

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

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**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
and Happy New Year!

**FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER
PUBLISHED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I spent a couple of hours on the Range this morning, enjoying the absolutely beautiful weather, and the SOLITUDE. Out of our 1200+ members, there were three of us on the entire range. It struck me that many of us, myself included, take the Apple Valley Gun Club for granted.

I know of no other shooting facility anywhere that compares with what we have. We can come and go pretty much whenever the urge strikes us. We don't have to pay for our range time, or bring our own targets, or schedule our practice times. The Range belongs to all of us to use at our leisure. We are indeed blessed to have our Club.

I took a few minutes to reflect on the changes and improvements that have been made to the Range over the last few years, none of which would have happened without a core of strong volunteers who brought ideas forward and followed them through to completion.

As my term in office comes to a close, I want to encourage you all to get more involved in the Club activities. There are amazing people on the range! I've made some of my best friends there. Volunteer to help with a couple of our programs like Ladies Night,

Women on Target, Community on Target, Jr. Trap, Jr. Rifle, Jr. Pistol, Scholastic Action Shooting Program, Civilian Marksmanship Program, or a host of other endeavors. With an all-volunteer organization, there's always plenty of things to do.

In conclusion, I want to thank everyone for the support you've given to the Board of Directors and to me personally over the last year. Our new Board of Directors, with your help, will continue to make improvements. Enjoy what we have today and get involved to make it even better. Looking forward to seeing you all on the Range.

Tracey Graham
President, Apple Valley Gun Club

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

This is my final message as your Vice President. Wow, the year has been a busy one for the club, myself, and my family. I am fortunate and grateful for the comradery I share with our members and those I hold dear to my heart like a family. My wish for each of you moving forward in your membership is that you too continue to find friendships on the range, and may those friendships bring you good times, a lot of laughing, a sharing of wisdom and knowledge, perhaps a dinner or two and more people in your life who support the 2nd Amendment, enjoy the range, support our youth, our community and most importantly each other. And if I didn't have the good fortune of running into you this year, I hope we find each other in the year to come.

For many of our newest members who recently joined the club, I'm glad you decided to join us. I get excited for new members, new shooters, new families because it always means new friends. As you become more familiar with your new membership and the ranges, I want you to know that it didn't always look the way it does today. So many volunteer hours, offers of services, talents and knowledge by fellow members have made one improvement on top of another and there's always more to come.

I travel through next year as your new President. I follow in the footsteps of your current President, Tracey Graham. Tracey is my mentor, my best friend, my rock, my husband, and a man who chose to be the father that "stepped up" for not one but two teenage kids. I could never fill this man's shoes as President, but I can follow in his footsteps as long as he walks beside me with his wisdom and guidance every step of the way. Like the great and powerful "OZ" behind the curtain, I know that he will help me to find within myself the things I need in order to do the best job I can as your 2022 President.

Jenaraye Graham
Vice President/President Elect

Apple Valley Gun Club Returns to The Expos!



Thanks to the hard work of Director, Kyle Butts, we were able to make appearances at the Women and Children's Expo, the Victorville Gun Show, and the Sheriff's Rodeo this year! After not having expos in 2020 due to the Pandemic, our community outreach was limited to on-site club events. The expos were a little slow in terms of attendance, however, we expect them to get back to normal in the next couple of years. Thank you, to all the volunteers that came out and worked the booths and represented our club!



NRA CELEBRATES 150 YEARS STRONG! AVGC CELEBRATES WITH YOU!

"For 150 years, millions of Americans from all walks of life, races, colors, and creeds have been proud members of the National Rifle Association of America. From Presidents of the United States, military heroes, those with household names to rank and file Americans like us, all have entrusted the NRA to

be the guardians of their Second Amendment, their self-defense and hunting rights, and indeed their freedom as Americans," -NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre

The NRA was officially founded on Nov. 17, 1871, by Union veterans Col. William C. Church and Gen. George Wingate. The pair launched the group after they became disheartened by the lack of marksmanship among their troops during the war. Church explained in an op-ed at the time that the NRA's primary goal was to "promote and encourage rifle shooting on a scientific basis."

