

# APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

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## From the President:

This year is moving quickly, and the heat is already here along with the mosquitoes! As temperatures rise, please remember to bring gloves when coming to the range to protect your hands when moving steel target stands. Also, be sure to take advantage of the free water available on the range and stay well hydrated.

Our volunteers serving on the Board, maintaining the ranges, and supporting the many programs we offer at the Apple Valley Gun Club have been incredibly busy. Their dedication never goes unnoticed. To each one of you, thank you for your continued commitment and hard work. You are the backbone of this club.

Some of you may have noticed that we lost the longtime tree near the Adobe building by the Memorial Garden and flagpole. Unfortunately, one of the benches was damaged as well. Now that the area has been cleared, we have an opportunity to reimagine the space, and we welcome ideas on what might best serve the club in its place.

Looking ahead, we are excited to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our country this summer on the 4th of July! Our Vice President, Jason Myskow, along with a dedicated team of volunteers, is planning a special event at the range. It will feature great food, commemorative custom firearms, a beautiful custom 4th of

July quilt, and more. We hope you will join us, it will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, share stories, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes our community so special.

In March, we hosted another successful NRA Women On Target program, welcoming approximately 30 participants and supported by a large number of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event such a success!

To those who have stepped forward to serve on the Board this year, thank you. We have a strong team united by a shared commitment to act in the best interest of the club. Each year, we look for ways to improve and grow, but just as importantly, we strive to work together with professionalism, respect, kindness, and values that allow us to continue doing great things for our club.

As always, your input matters. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

I look forward to seeing you on the range.

Jenaraye J. Graham

~President~

## From the Vice-President:

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who voted for me—it's truly appreciated.

I also want to recognize Sam Martinez for stepping into the role of Rifle Range Chair. I'm confident he'll do an outstanding job, and I look forward to working alongside him.

As Vice President, one of my primary responsibilities is overseeing safety. As most of you know, safety is one of the most important aspects of our range, and it takes all of us working together to maintain a safe environment. If you see something, say something—please report any concerns so they can be addressed before they become larger issues.

If someone approaches you about a potential safety concern, please be respectful and open to the feedback. Good sportsmanship and professionalism go a long way. If you disagree, avoid arguing in the moment—reach out to a board member or a range chair so the situation can be handled appropriately.

For those looking to improve their skills, we offer a variety of classes at the club, as well as matches that can challenge shooters of all levels. Whether you're just starting out or looking to push your abilities further, there's something for everyone.

Lastly, this year marks the 250th anniversary of the Fourth of July. We're planning a great event with good food, exciting prizes, and new apparel. We hope to see everyone there.

