

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

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THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings fellow gun enthusiasts! Summer is here with its crazy temperatures. I've seen a few die-hards at the club in the afternoon sun, but early morning is the best time of day. Don't forget that the rifle range has swamp coolers that do a reasonably good job of keeping you cool, and of course the indoor range is delightful.

I want to welcome Jason Myskow to the Board of Directors. Jason is filling the seat vacated by Matt McCourt and will stay on the board for the remainder of McCourt's two-year term. Jason is a long-time member of the gun club and also serves as Rifle Range chairman. Jason (and friends) has done a great job creating new target challenges for the rifle range. Take your binoculars to find them all hidden around the mountain side. Jason spear-headed the May 4 "Meet and Greet" for the membership to enjoy some free BBQ and get to know their board members, match directors, and range chairmen. It was a great event and if you missed it, come to the next one expected to happen this Fall. I look forward to having Jason on the Board.

I am pleased to announce the return of the gun club's CCW Renewal Program. We have been working with the Sheriff's Department and the DOJ since March to meet all new requirements to be certified to present requalification classroom and range time for CCW permit holders. We restarted our program in June.

The rifle shack storage has been cleaned out and remodeled to provide needed clean and organized storage space, and the snack room received some donated cabinets that, along with a little work by myself and Cathy Westmoreland, has given the space a whole new fresh look.

Keep reading this newsletter for more information on these things and more about the happenings so far this year. I'll have more project news next time.

Debbie Harris, President

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

After a 6-month hiatus due to Senate Bill 2, Apple Valley Gun Club's CCW re-qualifications are back! As of this writing, we have three DOJ Certified Firearms Instructors, with several more awaiting DOJ approval. The Sheriff's Department has approved many new vendors, so our numbers aren't as great as what we had in the past. This is a major source of income for the club, and something that we absolutely could not accomplish without our cadre of volunteers, so a huge "Thank You!" to those who come out every month to work the CCW Program.

I have a question for those of you who carry a firearm in public. When was the last time you took a class, or otherwise engaged in realistic training with your defensive tools? Your Club offers excellent classes every month, with significant discounts for members. On the worst day of your life, if you need to use your firearm, your training will be the thing that allows you to be the one who goes home to your loved ones.

I'm very pleased to report that safety concerns on the range have been minimal, with only minor deviations that were addressed 1-on-1. Please remain conscious of the need for safety at all times! Complacency or inattention can have serious consequences!

A couple of reminders; as my mom used to tell me, "If you get it out, put it back where you got it when you're done!" "Clean up after yourself." "I'm not your maid!" All of those "Momisms" apply when we're on the Range, too. Clean up your brass, put the targets and stands back where they belong and don't leave half-empty water bottles behind.

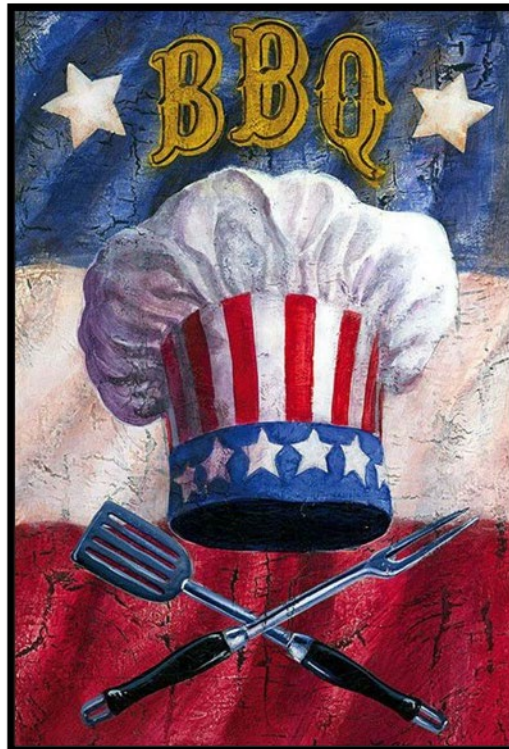
Keep practicing, stay safe.