Through the years, the NRA has remained on target with its founders' goal: training Americans.

*Source: <https://www.foxnews.com/us/national-rifle-association-celebrates-150th-anniversary>

BOY SCOUT COMPLETES HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT AVGC!



Congratulations, Ryan Hauser, for your tremendous accomplishment!



Thank you for all your hard work at the Shotgun Range!

ELECTRONIC SIGN-IN IS HERE!

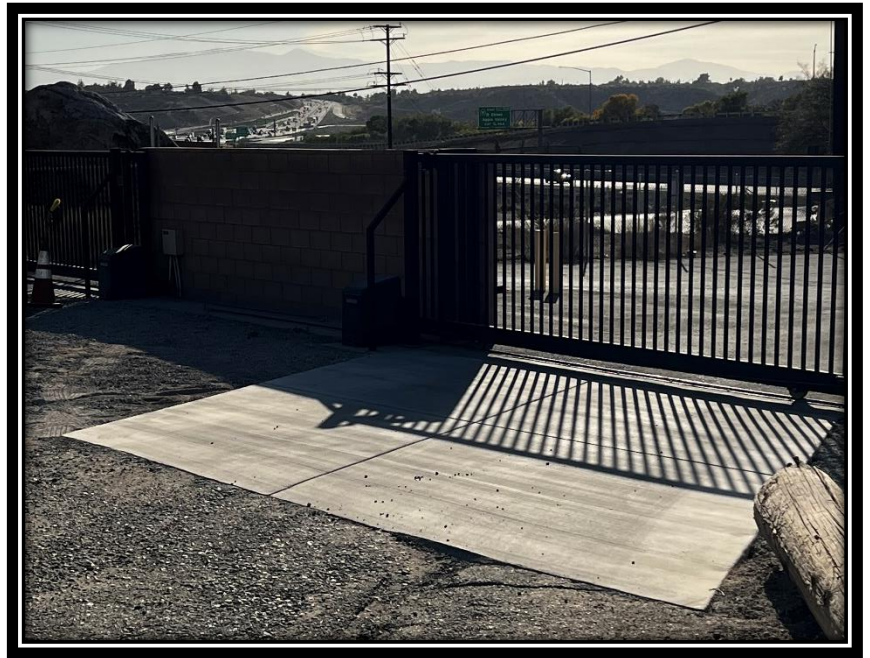
Look for this tablet at the Adobe, Indoor Range, Rifle Range, Trap Range, Trap Classroom, and Pistol Range.



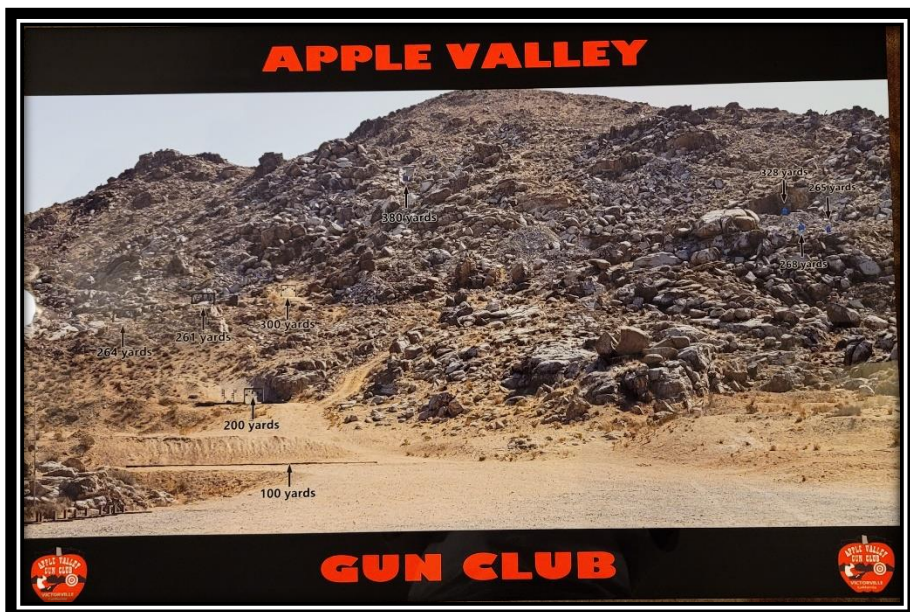
We will move to 100% Electronic Sign-in beginning January 2022!



