential buy and analyzing the operation. If purchased I led the roll out team adding, removing, and integrating the new operation in to the current one. This included a few startups from the ground up. My current job is working as the State Office Administrator for a Motorcycle Rights Organization. This position has given me the skills to support a large group of state-wide volunteers all the while keeping a Board of Directors happy. Due to these experiences and skill set, I feel I'm qualified to be on your Board of Directors. Being an active user of the gun club, I feel I have much to offer the membership at the AVGC. I hope you agree. Thank you for your consideration.

1 Year Director (You will be voting for 1 on the AVGC ballot.)

Tina Clark

My name is Tina Clark. Thank you for considering me for a 1 year Director position on the AVGC Board. I have been a member of the Club since 2017. Since that time, I have actively participated in club activities including Women on Target, Ladies' Night, Junior Pistol, SWAG, and SASP. Also, I have worked the AVGC booth at several gun shows, repaired the pistol steel targets, fabricated steel target holders and am working on fabricating a wagon to safely transport the targets.

In addition to being a member of the AVGC, I have been a member of The Well-Armed Woman for the past 7 years, where I became an NRA Certified Range Safety Officer for TWAW. I am also a member of Front Sight. I am a lifetime member of the NRA, Co-Chair of the High Desert Committee of Friends of the NRA, a Certified Pistol and Refuse to be a Victim instructor.

I am presently working on my nursing degree. I have one 13 year old daughter that I bring to archery on a regular basis. She also enjoys shooting my .22 pistol.

Again, thank you for taking the time to get to know me. I hope to be of service to you in the coming year.

Debbie Shell

Hello, I'm Debbie Shell. I've been involved with the Apple Valley Gun Club for over 10 years, actively participating in the various shooting matches with my husband and children. Some of the shooting activities we've been involved in are: three gun, practical pistol, steel challenge, ARC, and personal defense matches. I have had the privilege to be coached by and to shoot alongside exceptional Professional LEO, Military and competitive firearms instructors. These experiences have greatly impacted my family and have given me a great respect for shooting sports and those who chose to serve as a benefit for the membership and our community. I have completed various NRA Instructor courses and serve as an RSO, Instructor, or Coach where needed during AVGC/NRA Community, Women's and Jr. Programs. My family has had the opportunity to serve as match directors for several years and to assist my husband who served as Pistol Range Chairman. I would appreciate your vote so that I can serve on the Apple Valley Gun Club Board of Directors as a 1 Year Director.

John Lawrence

My name is John Lawrence, and I would be honored to serve as a 1 Year Director of AVGC! Being an Apple Valley resident for 33 years. I've been VERY involved in the Gun Club: I'm an NRA Range Safety Officer and Front Sight member. For the past year I have been working with the Jr Pistol club teaching our youth. My focus will be, if elected, safety and infrastructure of the club. I will work with the Board of Directors to ensure a safe and clean environment for everyone at the range. I believe I can make a significant change for our women and youth to better enjoy our club. I would appreciate your vote, and, I will be honored to serve as a 1 Year Director on the AVGC Board.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A LARGE ENVELOPE FROM THE CLUB BY JANUARY 7, 2020 PLEASE CALL OR TEXT OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, SUSAN BARGE, AT 909-896-2923. THE ENVELOPE CONTAINS THE 2020 VOTING BALLOT ALONG WITH THE CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM.

DO YOU NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

2020 is a new year, and the Club offers many activities where volunteers are needed. Get your volunteer hours completed for 2020 early; don't wait until the last minute.

- ❑ There are sign-up sheets at the Club's Information Desk during each general membership meeting. The Information Desk is located at the back of the meetingroom.
- ❑ Please visit the online Calendar for the Club, you can read the upcoming events looking for "matches", or "special shooting events". Normally in the drop-down window, a contact person for the event is shown. You could contact the person and ask to volunteer.
- ❑ Every third Sunday of each month, the Club holds a work party from 8 AM to 12 Noon.
- ❑ February 15, 2020 – AVGC ANNUAL BANQUET – VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER TORNERO AT avgc.jennifert@gmail.com
- ❑ The Junior Shooting Programs and Archery always need volunteers. Please contact the Director to volunteer.

