

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

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From the President:

Happy New Year!

This will be my final Newsletter input, as my term as your President will be ending shortly. I hope that everyone will read the Candidate Statements and cast your ballot for members who will continue to carry the Club forward.

Recently, we've had the opportunity to tour the Club with folks from other ranges in the State. We are still, bar none, the best range anywhere, and it's all due to our member volunteers. Without the folks who step up to teach our classes, who manage our matches, who give their time and expertise in maintaining our facilities, who bring new ideas forward, our Club would not exist. Thank you Volunteers for ALL that you do!

I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas, and wishing you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Tracey Graham

President

From the Vice-President:

Hello Members,

This is my last quarterly statement as your Vice President. I look forward to the new year 2026, serving you as your President. This year has been wonderful and challenging for many of us. Unfortunately, I lost my father, Dan Mendez, Oct 1st 2025. He was 93, a Korean War Veteran, and a 5th generations native of Santa Barbara. After two surgeries and several hospitalizations for myself, my mother, father, and husband, we made it through 2025 with the help of many club friends, our children and my wonderful husband and soul mate, Tracey Graham, your 2025 President and "president emeritus" for 2026. I am so grateful so many blessings and I'm wishing all of us a Happy, Healthy Year for 2026. Thank you so very much for your support and prayers.

2026! What will it bring to the Apple Valley Gun Club? I look forward to more improvements, new events and changes that can be embraced by everyone. Stay safe, live in the present and as always, I look forward to running into you on the range. Jenaraye Graham

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude," ~Maya Angelou

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT:



Jason Myskow

Dear Members,

I am honored to accept the nomination for Vice President/President Elect of the Apple Valley Gun Club. For over 13 years, I have been a proud and active member, dedicated to upholding the traditions, values, and high standards that define our club. My passion for shooting and hunting began in childhood and has guided my service here. For the past four years, I've served as Rifle Range Chair, overseeing upgrades such as modernized safety systems and improved steel targets to ensure a safe, reliable, and enjoyable range experience for all members.

As a NRA Instructor and USCCA Instructor, I teach disciplines ranging from Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun to Concealed Carry and Home Defense. Volunteering with programs like Women on Target, the Sheriff CCW Requalification, and Community on Target has allowed me to support shooters of all backgrounds and experience levels. I also serve as a Chief Range Safety Officer and member of the Safety Committee—my most important role—where safety remains my top priority. If elected, I will focus on:

- Safety & Training:
- Transparency & Fairness: Ensuring members feel informed, respected, and heard.
- Preserving Club Values: Maintaining a safe, welcoming, member-centered environment.

With consistent attendance at Board, Membership, and Safety Committee meetings, I understand our bylaws, procedures, and responsibilities. More importantly, I am committed to supporting the continued success of our club and its members.

I respectfully ask for your vote. Together, we can continue building a club where safety, tradition, and community remain strong.

Sincerely,

Jason Myskow

SECRETARY:



Debbie Harris

Since 2023 it has been my pleasure to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. I am asking for your vote to continue as your secretary. I could probably fill a few pages with my time at AVGC, but to save your eyes I'll put my information in bullet points:

- Retired from San Bernardino County in 2015
- Paleontologist at SBCounty Museum 1979 – 1995
- Sheriff's Scientific Investigations (CSI) 1995-2005
- Sheriff's Training Center Instructor 2005-2015
- 2019 Joined AVGC
- 2019 – 2020 Earned NRA Instructor Certificates for Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle, NRA CCW, Chief RSO, Refuse to Be a Victim
 - I'm a Lead instructor and regularly teach or assist with all of the above classes
- 2021 Assumed Lead for Range Specific Training – Pistol
- Spearheaded policy change to eliminate the 90 day minimum probation period and make it the simple completion of requirements (usually one month)
- 2023 Elected VP / beginning October 2023. Also served as acting President when then Pres. Neubauer moved to Minnesota.
- 2023 Became Training Director when then Training Director Roederer resigned the position
 - Training Director creates AVGC training schedule
 - Assigns (coordinates) lead instructors
 - Organizes and provides training materials for classes
 - Works with other Lead instructors to develop new classes for presentation at AVGC
- 2024 President / beginning September 2024 also served as acting Secretary when then secretary McKinney had to reduce club involvement due to personal time constraints
- 2024 Appointed co-director of AVGC/Sheriff's CCW training program
- 2024 Completed California P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Standard Training) Firearms Instructor Course to obtain California DOJ CCW Instructor certification
- 2024 Proposed and strongly lobbied for the policy change allowing members to choose between joining NRA or CRPA.
- 2025 elected to one-year Board Director but then appointed to vacant