AVGC Rifle Range Chair, Jason Myskow, on his 2021 hunting trip. Check out that trigger discipline! Awesome photo, Jason! Congrats on your success!



AVGC gets new concrete approaches! Thank you, everyone involved in this project! This upgrade will last for years to come!



New poster at the Rifle Range depicting the locations of the various targets at different yardage.

AVGC ELECTIONS – CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



VICE PRESIDENT

Timothy Neubauer

My name is Timothy Neubauer, and I am honored to accept the nomination for Vice President of the Apple Valley Gun Club. I have been a member of Apple Valley Gun Club since 2017. I have served on the Board of Directors for the past 3 years. I am an NRA certified instructor in, Basics of Pistol Shooting, Basics of Rifle Shooting, Basics of Shotgun shooting, Personal Protection inside the Home, Personal Protection Outside the home, Defensive Pistol, CCW, Home Firearms Safety and Refuse to be a Victim. I am one of the lead instructors for all our NRA courses, manage all the instructional student packages and a Level 1 Pistol coach. Also, a Chief Range Safety Officer. I am passionate about teaching the community firearm safety.

I am head coach for Scholastic Action Shooting Program. This is a competitive team for Jr high and senior high school students. It puts all participants on a level playing field.

Safety is highest on my priority list, and I would like to improve the firearm safety at Apple Valley Gun Club. To quote our purpose statement from our bylaws:

To encourage and teach organized shooting among members and the community with a view toward increasing knowledge of the safe handling, use and care of firearms as well as improving marksmanship and developing traits of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance essential to good sportsmanship.

I believe this what our club is about. And what we should all stand up for. I would be an honored to serve the club as your Vice President. I would appreciate your vote.

SECRETARY

Dina McKinney

I will keep this short and sweet. The Secretary job is a lot of work. In the past couple of years that I have been the Secretary for the club, I have streamlined and organized many of the processes and truly feel the club is operating as smoothly as is ever has. I have received many endorsements to be “Secretary for Life,” which of course is in jest as that is not permitted, however, it is a testament to the success that I have had in the position. If permitted by the members, I would be happy to continue my roll as the club Secretary.





AVGC ELECTIONS - CANDIDATE STATEMENTS CONTINUED



TWO- YEAR DIRECTOR (YOU MAY PICK TWO)

Allen Rutledge

I am Allen Rutledge, and I am running for a two-year director position on the AVGC Board of Directors. I have been a resident of Apple Valley from 1990-2002 and from 2010 to the present. I have been a member of AVGC during that 23-year period. I have been shooting since I earned my Rifle and Shotgun merit badge at age 13. I am a Benefactor Life member of the NRA, a life member of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, a Charter Life member of IDPA and a life member of SASS. I am an NRA certified RSO, Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle and CCW instructor. I am a member of the National Field Archery Association and California Bowhunters/California Archery Association and a USA Archery certified level 2 Instructor/Trainer.

I have a wealth of experience in management having been a member and chair of multiple hospital committees including Performance Improvement, Credentials, Interventional/Surgery and Medical Executive committees. I have been the Chief of the Medical Staff at two hospitals and President of the Merced/Mariposa County Medical Association. I served on the Apple Valley Police Advisory committee, the Merced County Emergency Services committee and as Chair of the Merced Municipal Airport Authority.

