

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bull Shooter

AUGUST 2008

Schedule: 3rd Range Open – Trap & Sporting Clays
5th Board Meeting 7pm – 7:45pm (Board Members Only)
General Membership 8pm – 9pm
10th Range Open – Trap & Sporting Clays
16th Saturday – Work Party
17th Range Open – Trap & Sporting Clays
19th Petaluma P.D. @ Pistol Range 8am – 1pm
24th Range Open – Trap & Sporting Clays, Lunch by Tad
31st Range Open – Trap & Sporting Clays

Trap: **Wednesday and Sunday:** Open to the Public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fees: Members \$3.00, Non-members \$6.00, juniors (17 and under) \$1.50
Monday thru Saturday (Except Wednesday)
Fees: Members \$15.00 per case of targets, \$10.00 per adult guest (18 years and older), juniors (17 and under) \$5.00.

Sporting Clays: **Sundays Only:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fees: Members \$5.00, Non-members \$7.50, juniors (17 and under) \$3.00

Pistol / Rifle Range: Range opens at 10am Sunday's, 9am weekdays. Fees: \$5.00 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 trap shooters only.

Key Contacts: President – John Ginocchio (707) 931-0470 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only – Please)
Caretaker – Tom Koehn (707) 933-0306
Rifle/Pistol Range Master – Len Stockton (707) 326-4253
Membership – Charlie Marino (707) 933-9536 (5 p.m. to 9pm – Please)
Newsletter – Marv Schmidt (415) 381-8345, Email: marvinschmidt@comcast.net
Sunday Work Coordinator –
Accounting & Advertising – Janet Keiser (707) 996-4331
Hunter Safety – Sam Grow, NRA Certified Instructor (707) 648-0410

**Club Hours: 9am to 5pm (9pm during special events). As always, weather permitting.
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THE LATEST BULL!

Greetings again “moonies” and here it is August again and dues renewals time is at hand. Please remit your dues and penalties as soon as practical so that we can determine who is available for drafting for our Sunday work crews. August 15th is the deadline for dues renewal; any member whose dues payment has not been received by that date will be considered delinquent and removed from the member list.

If you do not use the club mailer to return your dues please remember to use the new mail address, i.e. P.O. Box 534, Vineburg, CA 95487-0534.

Whilst on the subject of changes please also note the new phone number of John Ginocchio as shown on the title page as (707) 931-0470.

They're Here!

As reported in last month's B/ shooter, traps 2, 3, 4, and 5 are now equipped with token boxes. To shoot a round of trap, insert a token into the receptacle slot on the upper left side of the box, which is mounted on a post behind post 4 at the 27 yard line. Note that each token provides 27 targets so a full squad will have 135 targets which is more than enough for looking at the first target and the odd broken bird and/or a flinch or two. However caution should be exercised in avoiding unnecessary conversation and use care in moving mike stands around which causes undesired targets to be thrown. ***Loose talk loses targets!!***

Please gently remind new and or uninitiated shooters of this fact so that everyone gets the targets they paid for.

Those of you who still have a collection of the green member tickets can redeem them for brass tokens on any public day (Sunday or Wednesday).

Of course a big well done and thanks go out to Carl Hagen, Roger Bare, and Charlie DeMartini and others who did all the fabrication, excavation, wiring, and all the other dot connecting required of this project.

At present, traps 2 & 3 will be used for singles and handicap shooting, trap 4 will be a full time wobble trap, and trap 5 will throw doubles.

Skeet Field

There have been a number of members expressing interest in the establishment of a skeet field at the club. If enough skeet enthusiasts want to form an ad hoc committee for that purpose, please make plans to attend the August 5th board meeting and you can get the ball rolling.

Congratulations Dept The California Golden State Trap Association held its state championship at Kingsburg Gun Club on June 22nd through the 29th under hazy skies with seasonably mild temperatures and the usual high scores including some terrific shooting by some VOMers. Doc Woodward won the A doubles trophy on Sundays pre-state shoot program breaking 99. Lee Novich won D runner-up in The State doubles championship with a score of 91. But this year's trophy master has to be our own “doubles tutor”, Larry Marvier. Larry won the Senior Vet trophy for event 2, the Hall of Fame handicap with a 96, was in a shoot-off for senior-vet runner-up in handicap event 4, and then he got serious and won senior vet titles in both doubles events with a 99 and a 97. But wait! There's more! Larry won the Senior-vet High all Around prize breaking 388 out of 400 and finally he won the High Over All trophy with a 1055 out of 1100 total score for the championship. Well done and congratulations Larry!!

