



THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we move forward toward the final quarter of the year let us hope for cooler temperatures! Elections are coming up and as always nominations will be closing following the November meeting. Those of you who would like an opportunity to help lead the club into the future by serving on the Board, as a Range Chair, Range Safety Officer, or on a committee, please let your Board members know.

Once again, I'd like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers for their support including our dedicated RSO's who continuously volunteer their time to help keep the range safe for all of us.

Changes have landed upon us on the ranges, within our Policies and Procedures, and our Safety Regulations and there are more to come very shortly here, so please, visit our website to stay up to date with the progress and happenings across the campus.

Our September NRA Women on Target was packed, successful, and an absolute blast! I want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help make this day a success for the ladies! Thank you to Dave Holbrook and the NRA for all the wonderful swag bag items and to The Galley Fish Tacos for their amazing lunch!

To all the Coaches and RSO's and helpers in the classroom who volunteer for our 2nd Friday of the month Women's program, or Pistol Clinic (Men/Women) program, I want to say thank you! Each month when you give of your time and talents, we take that opportunity to reach out to the community and provide safe gun handling skills, fundamentals, and introduce members of the community to the many kinds of events, classes and activities that take place at the club, and the many reasons why the Apple Valley Gun Club is the best place to join!

Jenaraye Graham
President, Apple Valley Gun Club

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

October is here already, and with that also cooler weather. Soon we will be complaining about the cold weather. Just because it is cooler, we still need to protect ourselves from the harsh elements. This includes drinking plenty of water when we are at the range.

As everyone knows Don McAfee is managing the facilities now. I think Don is doing an outstanding job. This job is monumental in size, so Don would appreciate some help from you whenever you can. Come to the workdays, even if you have your hours in for the year. If you see a project that needs doing around the range, talk to Don and see how you can help with it. If everyone does their part we can make Apple Valley Gun Club a little better than we found it!!

Safety is everyone's business, and lately we have had fewer incident reports, Thank You. Please remember if you see something unsafe on the range, approach the person with respect, and a good attitude; the way you would want to be treated. The number 1 reason new members state for joining is they are looking for a safe place to shoot.

Take a look at the website often to see events and classes. We offer an array of matches each month. If you are interested in a match, but don't know how to get started, contact the match director, they will be glad to help you along the way.

Also, we offer excellent training every month. Look on the website www.applevalleygunclub.com for the classes we offer. Or Eventbrite to sign up www.AVGC.eventbrite.com I hope to see you at a match or in a class soon.

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

FROM THE SECRETARY

It's time to start thinking about club membership renewals! As you know, from reading our Club Governing Documents, your renewal packet will be mailed to you no later than December 31, 2022. **IF YOU DO NOT GET YOUR PACKET BY MID JANUARY IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REACH OUT TO ME!** Your membership dues must be turned in or post-marked by January 31, 2023, or they will be considered late. If you are a new member and you join the club in October, November, or December, you already have paid your dues for 2023 and do not need to pay again when you get your packet, but you DO need to complete the paperwork and turn it in.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVISE OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES to make sure you get your renewal packets timely. "I didn't get my packet" is not an excuse to not pay your dues on time. The renewal period is a lot of time and work. Please remember, I am a volunteer that also has a full-time job so anything you can do to make this period easier is appreciated.

Dina McKinney, Secretary
Apple Valley Gun Club

Board of Directors Elections are coming!

Are you a natural born leader? Do you have an interest in helping with club management? Consider running for the Board of Directors. Nominations open at the October membership meeting and close at midnight on the day following the November membership meeting.