I worked as a General and Trauma surgeon for 27 years. I am currently the Medical Asset Support Team physician for the Western Region of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. In that role, I am a sworn Federal Law Enforcement Officer and provide physician services to 19 Federal Prison facilities. I teach Emergency Medical Response and Tactical Combat Casualty Care courses for the Bureau of Prisons at the Management and Staff Training Center. I serve on the Education Committee and the Fellowship committee for the American College of Correctional Physicians.

I am currently the Range Chair for the trap range. I have served as an RSO and coach at Women on Target and RSO at Community on Target, range specific training and San Bernardino County Sheriffs CCW qualification events. I want to become more involved in our incredible club. I am looking forward to serving on the Apple Valley Gun Club Board of Directors and I would appreciate your vote. Thank you for your consideration.

"The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering: Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good." – Ivan Scheier





AVGC ELECTIONS - CANDIDATE STATEMENTS CONTINUED



TWO- YEAR DIRECTOR CONTINUED (YOU MAY PICK TWO)

Bill Stephens

My Name is Bill Stephens. I have been a member for three years and am a current board member of the Apple Valley Gun Club. I have shot at the range with friends and have competed in 3-Gun for 6 years, and various other matches. I am an NRA certified instructor in many disciplines and a USCCA instructor as well. My wife Wendy and I have helped with Community on Target and serve on the firing line for the Sheriff Requalification process. I have had my CCW for years and really enjoy helping others reach their goal of personal self-defense through education and training.

I am a General Contractor with experience of building from the ground up and remodels. I have many years' experience in owning, running, and managing my own business, which I believe gives me the knowledge and experience to help as a director on the Board of Directors. I know I could continue to bring my professional experience to help the club continue to prosper and grow.

I look forward to the opportunities that serving as a 2-year director for AVGC will offer. Thank you for your consideration.

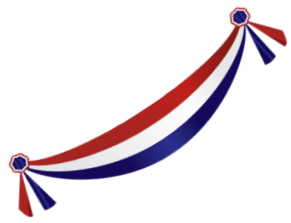
Cecil Volsch

My name is Cecil Volsch and I have been a member of Apple Valley Gun Club since January, of 2018. I have always had an interest in firearms and my wife, Charlotte, gave me a membership to the club for Christmas.

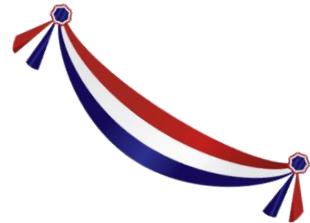
I came to the club, not really knowing anyone and found the members very friendly and helpful, and I really became interested in the matches and the educational opportunities offered by the club. I have taken many classes and because I also really enjoy teaching others how to enjoy the great sport of shooting and personal protection, I have become an instructor in several disciplines.

I am an NRA Instructor for: Basic Pistol, Rifle, CCW, NRA Personal Protection inside the Home and NRA Personal Protection Outside the home. I am also an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer. I regularly instruct classes with other instructors and volunteer at various club events, including, Women on Target, Basic Pistol, CCW Qualifications and many other events at the club.

One of my greatest joys is being the Directors of the Adaptive Shooting Sports Program here at Apple Valley Gun Club. This program offers the opportunity to physically disabled people who are wheelchair bound and have lost significant mobility because of injury or disease and we help them enjoy the shooting sports through some creative adaptive methods. This is a very rewarding program that helps bring joy and accomplishments to all the participants of the program.



AVGC ELECTIONS - CANDIDATE STATEMENTS CONTINUED



Cecil Volsch Continued

My experience in working with others as a volunteer goes back many years. I have been the president of the High Desert Association of Realtor on 2 separate occasions, I have served on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Realtors and am just finishing my term as the Regional Chair for 7 southern California Associations of Realtors. I will be serving as the treasurer of the High Desert Association of Realtors for 2022 and 2023.

