

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bullshooter

April '06

Schedule:	2	Partial Range Open (weather permitting)		
	4	General Board Meeting 8pm	(Board Members Only From 7 - 8pm)	
	9	Easter Meat Shoot		
	16	Partial Range Open	“	“
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NOTICE: The Sporting Clays and the Pistol / Rifle Ranges are temporarily closed

Practice Trap: **Sunday:** Open to the public 10am - 2pm or so. Fees: \$2.50 members, \$5.00 non-members. **Monday - Saturday:** Open to all member's and guests (accompanied by members). Fees: \$15 per case of birds. \$10 for each guest 18 years and older. \$5 for each junior (17 and under) for the entire day.
(All birds MUST be purchased at the club. NO using birds purchased elsewhere)

Sporting Clays: 5 stand course available on Sundays from 10am - 2pm or so.
\$5.00 members, \$7.50 non-members, \$3.00 juniors (17 and under)

Pistol / Rifle Range: Range opens at 10am Sunday's, 9am weekdays. Fees: \$3.00 members, \$10.00 adult guests, \$5.00 juniors. Odd calendar days are reserved for pistol shooters. Even calendar days are reserved for rifle shooters. The range is closed during sporting clays and scheduled events. A reminder: The pistol / Rifle range is for *members only* or guests *accompanied* by a member only. It is not open to the public! (You must sign-in, pay and raise the red flag *before* you start shooting)

Wednesday Shoots: Start around 10ish and continue to 1pm.
Open to the public for shotgun shooters only.

Thursday Shoots: Have ended for the season.

Key numbers: President - John Ginocchio 996-3043 (9am to 5pm only - please)
Grounds keeper - Joe Estes 939-3572 (during club hours only - please)
Pistol range master - Leo Maionchi 938-0930 (noon to 5pm only - please)
Membership applications - Charlie Marino 933-9536 (5pm to 9pm - please)
Sunday Duty Roster & Work Party – Marv Schmidt (415) 381-8345
Newsletter - Arron Johnson 996-4363 or e-mail: AJ@vom.com
Accounting - advertising - Janet 996-4331
Sam Grow - Certified NRA Hunter Safety Course Instructor 648-0410

Club Hours: 9am to 5pm (9pm during special events). As always, *weather permitting*.
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The Bull-Shooter

General Club Stuff

Hello members, the club is getting back together after the flood waters came-in and did so much damage, and thanks to a bunch of great folks who came down and did everything from volunteer time, to donating goods, to bringing equipment in, and so on, the place is looking great again! We thank ALL of you who participated. It's kind folks like you that make this club look and run great.

Righting a Wrong

Last month I was told to thank a member for donating \$300 to the club. The person I was told to thank was Bill Melson, who ended-up being Bill Nelson, who in turn, wasn't the guy that donated the money at all.

Who did to drop 300 smackers towards the repair of our club was **Don Melson**. Thanks Don! Sorry about the confusion guy's. I can only print what information is given to me.

Easter Meat Shoot

We will be hosting an Easter Meat Shoot on Sunday, April 9th, so be sure to bring the family, or a couple of friends and come on out for a day of fun! Of course we will have our ever popular youth shoots, women's shoots and lots of shooting fun for everyone! A tasty lunch will be available too so don't miss it! Hope to see you there!

2nd Annual Jim Meehan Memorial BBQ & Shoot

On MAY 6th, the 2nd Annual Jim Meehan Memorial Barbeque and Shoot will be held at the club. This is a fundraiser for the local little league. This day of fun is open to anyone and everyone who would like to come-out, have some shooting fun and some great barbequed food and help sponsor the local little league teams.

Another Reminder

We have been having trouble with people throwing the cords on the ground (and in the muddy water) inside the trap houses. For those of you that don't understand, let me explain something: cords carry electricity and they have delicate micro switches that activate the target throwers (\$8,000+ target throwers at that!), and when water and dirt get inside because someone isn't smart enough to HANG THEM BACK ON THE HOOKS, they get damaged and then people wonder why A) sometimes the traps don't work, and B) shooting prices go up because we keep having to repair things like this when it is 100% PREVENTABLE! It's a no brainer... if you remove the cords from a hook inside the trap house, then hang the cords back on the hook when you are done, and we won't keep having this continuous problem.

Thanks!

Work Dates For April

2nd: Michael Nugent, Paul Nye, Ted Oktaretz

9th: Nicholas Weeks, Adam Welsh, Dave Weyl, Steve Amaral, Rick Bates, William Berretta, Levi James, Kris Flandi, Bill Davis

16th: Lonny Paige, David Raffu

23rd: Terry Richardson, Melson Rivers, Bob Sandau

30th: Dean Simmons, John Simmons, Steve Verbish

Work Dates For May

7th: Jeff Oster, Carl Ramsey, Brian Steiner, Michael Teves, Robert Tranchina, Steve Van Pelt, Cory Wing, Gary Tock, Charles Henning, Lee Novich, Ray Richardson, Larry Fuller, Tim Zanolini

14th: Garret Anderson

21st: Terry Melberg, Jim Caruso

28th: Terry Melberg

For Sunday Work Party & Duty Roster call
Marv Schmidt at (415) 381-8345

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NRA Basic Reloading Classes

Our dear friend and official NRA Safety Instructor, Sam Grow, would like to invite everyone to an NRA Training Session on Basic Reloading of Shot shells and Metallic Ammunition here at the club house.

The dates for these sessions are: May 11th & 12th for shot shells, and May 25th and 26th for metallic ammunition. The fee for each session is \$55, or you can take both sessions for \$85 and save a few bucks.

These are sure to be some great classes that can help save YOU some money by learning the ins-and outs of reloading. It's actually quite easy and even fun sometimes, so give Sam a call and he'll give you the low-down on it and get you signed-up. Sam's number is (707) 648-0410

Now for some bad news. During the last classes Sam put-on, someone decided to steal 2 of his pistol dies and 2 shell holders, PLUS 2 cans of two different types of power got mixed together and are no longer usable. This is a sad thing when someone as nice as Sam drives here all the way from Vallejo and goes out of his way to help teach people something useful, has some @*#^%\$! steal his stuff!

NRA Sign-Ups

Anyone wanting to renew their NRA membership can do so right here at the club. We have the papers in the office and when you do so at the club, you can save money on your NRA membership dues. It's fast, it's easy and being an NRA member is a requirement for members of this club. Help support the people that keep your rights alive!

Got a Question? Got an Idea? Got a Beef?

The first Tuesday of each month, starting at 8pm is the monthly general membership meeting where ALL members are invited to voice their views, ideas, beefs, questions or whatever you have to say, be it good or bad.

The club holds these meetings each month to hash-out and plan for what needs to be done for upcoming events, and just keeping the club running smoothly in general.

The board members themselves hold their segment of the meeting from 7-8pm. Everyone that arrives before 8pm are asked to please wait in the refreshment seating area until the board finishes with their segment, At 8pm, the doors will open and all members are welcome to attend the "general meeting" from that point-on.

The general meeting at 8pm is where ALL members are welcome to voice their opinions, ideas or even problems directly to the board, and trust us, we DO like hearing from our members. It's YOUR club and the board likes to know what YOU think so we know what needs to be done, added, omitted or changed to make this an even better place for everyone, so come-on out and let YOUR voice be heard.

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new members:
Joe & Kate Turner, John Giblin.
Welcome aboard folks!

HAPPY EASTER!