Positions up for re-election are:

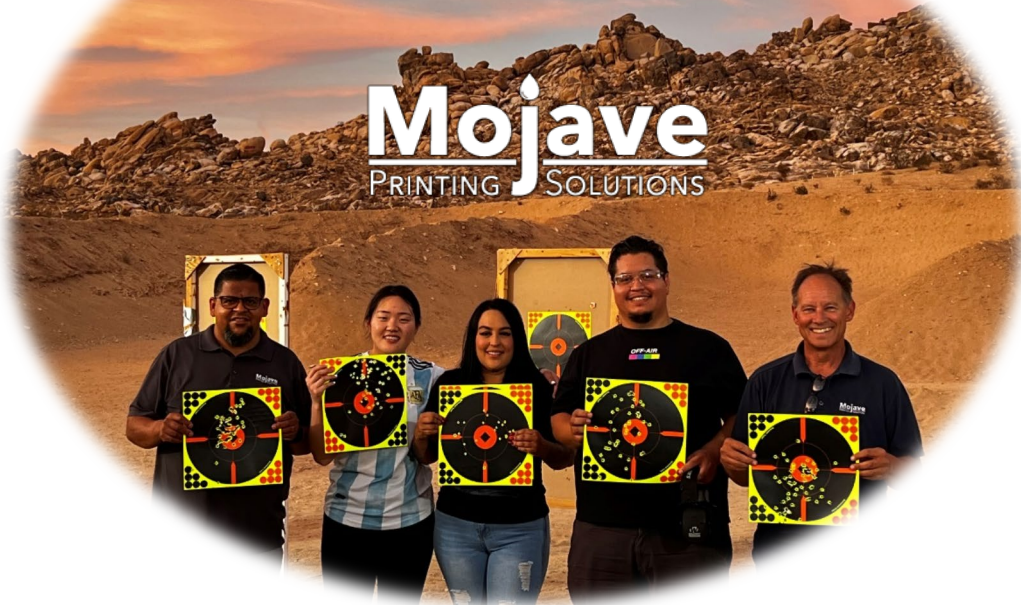
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Two 2-year Director seats
- One 1-year Director seat



ALCOHOL PROHIBITED ON THE RANGE

The club recycles our empty water bottles and cans, and the money is used for our programs. This past quarter, while sorting and crushing the recycling on the range, beer cans and miniature liquor bottles were found in the recycling. Please remember, guns and alcohol do not mix! Please do not bring alcohol to the range.

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB HOSTS MOJAVE PRINTING SOLUTIONS





SHANNON D. DICUS, SHERIFF-CORONER

August 29, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 7630
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Letter of Opposition SB 918: Firearms

Dear Senator Portantino,

On August 17, 2022, I sent a letter of opposition to SB 918 to all San Bernardino County Assembly Members to urge a "No" vote on the Assembly Floor.

This bill and your press release suggest that CCW holders are responsible for gun violence in this country. This perception of CCW holders does not reflect my experience with law-abiding citizens who possess CCWs in San Bernardino County. CCW holders in this county have used firearms for lawful self-defense and have survived threats of death or great bodily injury to themselves.

This bill appears to be an effort to remove a significant portion of the CCW process from local control and representation of citizens in this county and move this control to the state. In my opinion, the proposed process appears cumbersome and dissuades citizens from pursuing a CCW to provide for their protection and their families.

In San Bernardino County, over 11,000 CCW holders represent Democrats, Republicans, minorities, and all of those who feel that the ability to possess a firearm is a fundamental right to protection. Some media outlets and activists try to portray the CCW holders, and the program itself, as part of the gun violence epidemic in this country. This is not the truth. CCW holders are law-abiding and deserve to be portrayed as such. Criminals are committing the gun violence we see in this country. Lumping in CCW holders who are good citizens, friends, and neighbors is wrong.

For the above reasons, I am in opposition to SB 918. Please contact my Legislative Liaison Sergeant Julius McChristian (jmcchristian@sbcscd.org) or me if we can be of any assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Shannon Dicus, Sheriff-Coroner
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SUMMARY: Sheriff Dicus respects the rights of our citizens to lawfully carry a concealed weapon and remains committed to aid them in the process to obtain a Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) permit.

The Sheriff joins the California State Sheriff's Association (CSSA) in their opposition to Senate Bill 918 (Portantino) and has made his stance clear to members of the California State Assembly. Today, the Sheriff addressed his concerns about this bill and its suggestion that CCW permit holders are responsible for gun violence in this country. We are sharing the letter sent to Senator Portantino and wish to convey to the residents of San Bernardino County that the Sheriff supports those that believe the ability to possess a firearm is a fundamental right to protection and he will continue to defend that right.

