



FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER
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From the President:

I'd like to welcome Dave Smith, Jason Myskow and Jack Kulju to the Board of Directors! We're looking forward to your input for the guidance in the future growth and improvements of the Club.

Diana Roderer informed the Board that she had secured two grants from the Friends of the NRA. These grants include firearms, ammo, gun cleaning supplies, targets, ear plugs and more. Thank you, Diana, for your dedication and work to secure these grants for the Club! It takes a Special Person to stay on top of all of the requirements and deadlines involved in writing the grants.

For those of you with a CCW, remember the Sheriff's Dept no longer sends out a notice that you're nearing your renewal date. It's up to you, as a responsible carrier, to submit your online renewal application before your due date. You can start the process up to 180 days prior to your expiration date.

For anyone with minor children or grandchildren, the Club offers multiple programs to teach our kids safe gun handling and firearms operation. We have junior Rifle and Pistol programs for those interested in precision

Bullseye type of shooting, or our Scholastic Action Shooting Program, (SASP), for those who want a faster-paced shooting experience. We also have our Jr Trap, where our kids host the annual 5-Star Trap Shoot each January, involving teams from all over Southern California. Kids between the ages of 8-18 are welcome to get involved in any of these programs. Remember, these kids are our future 2-A voters!

Summer is definitely upon us! Be sure to stay hydrated on the Range, and after. Water is FREE, just drink what you take. Don gets really excited when half-drunk bottles are left on the range.

Until next time, I look forward to seeing you on the Range.

Tracey Graham

President

Apple Valley Gun Club

From the Vice-President:

Welcome to year 2025 at the Apple Valley Gun Club. I thank you for electing me as your 2025 Vice President/President Elect. I look forward to working with our current and newest members, our new Board of Directors and our new Executive Committee. I am excited and optimistic that 2025 will show itself to be another good year at the Apple Valley Gun Club.

With an upgraded Emergency Range Shut Down system, an increase in volunteers, approved NRA grants providing firearms and ammunition for certain programs, upgraded software, improved gate access, convenient renewal processing, data base organization and sign in procedures, along with other improvements for members in the works, there's a lot to look forward to at the Apple Valley Gun Club.

If you paint, possess contractor skills, are experienced in carpentry or other varieties of skills and forecast an opportunity to improve, create, build, or contribute to the club, reach out to range chairs, myself, or other board members. The talented creative skills that our members have blessed us with over the years incorporate some of the greatest and cherished changes

at the Apple Valley Gun Club. If you have an idea, suggestion, or a way to improve or upgrade something let us know. Small changes have made great improvements to our membership owned club.

Many volunteers step up to help with many of the clubs' programs and I want to express my personal thanks and gratitude to all of you! Our San Bernardino County Sheriffs CCW Initial and Renewal program in addition to other programs, brings in an income for the club, great service for the community and requires a lot of volunteers. ONLY through our volunteers can club programs be successful and aide us in making improvements and providing needs that will make the club a better experience for all its members.

CLUB VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!

The heat is coming, stay hydrated while on the range and as always, I look forward to seeing you on the range.

Jenaraye Graham

Vice President/President Elect

2025 Board of Directors / Election Results:

Vice-President: Jenaraye Graham

Treasurer: Jonathan Weldy

Two Year Director: Dave Smith

Two Year Director: Cathy Westmoreland

One Year Director: Debbie Harris

Also on the ballot: Does AVGC continue as an NRA Gold Medal Club (every member must also belong to the NRA) or do we allow members to belong to either the NRA or the CRPA?

Winner: Members now have the choice of the organization they wish to join and support. **NRA or CRPA.**

Other changes:

With her election to VP Jenaraye Graham vacated the second half of a two-year position. The Board appointed 2024 Board member Jason Myskow to fill that vacancy.

Additionally, March 1, 2025 saw the regretful resignation of Secretary Dina McKinney. While sad to leave us Dina found herself with ever increasing professional commitments that prevented her from fulfilling club obligations. She will be greatly missed.

The Board appointed Debbie Harris to fulfill the last year of the secretary's term vacated by Dina MCKinney. This appointment left Harris' one-year position vacant. The Board appointed Jack Kulju to fill this position.

After much discussion, invitations, and movement, the Board is pleased to announce the final and complete:

2025 Board of Directors:

President: Tracey Graham

Vice-President: Jenaraye Graham

Treasurer: Jonathan Weldy

Secretary: Debbie Harris

Two Year Director: Jason Myskow

Two Year Director: Allen Rutledge

Two Year Director: Dave Smith

Two Year Director: Cathy Westmoreland

One Year Director: Jack Kulju

Welcome new Board members Jack Kulju and Dave Smith!



Dave Smith

You may recognize Dave as the Legislative news reporter at the monthly board meetings. Now a newly elected board director, Dave also directs our Range Specific Training-Rifle for Probation members. Additionally Dave is an active NRA lead instructor for Rifle, Shotgun, RSO, Home Firearm Safety, and the club's own Handgun Cleaning Clinic. Dave is active with the club's youth rifle program and administers the NRA MQP for our young shooters. Dave is active with the Sante Fe Muzzleloaders and is a Level One USA Archery Instructor. Welcome Dave Smith!



