

# APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's an honor for me to be President of Apple Valley Gun Club. Thank you for having the confidence in me, and for your continued support. 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."** This is, or should be, our purpose statement.

I would encourage you to remember this in everything you do at Apple Valley Gun Club, and the people that you meet on the range.

I was recently asked what brought me to Apple Valley Gun Club. It was the CCW prep course. I was in the process of obtaining my CCW, and I found the CCW prep class to be very informative. I soon learned of other classes, and I took one after another. Then as some of our instructors were leaving, I became an instructor, and recently a Training Counselor. I truly feel like there isn't another place like Apple Valley Gun Club, where you can get the training, shoot in matches, advance your own shooting skills, and meet some of the greatest people in the world.

I would like to take this time to thank our 2022 President, Jenaraye Graham, for the outstanding job she did leading us for the last year.

Also, I would ask that you support the Board of Directors for 2023. I ask the board members, "How will this benefit our members."

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

Thank you,  
Tim Neubauer, President  
Apple Valley Gun Club

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT/President-Elect

Greetings members of Apple Valley Gun Club! Thank you so much for the honor of becoming your new vice president. I'm excited to join the board of directors and be a part of keeping this club the awesome facility that it is.

I have been re-reading our by-laws, range rules, and policy manuals to absorb as much as I can about my new responsibilities and the governance of the club. Additionally, I am working to attend events, matches, and classes that I have not previously visited, to further learn every aspect of our organization.

There are several changes already in the works for the club, such as the lighting upgrade project. There are some new classes in place to help beginning shooters improve their skills and confidence. Some long-established programs will see new direction this year to bring fresh plans and ideas. Our merchandise managers have met with suppliers and designers and will be bringing in some new items with new designs that we hope will be a hit with members.

I want to remind everyone that there are many available options for volunteer hours besides the monthly work party. Get with match directors, range chairpersons, and especially our very hard-working secretary to see if you can help with simple office work or easy setup and break down tasks.

Finally, I want to remind all members that this is your club. Please help out our hard-working facilities managers and treat range areas, snack areas, bathrooms, etc. as you would your own. Make sure trash and recyclables get into the appropriate receptacles, clean up your targets and spent brass when done shooting, and generally take care of your club.

I'm looking forward to a fun and productive year.

Debbie Harris, Vice President  
Apple Valley Gun Club

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at AVGC!

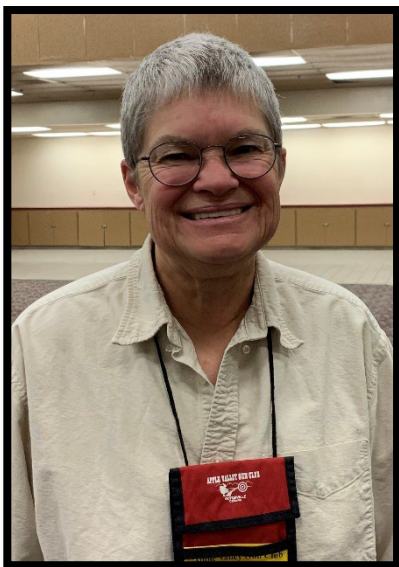


February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023



# CONGRATULATIONS

## NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS



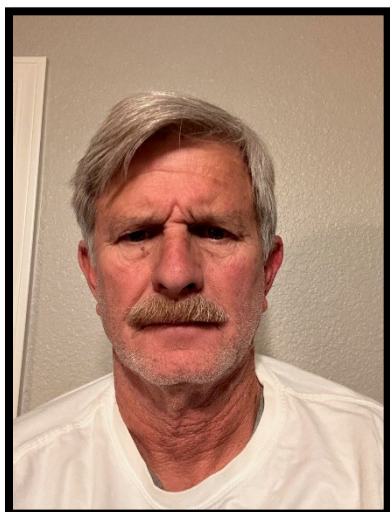
Deborah Harris  
Vice President/President Elect



Jonathan Weldy  
Treasurer



Cathy Westmoreland  
2-year Director



Matt McCourt  
2-year Director



Larry Mason  
1-year Director



# APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB'S

## 75TH ANNUAL MEMBER APPRECIATION BANQUET



Thank you for  
joining us!

