

SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED APRIL 1, 2022

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our year was kicked off with a wonderful banquet organized by Trish King and Cathy Westmoreland, and I want to send out a huge thank you for these ladies and all those who helped them put on a great banquet! Thank you, ladies, you are an awesome duo.

I want to welcome our new Board of Directors! We have a strong and talented board this year and I'm looking forward to the impact that they will have on our club as we move through 2022.

We continue to be blessed with many volunteers who offer to help with classes, matches, events and more. Thank you for showing up each and every time we call upon you.

For those of you who remember Jerry Laws, I'm sad to say that we learned he passed recently. Jerry Joseph Laws was born 09/19/1939. He was a Candidate, United States Senate, California, 2016, 2018. Candidate, California State Assembly, District 33, 2014. Former Lifeguard for Los Angeles County Beaches. Former Security/Fire Department, North American Aviation. Served, United States Marine Corps. Former Class A Truck Driver. Member of the Apple Valley Gun Club, California Rifle & Pistol Association, National Rifle Association, American Legion #229 and the California United Food and Commercial Workers Unions. Jerry was a passionate fighter for our country, especially our 2nd Amendment rights. Those of you who remember Jerry know just how much energy he put towards pushing for those rights. We thank him for his service, hard work and love for this country.

I look forward to seeing you on the range.

Jenaraye Graham President, Apple Valley Gun Club

### FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

It's an honor for me to be Vice President of Apple Valley Gun Club. As I strive to Make AVGC just a little bit better than I found it, I would ask you to adopt this as your motto this year. To quote 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 know we all get busy, and our purpose is easy to forget. When we come to the club, we get focused on the shooting activities we enjoy, whether it be matches, teaching classes, or just coming to the range to have a good day of shooting. So, I ask that you join me in reaching our communities with that goal in mind.

We have some excellent matches at AVGC such as CMP Rifle, Mojave Steel, Personal Defensive & Carry, Practical Pistol, Steel Plate Rack Practice, Three Gun, Two Gun Rim fire, and Archery. Or the newest match is Two Gun Pistol Caliber Carbine. If you have not been to a match in a while, or have never been to a match, come out and try it. Go to our website <a href="https://www.applevalleygunclub.com">www.applevalleygunclub.com</a>, then go to Events / Shooting matches to get the details and the match director information.

Also, we have a great cadre of NRA instructors, and are conducting classes every month. Look on the website under Events / Classes. We are continually striving to make our classes better for the membership of AVGC and the community.

I hope to see you on the range, attending a match, or in a class soon.

Timothy Neubauer, Vice President/President Elect Apple Valley Gun Club

### QUICK NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

April marks the end of the renewal season! Whew! As a reminder, please put your emergency contact name and phone number on the back of your badge. We will have a stamp at the membership table at our monthly meetings for you to stamp the back of your card and put your emergency information. Thank you to everyone who helped make our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual In-Person Renewal Day a success! Special thanks go out to Cathy Westmoreland for her dedication and support throughout the renewal cycle and beyond. I could not process the mounds of paperwork timely without her help. Thank you, Cathy!

Dina McKinney, Secretary Apple Valley Gun Club

# 2022 AVGC Banquet

AVGC returned to the Percy Bakker Center for our Annual Banquet. It was good to get back to normal after two years of alternate plans due to the Pandemic. Trisha King and Cathy Westmoreland chaired the Banquet Committee and put on a super fun party! They secured nearly 20 firearms for the event (possibly a club record!) Knockout BBQ catered, and as always we heard nothing but rave reviews about their BBQ! We had first time firearm winners, with some folks even winning two firearms! HUGE thank you to all the amazing groups that helped make our event possible.

### Thank You!

U.S. Patriot Armory
SGT Matthew Brunscum
Route 66 Guns & Ammo
Beverly Medford
Heavenly Beauty Salon
Express Gun Locker
Fleshers Firearms
Mike Davis
Turner's Outdoorsman



### 2022 Board of Directors





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Jenaraye Graham Timothy Neubauer Jonathan Weldy Dina McKinney Bill Stephens Allen Rutledge Ray Jameson Cathy Westmoreland



2021 President, Tracey Graham passes the gavel to incoming President, Jenaraye Graham.

Thank you, Tracey, for your Leadership this past vear!

### Apple Valley Gun Club receives ammo donation

Thank you, Bill Bird, and your Father, for donating to the club!

