

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

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FOURTH QUARTER NEWSLETTER
PUBLISHED DECEMBER 31, 2024

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my last newsletter entry as Board President. I hope you all have enjoyed this year as much as I have. We've had lots of great improvements this year. I would love to take credit for all of it, but alas, I've mostly only provided my enthusiastic support.

Club match directors have come up with several great new matches and they have ideas for more in the coming year. You should all take the time to check some of them out. Participating in matches is a great way to practice and improve shooting skills. The rifle range is full of great new targets – take your binoculars to find them all. The pistol range has some permanent steel targets for members to enjoy. Our New Gun Owner program has had great success helping new gun owners learn how to handle their firearms safely – and several have become new club members as well.

We are once again providing CCW qualification courses for the sheriff's department – a considerable income for the club and a considerable benefit to county residents looking to get their CCW permit. Our NRA classes are running strong with good attendance and some great new instructors joining the club's training team. The building known as the Rifle Shack by some members and the Cook Shack by those who have been around longer, has been remodeled into three much needed storage rooms and a clean, organized snack room for the rifle range. As I write this, we just received a new, wireless speaker system for our trap ranges. If you haven't tried trap, you should, it's great fun and we have great instructors to get you started. Look for open trap on the calendar.

We just installed a large new TV screen in the trap classroom. The secretary's office also received some much-needed fresh paint and decoration. We have a new, fast, large printer to save us printing costs on club documents and newsletters. The archery range has been slowly replacing all the old straw bales with new. 3D archery has been gaining participants and hopefully we will soon replace the deteriorating 3D targets. We've had two successful "Meet and Greet" for all club members to get to know the "leaders" of the club (Board members, Range Chairmen, and Match Directors). The crumbling Adobe chimney has been repaired and the leaky roof has been replaced, removing lots of old vents and other covered openings no longer needed. There are many more small improvements that won't even be noticed by most of our members. Just know that your board

and other directors and chairman are constantly working to make needed improvements and spend club dollars practically and responsibly.

Currently I am spear-heading the movement to allow members to choose between joining NRA or CRPA with their annual renewal. Please read your ballots and vote for your choice. Last, I want to thank everyone for all their support this year. I've really enjoyed the last two years serving the club as VP and then President. I know I leave you in good hands with Tracey Graham who has long proved his value to the club.

Debbie Harris - President

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Wow! Blink twice and the year is almost over! This year has been one of continued growth for the Club, both in new members and in improvements to our facilities. We finally got a much-needed roof replacement for the Adobe that should last another 25 years. We're in the final stages of the installation of a range-wide emergency shut-down system, and we've completed several upgrades in our training equipment, both in the classrooms and on the ranges.

With a core group of about 20 amazing volunteers, the Sheriff's CCW re-qualifications were going great until the passage of Senate Bill 2, which closed our CCW training for half of the year. On the positive side, with several newly minted DOJ Firearms Instructors, the Club is now an authorized vendor with the Sheriff's Dept to provide both the 8-hour renewal and the 16-hour training classes. Anyone who has renewed their CCW recently or completed their initial certification can attest that our process is quick, easy and most of all, safe.

The Match Guys have come up with several new matches over the year, including a Tactical Shotgun Match, a Precision Rifle Match and a Precision .22 Rifle Match. Great skill-builders!

While the Club is a great place to come to shoot, either alone or with friends, it's our volunteers who are the lifeblood of the Club. Without those who continually dedicate their time, energy and expertise to bring our visions to fruition, it would still be the pile of rocks with a few targets that it was when I first came to the range back in 1982. If you're not one of those outstanding volunteers, I ask that in the coming year you look around the range and find places where your skills can be used to make it better for all.

Thank you all for your support, and I look forward to seeing you somewhere around our Club.

Tracey Graham,
Vice President

SECRETARY'S STATEMENT

Hello Members! It's renewal time! My team and I work very hard for you. All I ask in return is kindness, respect, and a little bit of patience. Here are some FAQs for renewals:

1. **When will I get my renewal packet:** Your packet will go out before Christmas. If you do not have your packet by mid-January, please reach out.
2. **I paid ahead, do I need to submit a renewal:** YES! I need a current renewal form and current waiver regardless of if you paid ahead.
3. **I joined in October, November, or December, so I already paid for 2025, do I need to submit a renewal:** YES! I still need 2025 forms on file, you simply don't pay for 2025 since you already did.
4. **When do I get my new card:** I have until **February 15th** to mail out your 2025 membership card. If you paid, and do not have your card by March 1, reach out!
5. **When is In-Person Renewal Day:** January 25, 2025
6. **I need help! Who do I contact:** Contact the Membership Liaison, Cathy Westmoreland for more prompt assistance.

