

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bullshooter

August '06

Schedule:	1	General Board Meeting 8pm (<u>Board Members Only From 7 - 8pm</u>)
	6	Range Open
	13	Range Open
	20	Range Open
	27	Range Open

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 Eve Shoots: Start around 4pm or so, and go until sunset (usually).

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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General Club Stuff

Hello members, the club is running pretty smoothly right now and it is looking better and better each and every day thanks to new asphalt chippings on the road, a new mound for the trailer and just people in general lending a helping hand to keep this place looking nice so everyone can enjoy it.

As we all know, everything is going up, from gas to operating costs, so as of August 1st, our standard \$50.00 *new member initiation fee* will be going up to \$75.00. This does not affect existing members, this is only for new member's joining the club.

We have a new set of wireless voice activated systems on order to replace our broken down, hard wired voice systems. This new system is state of the art and will be much more user friendly with no cords to unwind (or roll-up), no corroded plugs or broken cords to fix anymore, and it will just be a better overall system for everyone to enjoy.

John Ginocchio wanted to have this letter published for members to read;

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the entire membership of the Valley of the Moon Gun Club for the incredible generosity and friendship shown to my father. The contribution given to him just before his departure was indeed unexpected and certainly welcome during the move.

Just as all seemed to be going fairly well and dad's spirits were rising, the Lord saw fit to take him home approximately two weeks after he arrived here. Early on the morning of May 22nd, dad passed away. Based on how things had evolved once he arrived, this was somewhat unexpected and certainly far too soon to allow us to properly celebrate his life. I'm pleased to say that thanks to the care given by the Hospices of Sonoma and Denver, he died peacefully and pain free, which was certainly a blessing in light of his condition.

I've explained to many that for the past 10 years of his life, he was fortunate to be in a position to enjoy himself while watching over and taking care of the gun club grounds. The friendship, support and assistance from the club were indeed a blessing, and I believe the relationship was good for both parties. Dad talked often of the pleasures he had mowing, weed whacking, and generally "knocking around" the club. I've had an equal amount of pleasure telling friends and family that at 80 years of age, my father was (and remains) virtually irreplaceable.

Dad intended to write this thank you himself. However events unfolded far too soon, and I hope I've captured his thoughts properly. Please convey my and my father's sincere gratitude to everyone associated with the club, especially the board who oversaw his stay there. The Valley of the Moon Gun Club will remain in the hearts and thoughts of the entire Estes family.

*Sincerely,
Joe & Carol Estes*

Work Dates For August

6th: Need volunteers! Please give Marv a call if you can come out and help.

13th: Chuck Marquis, Jim Johnson, Brett Johnson

20th: Need volunteers! Please give Marv a call if you can come out and help.

27th: Need volunteers! Please give Marv a call if you can come out and help.

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

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Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new members; Phil DeShazo, Bob Paine, Tony Hill, and we welcome back Todd Simpson.

Welcome aboard folks!

Another Friend Moves-On

It saddens me to announce that we lost another long time and well liked member & friend. The big happy guy known as Phil “*The Rock Man*” Simpson passed away peacefully last month. Many of us shot with Phil and his family over the years and have nothing but great things to say about him and his entire family. Phil will be missed by many of us!

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.

Our Round Robin event went smoothly, and a good time was had by all. This could not have happened without the enthusiastic support of our club members. Many thanks to all participants, and those who volunteered their food, time and effort.

NBL Shoot Dates

August 6th – Newman

September 10th - VOMTC

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