Notices Ted Oktabetz, our clubhouse “manager” is in the process of updating the club house bulletin board(s). If you post something, be sure to put a date on it and it may remain on the board for sixty days. If no date is shown it will be removed immediately!

Ted, it should be noted is the guy who keeps the coffee hot and the bar stocked, so be sure and thank him!

Posted below is a letter from Martin Charles, our 4H club facilitator:

4H Club News

The 4H Shooting Sports Club would like to thank the VOMTC for another great year. More than 35 young people participated during the 2007-2008 season. We had an excellent time and everyone improved their shooting skills. For over 25 years, the Sonoma Marin 4H Shooting Sports program has emphasized safety, shooting fundamentals and fun. Demonstrating some of the best shooting by 4H members in recent memory, this year two club members shot perfect rounds of 25 out of 25; they are Clayton Coffin and Noah Nordhoff. Great shooting and Congratulations!

If you know a young person age 18 or younger who is interested, sign ups take place at the VOMTC on Saturday Sept 13th at 9:00AM. Thereafter, we will meet the second Saturday of every month at 9:00AM. All skill levels, from beginner to expert, are welcome. Shotguns are provided for those without their own. You must sign up at either the September or October meeting to participate in this year's fun. See you there!

<u>WORKERS CORNER</u>			
<u>AUGUST</u>		<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
	NEED		CALL
3RD	WILLING	7TH	SIGN UP
10TH	WORKERS	14TH	CALL
17TH	HERE	21ST	OR
24TH		28TH	E-MAIL
31ST			

Please note on the above schedule the large amount of blank spaces. We need at least three members to work our regular Sunday public days.

Remember it is your responsibility to be there on your assigned day promptly at 9 a.m. to set-up the range and get assignments for the day. If you are unable make your assigned date, it is **your responsibility** to find another club member to replace you or pay a \$50.00 fine per club rules.

It is easier for us and better for you to pick your dates you know you can work rather than us assigning you a date. There are 3 easy ways of signing up.

- Sign up on the calendar at the clubhouse, or
- Call (415) 381-8345 or send an e-mail (preferred) to marvinschmidt@comcast.net
- **As a very important last reminder, in order to receive credit for working, you “must” sign the work log located in the club house.** Failure to “sign” the log will result in you not receiving credit for working.

Work Party A work party day is planned for Saturday, August 16th, for those of you wishing to get started on completing some of your work obligations for the 2008-09 year. Lots of painting and clean-up projects on the list including a commode replacement for someone with plumbing skills.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome new member Kenneth Sherman to the club.

NRA



Don't forget that if or when your NRA dues need renewing you can pay your dues through the club at a \$10 savings off the membership. Contact John, or Marv.

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”
Second Amendment, U.S. Constitution....

VOMTC WEBSITE

The newsletter is back on the web site for your click and view pleasure. If you would prefer to down load it off the web and save more save the club .41cents a copy, please let one of us (Janet or Marv) know and we'll delete your name from the newsletter mailing list. So far we have only heard from a couple of our members.

COMPONENTS SALES

The component room hours are from 12 noon to 1pm on Sundays and Wednesdays. Due to limited availability of shot, we are limiting purchases to 100 lbs per member (4 bags) per month at \$33 per bag. Cheddite primers have gone up again to \$29 per thousand, or \$145 per case of 5,000.

Estate, Federal, and Fiocchi shells will now be \$6.00 per box of 25 and \$55 per flat of ten boxes

Also, due to his business obligations, Al Colescott needs someone to take on the component room job.

POSITION OPENINGS We have lost the services of Brad Marriott as our worker scheduler. Brad's Greatest contribution was establishment of a club member data base so that we can better track who is available, who worked when, etc. We need a volunteer to take over the position. If you can help, let John Ginocchio or Marv know.

Sunday Lunches

Tad Alvord will be serving lunch this month on the 24th. So save your appetite, come out early and break some targets, and then when the wind comes up, come on in and enjoy a great meal.

Upcoming Events

North Bay League: Aug. 3 @ Martinez (Newark)
 Sept. 14 Grand @ Newman

Have A Safe Happy August!!!