

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bullshooter

AUGUST 2007

- Schedule:**
- 5th **Range Open – Trap & Sporting Clays – NBL @ Martinez**
 - 7th **General Board Meeting 8pm (Board Members Only From 7-7:45)**
 - 12th **Range Open – Trap & Sporting Clays**
 - 19th **Range Open-Trap & Sporting Clays**
 - 26th **Range Open-Trap & Sporting Clays**

Practice Trap: **Sunday and Wednesday:** Open to the public 10am - 2pm or so. Fees: \$3.00 Members \$6.00 non-members \$1.50 juniors (under 18 years). **Monday - Saturday** (accompanied by members). Fees: \$15 per case of targets, \$10 per Adult guest 18 years and older, \$5 for juniors under 17 years.

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 2pm or so. Open to the public for shotgun shooters only.

Thursday Shoots: [CANCELLED]

Key numbers: President - John Ginocchio 996-3043 (9am to 5pm only - please)
Caretaker – Chris Keyes
Pistol range master – Jamie Waterman 707-762-3623
Membership applications - Charlie Marino 933-9536 (5pm to 9pm - please)
Sunday Duty Roster & Work Party – Marv Schmidt—415-381-8345
Newsletter – Marv Schmidt e-mail marvinschmidt@comcast.net
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*
Valley of the Moon Trap Club / P.O. Box 881 Sonoma, CA. 95476

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General Club Staff

Hello again gang and welcome to the August edition. It is really summertime in Sonoma and the thermometer has confirmed it numerous times already. Dues renewal time is here and as of this date (July 13th) over half of the members dues have been received. Thanks to everyone for your promptness.

Congratulations to some of our members who did well at the CGSTA State trap shoot at Kingsburg in June. Larry Marvier, John Woodward, and Lee Novich all brought back trophies for categories and class in singles and doubles events.

New Goodies

As of May 13th, we now have 3 sets of cordless voice calls for the trap fields. We have been using one set on a trial basis since last June and the performance has been terrific. They only require one plug connection instead of seven and no wires to unwind, untangle, trip over and occasionally accidentally shoot with the odd malfunctioning release trigger. Now we are really in the twenty-first century technically speaking. Just remember to keep the receiver (the green plastic thing that hangs on the traphouse) together with the controller in the black bag on the speaker cart when putting things away.

That's A NoNo!!

Recently it has been revealed that someone (and you know who you are!) has been using non-club issued clays in the practice trap. The club provides orange dome targets at \$15.00 for 135 targets (5 rounds of 25 targets plus 10 extra for adjustment, first look, breakage and ffs etc. That price includes Pacific Graft & Extortions cut for the 110Vac to run the machine that throws the targets. So you are taking advantage of your fellow club members when you use some "Wally World" cheapies and cheating yourself as well because you only get 90 birds from the WW cartons. So please use only the White Flyer targets available at the trailer when using the practice trap...

..and Another NoNo!!!

Please do not adjust the field limit switches on the practice trap. These control the direction and width of the field and are painstakingly set to ATA/PITA registered trap specifications. If you want to limit oscillations, set the oscillation selector switch to manual and then using the left/right red buttons to point the targets in the desired direction. Use extreme caution here as the release switch must be in the on position to do this...

Sunday Workers

Since no-one has signed up for the next few months Sunday work schedules, the following names have been drawn based on dues returns. August has been filled but September still needs volunteers so call, sign-up, email or be drafted.

Remember it is your responsibility to be there on your assigned day and if you are unable to do so you must find another club member to replace you or pay a \$50.00 fine per club rule. If you want to pick your own dates, call or e-mail marvinschmidt@comcast.net. We need at least three members to work each Sunday and 15-20 people for events such as meat shoots (Nov 18th, Dec 16th), so let Marv know early and beat the rush.

Work Dates for August

- 5th: Garret Andersen, Kevin Brown, Tom Ellis
- 12th: Joe Burroughs, William Davis, John Donald
- 19th: Doug Feudner, Junior Holland, Richard King
- 26th: Gene Kelly, Peter Maushardt, Michael Nugent

Work Dates for September

- 2nd: Jerry Aman Need 2 more Workers
- 9th: Scott Pace, Need 2 more Workers
- 16th: John Spence, Need 2 more Workers
- 23rd: Todd Steuteville Need 2 more Workers
- 30th: Adam Welsh, Need 2 more Workers

For Sunday Work Party & Duty Roster call

Marv Schmidt at (415) 381-8345

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Welcome New Members

Rod Debois, Sid Finley, Jeff Kimes, Bradley Marriott, Nick Moline, Welcome aboard folks...

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 barroom 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.

Don't Argue With Safety!

ALWAYS practice gun safety. ALWAYS consider the gun is loaded! ALWAYS point the gun in a safe direction (even if it's not loaded), and ALWAYS have consideration for others around you while on the shooting range.

Miscellanea

JOB OPENING: A really wonderful opportunity still exists for a self starter who enjoys working (cajoling) with people, spending time on the phone (previous experience as telemarketer advantageous but not required), and getting the chance to know every member of the club, the job of Sunday Duty Roster and Work Party scheduler needs an applicant. Seriously folks we do need someone or perhaps two

or three people to split the load of filling the Sunday duty lists and special event helpers. The alternative is to pay someone to do the jobs needed resulting of course in higher dues and shooting prices and no-one really wants that so if anyone wants to help please let John, Marv, or any of the board members know.

Components

The component room hours are 12 noon to 1pm on Sundays & Wednesdays. Lead shot is very scarce and will be limited to four bags (100lbs) per member per month. Expect future lead prices to exceed \$26+ per bag in the future.

Mail Call!

Evidently there are still some continuing problems from the postal snafu of a few months ago so if your new membership card has not shown up let us know and we'll keep trying to get the problem sorted out. Be sure you are using the proper address when corresponding with the club. It is VOMTC @ PO Box 881, Sonoma, and CA 95476

New Guy Steps Up

New member Jamie Waterman has agreed to take over the overseeing of the rifle and pistol range. Thanks Jamie.

Thursday Night Shooting Cancelled

Due to the lack of interest, Thursday night shooting has been cancelled. However all is not lost, we are soliciting interest in having the range open on Saturdays. If you are interested in shooting on Saturdays please drop an e-mail to trapshooter2@comcast.net or if you don't have e-mail please leave a voice message at (707) 427-3031.

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