Secretary position

- 2025 obtained NRA Instructor Certifications for Personal Protection Inside the Home, Personal Protection Outside the Home, Home Firearm Safety.
 - I regularly assist with the above classes
- 2022 Rehabbed Adobe Kitchen and reorganized Adobe classroom and Merchandise display area
- 2023 Built (with assistance) Insulated, air-conditioned workshop in Archery Connex
- Remodeled Office bathroom and rehabbed Adobe exterior bathroom
- Completed construction of long-promised Memorial Garden
- 2024 Built (with assistance) two new storage rooms in empty half of Rifle Shack, remodeled Rifle Snack Room, rehabbed existing storage closet for Hunter's Ed material storage
- 2024 Facilitated purchase of two new storage containers for 3D archery and pistol
- Additional duties I've somehow acquired:
 - Keeping pallets of water stocked
 - Keeping paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags, and hand soap stocked
 - Replacing old straw bales on both Archery ranges
 - Turning in for recycling the spent brass collected on ranges and separated from rocks by Dennis Ingram
 - Turning in recycled bottles and cans
- 2025 as Secretary (and with Cathy Westmoreland as assistant Secretary):
 - Cleaned out and organized member files and other important club documents
 - Archived numerous permanent files and historical records into new, secure, storage room
 - Organize outside event participation such as Hesperia and Sheriff's Rodeo vendor booths
 - Manage and update new club member records
 - Prepare agendas and complete meeting minutes for Board, Membership, and Safety meetings
 - Write up all Policy, Bylaw, and Range Safety Guide changes
 - Organized storage of various event materials such as 4th of July BBQ, Holiday decorations, and other club sponsored events
 - Create quarterly newsletter
 - Correspond with CRPA and NRA representatives

I truly enjoy my time and involvement with the Apple Valley Gun Club. I feel I've been a valuable contributor as a general club member and as an officer of the Board. I would love to continue as secretary and continue to help the club and its members in any way that I can. Please take the time to vote and while you're at it, please vote for me for secretary.

SECRETARY:



Tara Nadreau

My name is Tara Nadreau, and I've been a member of Apple Valley Gun Club for about 12 years. I'm a wife, mother, and grandmother. Over the past 26 years, I've been homeschooling our children and grandchildren, managing various homeschool groups, and discovering my passion for firearms. Currently, I serve as the Co-director of SWAG, an RSO, Women's Coach, and hold my Basic Pistol Instructor Certificate. I maintain the Club's RSO and Instructor Certificates, as well as ensuring all leadership and program directors meet required training and background-check standards. Over the years, I have consistently attended all NRA classes offered by the club. Furthermore, I volunteered my time several years ago as the Training Coordinator at Apple Valley Gun Club. Additionally, through homeschooling and managing various homeschool groups, I reached a peak of overseeing 250 families. This experience provided me with invaluable insights into my strengths, including my ability to assist others, manage administrative tasks, and provide encouragement and support.

I regularly train at the shooting range to maintain my proficiency. This experience has shown me that many people have theoretical knowledge but lack practical experience. I aim to excel in both theoretical and practical aspects and become a resource for those learning shooting skills.

I'm an enthusiastic and dedicated person, passionate about meeting new people and helping others. I'm always looking for ways to make a positive difference.

I sincerely appreciate your thoughtful consideration of my nomination for Secretary. If elected, I'll uphold discretion and confidentiality to manage communication effectively with Club Members and Board Members. I aim to bring a balanced, member-focused perspective to the Board of Directors and help guide the club's continued forward progress. My organizational and time management skills will enable me to handle complex tasks and prioritize responsibilities. I'm confident in my communication abilities and professional relationships. My adaptability and attention to detail will help me excel in this demanding role. I'm excited about the opportunity to serve and contribute to the club's prosperity.

Thank you for considering my candidacy.

2-YEAR DIRECTOR:



Jack Kulju

My name is **Jack Kulju**, and I am honored to run for a seat on the **Apple Valley Gun Club Board of Directors**. I am a **United States Marine Corps veteran**, an **NRA Certified Range Safety Officer, Pistol Instructor, Rifle Instructor**, and a proud club member since **2020**. My commitment to safety, service, and responsible firearms education guides everything I do at the club.

Apple Valley Gun Club represents the highest standards in firearms training, safety, and community. Since joining in 2020, I've seen the passion and dedication of our members, volunteers, and instructors. I am running to help strengthen the club's future, preserve its values, and support the programs that make it exceptional.

1. Safety & Training Excellence

I will support continued improvements in range safety protocols, facility maintenance, and member training opportunities.

2. Support for Volunteers & Instructors

Our instructors, ROs, and volunteers are the backbone of the club. I will advocate for the tools, resources, and recognition they need.

3. Preserve Traditions & Member Rights

I am committed to upholding the values of responsible firearms ownership, sportsmanship, and education while navigating evolving regulations.