Tracey Graham, Vice President

FREEDOM BBQ

Bust out the
RED, WHITE, and BLUE!
We want to celebrate
America with YOU!

Bring your family!
Enjoy freedom with
friends and great BBQ!
Games! Food! Photobooth!



When:
July 6, 2024

Time:
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm

Where:
Adobe Patio

Thank You, Alex and Laura
Montenegro, and all
volunteers!

Delightful Tidbits



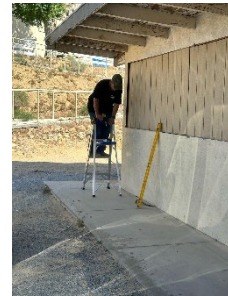
The AVGC Memorial Garden lit up with bloom this Spring. Extra rain and warm weather brought out the flowers planted last summer. Our garden has turned into a quaint and attractive shady spot to sit and enjoy an ice cream cone, or simply relax and enjoy the views.



Much needed new storage



Half of the building known as the rifle shack has sat full of various items tossed in over the years. This winter, work was started to turn this 8x24 foot space into much needed storage. Items inside were distributed to other uses (desk into secretary's office, table into pistol shack), garaged sold at in-person renewal day, stored in other locations, or disposed of. This space is now divided into one room for supplies used for various club events and a smaller space dedicated to member and financial files that must be stored long-term. Thank you, Debbie Harris, Cathy Westmoreland, Don McAfee and Dennis Ingram.



There's a **new match at Apple Valley Gun Club.** Match Directors Sam Martinez and Matt McCourt have developed a Precision Rifle Rimfire match. Participants must have a .22 rifle for this event. A scope and bipod or another stabilizing device are highly recommended. Targets vary from 6" in overall size to 1/4" in overall size.



Welcome to the Board, Jason Myskow



Jason has been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club for 14 years. During this time, he has been an extremely active member of the club. He has been the Rifle Range Chair for the past 5 years and takes great pride in maintaining the rifle range. He has had all the steel targets upgraded to swinging AR-15 steel and added multiple targets at further distances. He ensured all safety lights and buzzers were upgraded. He is one of the club's Lead NRA Instructors with credentials in Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle, Basic Shotgun, Home Safety, Refuse to Be a Victim, Personal Protection both Inside and Outside the Home, and NRA CCW. He is also a Chief Range Safety Officer, USCCA Instructor with credentials in Concealed Carry & Home Defense Fundamentals and Women's Handgun & Self Defense Fundamentals.

Jason volunteers for the Sheriff CCW Requalification Program, Women on Target, Women's Pistol Clinic, and Community on Target. He shoots in most of the different competitive matches that the club offers. Jason recommended, organized, and spearheaded the Board Meet & Greet this past Spring and intends to hold another Meet and Greet in the Fall, giving greater access to the membership to bring their questions, comments, praise, and concerns to the Board. Prior to being selected for the vacant Board seat, Jason attended every Board workshop simply to be part of the conversation, and know what was going on with the club management. He was the natural choice to fill the vacancy and the Board is excited to have him fill the seat.

THESE KIDS ARE IMPRESSIVE!

Apple Valley Gun Club had the absolute honor of awarding SIX scholarships to well-deserving students! Some were graduating from high school and continuing their education, others were already in college working on some very impressive majors. It can easily be said that our club has some of the best kids out there! The future is bright with these very impressive young folks at the helm! Remember, the funds from our 50/50 drawing at the meeting go to our scholarship account. If you or your children are interested in applying for a scholarship, see the scholarship page on our website for qualification and application procedures.



Congratulations!

Danielle Clark

Charles Floyd

Ian Burke

Sierra Stephenson

Hannah Schaaf (proud dad T.J.)

Don Vito Martin

Apple Valley Gun Club – First Handgun Owner Class

There are lots of reasons individuals choose to buy a handgun but whatever the motivation, many walk out of the store not sure where to go next. Where can I shoot my new gun safely?

