

**THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER  
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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The heat has arrived! Please keep yourselves and your guests hydrated while at the range this summer! There is plenty of water and ice cream stocked in our refrigerators so, enjoy the range and stay cool. There are fun things happening this summer so check out the newsletter and all the events coming up. Junior programs are up and running. As the weather cools in the evening, it's a great time to come out with the kids, family, and friends and enjoy their sport of choice. So many amazing volunteers have helped with our website, classes, matches, and events across the range. Ladies, I have seen some great progress in those of you working with SWAG, and also those parents who have stepped up to help with the kids in SASP and shoot in our matches. New friends have arrived on the scene, and it's been a pleasure to meet each one of our newest members.

Thank you to all that have the time and are willing to use some of your precious time to help make things run. Thank you for showing up with smiles and letting us get to know you and for being professional, and kind, and understanding to anyone and everyone. We love our Apple Valley Gun Club members and there's nothing we can't accomplish surrounded by good folks like yourselves so, thank you to those of you who are patient, and understanding, and caring in your efforts to make your club a friendly place for all the 1,100 plus members we have. To avoid any scams, if you have any questions about the validity of any email coming from me (your president) asking for ANYTHING, please contact me directly. I can assure you that I do not send out emails to members asking for favors so, please call or contact me directly if you have any suspicions. As always, I look forward to seeing you on the range, meeting your family and kids, watching you all grow in the sport of shooting.

Jenaraye Graham  
President, Apple Valley Gun Club

# FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

The warmer weather of summer is upon us. Please remember to hydrate when you are on the range. Also, remember water is free. We want you to be able to take care of yourself. Please put the empty water bottles in the proper recycling container. The youth programs are recycling to help with their programs.

When you are on the range, I would ask that you take notice of who is there, and if they are using safe gun handling skills. Our purpose is 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.

So, if you see something that is unsafe or questionable, it is your responsibility as a member of AVGC to go to the person and talk to them respectfully about what you saw. After that, if you can't reach a good outcome, it may be necessary to take additional steps. If the person does not respond well, you may need to call the club Chief Range Safety Officer, the club President, or Vice president.

If you see someone working on the range, or on one of our buildings, stop and give them an encouraging word. Good Job, you are leaving AVGC a little better than you found it. I would like to thank all the volunteers, whether it is a concerned member, range or facility chair, RSO, board member, match director, program director, coach, or the countless hundreds of others that help out around the club every month. We wouldn't have Apple Valley Gun Club without all of you.

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



# CMP PISTOL MATCH AT AVGC

## “FIERCE ABOUT FREEDOM”

A heartfelt “THANK YOU” from AVGC and our CMP to the CRPA for their extremely generous and timely donation of award medals with the "Fierce About Freedom" and bear image on the front, and the nicely inscribed back, touting our CMP Pistol Match at Apple Valley Gun Club. The medals were a perfect way of commemorating of the event.

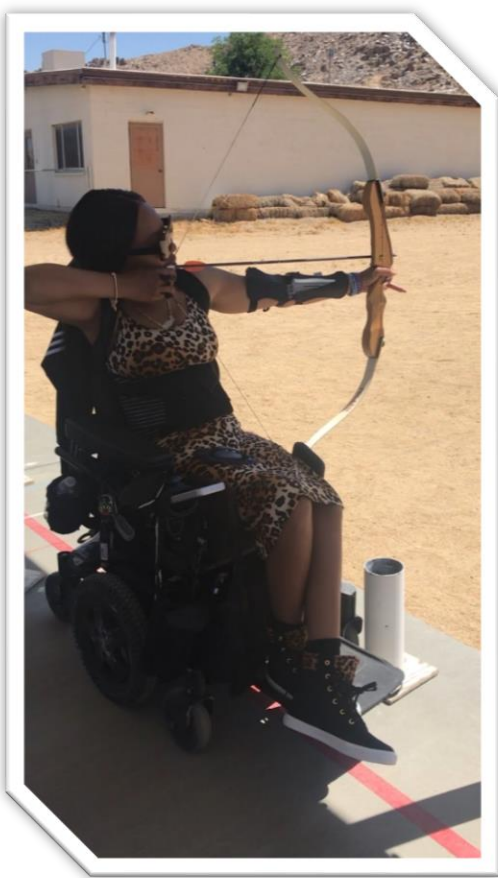
The CMP is interested in getting the public involved in accurate target shooting. The youth programs are phenomenal, and the competition is tough. We are proud of our CMP program at Apple Valley Gun Club. Besides the "Military & Police Service Pistol Match", which we shoot a couple of times a year; we also host monthly a CMP Garand M1, Springfield, Modern Military Rifle Match. This is a very popular event that is attended by shooters from as far away as Lake Havasu, & Fresno. We also held a CMP .22 Sporter Rifle Match in our indoor range, which we are looking to schedule again soon.