Refer: Sheriff's Public Affairs

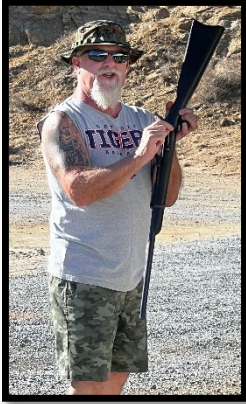


Note, to find current, reliable information on any bill before the California legislature you can go to: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>



2022 PATRIOT CELEBRATION

Patriotism was on full display this year at the Apple Valley Gun Club Patriot Celebration and BBQ! The day started bright and early with our Patriot GSM Match run by Alex Montenegro and assisted by his loyal group of CMP shooters on hand to coach all those Patriots that showed up to shoot the rifles that secured our freedom. Alex began the event with a brief history and First Shot Ceremony for a little extra pomp & circumstance. In the traditional First Shot Ceremony Jeff Lovat shot his 1873 Original Springfield Trapdoor rifle in 45-70 to signal the start of the match.



Following the match, the Club hosted a Patriot BBQ. Fun was had by all! Grill Master Gary provided his talents again by cooking up finger-lickin' good BBQ. Just look at that meat! Alex's wife Laura prepares days in advanced for this BBQ and we can't thank her enough for putting on such a great party!



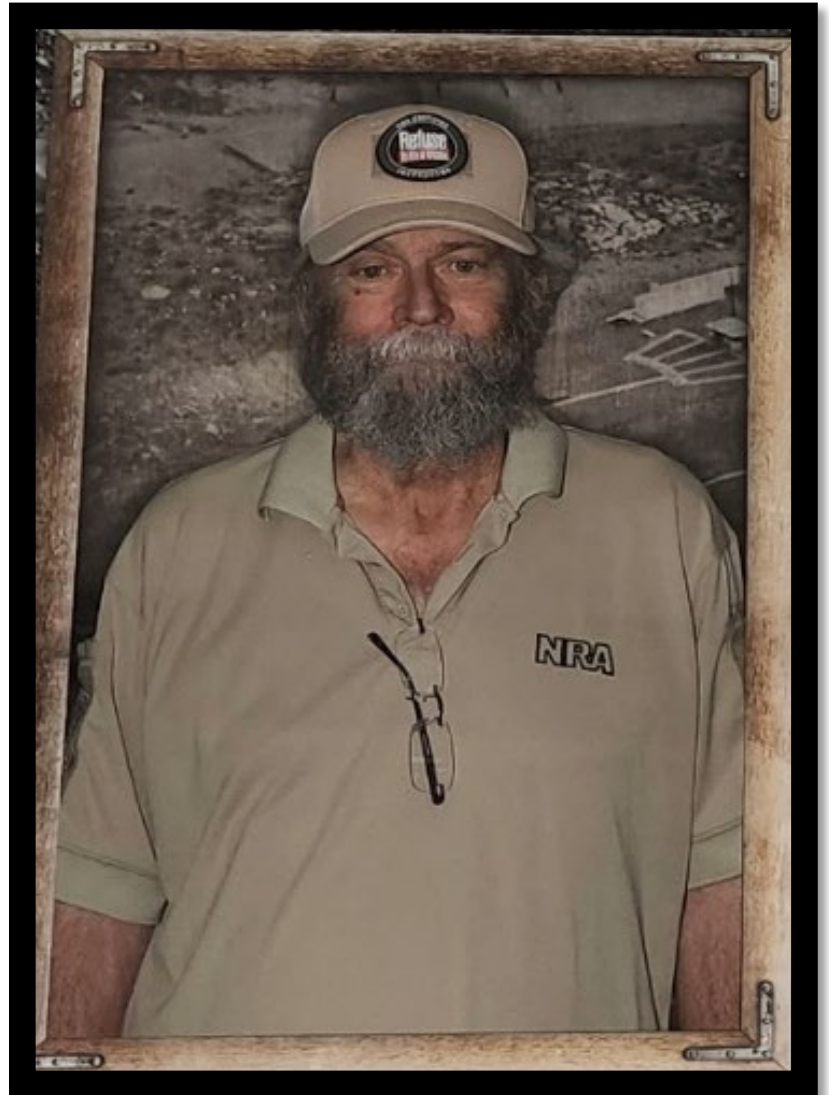
Finally, the day concluded with a reverent closing when Boy Scout Troop 357 performed a Flag Retirement Ceremony. We retire flags with dignity and respect when they become worn, torn, faded, or badly soiled.



