



SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER-PUBLISHED APRIL 1, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I start this year hoping and praying that my tenure will not be anywhere near as tumultuous as President Diana's was, and if it is, that I can navigate the challenges as competently as she did.

I'm looking forward to continuing the improvements on the range, including some paving of the driveway and possibly some handicap parking on the pistol range, completing the retaining walls around the ends of the pistol berms and planting trees along the property line for noise abatement. Along with the trees, Tim is planning a Memorial Garden to remember past outstanding members.

Continuing the training classes that we offer to our surrounding communities is a huge priority for me. I want to strengthen and expand our Training Cadre so that we continue to offer nothing but the highest quality firearms training in the Southwest.

I'll finish with a quick reminder for those with high school aged kids or grandkids that we have Junior Trap every Wednesday evening at 7:00 and Scholastic Action Shooting Program every Saturday at 3:00. Good clean outdoor activities!

I look forward to seeing y'all on the Range!

Tracey Graham
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

I'm excited to be serving on the Apple Valley Gun Club's Board of Directors as your Vice President! Many of you have noticed the remarkable improvements to our facilities and you can expect more to come this year as well. As always, many of our improvements evolve with the goal of increasing Range Safety!

Thank you to each volunteer for your hard work, efforts and for the many talents you bring forth to our range. I will be putting together a (Coaching Class) in the future for individuals, particularly those who would like to volunteer to coach in our Women's Program, Pistol Clinic, and Women On Target events. The goal is to train potential and current coaches so that we are all coaching on the same page and unified in our ability to help create a successful experience for our shooters. A good coach has the ability to read a shooter, connect with them and focus on the fundamentals and corrections that will set them up for success and create a positive experience and impression of the sport. Hopefully this will increase their desire to continue shooting, or to join the Apple Valley Gun Club and/or involve themselves in more training.

I look forward to seeing you all on the range!

Jenaraye Graham
Vice President



Help Support the CRPA! Remember Amazonsmile for all your shopping and designate the CRPA as your charity of choice!



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You shop. Amazon gives.

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Congratulations!

AVGC Board of Directors Election Results:

Vice President/President Elect: Jenaraye Graham

Treasurer: Jonathan Weldy

2-Year Director: Ray Jameson

2-Year Director: Timothy Neubauer

1-Year Director: Bill Stephens



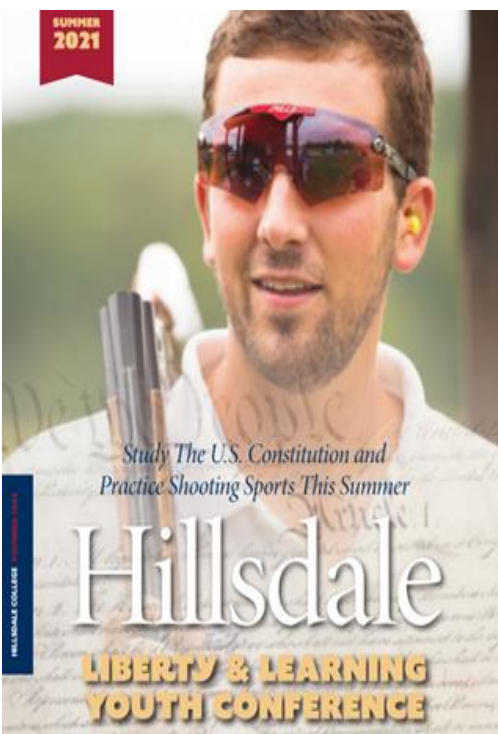
The beginning of the year is a good time to remind everyone that the Apple Valley Gun Club promotes Sportsmanship and high ethical standards.

Sports-man-ship\ n \: conduct becoming to a sportsman (as fairness, courteous relations, and graceful acceptance of results). Further, Sportsmanship is a set of behaviors to be exhibited by athletes, coaches, game officials, administrators and fans in athletics competition. These behaviors are based on values, especially respect and integrity.

Ethical Conduct-Eth-i-cal\ adj.\: 1: of or relating to ethics. 2: conforming to accepted esp. professional standards of conduct. Ethical conduct is a set of guiding principles with which each person follows the letter and spirit of the rules. Such conduct reflects a higher standard than law because it includes, among other principles, fundamental values that define sportsmanship.