SUBMITTING YOUR RENEWAL ON TIME IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
REGARDLESS OF IF YOU RECEIVED A PACKET IN THE MAIL.
On Time Renewals are received or postmarked by January 31, 2024.
Everything after that is late!

Respectfully,
Dina McKinney, Secretary

IN-PERSON RENEWAL DAY

DATE: Saturday, January 25, 2025

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (lunch break from 12 pm to 1:00 p.m.)

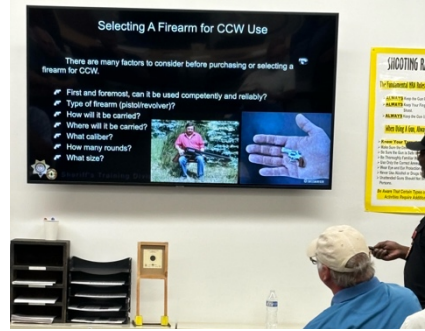
LOCATION: Secretary's office at the Adobe Clubhouse

WHAT TO BRING:

- Renewal form.
- Signed waiver.
- Ballot (associate and probationary members do not vote)
- Fees: cash, card, check, money order all accepted.
- Work card or work buyout
- Proof of current NRA membership (lifetime members do not need to resubmit)

CCW Initial and Requalifications Returns to AVGC!

After jumping through many hoops to get our DOJ CCW Instructor certifications, AVGC is once again able to complete range classes and shooting qualifications for San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department CCW applicants. This is a valuable income for the club, and a benefit for the community to have a local spot to complete the process.



Adobe Gets a New Chimney and Roof!

Volunteers hauled buckets of cement to the roof by hand to save the crumbling chimney. Oak Hills Roofing removed two old swamp cooler vents and several old, unused vent pipes as they replaced the leaky roof, dry rooted fascia boards and several rotten roof boards. They did a great job, and the new roof is awesome along with the repaired chimney. We're ready for the cold and rainy season.





Rifle Shack Remodel Almost Done!

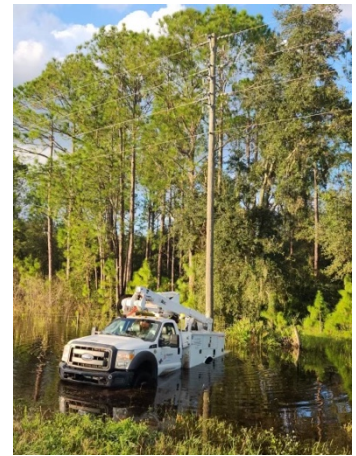
The Rifle Shack remodel crew is still at it. Cabinets were donated by a local church remodeling its own kitchen facilities. We were glad to have them. Thank you, Debbie Harris, Cathy Westmoreland, Don McAfee, and Dennis Ingram.

AVGC Member Responds to Hurricanes in Florida and Georgia!

Jon Elder was one of the hundreds of folks to responded to the storms. Here he is in Dade, Florida changing out poles and



conductors' equipment damaged by the two storms.



Apple Valley Gun Club Supporting our Local Rodeos!

SASP works at the Hesperia Rodeo



A special Thank You, from the Sherriff's Rodeo:

On behalf of the Sheriffs Rodeo I would like to thank you for your participation in this years rodeo! The rodeo brought in a record attendance this year with three sellout crowds. The new Midway layout had a lot of positive feedback to allow more traffic through the vendor area.

Sheriffs Rodeo will be able to make additional contributions to youth and other organizations throughout the area with the success this year. With our new "Saddle Up" slogan we continue to invest in the Golden Circle program to help bring pediatric cancer to the forefront and this year will be sending two children and their family to the Golden Circle NFR event! It's with your support and all of those in attendance that we can help those across our communities!

We look forward to 2025! We will email in early April for next years event. Returning vendors are given two weeks to confirm attendance before we open to new vendors. Thank you for your support and we hope you all did well!

A Most Quality Quilt

A Scholastic Action Shooting Fundraiser

By Daniel Floyd 24 November 2024



The Power of the Patriot is Strong in our Community

The SASP Team is growing and becoming more diverse as they train. Our quest to attend the SASP National Match in Ohio this coming July is getting to be a reality. Our goal is to earn \$15,000 and our very own Apple Valley Gun Club has committed to match it up to \$15,000 for travel, housing and match costs for 9 Shooters and 3 adults. At last count we are at \$7,000 toward our goal. Our latest action to raise money is a raffle of this beautiful handmade patriotic quilt. It has been designed,

stitched and donated by our very own Beverley Kulju. Thank you to Jack and Beverley for coming up with this very nice gesture.