"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

THANK YOU, TIM!

TIM, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP, WE WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNPARALLELED SERVICE TO THE CLUB. AS FACILITIES CHAIR, YOU WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT ANY VOLUNTEER WOULD BE EXPECTED TO DO. YOUR RETIREMENT FROM FACILITIES IS WELL-EARNED. TO SAY WE APPRECIATE YOU DOES NOT EVEN COME CLOSE TO THE AMOUNT OF GRATITUDE AND RESPECT WE HAVE FOR YOU.



SOME of the Facility improvements during Tim Smith's management

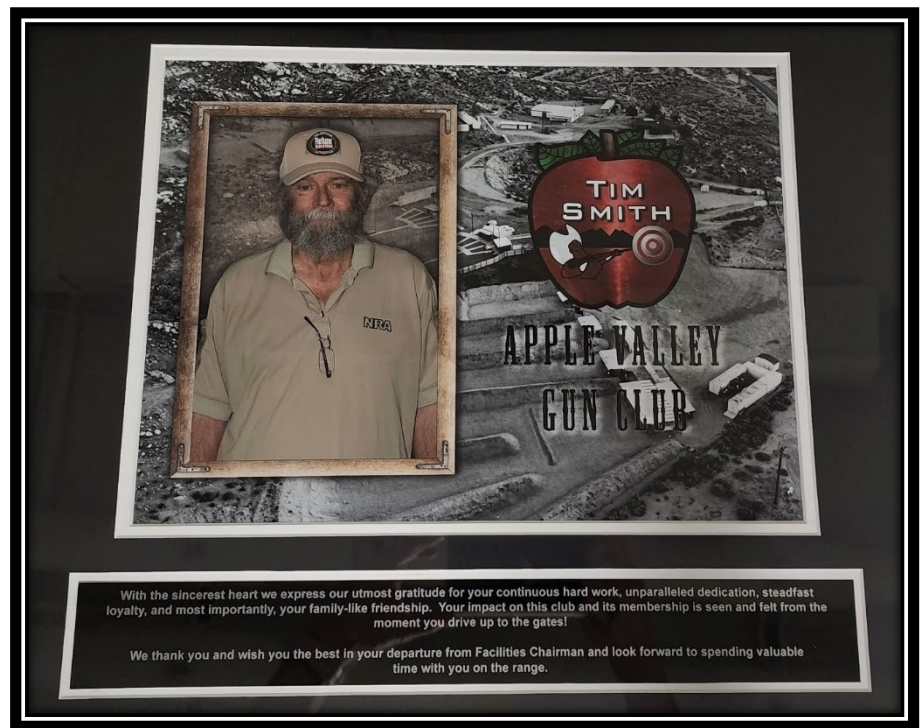
Automatic gate installation and gate management New trap machine P1 new restrooms & storage Free fill dirt at parking lot Grading Pistol parking Sewer for Pistol and Adobe Managed Caltrans during Stoddard Wells improvements Storm drain Pistol range, Pistol berm rebuilding shade structures Pistol roll-up door Pistol metal door Sign in tablets	Target inventory management Supply inventory Club supplied water Pistol Range Shack insulation/mini split Adobe mini splits Big Bore steel Target frames & bases Managed range handyman Big bore evaporative coolers Hours waiting for deliveries Cell tower & site improvements Retaining blocks at ends of pistol range berms. CCW Preparation class	Pavement, rock breaking Signed, banners Video camera and recording systems Intranet/Wi-Fi Fences Indoor Range backstop repairs DG on trap ranges Trap Classroom Concrete at trap Lighting improvements on all ranges New roof on indoor range Lead abatement Road pavement Concrete approaches	Adobe Countertop P1 benches on the walls Shade structure at p1 Wall in the adobe Flat screens in the Trap & adobe New furniture Lead reclamation Landscape trees & irrigation Years of lock combination changes 12-years of work party of volunteer management P1 additional bench Pistol range lights Stair at big bore Stairs between pistol & trap Ramp & rail between trap ranges
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How blessed & lucky have we been. -Alex M.