4. Transparency & Good Stewardship

Members deserve clear communication and responsible use of club resources. I will promote transparency in all board actions.

5. Growth, Outreach & Youth Engagement

Strengthening youth programs, new-shooter development, and community outreach will be central to ensuring a strong future for AVGC.

Service has been a lifelong commitment—from the Marine Corps to my roles as an NRA instructor and RSO. I bring integrity, professionalism, and dedication to every responsibility I take on. I would be honored to represent you on the Board of Directors and help continue the legacy of excellence at Apple Valley Gun Club.

Credentials:

- Currently a serving member on the AVGC Board of Directors
- United States Marine Corps Veteran
- NRA Certified Range Safety Officer, Pistol Instructor and Rifle Instructor
- Apple Valley Gun Club Member Since 2020

2-YEAR DIRECTOR:



Joni Mahoney

Hello fellow club members, my name is Joni Mahoney. My husband, Chuck and myself have been members for over 20 years. We have enjoyed our membership and mentorship to the tune of 3 state championships during our pistol shooting tenure here at Apple Valley Gun Club. During this time we have also participated in two 3 Gun Nationals as well. Without the friends and fellow competitors here at the club none of this would have been possible.

Now that Chuck and I have retired in the last 3 years we have set our sights on things that are more age appropriate for us. In the last 18 months we have completed classes here at the club and in our community that have enabled us to become NRA Firearm Instructors, Range Safety Officers and most recently obtained our DOJ Certifications that have enabled us to assist in Apple Valley Gun Club's CCW program.

Now that I have taken a more active role as a volunteer here at our club the last few years I feel it is time to also take a more active role in the administrative portion of the club as well. I would like to thank Gary Menser for the nomination to the 2 year Director position. I hope you all will consider your vote for me so that I can further my volunteer service to our club and allow me to show my leadership capabilities for you, the membership, here at Apple Valley Gun Club.

2-YEAR DIRECTOR:



Wendy Stephens

My name is Wendy Stephens and my husband Bill and I have been AVGC members since 2018. Thank you for your consideration of me to the Board of Directors. I am a big proponent of safety, training, and practicing. I am an NRA certified instructor for all the Pistol courses, along with shotgun and rifle and a Chief RSO. I was one of the volunteers on the original Sheriff CCW requalification program and am now a DOJ CCW certified instructor. I developed the AVGC Beyond Basics course – a course to take after Basic pistol, building shooting confidence and encouraging students to take additional classes and join in the matches. I am a huge supporter of matches and encourage everyone to give it a try. Matches are a great way to keep your skills up. My absolute favorite match is 3-gun, but precision rifle may be my new favorite. We used to shoot Action pistol all the time. I also chair the AVGC Scholarship committee. It would be an honor to have your vote and represent you on the Board.

Practice diligently; practice often; and by all means - practice CORRECTLY!

2-YEAR DIRECTOR:



Dwayne Watson

Being a “Newbie” to Firearms just two years ago, I searched diligently for a gun club that was safe and an NRA strong club. Having found Apple Valley Gun Club, I know my choice was best because of our clubs focus on safety!

Taking many of the classes offered at AVGC, I pursued becoming an NRA Pistol Instructor, and have participated in classroom education, with the great support of Tracey and Jenaraye Graham.

I take ownership of our club and always look for ways to support and improve the function and joy of firearm ownership. I am a certified RSO and regularly participate with club classes and events as an RSO. The best part of our club is the camaraderie and support of all the volunteers and officers.

I chose to run for a 2-year Board Directorship to grow our club and find new ways to expand our membership.

“Firearm Safety is our duty”

Dwayne R. Watson - 2-Year Board Candidate

1-YEAR DIRECTOR:



Debbie Shell

Greetings Apple Valley Gun Club Membership,

I am truly grateful for the Apple Valley Gun Club and its many dedicated members. Throughout my years of membership, my family and I have deeply appreciated the opportunities to volunteer and to participate in the many events hosted by AVGC. The club has been a meaningful and rewarding part of my life for the past 15 years. It has fueled my passion for the sport and inspired me to help others grow and develop on their own journey in sport shooting.

As a family, we began our involvement with a strong appreciation for our Second Amendment rights, the responsibility of firearm ownership, and the need for a safe environment to build our skills and raise our children with these values. Over the years, I have witnessed firsthand the invaluable contributions of the AVGC membership individuals who share the same love, dedication, and respect for the sport and its community.