We appreciate the enthusiasm the CRPA has shown to support a local gun club such as ours.



## Archery is ramping up at Apple Valley Gun Club

If you have ever been interested in trying out Archery, now is the time! Our archery range is alive and well! Our range chair, Sandy Oberlies, reports that there are so many people showing up to our open archery events she's going to start needing some additional help! If you have an interest in helping out at the archery range and getting in some range time yourself, give Sandy a call! (760) 282-4395 Text or Leave Message.



**"We offer archery clinics for those who are new to archery as well as for those who are looking for instruction. Archery is an adaptable sport, and people of all ages, genders and abilities can participate." -Sandy**



Want to keep up with the latest events at the club?  
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

# Sheriff Dicus Thanks the Apple Valley Gun Club



## **Concealed Carry Weapon Permits Now Available in the High Desert**

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has added a new High Desert location for processing Concealed Carry Weapon permits (CCW).

The office is located in the Victorville Court Services Division at 14455 Civic Drive on the northeast side of the Victorville Courthouse.

Hours are 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, visit their website or call (909) 473-3893.

AVGC President Emeritus, Tracey Graham, was in attendance for the Sheriff's announcement. The Sheriff thanked the Apple Valley Gun Club for our CCW Re-qualification program and our cadre of NRA Certified Instructors that do an amazing job twice a month to help responsible gun owners renew their permits. Our program hears nothing but thanks and praises from the attendees. AVGC is committed to providing programs that educate, promote safety, and serve the community. We are honored to be trusted by the Sheriff for this important service.

# NEW!

## HANDGUN

### CLEANING CLINIC

THIS IS WHAT YOU WILL LEARN...

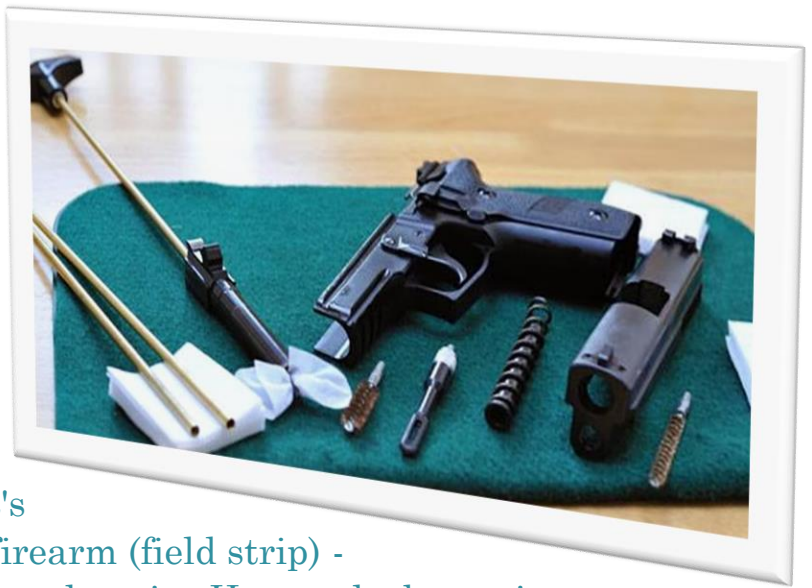
Why cleaning is critical to the firearm's operation, longevity, and dependability -