Responding to this question, last year, the Apple Valley Gun Club established a New Handgun Owner Class. Partnering with our local firearms stores, we provided certificates offering a free two-hour class to first time handgun owners.

The certificate offer explains: "The Apple Valley Gun Club is a private, member-owned, nonprofit and an important part of our mission is teaching firearm safety. As a nonprofit organization, we are all volunteers, and you will not experience any sales pitch. Any next steps are totally up to you.

Our New Handgun Owner's Class is free and very narrowly focused on you and your new handgun. We cover three things: 1. firearm safety, 2. operation of your handgun, and 3. Coached live fire range time. It's a couple of hours in total, and the classes are scheduled as we get requests. We maintain one on one or maybe one on two instructor to student ratios. Most of us are NRA Certified Firearm instructors, and we are very good with brand new shooters!"

Through student requests, we realized many new handgun owners also represent the first firearm in the home. So now, including spouses, partners and adult children have become a regular opportunity to provide common training and encourage conversations related to safety, storage, accessibility and function within the home.

May 2024 marks our first anniversary and as of last week we have hosted more than 101 first time handgun owners as students!

These classes are very individualized, because our students come from a wide spectrum of experience and motivations, so our coaches must be able to read our students and match teaching pace with them. This program is deeply indebted to these faithful members!

Lastly, as a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club you can be part of our outreach. If you know someone who has purchased or is considering the purchase of a first handgun, please offer to provide them with a certificate. We will treat your referral as a member of our AVGC family!

To request a certificate or ask any questions, please email at avgcweldy@gmail.com or call my cell at 909-380-9919.

Jonathan Weldy, Treasurer, NRA Instructor.



Apple Valley Gun Club hosts RangeCon



On May 2, 2024, the range welcomed Jerry Clark and Maria Saglietto from the CRPA, along with W. Lee Smith and Matt D. Cubeiro from Michel & Associates for RangeCon 2024! As business affiliates of the CRPA we were excited to bring this event to the range. Topics included:

- Range Safety
- Firearms Regulations
- Community Outreach
- Hosting Competitions
- Current California Anti-2A Legislations
- Environmental and Land Use Best Practices
- Networking with other Range Owners/Operators

THANK YOU to the members and Board members who took the time to come to this event. The questions and information presented were informative and eye-opening! We look forward to hosting an event in 2025!

A message from the CRPA...



Dear Apple Valley Board and Members,

I want to thank you very much for not only hosting RangeCon for our Training Department. I was happy to be able to attend and spend some time with staff and board members there.

As Development Director and a representative of the CRPA Foundation, I want to thank the Apple Valley Gun Club board and members for your generous support and financial contribution of \$6,000.

Apple Valley Gun Club has made consistent efforts to fund the fight and your contributions are making an impact. Apple Valley Gun Club is a respected and valued part of our team.

Thank you – United we stand!

Best,

Maria Saglietto

CRPA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Gifts – Donations – Events - Programs



THANK YOU, NRA FOUNDATION!

Our grant request for NRA WOT was approved and they started shipping our grant items in the last half of March. Except for the eye protection, which is on backorder, we have received everything they granted to AVGC. There was a lot to unload! A Big Thank You to Gary Menser and some of our RSOs who were on site to help unload.

As always it is important that we acknowledge the NRA for their grant to us. Our mutual support of each other remains strong and we are happy and proud to partner with the NRA! **THANK YOU, NRA!!**

The following is a list of all that AVGC was granted.