As a member, it is your responsibility to conduct yourself befitting to the Apple Valley Gun Club. If you have any concerns about behavior, discrimination, sexual harassment, or any other disturbing ethical conduct, please immediately report it to the club EEO Officer (sitting club secretary).

HEY, JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLERS! CHECK OUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!



Study The U.S. Constitution and Practice Shooting Sports This Summer

Hillsdale

LIBERTY & LEARNING YOUTH CONFERENCE



THREE CHANCES TO JOIN US
 June 27-30, 2021
 July 11-14, 2021
 August 1-4, 2021

STUDY THE AMERICAN FOUNDING AND THE PRINCIPLES OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. Hillsdale faculty will offer lectures on the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence with a special emphasis on the Second Amendment.

A SUPERVISED INTRODUCTION TO SHOOTING SPORTS. Professional shooting coaches will offer hands-on instruction on firearms safety and shooting fundamentals. No previous experience is required.

WIN A \$3,000 RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIP TO HILLSDALE. Compete in a Constitutional essay contest and you could be the winner of a scholarship applicable to future Hillsdale College tuition.

ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF HILLSDALE. You'll tour the Hillsdale campus, learn more about the classical liberal arts, and have some free time to spend with new friends.

ELIGIBILITY. Applications are open to rising high school sophomores through seniors with all levels of firearms experience. While applications are encouraged by April 1, they'll be reviewed until the program has reached capacity, with spots being filled as program fees are received.

HOW TO APPLY. A program application is available online. In addition to the application form, we'll ask you to write a short essay, and to submit two letters of recommendation, an official high school transcript, official ACT/CLT/SAT/PLAN/CLT10/PSAT scores (one required), and a résumé. Once we receive and review your completed application file, a letter and accompanying e-mail will generally be sent within three weeks regarding acceptance, beginning December 1.

AFTER APPLYING. If you're admitted, additional program details will be coming your way, and you'll be asked to submit a non-refundable \$325 program fee to secure your place (limited space will be filled on a first-to-pay basis), as well as a current photo. The fee covers transfers from Detroit Airport (if necessary), three daily meals while on campus, residence hall lodging, course instruction, course materials, and course activities.

Shooting equipment will be provided; the use of personal firearms will require the prior authorization of Range Master Bart Spieth, bspieth@hillsdale.edu.



APPLY ONLINE BY APRIL 1
hillsdale.edu/llyc
 (517) 607-2325
summerprograms@hillsdale.edu

Tentative Schedule

PROGRAM DAY ONE

3:30 p.m. Residence Hall Registration Opens
 4:45 p.m. Welcome, Dinner
 5:45 p.m. Faculty Lecture: The Declaration and the Constitution I
 7:15 p.m. Faculty Lecture: The Declaration and the Constitution II
 8:45 p.m. Campus Tour

PROGRAM DAY TWO

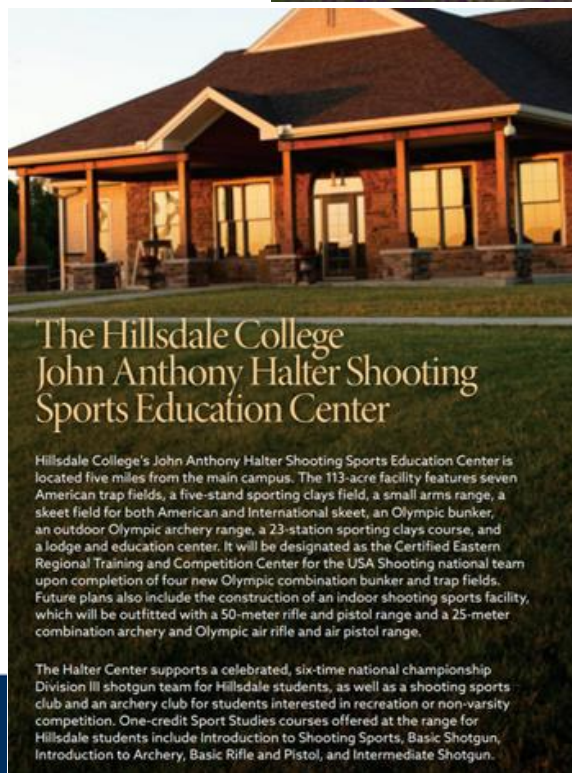
7:30 a.m. Breakfast
 8:15 a.m. Faculty Lecture: The Constitution and Private Property
 9:45 a.m. Faculty Lecture: The Second Amendment I
 12:00 p.m. Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Faculty Lecture: The Second Amendment II
 3:00 p.m. Faculty Lecture: The Liberal Arts and the Preservation of Freedom
 4:15 p.m. Essay Preparation, Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Constitutional Essay Writing