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023





Apple Valley Gun Club extends our most sincere gratitude to our banquet partners in the community



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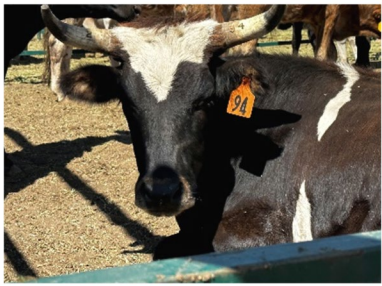
The Triumph Foundation  
Recognizes  
Apple Valley Gun Club's  
Adaptive Shooting  
Program

Thank You, Cecil Volsch,  
and your team of highly  
skilled coaches for making  
the shooting sports  
accessible to all!





With all the election and banquet hullabaloo, we forgot to share photos of AVGC's sponsorship of the Sheriff's Rodeo with you! As you know, AVGC is one of the few ranges in San Bernardino County that the Sheriff's office has approved to assist with CCW requalification. AVGC respects this partnership with the Sheriff, and we look forward to many more years of servicing our community together.



(Right) Director, Cathy Westmoreland and Secretary, Dina McKinney, greeting Sheriff Dicus at the Sponsor Night.  
(Above): Cutest bull ever.



(Above) Cathy and Dina accepted the Bronze Sponsorship award on behalf of Apple Valley Gun Club. Check it out in the Adobe Clubhouse! They found our newly elected Vice President, Debbie Harris in the crowd!



(Left) Larger-than-Life display of AVGC logo at the Sponsorship dinner.

(Right) The most popular volunteer at the AVGC booth. Chance brought more people to our booth than anyone! What a good boy!







**Apple Valley Gun Club**  
*Beyond Basics Firearms Training Course*

**Taking Basics One Step Further**

Beyond Basics is available to students who have completed the NRA Basic Pistol (BOPS) class. Beyond Basics offers new shooters/students a chance to practice shooting some of what they just learned from the NRA Basic Pistol (BOPS) class. It's a great opportunity to re-enforce the skills they just learned.

**One-Handed, Off-Hand and Magazine Changes Included in Beyond Basics**

The NRA Basic Pistol class covers a lot of information about owning and shooting your handgun and includes a shooting qualification at the end. It's a great beginning class. Students however were wanting more shooting time. So, we created a course to take the basics and expand on them. Shooting one handed, off-hand, adding speed and doing magazine changes are just a sample of what the course offers. The course is done from the bench and in the standing position. There is no holster work in this course.

**One-on-One Training with an NRA Instructor**

After successfully passing the NRA Basic Pistol class, the student can sign up for the 3-hour course that fine tunes the basics they just learned. Each student will have an NRA coach by their side – one-on-one where the coach can help the student gain more confidence while shooting. There is some training in this course; however, it's mostly honing your skills while having a lot of fun.

With safety foremost, the course is geared to give the student more shooting time. It also lets them see how additional training is possible with other NRA classes and AVGC matches.

If you are a new graduate of the BOPS from AVGC, or you have passed this course from AVGC in the past year, you can easily sign up for this course. Look for the dates on Eventbrite or the calendar on the AVGC website at [AppleValleyGunClub.com](http://AppleValleyGunClub.com).

The new Beyond Basics course will be offered about every two months and costs \$50 with a coupon of \$10 off for passing the BOPS class. The coupon and course are good for up to a year after passing the BOPS. We want you to have the best experience and build on your "basics".

Hope to see you in one of our Beyond Basics Courses.

#seeyouontherange

Wendy Stephens, NRA Instructor

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## JASON MYSCOW GETS A COW!

It's early in the morning, as the hunter looks out across the field and feels the overwhelming sensation of anticipation as he waits for his prey to step out into sight, and better yet into range. The hunt is on for our Big Bore Range Chairman, Jason Myskow, as he selects his animal in the chill of the morning. Every year Jason heads out of state for a couple of weeks in the beginning of

winter to experience the thrill of the hunt. Hunting provides the opportunity to develop the character necessary to rise to the occasion when steadfastness is required. Hunting, for all types of game, has been a cornerstone of civilization as we know it. We look forward to hearing his campfire tales as we live vicariously through his adventures. Congratulations, Jason, on another successful hunt!

## AVCG AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS!

Congratulations  
Parker Stephenson  
&  
Sierra Stephenson!



Are you interested in EARNING a scholarship from AVGC? Check out our Policies & Procedures for information on how to apply!