THE "411" ON UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❑ NEWS FROM THE ARCHERY RANGE: George Ellison and Larry Schrader are looking for various, new avenues and archery events to bring to the Club. They have a new volunteer, Lawrence Davis, who is a USAA Certified Level 1 Instructor with a great skill set regarding archery. He has a deep desire to find ways to spread his knowledge and skills to others. Do you have any ideas for archery activities you would like to see at the Club? Any ideas will be appreciated; please send any suggestions directly to Lawrence Davis at email: bull_dawg1942@yahoo.com. With input from interested club members, it is hoped that the Club will offer even more archery opportunities to broaden everyone's skills, not to mention, increase the fun on the range!
- ❑ SWAG – Strong Women and Guns – meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Click on the following link to register each month. <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/apple-valley-gun-club-9267340440> Club Members' admission is \$5; Non-Members pay \$10. Register early as the spaces are filled quickly each month!

SAFETY REMINDERS:

Safety is everyone's business!

- Always uncase your firearm at the shooting bench. Be sure the muzzle is pointed downrange when uncasing.
- Approved eye and ear protection is always required the entire time for anyone who is on the firing line.

AVGC NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have any AVGC event announcements, suggestions or article contributions for the 2ND QUARTER 2020 Newsletter, please contact Dina McKinney at avgc.dina@gmail.com. Thank you!



AVGC CLASSES ARE ALL LISTED ON
OUR WEBSITE

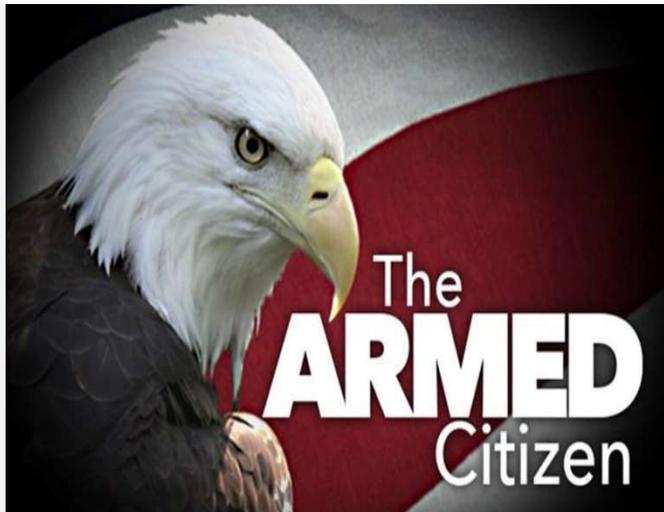
PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE <https://applevalleygunclub.com/>

CLICK ON “CLASSES” FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL CLASSES.

Then click the link that says “**Click Here to Register for Any Class or Event**” you will be taken to Eventbrite to register.

Where it says “Enter Promo Code” use the 2019 gate code to get your “member discount”.

Do you have friends or family who would like to take a class or attend an event with you? Invite them! All of our classes at AVGC are open to the public.



NRA Armed Citizen® stories highlight accounts of law-abiding gun owners in America using their Second Amendment rights to defend self, home and family. Studies indicate that firearms are used more than 2 million times a year for personal protection, and that the presence of a firearm, without a shot being fired, prevents crime in many instances. These stories are being shared with the AVGC membership with permission from the NRA.

- A female manager of a rural drive-in movie theater in Hockley, Texas, shot a suspected robber who attacked her with a baseball bat. The manager was finishing her shift around 2:30 a.m. on September 16, 2019 when she and another employee heard unusual noises. They went to investigate and found two men allegedly hiding inside the theater. One of the men ran off, but the other reported wore a mask and gloves and struck the manager with the bat. She pulled out her gun in self-defense and shot him dead. (CW39 Houston, Texas)
- A MetroPCS employee shot and killed an alleged robber around 4 p.m. on August 26, 2019 in Philadelphia, Pa. Surveillance video showed the would-be robber pull a gun from the pocket of his hooded sweatshirt and turn toward the clerk just before the employee shot him. The employee, who is a concealed-carry holder and Marine reservist, was the only person in the store when the suspect entered. The district attorney's office concurred with policy that the shooting was in self-defense. (6ABC, Philadelphia, Pa, 8/29/19; WCAU NBC 10, Philadelphia, Pa.)
- A concealed-carry permit holder stopped a man reportedly threatening people with a knife at a McDonald's during lunchtime in Coshocton, Ohio, on August 31, 2019. According to the Coshocton County Sheriff's Office, the 70 year old concealed carrier drew his gun and ordered the knife-wielding 22 year old man to drop his weapon. He refused, but left the restaurant. The armed citizen then followed him outside, convinced him to drop the knife and held him at gunpoint until deputies arrived. The suspect was charged with attempted aggravated robbery. The Sheriff's Office credited the 70 year old concealed-carry permit holder with "heroic actions" that prevented injury or loss of life. (Coshocton County Sheriff's Office, Coshocton, Ohio 9/3/2019).