Rest assured the donation will be used in our various programs designed to teach organized shooting among members and the community with a view toward increasing knowledge of the safe handling, use and care of firearms.







# Celebrate



# at AVGC

When: July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Times: CMP Match - 7:00 a.m. set up

8:00 a.m. MANDATORY Safety Briefing

BBQ - 1:00 P.M.

Flag Retirement Ceremony 3:00 P.M.



### Patriotism and a way to experience it

"Come the shoot the rifles that secured our freedom"

By: Alex Montenegro

I often think how lucky I am to live in the country I do, and to get to hang out with the community of firearm enthusiasts that I do. As I click off a mental list of the possibility of countries, I honestly can say I wouldn't want to live in any other country but the United States of America. In that spirit of appreciation of where one lives, it conjures up a feeling of patriotism for me.

In light of the world events currently in progress, I thought I would put on an event at Apple Valley Gun Club for our community to experience patriotism right here at the club. With another killer BBQ planned for the 4th of July Independence Day Celebration on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, I thought what a perfect time for the CMP Group to share our sport & discipline. I believe that some of you would love to come shoot the rifles that secured & protected our freedom as a country, but were somewhat unsure or didn't have the gear or the comfort level to shoot a CMP match. Well, here is my offer. The group of CMP shooters that shoot at AVGC have offered their services as an individual coach for anyone who wants to give it a shot (pun intended). So you can come shoot a match using one of our loaner rifles we have, M1 Garands (4), a Mosin Nagant, an 8mm Mauser, and I know most of us would loan you one of our rifles as well. We have ammo for all of these firearms for these type of matches, and you're welcome to bring your own service rifle too. So, if you've always wanted to, but just never got up the guts, here is a great way to wet your feet. If you shoot at one of our CMP Matches, fill out a score card, and turn it in; you'll be assigned a CMP number by the CMP. This in turn will allow you to buy from the CMP anything that is on their sales list. Come participate in our matches, experience patriotism, and enjoy a great BBQ afterwards. For more detailed information, please contact me by email so that way I can give a complete and clear response to your questions.

Hope to see you there, Alex Montenegro- AVGC CMP Director Email: ibalmon@msn.com



## AVGC THANKS AND APPRECIATES BOY SCOUT TROOP 357







A Certificate of Appreciation and a \$500 donation was presented to Troop 357 for another year of Flag Ceremony services at our monthly membership meetings. Thank you, Boy Scouts!

### CONGRATULATIONS APPRENTICE INSTRUCTORS!

AVGC has the best kids in the High Desert! These student athletes took our NRA Instructor course and qualified at the instructor level! Troy, Don Vito, and Sophia qualified for Basics of Pistol Shooting. Don Vito and Sophia also qualified for Basics of Rifle Shooting! All 3 are now Certified as Apprentice Instructors. We are so very proud of these athletes and look forward to working with them in our classrooms!



Troy Patterson, Don Vito Martin, Sophia Martin

### Dusk from the view of the Trap Range



Gosh, this place is beautiful. We are so lucky.





# National Train A Teacher Day at Apple Valley Gun Club!

June 18, 2022, 3:00PM - 5:00PM

- 3 different Free Training Classes for Teachers, School Staff, Administrators, & anyone involved with youth in our community (Scouts leaders etc.) are welcome to attend!
- Classes will be provided by NRA USCCA Certified Volunteer Instructors.
  - -NRA Refuse to Be a Victim Seminar
  - -AVGC Introduction to Pistol Shooting (Firearms, Ammunition and Eye & Ear protection will be provided)
  - -USCCA Countering the Mass Shooter Threat
- Only register for 1 (one) class as they all take place at the same time. There are limited slots available for each class so PLEASE be sure you will be attending.
- When registrations have been filled, please add yourself to the waitlist. We will contact you if a seat becomes available.

Pre-Registration Required at www.avgc.eventbrite.com

# AVGC at the Gun Show



CAME OUT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TO SPEND THEIR DAY TALKING TO PEOPLE AND EXPLAINING WHY AVGC IS THE BEST! WE HOPE TO SEE MANY OF THE INTERESTED PEOPLE THAT STOPPED BY THE TABLES JOIN THE CLUB IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. IF THAT'S YOU READING THIS, IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU! WELCOME!