- (2) Browning Buckmark .22LR Pistols
- (12) Walker's Razor Slim Electronic Ear Protection
- (4) Shoot-N-C 12" Bulls-eye Targets - 100 count each
- (300) Pairs Disposable foam earplugs
- (4) cases of Lead Scrubber Hand Wipes - 6 count each
- (8) Two Piece Bench Bags
- (3) Cases of Shooting Glasses - 12 count each
- (3) Trauma Kits Voodoo Tactical
- (1) Thank you Promotional Banner
- (1) 5000 CCI 22LR Standard Velocity 40 Grain cartridges - 1 count
- (2) 5000 CCI Blazer 22LR 40 Grain cartridges - 2 count
- (3) 500 Winchester Service Grade 9mm 115 Grain cartridges - 3 count
- (3) 500 Winchester Service Grade 380 ACP 95 Grain cartridges - 3 count
- (6) 250 Challenger First Class 12 Gauge 1oz #7.5- 250 count Shot Shells - 6 count
- (6) 250 Challenger First Class Light 12 Gauge Shot Shells, #8 Shot, 1oz - 6 count
- (4) 250 Challenger 20 Gauge Shot Shells, #7.5 Shot, 7/8oz - 4 count
- (1) 500 Winchester Service Grade 38 SPL 130 Grain cartridges - 1 count
- (2) 1000 Winchester USA .223 Rem 55 Grain FMJ cartridges - 2 count
- (1) 500 Winchester Service Grade 45 ACP 230 Grain cartridges - 1 count
- (1) 500 Winchester 7.62x51mm (.308 Win) 147 gr. FMJ cartridges - 1 count



The General Focus of Foundation Grants is to:

- Promote, advance and encourage firearms, shooting sports and hunting safety
- Educate individuals with respect to firearms, firearms history, participation in the shooting sports, hunting safety, and marksmanship
- Conduct research in furtherance of improved firearms safety and marksmanship facilities and techniques

Credit: <https://www.nrafoundation.org/grants/>



Did you know the range has a lost and found? Our long-time members probably know this, but it's a good idea to mention this occasionally for our newer members. In the Adobe Clubhouse there is a plastic container labeled "Lost and Found." We keep items in there for a few months. If the items are not claimed, they are discarded. More expensive items are held in a locked area of the secretary's office. If you are missing an expensive item, please reach out to the secretary. Otherwise, feel free to check out the lost and found box! One of the more sentimental items we found is this cover pictured.

Is this yours? We would love to see this get back to its rightful owner! Contact the Secretary!



OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Prior meeting minutes of the Board meetings and the General Membership meetings are held in the Adobe classroom. There is a file cabinet at the front of the classroom with a drawer labeled "Minutes." This is YOUR club! Feel free to look at those minutes any time you wish! They are also posted to our website. Our Safety Committee Minutes are also located in the same drawer; however, those are not posted to the web.



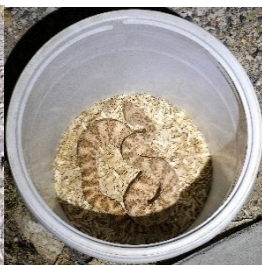
A hard copy of our current governing documents is housed in the same drawer if ever needed for reference. Our governing documents can also be found on our website. **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that we will be updating our governing documents with a semi-annual revision by the end of June. It is your responsibility to review and know our club policies. These will also be posted to our website.



When you are done at a range, please turn off the lights! This includes both the pistol and the rifle range. Make sure the restroom doors are closed and any areas that are supposed to be locked, are locked. Those who host or put on an event, please re-stock the water.

RATTLESNAKES ON THE RANGE-EEEEEEK!!!!

It's that time of year again! Just a friendly reminder that we do have rattlesnakes on the range. Please be aware of this and watch where you step! Luckily for us, several of our Board members have been trained in the safe removal of rattlesnakes. **DO NOT HARM THEM!** Please call one of your Board members to handle the situation. This year we have had some beauties on the rifle range! We've also had a few other guests!



AVGC PROUDLY SPONSORS THE SHERIFF'S RODEO!



The Sheriff's Rodeo is thrilled to announce that the 25th Annual Sheriff's PRCA Pro Rodeo will be held in San Bernardino County from September 27th to September 29th, 2024. Mark your calendars for this exciting event that showcases the best of professional rodeo!

As one of the most anticipated events in the region, the Sheriff's Rodeo attracts top-notch rodeo athletes from across the country who compete in various thrilling events, including bull riding, barrel racing, team roping, and more. Spectators can expect an adrenaline-pumping experience as they witness these skilled cowboys and cowgirls showcase their talents and compete for top honors.