Preparation for cleaning and exactly what's

needed- How to break down your specific firearm (field strip) -

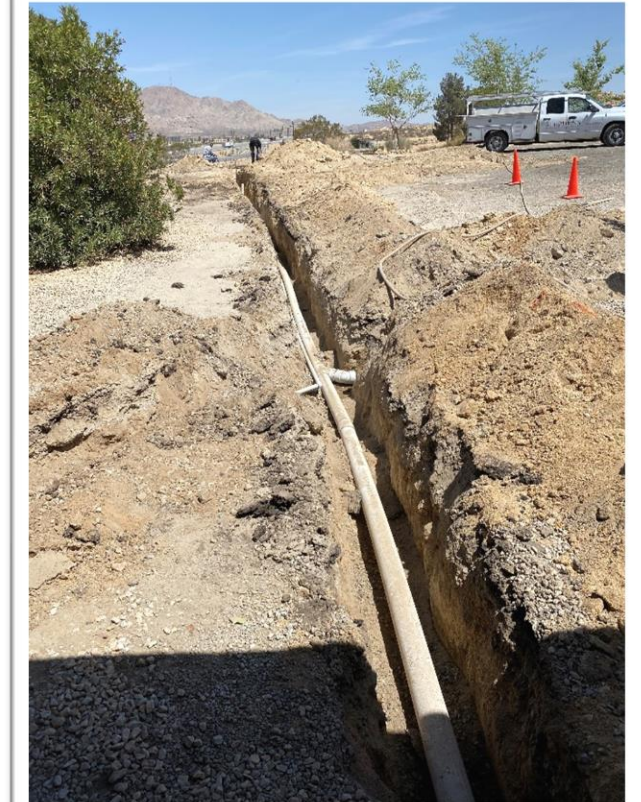
What to clean and why it is SO important to clean it - How and what to inspect on your firearm during cleaning - What to oil and why it is SO important to oil it - How to put it all back together - How to check function following cleaning.

Check Eventbrite for dates and times! <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/apple-valley-gun-club-9267340440>



## **Your Membership Dues At Work!**

Sewer line completed in May! This project added a new sewer line from the Adobe Clubhouse that tied into the existing pistol sewer line. Additionally, the project added a lateral sewer line to tie in the indoor and big bore ranges sometime in the future.



## Apple Valley Gun Club hosts the Wounded Warrior Project



According to their website, “more than 52,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in recent military conflicts. 500,000 are living with invisible wounds, from depression to post-traumatic stress disorder. 320,000 experience debilitating brain trauma. Advancements in technology and medicine save lives – but the quality of those lives might be profoundly altered. The numbers speak for themselves, because not every warrior can. With the support of our community of donors and team members, we give a voice to those needs and empower our warriors to begin the journey to recovery.”

Apple Valley Gun Club was honored to welcome the Wounded Warrior Project to the club. The participants were able to enjoy our archery range and our trap range. Community involvement is hugely important to our club and when given the opportunity to support and empower our servicemen and women we are happy to help. If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from the community and mission of the Wounded Warrior Project, reach out to the club Board of Directors for more information or go to [woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org)





**CELEBRATE FREEDOM  
AT AVGC  
SATURDAY  
JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2022**

**EVENTS:**

»» **CMP MATCH**

7:00 a.m. set up

8:00 a.m. MANDATORY Safety Briefing

Come shoot the rifles that secured & protected our freedom:

M1 Garands (4), a Mosin Nagant, an 8mm Mauser

We have ammo for all of these firearms.

You're welcome to bring your own service rifle.

For Questions: Alex Montenegro- AVGC CMP Director

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»» **BBQ**

1:00 P.M.

Enjoy food and celebrate our Freedom with friends

»» **FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY**

3:00 P.M.

Pay your respect to the Country and honor the American Flag as the Boy Scouts perform a moving retirement ceremony.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

*John Adams thought Independence Day should be celebrated on July 2.*

*The Continental Congress did declare its freedom from Great Britain on July 2, 1776. However, an official document explaining this move to the public wasn't published until two days later, on July 4, 1776.*

*I guess it just worked out for us that our weekend freedom celebration landed on July 2<sup>nd</sup>!*



## In-Person Hunter's Education is back at the CRPA!

The California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) recently announced that they will again be offering in-person Hunter Education courses. CRPA is proud to host these events. CDFW also announced that they will continue to offer online courses as well.

In the Traditional Hunter Education course, students receive training in firearms safety and handling, sportsmanship and ethics, wildlife management and conservation, archery, black powder, wildlife identification, game care, first aid, and survival. Upon completion of the course and passage of the final exam, students are awarded a Certificate of Completion.