Only a few times in your lifetime, do you get to meet someone with the same goals as you. Someone that tirelessly outworks you. Someone who's dedication to the mission, is unparalleled by no one. Someone that gets up early and stays up late, so all the tasks both big and small fall in place perfectly. Someone who puts everyone else's needs in front of his own. Let me introduce you to Tim Smith -Tim N.

I was there at the safety meeting about 11 years ago when Tim Smith became the club's first official facilities chair. What an exciting meeting it was, the person who had been doing the job wanted to keep the position and his newly elected position. That did not happen, Tim became our official facilities chair that night and has held the position since. Tim's contributions to club are incomprehensible to me as I reviewed the list and help add to it. His unique character and his meeting reports is what I have enjoyed the most for so many years. I'm going to miss Tim's NRA fourth rule, don't shoot the frames and bases, and him letting us know how to dispose of our brass, trash and recyclables. Tim was amazing at managing the big projects and well as the day-to-day issues of range management. I know of no other member who has put in so many hours improving our range. Just want to give him a big thank you, for all he has done and let him know I appreciate him. Look forward to seeing him on the range in his new position, MEMBER. Every time I drink a bottle of water I will remember and thank Tim for making water available all over the range -Gary M.



If you know Tim at all, you know that through his rough exterior is a warm and genuinely funny person. When I first met Tim, I knew right away that I wasn't going to let his hard shell deter me from getting to know the person. It was well worth the effort. When I became secretary, Tim gave me some pointers. When he ultimately complimented me with the simple, "You've been a great secretary" it meant the world to me. A genuine compliment from Tim is like gold. Thank you, Tim, for all that you've taught me through the years, for your kindness, your respect, and even your snarky remarks that offered another perspective or even comic relief. -Dina M.

I would need a book to list everything Tim has accomplished at AVGC over the years. Words could never express my gratitude for all Tim has done. I am grateful to have him as my friend! -Diana R.



BOARD MEMBERS ATTEND RANGECON 2022

HOSTED BY THE CRPA

From left to right: Maria Saglietto, CRPA; Dina McKinney, AVGC Secretary; Cathy Westmoreland, AVGC Director; Cecil Volsch, AVGC Director



TOPICS COVERED BY THE CONFERENCE:

Inform you of the newest environmental & recycling issues.

Educating you on legislative, regulatory, and other vital legal issues.

Introduce you to competition hosting opportunities.

Helping you build grassroots support that both grow and protect your business.

Networking emerging technologies that will improve all aspects of your range.

Focusing on marketing and insurance.

Opportunities for new range development and existing range expansion.

New training opportunities designed for California ranges.

Lost & Found

Did you know the club has a lost and found?? In the back of the Adobe Clubhouse, by the Board and Chair mailboxes, there is a filing cabinet. The bottom two drawers are dedicated to lost and found items. These two drawers are getting **FULL**. We will be emptying the drawers at the end of this year. So, if you are missing something, go check it out before its gone! There are keys, glasses, hats, sweaters, etc. Anything of significant value is secured by the Secretary. If you are missing an item of significant value, please check with Dina McKinney to see if she has it locked up in her office!

Pistol Caliber Carbines (PCCs) are now allowed on

Pistol Ranges - P1 through P3 ONLY

ONLY calibers listed below:

- .380 ACP
- 9x19mm (Luger/Parabellum)
- .38 SPL
- .40 S&W
- .45 ACP

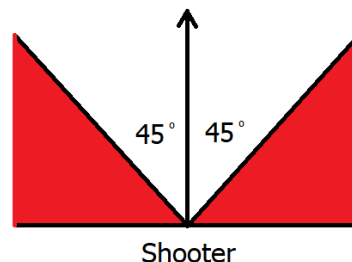
NO carbines chambered in Magnum or Rifle cartridges are allowed.