In addition to the rodeo competitions, there will be a range of family-friendly activities and entertainment for all ages to enjoy. From live music performances to delicious food vendors, there will be something for everyone to experience and create lasting memories.

The Sheriff's Rodeo is not only an exhilarating event but also serves as a platform to promote Western heritage and support the community. The proceeds from the rodeo go towards various charitable initiatives and organizations, making a positive impact on the lives of individuals and families in need.

Thank you, Apple Valley Gun Club membership for your continued support of the Sheriff's Rodeo. Remember, the gun club will have a booth there so stop by and say hi!

**STOP IT!
YOU STOP
THAT
RIGHT
NOW!**

Stop destroying the range!

If you aren't sure what you are and are not allowed to shoot, ask any of our board members, range chairs, match directors, or instructors. **READ OUR REGULATIONS!**

Example of things you are **ALLOWED** to shoot: appropriate **TARGETS** of varying kinds.

Example of something you are **NOT ALLOWED** to shoot: The rifle range windsock pole! **REALLY??** If that was you, **SHAME ON YOU!**

Please take care of your range. If you see someone shooting up our club property, tell them to stop it! If you are uncomfortable, call someone to handle it. We are given a lot of liberty at our range, please treat it with respect.



Scholastic Action Shooting Program (SASP)

2024 California State Match

Daniel Floyd - June 20, 2024, Team Performance



I am honored to present to you the Inaugural SASP California State Match results and they are now in the record books! The winner is our very own Mojave River Rats! As predicted, and not to brag, but we are currently the only active SASP Team in California. We will continue to hunt competitive opposition for the upcoming season. Our team is strong and getting stronger. We are currently recruiting and training new members every month. Our coaching staff is growing and developing along with our shooters. Heck, we are the greatest thing since sliced bread! Enough of that, I give you our champion shooters.



The Gunn Brothers have been on our team since they learned to walk, and they were our Gold and Silver place shooters for Pistol and Rifle Male Category (Jacob on right 1st Rifle and Pistol) (Ethan on left). The Bronze medal for Pistol and Rifle was hard won by Ringo Romero.

Our young ladies were fierce, but as you may have guessed, there is no replacement for experience. Sofia Martin [right] also known as the "Almost World-Famous Honey Badger" (you can look it up) was our Gold Pistol and Rifle Champion. Hali'a Mitchell was our Silver Pistol and Rifle recipient, and Bronze was earned by Catalina Shaw (Rifle) and Victoria Scarrott (Pistol). My congratulations go out to our podium shooters, but more so to the shooters that gave their best effort and were left wanting. Shooting isn't a sport where everyone gets a trophy or ribboned medal. You have to put in the time and effort to win. It is my honor to Graduate two of our best this season, both are certified NRA Junior Instructors and will be welcome back to teach anytime. Jacob Gunn [above right] and Don Vito Martin [above left] are now aged out and have graduated High School. We accomplished our mission with these two shooters. As for me, I enjoy being schooled by better shooters all the time at Alex Montenegro's CMP matches and by just anybody that is better than me on any given day. That makes me want to compete and focus more. This is the spirit of competition. In those hollowed words of Ricky Bobby, "If you ain't First, you're Last". Thanks for reading along, See ya'll at the range.



Respectfully,
Dan Floyd
SASP Director
NRA Instructor R,P, S
Master Sergeant USA (ret)

I would like to personally thank the supporters and coaching staff, AVGC RSOs, Instructors, Board/Members and our many Monetary Donors. -Dan

Brass thievery on the range!

Our Eagle-Eye team noticed that our brass barrels had been a little light on the load recently. In the early morning hours, a crew of trespassers made it on to our range to collect brass from the barrels and off the ranges. A call was made to the Sheriff. A Deputy responded, took a report, and reviewed the video from our camera system.



The Deputy was advised that that was not the first time! In fact, a group of range folks, jokingly (or not) planned a sleep-over stake out to catch the thief in the act! More level-headed minds prevailed and the matter was turned over to the Sheriff's office. The loss to the club was listed at approximately 1,000 lbs. of brass valued at no less than \$1300 (\$1.30/lb. at a local recycle center).