Jack Kulju

Jack joined AVGC in 2021. Since then Jack has been active with the trap range, helping with range and trap machine maintenance, as well as coaching on open trap days. Jack is a certified RSO and participates often as an RSO for club events and programs. Jack is working towards his instructor ratings and is a valuable member of our CCW staff. The board is pleased to have him join the team. Welcome Jack Kulju!

Those of you who attend our regular monthly meetings know that the club sponsors a Boy Scout Troop. These boys provide a color guard to place the flag and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of each meeting. The March meeting opened with only one scout able to attend. At the request of President Tracey Graham, several members who are

also veterans stepped up to fill in. Thank you Rolando Garcia, Don McAfee, Dan Barnett, Don Martin, and new member Eric Pennington.



Apple Valley Gun Club hosts RangeCon



On March 19, 2025, the range welcomed Jerry Clark from the CRPA, along with W. Lee Smith and Matt D. Cubeiro from Michel & Associates for RangeCon 2025! As business affiliates of the CRPA we were excited to bring this event to the range. Topics included:

- Range Safety
- Firearms Regulations
- CCW Regulations
- Hosting Competitions
- Current California Anti-2A Legislations
- Environmental and Land Use Best Practices

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!

AVGC Youth Program Using the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program

In 2024 the Board of Directors approved using the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program (MQP) as part of the AVGC youth programs. During the third and fourth quarters of calendar year 2024 this was implemented in the Junior Rifle program, with the Junior Pistol Program starting in 2025. The program has been well received by participants and their parents.

Through February a total of eighteen youth participants have earned the first award, which is Pro-Marksman. Five have gone on to earn the Marksman award, and three of those have earned the Sharpshooter award and are actively working on Expert. The MQP is an NRA program open to anyone, not just youth. Our youth participants meet the same criteria as adults who participate in the MQP.

The objectives of using MQP are to encourage attendance and participation in our youth programs. The MQP program is structured such that the initial level, Pro-Marksman, is a fairly easy challenge. Each level thereafter has an increasing level of challenge, thereby encouraging the participants to work on improving their shooting skills.

Anyone who knows a youth aged eight to eighteen who may be interested in participating in AVGC Youth Rifle, Youth Pistol, or Youth Shotgun please refer to club website or contact: David Smith, avgc.david@gmail.com. Youth or their parents do not have to be AVGC members to participate.





**Beverly Kulju would like to introduce you to
Quilts of Valor**



QOV MISSION To cover Service Members and Veterans touched by war
with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Quilts of Valor (QOV) Foundation began in 2003 with a dream. Founder Catherine Roberts's son Nat was deployed to Iraq. According to Catherine "the dream was as vivid as real life. I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The permeating feeling was one of utter despair. I could see his war demons clustered around, dragging him down an emotional gutter. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and well-being." The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: **Quilts=Healing**. The model appeared simple: a volunteer team would donate their time and materials to make quilts. One person would piece the top, and another would quilt it.

To date, over 400,000 QOVs have been awarded to active duty or honorably discharged veterans. There are 78 State and District Coordinators and 1242 QOV Chapters across the United States that create and award quilts to those who are recommended for or request a quilt.

A QoV is a quality handmade quilt that is machine or hand-quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The quilt says unequivocally "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation".

The Upland Chapter is very active and has quilts available to be awarded to a Service Member or Living Veteran we just need nominations. Please nominate a Veteran or Active Duty person.

**For more information or to make a nomination of a service member contact: Beverly Kulju, cell 760-964-2019,
email: MArmymom02@gmail.com (it is a zero2)**



New Match!

Our great match directors are always coming up with new courses, new challenges, and ideas for new matches. Most recently Carl Pugh has organized a Tactical Shotgun Match.

Tactical shotgun is a fun competition using shotguns, shooting behind cover and movement to multiple shooting positions, engaging a combination of clay, steel, and aerial targets.

Tactical Shotgun meets the third Sunday of every month following the work party. Set-up begins at noon. Check it out!





Message From the Secretary:

I want to thank the Board for their trust in appointing me to fill the secretary position. I have been fumbling through it for a few months now and I have even more appreciation for Dina McKinney than I did before - and that was already a lot. You readers will notice some changes in the quarterly newsletter as I am not nearly as creative as Dina. But it will continue to be published and sent out as always. If anyone has anything they want considered for addition to the July publication please send it to me at any time.

I want to thank Dina for all her guidance and assistance through this transition process. It has been invaluable. I also want to give a big thanks to Laura Brown for all her help, guidance, and assistance with all the changes to our website (to include CRPA as a membership choice), and all the other many, many big and little things that she does for this office.

Debbie Harris
(New) AVGC Secretary

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Response within 24 hours



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