### Fire comes close to the range

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, around 1:00 p.m. a small brush fire broke out in the Mojave Riverbed on the west side of Interstate 15. The brush fire quickly spread to nearly 12 acres. While never in any danger, it sure was exciting to watch from the vantage of the Abobe Clubhouse. The helicopters circled overhead, the lookyloos held up traffic, and the smokestack grew larger and larger. Great job to our local fire crews for getting this one out pretty quickly!

## **Adaptive Shooting at AVGC in 2022**



The Apple Valley Gun Club is proud to announce its 2022 schedule of Adaptive Shooting events to be held at the range.

The Adaptive Shooting Sports Program was created for people who have experienced spinal cord injury/disorder, amputee/limbloss, and mobility impairments, providing the opportunity to enjoy the shooting sports.

Participants will have one-on-one instruction from qualified instructors and coaches, and learn firearm safety, self-defense, and marksmanship. Using adaptive equipment and techniques, every participant can shoot an assortment of firearms, regardless of their physical limitations.

The focus is not on any disability, but the abilities of those challenged athletes.

2022 Adaptive Shooting Program Schedule

February 6

<u>May 15</u>

<u>August 7</u>

<u>November 6</u>

Register at Eventbrite.

AVGC is committed to serving the disabled community through Adaptive Shooting Clinics and Classes.

Contact Cecil Volsch for any questions <a href="mailto:cecilvolsch3@gmail.com">cecilvolsch3@gmail.com</a>

# NEW MATCH COMING TO THE RANGE!

2-gun Centerfire pistol / PCC (pistol caliber carbine) match

Location: P1 on the pistol range.

Date/Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 8:00 a.m. set up. MUST be present for

the Safety Briefing at 8:45 to participate. Match starts at 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$5 members

\$10 non- members

### **Description:**

We are limiting the PCC's to standard 9mm, 40 S&W, or 45ACP. This match is very similar to 2-gun Rimfire only with centerfire guns, with a round count of about 125 clean rounds.

It will have a pistol section, clear and ground your pistol, and then a PCC section. Stages will involve movement, forward, backward, sideways, with barriers, paper targets, and steel knockdown and reactive targets. This will be a timed event with reward for both speed and accuracy.

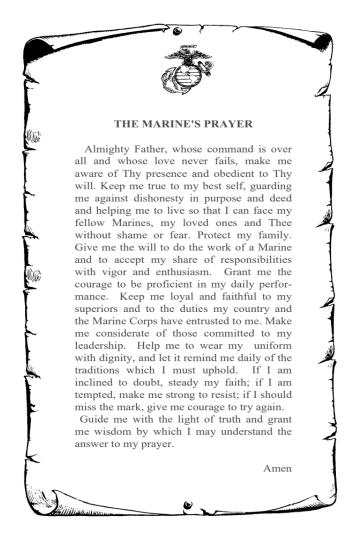
### What's needed:

- PCC (in calibers mentioned before) centerfire pistol
- 5 mags and holders
- holster made of Kydex or leather, no flimsy nylon type, one that you can holster your gun with one hand
- mags for the PCC
- chamber flag
- eye and ear protection

As a reminder, members can get volunteer hours by helping set up and tear down the matches. Even if you don't shoot, just show up and contact the Match Director to help, but once you see how much fun the matches are you'll wish you brought your guns!

Any questions call Sam Martinez 760-964-5282 or John Melton 760-447-5220

Hope to see you on the range!



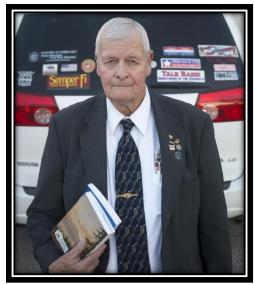


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Apple Valley Gun Club honors the passing of club member,

Jerry Laws.

True Patriot to the end. Semper Fi, Marine.





# Don't miss our April membership meeting! AVGC Welcomes, CRPA Advocacy and Outreach Manager, Kevin Small.

Kevin will give legislative updates on a few of the most pressing bills. You will also have a chance to join the CRPA! Get involved! It's the only way to preserve our freedoms!

Are you using AmazonSmile and designating the CRPA Foundation as your charity? This quarter alone AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the CRPA Foundation, in the amount of \$13,353.75 because of qualifying purchases made by customers who have selected this charity.

Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com everyday purchases make an impact.

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