This most excellently crafted Cal King Quilt is a piece of Americana and will be available for viewing at each of our monthly meetings and raffled at our annual banquet in February. Tickets are being sold for \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100. See Michelle Nakata for tickets at the merchandise table. All proceeds will go to the SASP fund for Nationals. Thank you to all that have contributed to our mission to represent our club and compete on the national stage.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION STATEMENTS

Vice President Nominees:

Jenaraye Graham

Jason Myskow

JENARAYE GRAHAM-Vice President Nominee



As a past and current board member, your 2021 Vice President, and President for 2022, I have accepted the nomination for Vice President of 2025. I have enjoyed my past Board and Executive Board positions, and I enjoy working with leadership and alongside my husband Tracey Graham as I have done in the past. I enjoy the work we do together as a team and look forward to more. We are very dedicated to our volunteer activities and I'm looking forward to the year 2025 with the Apple Valley Gun Club! The friendships that have evolved with volunteering both in leadership and programs are priceless. Here is wishing us all a wonderful 2025!

Additionally, I am a certified NRA instructor in all of NRA's shooting courses, a Utah CCW Instructor for Multi-State CCW permits and recently a certified D.O.J. Instructor. I enjoy volunteering for our club and our San Bernardino County Sheriff's department with its CCW Initial and Renewal qualification program. The Apple Valley Gun Club has been trusted by the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department to qualify and certify upcoming CCW RENEWALS for this county along with the INITIAL CCW qualifications as well. I have enjoyed teaching and working the firing line with my husband and fellow instructors and numerous volunteers

As the Director of our monthly Friday Night Women's Pistol program, our quarterly NRA Women on Target program, Pistol Co-Ed clinic and our NRA Day/Community on Target program, I have enjoyed directing and instructing each of these programs! Programs, matches, classes, and other various events such as these, bring about new shooters, upcoming 2nd Amendment voters and most importantly, new members into the family of our amazing club.

As a Chief Range Safety Officer, a Lead Instructor and Mentor for our training team, I look forward to the Vice President's commitment to overseeing training but more importantly, the commitment to continue to support what is best for our Club and its Members. Let us not forget, this club is owned by its members who have kept it a safe place to shoot, offered great training, and have supported our junior youth who pass on the sport of marksmanship to the generation thereafter and will inevitably create another wave of 2nd Amendment voters who will be raising another generation of voters who will have learned how to love and support our constitution and 2nd Amendment rights. A generation that will hold the love, respect, knowledge, and attitude necessary for the sport of shooting in all platforms.

The Apple Valley Gun Club offers a safe place to shoot, friendships, comradery, and just plain overall fun. The Vice President position offers an opportunity to share in the leadership responsibilities and most importantly to always offer support for the clubs MEMBERS! As we travel through 2025 together as a club, I look forward to seeing you on the range and I thank you for your consideration and vote.



JASON MYSKOW-Vice President Nominee

Dear Members,

I am honored to accept the nomination for Vice President/President Elect of the Apple Valley Gun Club. For over 14 years, I have been a proud and active member, deeply committed to upholding our club's traditions, values, and standards of excellence.

From a young age, I developed a passion for shooting and hunting, instilled by my father. That passion led me to join the Apple Valley Gun Club, where I have immersed myself in nearly every aspect of its operations. For the past five years, I've served as Rifle Range Chair, taking great pride in maintaining and improving the range for all members. Under my leadership, we upgraded all steel targets to swinging AR-15 steel, added new targets at extended distances, and ensured that safety lights and buzzers were modernized to meet current standards.

As one of the club's NRA Instructors, I hold credentials in a wide range of disciplines, including Basic Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Home Safety, and Concealed Carry. I am also a certified USCCA Instructor specializing in Concealed Carry & Home Defense and Women's Handgun & Self-Defense Fundamentals. I also hold POST certification for doing the San Bernardino sheriff ccw qualifications. My volunteer work spans programs like the Sheriff CCW Requalification, Women on Target, Women's Pistol Clinic, and Community on Target. These opportunities have allowed me to share my expertise and foster a welcoming environment for all members, regardless of experience level.

In addition to my instructional roles, I actively participate in competitive matches and serve on the club's Safety Committee as a Chief Range Safety Officer—a role I consider my most important responsibility. Safety is the cornerstone of everything we do, and I am dedicated to ensuring every member has a secure and enjoyable experience.