# AVGC PARTNERS WITH LOCAL GUN STORES

When the new handgun owner purchases their very first gun it can be overwhelming. They finally decided which firearm is best for their circumstances, but then there's only more questions. Where can I go shoot? How do I use this? How do I be safe? AVGC Treasurer, Jonathan Weldy, noticed the opportunity for the gun club to ease the nerves and answer the questions of the new handgun owner. Jonathan brought an idea to the Safety Committee to hash out a few details and a new opportunity was born!

Director, Larry Mason, jumped on the project, even before being elected to the Board of Directors, because he saw a stellar marketing opportunity. Larry created a beautiful certificate to give to the first-time handgun owner and proceeded to visit our local partners. He visited Express Gun Locker, Turner's Outdoorsman, and US Patriot Armory. All shops were excited to assist AVGC in this endeavor!

We are inviting the first-time handgun owner to a two-hour range opportunity with their new firearm. The two hours start with a brief classroom introduction to safety and initial skills, followed by live fire on our range. Each new shooter will have a personal NRA-certified instructor to ensure the experience is safe, comfortable, and educational. After the live fire, there will be a debriefing session for feedback, questions, and additional information.

AVGC is the premier firearms training facility in the High Desert, and we look forward to bringing this first step to the first-time handgun owner. Help us spread the word!



(Sample Certificate)

# Apple Valley Gun Club

## Celebrates 75 Years!



<b>FORMATION OF THE CLUB:</b>	When the club was formed it was known as the Desert Fish and Game Association Rifle and Revolver Club.
DATE OF INCORPORATION:	January 29, 1948
BOARD OF DIRECTORS in 1948:	President: Don Doran; Vice President: D.D. Wiese; Secretary: Karl McGowen; Treasurer: Joel Martin; Executive Officer: H.M. Johnson; Directors: Jack Paige and H.E. Anderson
DUES in 1948:	\$1.00/year
MEMBERSHIP:	Approximately 20 people, no women allowed!

<b>CURRENTLY:</b>	Apple Valley Gun Club
2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:	President: Timothy Neubauer; Vice President: Deborah Harris; Secretary: Dina McKinney; Treasurer: Jonathan Weldy; 2-year Directors: Cathy Westmoreland, Allen Rutledge, William Stephens, Matthew McCourt; 1-year Director: Lawrence Mason
DUES in 2023	\$200 Initiation fee. Persons under the age of 65 = \$120/year. Persons the age of 65 and over = \$48/year
MEMBERSHIP:	Approximately 1,200. Men, women, and children. Nearly half are over the age of 65. There are 4 Honorary Lifetime Members: Timothy Smith, Jon Marhoefer, Miki Marhoefer, Kim Rhode



## *A Little Club History...*

By 1959, membership fees for the club were due by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and were delinquent by February 15<sup>th</sup>. The initiation fee for new members was \$100 and the annual membership dues were \$16 per year. This included a \$4.00 membership in the National Rifle Association. Officers and Directors were elected yearly.

The Articles of Incorporation, changing the name of the club to the Apple Valley Gun Club, was completed in December 1968. At that time, the initiation fee was still \$100 and the annual dues had increased to \$18.50 per year which included the \$6.50 fee for NRA membership. Dues were delinquent by February 25<sup>th</sup>. Officers and Directors were elected yearly. 13 members voted “aye” to change the name of the club, while 2 members voted “nay.”

Sometime in 1983, the Bylaws were rewritten, eliminating the “male citizen” requirement and the first woman joined the club in the latter part of 1983 or early 1984. Her name was “Jerri”, and her last name has been lost to time.

## *Rumors of the Past...*

There were land barons, such as Newton Bass, who thought they could surround the club by buying up the hillside, there were easement battles, and fights with the City of Victorville, there were legal battles, and lack of money in the treasury. Still, the club members kept the club alive through donations and bonds.

There are rumors of poker parties until the wee hours, moving donated buildings in the middle of the night to outwit the law, Roy Rogers and his gang drinking in the clubhouse and then going shooting. It is said that the club rented property north of Victorville for pheasant and bird hunting. When a turkey shoot was held, they refused to buy anything but Apple Valley turkeys, raised locally.



Left to Right:  
Leonard Henderson—Personnel Director—Southwestern Portland Cement Company  
Olin Halstead—Plant Manager—Southwestern Portland Cement Company  
Ward Shabo—Contractor—Victorville, California  
Donald Duran—Oil Company Distributor—Victorville, California  
Fred Berger—Biology Teacher—Victor Valley High School



**CONGRATULATIONS AVGC ON 75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE!**

# CLUB CONTACTS

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Response within 24 hours



Do you have something you  
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