PROGRAM DAY THREE

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. Halter Center Shooting Sports: Shotgun, Air Rifle, Archery
 12:30 p.m. Lunch
 1:30 p.m. Halter Center Shooting Sports: Shotgun, Air Rifle, Archery
 5:00 p.m. Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Optional Friday Departure

PROGRAM DAY FOUR

7:30 a.m. Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Final Departures



The Hillsdale College John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center

Hillsdale College's John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center is located five miles from the main campus. The 113-acre facility features seven American trap fields, a five-stand sporting clays field, a small arms range, a skeet field for both American and International skeet, an Olympic bunker, an outdoor Olympic archery range, a 23-station sporting clays course, and a lodge and education center. It will be designated as the Certified Eastern Regional Training and Competition Center for the USA Shooting national team upon completion of four new Olympic combination bunker and trap fields. Future plans also include the construction of an indoor shooting sports facility, which will be outfitted with a 50-meter rifle and pistol range and a 25-meter combination archery and Olympic air rifle and air pistol range.

The Halter Center supports a celebrated, six-time national championship Division III shotgun team for Hillsdale students, as well as a shooting sports club and an archery club for students interested in recreation or non-varsity competition. One-credit Sport Studies courses offered at the range for Hillsdale students include Introduction to Shooting Sports, Basic Shotgun, Introduction to Archery, Basic Rifle and Pistol, and Intermediate Shotgun.

Our days were filled with the Hillsdale experience.

— 2019 PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

The Apple Valley Gun Club Membership has approved **3 SCHOLARSHIPS** to this program! You must apply through Hillsdale as outlined above and present your acceptance to the Board of Directors for review. Don't miss this amazing opportunity! This will look **FANTASTIC** on a college application and resume!

Good Times on the Range!

The Apple Valley Gun Club is always bustling with activity. Whether you are participating, or volunteering to help, you will see nothing but smiles and happiness on the range!



Valentine Military & Police Pistol Match - Sunday Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day.



What a nice start to Valentine's Day, a pistol match at AVGC! We had a great turn out with the shooting line pretty much filled to capacity, and to top it all off we had about 25% of the shooters being somebody's sweetheart! The ladies all received a special Valentine gift and the top 3 shooters in each of the two matches received gift cards to Tractor Supply, all courtesy of the AVGC CMP Marksmen! Contact Alex Montenegro for information on upcoming CMP matches. (760) 220-7928



OLD FENIAN GUN-MARC GUNN

It hung above the kitchen fire. It's barrel long and brown
And one day with a boy's desire, I climbed and took it
down.

My father's eyes in anger flashed. He cried "what have
you done?!"

I wish you'd left it where it was, That's my old Fenian
gun".

I fondled it with love and pride. I looked it o'er and o'er
I placed it on my shoulder And I marched across the floor
My father's anger softened And he shared my boyish fun
"Ah, well," he said "'tis in your breed like that old Fenian
gun".

I remember '67 well when lads like you and me
All thought we'd strike another blow to set old Ireland
free.
But broken were our golden hopes I was long months on
the run
But it did good work for Ireland then that brown old
Fenian gun.

I was down then in Killaluk t'was the hottest fight of all.
And you can see he burned his arm there's a mark still on
the ball

I hope the young lads growing now will hold the ground
we won
And not disgrace the cause in which I held that Fenian gun.

I placed it o'er the fire once more. I heard my father sigh
I knew his thoughts were turning back on days now long
gone by
And then I vowed within my heart I'll be my father's son
And if ever Ireland wants my aid I'll hold the Fenian gun.