For more information visit:

<https://crpa.org/events/training-and-education/hunter-education/>

\*Information and photograph courtesy of the CRPA

## California Bear Hunting in the News...\*

The California Fish and Game Commission voted to deny a petition from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) that sought to eliminate bear hunting throughout the Golden State.

For years, the HSUS has espoused the belief that California black bear populations are in the midst of a precipitous decline. They point to several reasons including the "negative effects of trophy hunting" as culprits in the decline of bear numbers statewide.

Black bear numbers in California are stable. Hunter harvest has had little to no adverse impact on the species' thriving growth rates. Less than 5% of the state's bear population is harvested by hunters each year. This low level of harvest is unlikely to have a significant adverse impact on the population.

Hunters pushed against HSUS's malalignment of bear hunters as egotistical "trophy hunters" who care little for the valuable resources that a harvested bear provides.

Under California law, it is illegal for hunters to leave any edible portion of a harvested animal to waste in the field. According to the CDFW, this prohibition against wanton waste is designed to "prevent trophy hunting and to stop people from taking animals just for mounts."

\*<https://www.themeateater.com/conservation/wildlife-management/california-hunters-claim-victory-in-bear-hunt-battle>

# Shop AVGC Merchandise

In case you missed it, or haven't been to the Adobe Clubhouse recently, Merchandise Chair, Trisha King, has set up a cute little Boutique sampling of our club merch! There is a price list posted and payment is on the honor system. We know our membership is the most trustworthy and noble of the High Desert, so we trust you all will do the right thing and pay for what you take. Trisha works hard to make sure we are well stocked. If there is something you would like to see, please let her know! You can meet her at our monthly membership meeting or just slip your suggestions in with your merchandise payments. She recently got us some really cool reflective arm bands for our membership cards! They are great for that low light training on the range in the evenings!

Merchandise Price List	
T-Shirt SM-XL	\$15
T-Shirt 2X & Up	\$20
T-Shirt Long Sleeve SM - XL	\$15
T-Shirt 2X & Up	\$20
Sweatshirt	\$30
Pull Over Hoodie	\$40
Zip Up Hoodie	\$40
Jacket	\$75
Caps - Snap Back	\$15
Caps - Velcro Back	\$10
Beanies	\$15
Badge Holder - Clear	\$1
Badge Holder - Red Lanyard	\$2
Badge Holder - Arm Band	\$10
Challenge Coin	\$10



Trisha is looking for volunteers to help with the merchandise to include organizing, tracking inventory, helping get merch to and from the meetings and events for purchase. If you are interested in getting your volunteer hours in a fun and easy way, contact Trisha! 760-447-9582

Thank you, Trisha, for all your hard work! We are so lucky to have you!



# THE RODEO STORY

Rodeos have been part of the San Bernardino landscape since 1957. For years, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has brought this exciting tradition to the Inland Empire in what has quickly become one of the most outstanding western sporting events in Southern California. Each year the association strives to create a bigger and

better rodeo that truly exemplifies the thrilling excitement of the Old West.

Changing times saw the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Benefit Rodeo disappear in 1974 to the dismay of rodeo lovers everywhere. But with the dawn of the new century, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is proud to bring back this classic event, bigger and better than it ever was.

Through the generous support of community sponsors and the dedication of Rodeo volunteers and association members, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Rodeo is an opportunity for visitors to experience the "rough-and-tumble" ways of cowboy life along with wholesome family entertainment.

The Rodeo has come a long way since its beginning in 1957. Today the Rodeo not only includes the blood tingling excitement of bull riding, calf roping and saddle bronc riding, but also family entertainment also includes the mechanical bull, rock climbing, pony rides and a petting zoo.

\*Source: <https://www.sheriffsrodeo.com/p/about/our-history>

## AVCG SPONSORS THE SHERIFF'S RODEO!

Our membership has long been a supporter of the Sheriff's Department. From the CCW Re-Qualification program to the Rodeo, the members of the Apple Valley Gun Club faithfully commit our appreciation and endorsement to the Sheriff and the values of the Department. This year the membership approved a **BRONZE** Sponsorship of \$2,500.00 for the Rodeo. Look for our banners and logos at the event. We will see you there!

**The Sheriff's Rodeo will be held SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>-SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Get your tickets online at [www.sheriffsrodeo.com](http://www.sheriffsrodeo.com)**

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Response within 24 hours



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