My wife Charlotte & I own a successful residential real estate brokerage company for the last 19 years. We and are support team have been working in the High Desert for the last 18 years.

I love this club and am humbled to have been nominated to serve on the board and am excited to serve to keep helping make it better. I would appreciate your vote and would be honored to serve as a Director of the Apple Valley Gun Club.

ONE- YEAR DIRECTOR (PICK ONE)

Cathy Westmoreland

My name is Cathy Westmoreland. I have been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club for over a year. I have taken almost all the classes the club offers. I love shooting and have made a lot of friends. I am Co-Chair of the Club's Banquet Committee. I also volunteer to help with CCW renewals, and act as hostess for Women on Target and Community on Target. I also work in the pistol shack at the club's monthly meetings for new membership.

My husband Gary and I have lived in Apple Valley since 1985. We are both retired. When I join an organization, I go in with both feet.

I look forward to the opportunities that serving as a one - year Director for AVGC will offer. Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Harbottle

Greetings to you my fellow Apple Valley Gun Club Members my name is Steve Harbottle, and I am running for the 1-year Board of Directors position. I am running due to the fact Dave Scheppmann told me to and Gary Menser nominated me.

I have been a member of AVGC, off and on, for more than 20 years. I am a retired Sheriff's sergeant, current tactical apparel manufacturers rep and an instructor with a highly regarded firearms training company based out of Riverside.

I have several instructor certifications and have had the honor of working with many of you at the various events we host at AVGC. I hope that my involvement with the Board can lead to the continued success and growth of our amazing club.



There have been questions and confusion about which training is required for which position. Below is a chart for your reference. Understand, the training required for our youth programs is the law for youth sports, it is not simply a recommendation.

Matrix for Background Checks and Training	RSO	BOD Member	Range Chair	Match Director	Youth Program Director Youth Program RSO Youth Program Coach Youth Program Support	Coaches, WOT/COT Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun Clinics	Lead Instructors
Background Check	Required only if RSOing in a Youth Program, or where there is consistent minor participation	Required	Required	Required only if Match consistently has minor participation	Required	N/A	Required
Abuse Prevention Training	Required only if RSOing in a Youth Program, or where there is consistent minor participation	Required	Required	Required only if Match consistently has minor participation	Required	N/A	Required
Sexual Harassment Prevention Training	Encouraged	Required	Required	Required	Required	Encouraged	Required
CPR/First Aid Training	Required	Encouraged	Encouraged	Encouraged	Encouraged	Encouraged	Required

FREE AVGC RANGE SAFETY CLASS

**NOT ONLY IS THIS CLASS FREE OF
CHARGE...**

**YOU CAN EARN 3 WORK HOURS
JUST FOR PARTICIPATING!!!**

Email Diana Roederer: Let her know your name and which date you will be attending
avgc.diana@gmail.com

February 26, 2022 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

May 21, 2022 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

August 6, 2022 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

November 26, 2022 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



CONCEALED CARRY WEAPONS UNIT MOVES TO SHERIFF'S BASIC ACADEMY

On Nov. 1, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Concealed Carry Weapons Unit moved from Sheriff's Headquarters to the Sheriff's Basic Academy at 18901 Institution Road, San Bernardino. All initial and renewal concealed carry weapons permit applications will now be accepted there. Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm. Email questions to ccwinfo@sbcasd.org

IN-PERSON RENEWAL DAY AT AVGC

Turn in your renewal application and receive your 2022 membership card on the same day!

Date: January 29, 2022

Time: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm (break for lunch from 12-1, do not come during lunch break)

Location: Secretary's office at the Adobe Clubhouse

What to Bring: Renewal Application, Signed Waiver, Proof of NRA membership, payment, signed off hours card, CURRENT medical waiver if applicable.

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Call or Text (760) 217-0755

Response within 24 hours



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would like in the Newsletter?
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