That's years ago I've grown a man And I've weathered
many a gale
This last long year's been spent inside a gloomy English jail
I've done my part I'll do it still Until the fight is won
When Ireland's free she'll bless the men Who held the
Fenian gun.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Growing Demand for Firearms = More need for Education and Training!

The FBI conducted more than 4.3 million gun background checks in January 2021 – the highest number of checks completed during a single month in the agency's recorded history.

Gun background checks are indicative of sales trends, and as we all have seen, it has been increasingly difficult to find certain firearms for sale, short of finding a private party seller and being charged an exorbitant price!

According to an article published on February 2, 2021, by Fox News, "It can't be discounted that many of these background checks for the purchase of a firearm are attributed to threats by the Biden administration to enact the most radical and far-reaching gun control agenda ever proposed," said Mark Oliva, director of public affairs for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, in an email to Fox News. "Americans are continuing to purchase firearms at a blistering pace." Oliva said the month's NICS statistics "clearly spell out that the demand of law-abiding Americans to purchase firearms isn't abating. It is growing."

We have said it before and we will continue to say it, Apple Valley Gun Club is by far the **BEST** place to go for education and training on all things firearms. Our NRA Certified Instructors are the best! If you have not taken one of our classes, **Register at www.avgc.eventbrite.com**. You will not be disappointed with the quality of education, or the price! Here are some of the upcoming class you can attend. Don't forget to invite your friends!

<u>NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting</u> (MUST DO BOTH PARTS) Part 1 - 04/08/21 Part 2 - 04/10/21 Part 1 - 04/29/21 Part 2 - 05/01/21 Part 1 - 05/20/21 Part 2 - 05/22/21 Part 1 - 06/24/21 Part 2 - 06/26/21	<u>Women's Pistol Program</u> 04/09/21; 05/14/21; 06/11/21; 08/13/21; 09/10/21; 10/08/21; 12/10/21 <u>NRA Refuse to Be a Victim</u> 04/24/21; 11/6/21	<u>NRA Home Firearm Safety</u> 04/17/21; 07/10/21; 11/6/21 <u>NRA Range Safety Officer</u> 06/05/21; 12/4/21	<u>Community on Target</u> for Men & Women 05/29/21; 12/28/21 <u>Women on Target</u> 09/11/21	<u>NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting</u> (MUST DO BOTH PARTS) Part 1 - 06/10/21 Part 2 - 06/12/21 <u>AVGC Defensive Shot Gun</u> 06/19/21
<u>AVGC CCW Preparation</u> 04/06/21; 05/04/21; 06/01/21; 07/06/21; 08/03/21; 09/07/21; 10/05/21; 11/02/21; 12/07/21	<u>NRA CCW</u> (MUST DO BOTH PARTS) Part 1 -04/10/21 Part 2 - 04/11/21	<u>AVGC Range Safety Class</u> 05/15/21; 08/14/21; 11/27/21	<u>NRA Basics of Rifle Shooting</u> 09/12/21	<u>Rifle Clinic</u> For Men & Women 07/09/21

FRIENDS OF NRA

Looking for Volunteers!

Friends of NRA is a program of the NRA Foundation, a non-political 501(c)(3) charity. It is a fund-raising program associated with the National Rifle Association of America. Funds are raised across America, primarily during approximately 1100 annual events, such as a banquet. Each event occurs in a different community and is volunteer-run and managed at the local level. Each year the Friends of NRA raises money to award grants to deserving organizations. **The Apple Valley Gun Club has been a proud recipient of those grants over the years.** The grants have provided a range of items from ear protection, to ammunition, to firearms. 2020 caused the program to take a HUGE hit. Friends of NRA is desperately trying to get off the ground and dust of its boots. **Can you help?** There will be a sign-up sheet at our April membership meeting if you think you would like to get involved with this organization. You can also contact our club Secretary, Dina McKinney for further information.

CAN WE ALL JUST TAKE A MINUTE.....

TO THANK DAVID SMITH!



David spends countless hours researching and staying on top of the latest political happenings at the state and federal level to bring us the most up to date information at our membership meetings. Please show your gratitude by getting involved in the politics that concern your Second Amendment Rights! Thank you, David, for keeping us informed!

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Response within 24 hours



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