Additional Rules Apply:

- ONLY 1 shooter forward of the bench at a time.
- Unarmed Range Officer may accompany the shooter.
- PCCs not in use must have the bolt locked open and empty magazine well.
- Chamber flags recommended, but not required.
- PCCs should be on a rack, in a match wagon or laid on the bench, muzzle downrange.
- PCC to Pistol transitions and vice versa are to be done via the use of “Dump” boxes or barrels.
- NO slung carbines
- Pistols should be holstered in a rigid plastic/kydex holster with trigger covered.

Target Rules:

- All targets must be addressed in the “down range” direction.
- All targets should be within 45 degrees of center.



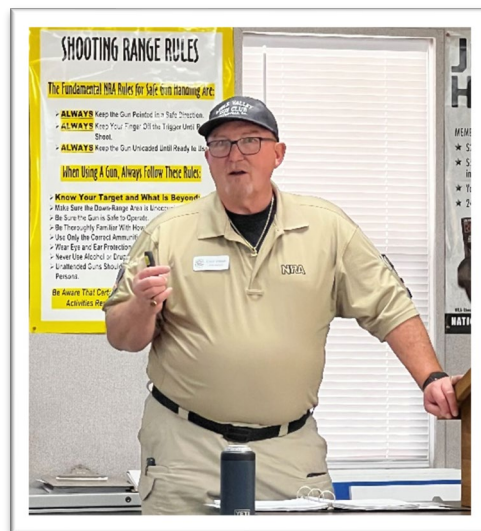
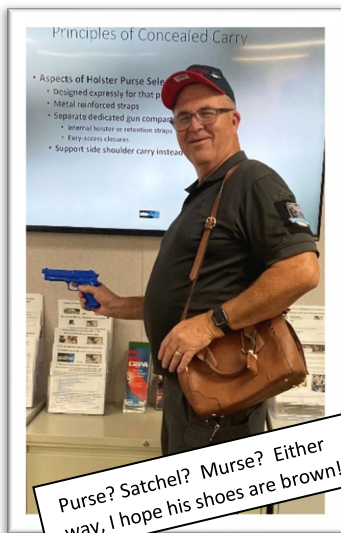
- All steel targets must be at least 50 ft from shooter's position.
- Please follow all standard safety regulations and protocols for all AVGC ranges.
- **P4 - NO PCCs OR METALLIC TARGETS**

MEET THE INSTRUCTORS OF APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB



2023 Events have been approved!

AVGC provides an impressive list of classes and matches designed to help you improve your skills and confidence within a safe and supportive environment. Check out our website for information on our various training opportunities.



2A In The News



AG Bonta: “Good Cause” Requirement Is Unconstitutional

In the wake of the NYSRPA v Bruen decision, California Attorney General Rob Bonta issued a Legal Alert to all law enforcement officials across the state declaring the “good cause” requirement for a CCW permit unconstitutional. Bonta goes on to specifically direct permitting agencies that they “may no longer require a demonstration of ‘good cause’ in order to obtain a concealed carry permit”.

You can read the Full Legal Alert here:

<https://crpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/22.06.24-Bonta-Legal-Alert.pdf>

**Information courtesy of the CRPA*

UPDATE on AB 2571*

The twisty path of AB 2571 took a pretty wild turn a couple weeks back when the court granted the Legislature another “bite at the apple” in an attempt to get the new law to pass legal muster. Lawmakers dutifully sharpened their pencils and went back to work, trying to make the unconstitutional somehow constitutional.

With the adoption of new amendments in the beginning of September, people were naturally curious as to their impact. In short, the changes made the law even more confusing and vague, but there is a LOT to it. So, the team at the CRPA has assembled a document that addresses all the facets of how this law could be applied.

You can read that document here:

<https://crpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Updates-on-language-003.pdf>

**Information courtesy of the CRPA*

Some of the amendments to AB 2571 could affect our club Junior Programs. We understand that other organizations may choose to operate their programs despite the current status of this Bill. We defer to the expertise of our attorneys, and we have been advised to sit tight for now. The next hearing is on October 17th, 2022.

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Response within 24 hours



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would like in the Newsletter?
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