If elected, I will prioritize:

- **Safety and Training:** Expanding opportunities for education and skill development.
- **Transparency and Fairness:** Keeping members informed and ensuring every voice is heard.
- **Preservation of Our Values:** Maintaining a member-focused, safe, and welcoming environment for all.

I have consistently attended Board, Membership, and Safety Committee meetings, gaining a deep understanding of our bylaws, policies, and procedures. I bring not only experience but also a genuine commitment to the success and well-being of our club and its members.

I ask for your vote to help lead our club into a safe, fair, and inclusive future. Together, we can continue building a place where traditions are respected, skills are honed, and community thrives.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Sincerely,

Jason Myskow

Treasurer Nominee:

Jonathan Weldy



Jonathan Weldy-Treasurer Nominee

Treasurer Candidate Statement 2025-2026

Jonathan Weldy

Soon after joining AVGC in 2015, I volunteered for the finance committee. In 2016 I was appointed AVGC Treasurer to finish the balance of the 2015-2016 term. Elected in 2017, 2019, 2021 and 2023, it has been my privilege to serve as your Treasurer for more than 8 years.

While I joined AVGC to learn to shoot trap, after meeting our NRA Instructors, I began to take advantage of AVGC's educational opportunities. Currently I am an active NRA Certified Instructor for Pistol, Shotgun, Rifle, Personal Protection Inside & Outside the Home, Defensive Pistol, Refuse to be a Victim and Basic CCW. Recently, I received my DOJ CCW Instructor credential. In addition, I am a Chief Range Safety Officer, Rifle Coach and Pistol Coach. We have a fantastic instructor cadre, and I always look forward to the next class!

Outside AVGC, my experience includes small business owner since 2005. I have served more than 35 years on several boards and nonprofit organizations, including the National Association of Home Builders, Building Industry Association of Southern California, HomeAid IE, and several Homeowners Associations. In these organizations, I have served various terms as president, director of budget & finance, treasurer, legislative advocate, personnel chair, programs chair and membership services chair. Since 2015, I have been a member of the San Bernardino County Planning Commission, currently serving my fifth term as chairperson.

The Apple Valley Gun Club belongs to its members and as Officers & Directors, our first responsibility is this trust, as held for the benefit of our current members, future members and our community. The Treasurer and Finance Committee maintain responsibility for fidelity, transparency, and timeliness in all financial matters. We provide current and accurate financial information to empower the Board of Directors and Membership as they direct the future of the Apple Valley Gun Club.

Respectfully, I request your support as Treasurer 2025-2026.

2-Year Director Nominees:

David Smith

Cathy Westmoreland



David Smith-2-year Director Nominee

I am an active member of the Apple Valley Gun Club, and a member of both the NRA and CRPA. One of the things I have liked most about the club has been the continual improvement of range facilities. If elected to the board, I will work to promote improvements that provide value to members.

Since 2021 I have been writing a monthly Legislation/Litigation report for the club, which can be found on the club website. I also present the key points of the report at the monthly membership meetings to help our members stay informed regarding changes in gun laws and regulations.

For almost three years I have been the lead instructor for the Rifle Range Specific Training, required for all new club members. I am currently the lead instructor for the Pistol Cleaning Clinic, which has been developed by the Apple Valley Gun Club to help new gun owners keep their pistols in good order.

The club has several Lead Instructors responsible for presenting NRA classes, and in 2024 I have been the Lead Instructor for Basics of Rifle Shooting, Range Safety Officer, and Home Firearm Safety classes. I also help with other classes. I am certified by the NRA to teach all the NRA classes held by the Apple Valley Gun Club.

I am Chief RSO for the Youth Rifle program and administer the club's Marksmanship Qualification Program for the youth programs.

I enjoy a variety of shooting sports and can be found on any of the ranges from time to time. I particularly enjoy shooting with the Sante Fe Muzzleloaders, and I am working on becoming an NRA certified Basic Muzzle Loading instructor so the club can resume offering that class. In addition to firearms, I enjoy archery, and as a USAA Archery Level 1 instructor I help with Open Archery when my schedule allows.

David Smith

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APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB
2025 BOD Nominations

Vice-President/President Elect

Jenaraye Graham
Jason Myskow

Treasurer

Jonathan Weldy

2-Year Director (Vote for two)

David Smith
Cathy Westmoreland

1 Year Director (Vote for one)

Debbie Harris

I hereby certify, as the Secretary of the Apple Valley Gun Club, that the above nominees are members in good standing and eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors.

Dated: 11/15/24

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dina McKinney, Secretary

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Response within 24 hours



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