

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bull Shooter

DECEMBER 2008

Schedule: 7th Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays
14th Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays
21st Christmas Meat Shoot
28th Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays

**** There will be no Board meeting in December****
The next meeting will be January 6th, 2009

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) \$2.00
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 \$8.00, 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 _ Jan and Bill Miller (707) 996-5536 E-mail mrsjanim@comcast.net
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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!

Well gang here is this year's final edition and what a year it has been here at the trap club. In February, we gained a new caretaker in Tom Koehn and the grounds have never looked better. We had good to great turnouts in our meat, round robin, and North Bay League shoots

In November, Lisa and Todd Simpson hosted the second annual Phil Simpson Memorial club shoot with 67 shooters participating and enjoying a great shoot, lunch, and raffle drawings of over 70 prizes. As a result the Simpsons donated \$500 to the 4H club and paid the club expenses plus an additional \$500. Well done and thank you to Lisa and Todd Simpson and Jim Elam for his efficient office management.

Improvements to our facilities include new sporting clay traps, token boxes for the trap fields, and concrete sidewalk extensions as noted below in the NRA report.

Upcoming Events This years Christmas meat shoot will be held on Sunday, December 21st. The office will open at 9am and shooting will start at 9:30.

The program will use five trap fields, #1 will be for kids, #2 will be for novices, #3 for intermediate and better shooters, #4 will be wobble targets, and trap #5 will be advanced long handicap shooters.

So come out early, have some safe, shooting fun and enjoy a great lunch as well.

Raffle Tickets There will be a raffle drawing at the above mentioned Christmas meat shoot on December 21st. First prize is a beautiful new Remington model 1100 competition trap shotgun. Second prize is two flats of shot shells and third prize will be one flat of shot shells. Tickets are \$10 and you need not be present to win but good penmanship on the tickets will be advantageous. See John Ginocchio for tickets.

Token Issues

As most of you who shoot trap regularly on our public days are aware, we have experienced some "teething" problems with the Briley Token systems, mainly the annoying tendency to zero themselves out in the middle of a round. Carl Hagen, our resident guru on these devices working with Briley tech rep Jim Humphrey seem to have isolated the problem to faulty mother boards in two of the systems and as a result, all four boards have been replaced.

Those of you who want to shoot trap on non-public days can now use trap 2. You will need to purchase tokens from the office on either Sunday or Wednesday.

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Tom will open trap 2 when he opens in the morning. There will be a cordless voice call set kept in the club house which you will need to move out to the trap and set up. Be sure the trap has plenty of targets before you start shooting. There will be a supply of targets kept in the trap house. Then drop your tokens in the box and go "break 'em all"! When you're finished shooting, please pack up the voice calls and return them to the clubhouse.

If you are shooting by your self you can just use one of the "mics" and just carry it with you from post to post rather than setting out all five speakers.

Skeet Field

The Skeet Field exploratory project committee continues to assess the possibilities of establishing a skeet facility at the club. A site has been surveyed and markers and stakes can be seen overlaying trap field 7. A go-no go decision will be determined at a future board meeting.

For additional information contact Lou Lori at (707) 833-1122.



NRA For an example of how your NRA membership works for you, take a look at the new sidewalk extension from trap 3 to trap 6. This was largely financed by a grant from the NRA with John Ginocchio and Leo Maionchi filling out all the required paperwork and Bob Oller doing the actual concrete work.

So there is much more to NRA than sound bytes and a magazine. At present according to club records, 69% of our club membership are NRA members but some of you have joined the NRA but have yet to advise us of your membership number. Our goal of course is 100%. If you are new and haven't passed your number on to us please do so at your earliest convenience by contacting John, Ted, or Marv via phone, e-mail, or smoke signal. If you don't know your NRA number and can't find your card, check the address label on your magazine, i.e. American Rifleman or Hunter or whatever.

If you are not yet a member or your NRA dues need renewing; you may pay through the club and save \$10 off the regular membership cost. Contact John, Ted, 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. Due to the large number of members with e-mail addresses (about 40%), the newsletter will only be mailed to non-e-mail members with a limited number of copies available at the clubhouse.

Workers Corner

The 2009 calendar is on the bulletin board for your convenience in signing up for your Sunday work day. It is much better for you to choose a day than have us pick one for you. But if you don't care, on the 2nd Wed. of each month we choose work days for the following month. You can always call or e-mail us with your choice. We still need 5 workers for the Dec. Meat Shoot. Thanks for your help! Jan & Bill Miller

<u>WORKERS CORNER</u>			
<u>DECEMBER</u>		<u>JANUARY</u>	
7TH	Russ Hubbard Mike Malone Ernie Piantanida	4TH	Phil DeShazo, Garret Andersen, Wm. Davis
14TH	Phil De Shazo Kent Payne Ernie Piantanida	11TH	Steve Jacobs Richard Barry Dan Mercury
21ST MEAT SHOOT	C. Flandi G. Bradshaw Floyd Dean Errol Hinton Norm Malfatti Terry Melberg Jim Tremari John Woodward	18TH	Peter Maushardt, Jeff Oster, Dennis Rinehart
28TH	Steve Barloggi Ernie Piantanida Joe Turner	25TH	Ray Shurtz, Bert Varner, Chuck Zeiler

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 (707) 996- 5536 or (preferred) e-mail mrsjanim@comcast.net
- **As a very important last reminder, in order to**

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receive credit for working, you **“must”** sign the work log located in the club house. Please write the total hours worked (“all day” is not a viable answer). Please be sure to print your name legibly and “sign” the log to insure that you receive credit for working.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members Darin Cravea, Cody Harris, Nicholas Harris, and James C. Harwood to the club.

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.

Fiocchi and Winchester shells will now be \$6.50 per box of 25 and \$60 per flat of ten boxes of 12 and 20 gauge shells.

Fire Arm Safety

When we are on the trap and or sporting clays line please keep an eye out especially when new and or young shooters are present to ensure that safe firearm procedures are adhered to, i.e. loading no more than one shell in the gun (trap), or no more than two shells (clays), no changing stations with a shell in the gun or the action closed, pointing a gun any direction other than down range. If any deviations of these common sense rules are observed, please politely inform the shooter of the proper way to do things. Stress firearm safety from the start and it will become a safe habit. We want safe, happy shooters here!

Sam Grow Our resident NRA hunter safety instructor would like to recruit some volunteers to work as facilitators/instructors with the Department of Fish & Game’s various seminar programs for youngsters.

Sam is also planning some reloading seminars if there is sufficient interest. Call Sam at (707) 638-0410 for more information.

*****Happy Holidays!!!*****