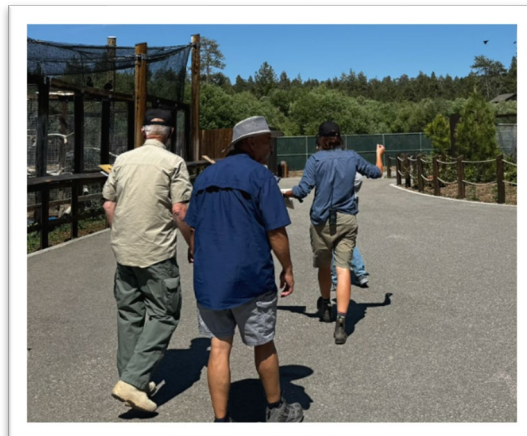
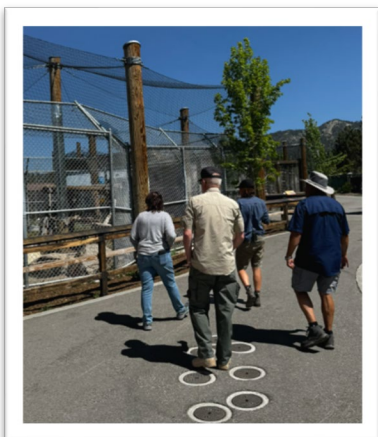


The responding Deputy proceeded to check out a nearby motorhome and arrested an individual. A follow up inquiry was made with the Sheriff Department and the very pleasant receptionist told us that police reports typically take 4 - 6 weeks to get through their review process. She was nice enough to look up the arrest incident and only told us that the arrest was unrelated to our thievery.

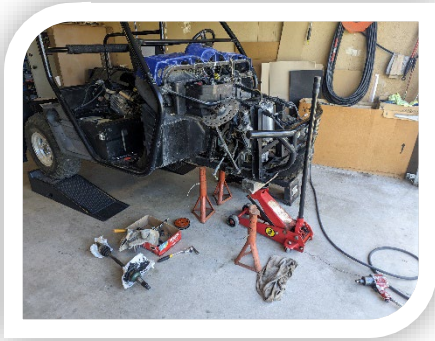


AVGC visits the Big Bear Alpine Zoo!

Jessica Whiton of the Big Bear Alpine Zoo recently reached out to AVGC to assist with their shotgun training. Before agreeing to the training opportunity, we thought it would be best to visit the zoo to understand the layout. After all, we must "know our target and what's beyond." Tracey Graham and Jenaraye Graham provided their knowledge and expertise as our Lead Instructors and Training Coordinators. Alex Montenegro provided his excellence in big game hunting. Dina McKinney simply loves cute furry animals and refused to be left out. All were given a behind-the-scenes tour and discussed worse case scenarios to better understand the need for, and the best way to provide the training. The team left with some really great ideas and AVGC is excited to work with the Big Bear Alpine Zoo. We anticipate training will be provided during the summer months sometime.



In Gratitude!



As you might be aware, AVGC owns a Yamaha Rhino. It has experienced significant deferred maintenance, including some electrical issues. Tim Kitchens volunteered his services. His scope of work grew well beyond standard maintenance, including significant labor. We are confident the expense he saved AVGC exceeded several thousand dollars!! THANK YOU, TIM!

Thank you, Volunteers who come to our work party each month! Our range does not operate without you! Thank you!



Thank you, Women on Target Team and guests! One of our missions is to train and educate the community! We could not complete this mission without you! Thank you!



Thank you, Adaptive Shooting team, for giving these very capable individuals access to, and participation in, shooting activities for people with disabilities through specialized techniques and technologies that are safe and unique to each individual. Thank you!



“Americans have always understood that, truly, one must give in order to receive.” -Ronald Reagan. It is our wish that each of you receive many joys in life for all that you give of yourself to this club. Our heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to you all!

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Response within 24 hours



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