I have served with AVGC in various capacities, including Pistol Chair, Three-Gun Match Director, assisting with CCW inspections, serving as a Range-Specific Training Instructor, and directing the SWAG program. I also hold multiple NRA teaching, instructor, and coaching certifications. Professionally, my background includes procurement, accounting, and K-12 campus safety. I have entered my name as a candidate to serve as a one-year Board Director. I look forward to the opportunity to represent the AVGC membership and to support safe sporting facilities, competitive shooting programs, and educational opportunities that uphold our treasured Second Amendment values. I am committed to helping strengthen our foundation for current members, our community, and especially the children and youth who will carry these traditions forward.

Thank you for your continued trust and support

Behind the Scenes:

This quarter I'm focusing on two guys who are at the club almost as much as I am. John Melton and Sam Martinez. John has been the Pistol Range chairman for a few years now and is also the director of several of the club's weekend matches. Sam co-directs several matches with John. Both men are at the club every weekend for matches, they help with Thursday SWAG, they attend the Wednesday Membership meeting and the following Wednesday Safety meeting, and I often see them at the pistol or rifle range coming up with new challenges for match participants. Sometimes they actually shoot just for fun! John has done a great job organizing the pistol shack and various storage containers. Additionally he helps maintain all the target stands and steel targets that get shot up. Lots of time spent welding. Of course with lots of help from Sam and occasional other volunteers. I strongly urge everyone to attend a match. They are great for skill building. John, Sam and the other match directors as well as regular participants are glad to guide new folks along. If you see them around say "hi" and "thanks" for all the work they do.



John Melton



Sam Martinez



John (left) scoring Precision Rifle and participating in Two-Gun



Sam participating in Practical Pistol

Thank You CRPA!

Attorneys with the California Rifle and Pistol Association are in Sacramento fighting for your gun rights in the state of California. SB2 tried to be so restrictive one could barely leave their front yard with a firearm, regardless of holding a CCW license. But CRPA was able to get many of the restrictions revoked and they are still working on more. Check the CRPA website and our own club website for the latest legislative updates.



Jerry Clark and Maria Saglietto with club president, Tracey Graham, accepting a donation to the CRPA legislative fight



Jerry Clark - Training



Maria Saglietto - Development

Rifle Range Maintenance

At the December work party Jason Myskow and crew added a bit of concrete to the beginning of the ramp up to the rifle range. This will eliminate the often 2" or more "step" at the end of the ramp, making it more accessible to gear wagons and wheel chairs. Good work guys!



TESLA to the Rescue

During an Open Trap event recently all of the range power suddenly went out. After a check of all the breakers proved futile Dan Wilson offered up the power of his Tesla Pickup Truck. An extension cord was run from the trap house to the Tesla and the clays could fly again!



Dan in front of the now famous truck. Dan is a regular trap shooter

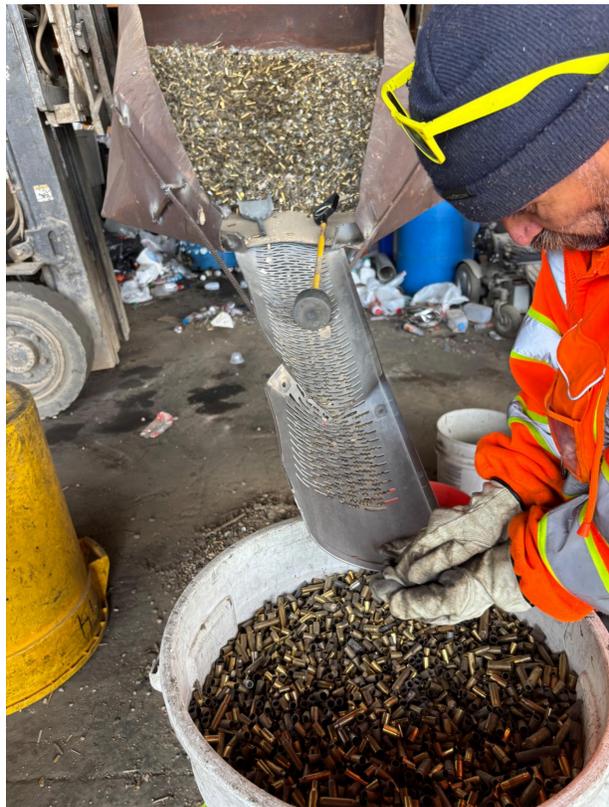
BRASS

Ever wonder what happens to all that brass on the range and in the barrels? It gets recycled. Dennis Ingram with numerous work party volunteers sorts out the rocks and steel from the brass casings. Debbie Harris and Don McAfee load it into trucks and take it to the recycler.

Additionally all other recycles (aluminum and plastic) are sorted by volunteers and Debbie takes it to the local recycler for exchange.

While not a huge amount of income, it is also not insignificant. 2025 has netted close to \$5000 in brass income and close to another \$800 in cans and bottles.

Thank you all for being recycling aware and putting your recyclables in the correct containers.



Our last batch of brass - 1900lbs - being further sorted at All Recycling

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