Thanks

Jason Myskow

Apple Valley Gun Club Vice President

## Thank You Boy Scouts for “Presenting the Colors” at every club membership meeting



2025 President Tracy Graham with representatives from Boy Scout Troop 285 presenting a \$1000 donation from the gun club

# NEW 3D ARCHERY TARGETS

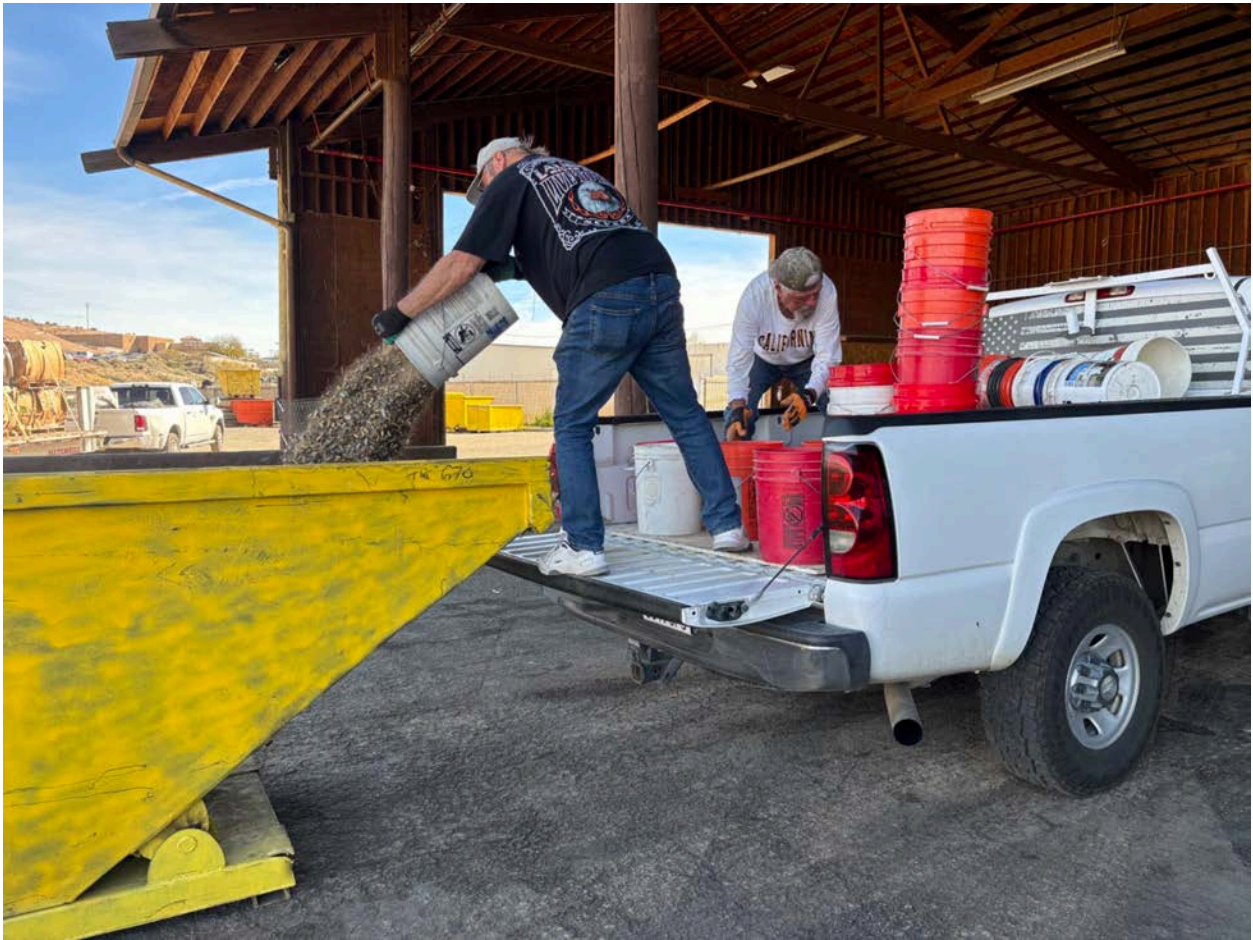


3D Archery is a match. All participants shoot at the same target from the same spot and then the arrow hits are scored. Then all participants move to the next location. It's great fun and great skill building. 3D Archery is held on the 2nd Saturday of every month. Check the club calendar for times and to sign up on EventBrite.

Animal targets are only available for the match. You must pre-register to participate. Matches are prepared when there are registered players.

# BRASS RECYCLING

Ever wonder what happens to all the brass that gets thrown into the barrels or left on the range? It gets collected and recycled.



Don McAfee and Dave Riddell transferring 1985lbs of fired brass to a large steel bin for weighing at All Recycle in Barstow. Almost \$3000 was collected for the club's coffers.

# TRAP RANGE GETS NEW LIGHTS!!

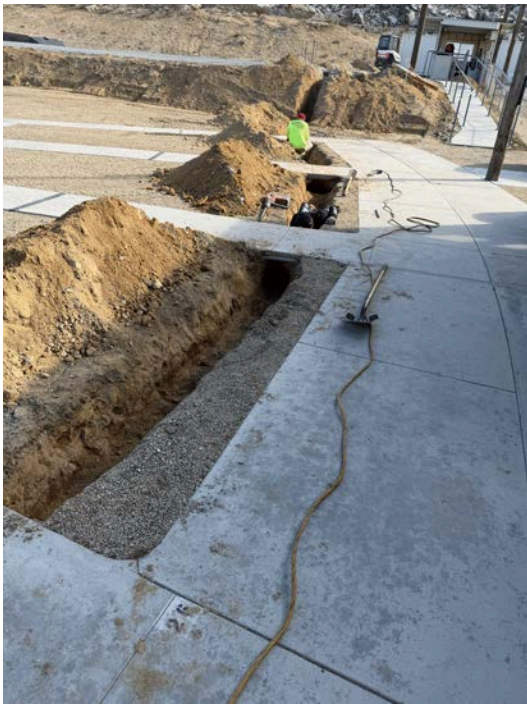
Our awesome facilities manager, Don McAfee notified the Board that the old wooden light poles on the trap range were deteriorating and needed to be replaced. Additionally, because the electrical supply needed to be upgraded, the existing lights were only being run at half power. A large project was undertaken to correct both these issues. Thank you Christianbelle for the great work and some additional donated concrete to repair around the trap houses.



Old wood pole showing  
The rotting interior



Concrete base for new, metal light  
poles



Trenching for new electrical



Old lights being installed on new poles

## **PISTOL RANGE REMODEL**

March saw a lot of action on the P1 Pistol range also.

Outer berms were cleaned and raised and three bays were turned into two. This extra space will allow for more creative match scenarios. The dirt from the removed berm was piled against the far rocks to try and reduce the amount of ricochets that make their way to other pistol ranges and even the trap range.



Work begins to remove one of the two center berms on Pistol 1



Special thanks to Jack Kulju and Dan Barnett for all the pictures

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