

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bullshooter

February 06

Schedule:	5	Partial Range Open (weather permitting)
	7	General Board Meeting 8pm (Board Members Only From 7 - 8pm)
	12	Partial Range Open
	19	Club Fund Raiser Turkey Shoot
	26	Partial Range Open (weather permitting)

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: Start around 4ish in the afternoon and go until?

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 wet season hit us pretty hard last month and our club was no exception to all of the flooding you heard about on the news.

Most of the club was anywhere from 4 to 5 feet under water! We were lucky enough to get the trap machines out before the water came in, but the club house and grounds were a complete mess. Some of our items, such as the rolling tops to the trap houses and our large propane tanks were found out in the vineyards, across the rail road tracks, or way down past the pistol / rifle range!

We are working on getting things back together and as of right now, we do have a practice trap up and running for Sunday shoots, but dont count on anything more than that for a little while.

The sporting clays course was completely wiped out. The equipment is OK, but the wood trap houses were ripped out and found several hundred yards away in not so great condition.

There was SO much rubbish and debris on our property, you couldnt even get in with a 4 wheel drive. It was a complete mess, but thanks to a few awesome members, some tractors were brought in, as well as a Bob Cat, some trucks and a bunch of great guys and gals that cleaned most of it up so you can at least drive in and walk around the grounds now.

Things for a while will be on a *weather permitting basis* as far as if any equipment will be in place to use or not. If the weather looks like its going to be mild, then well have a trap machine or two set-up for members and guests, but if it looks like a hard, wet rain is coming, we will probably yank the trap machines out again and put them in a safe place so they wont get damaged.

The pistol / rifle range is temporarily closed until we can repair the damage to the surrounding safety mound. The deep, thrashing water and the high winds did quite a bit of damage to it.

Rest assured, things will be back to normal before long. This is a great club, made up of great people who have always come forward to lend a hand in times of need like this. We have endured floods before and we will overcome this one as well.

On that same note, if anyone has time to come out and just help pick stuff up, that would be great. There are water toolie & cat tail stalks everywhere! Drift wood, boards and just plain debris are scattered in every nook and crannie you could imagine. It all needs to be picked-up and thrown in a pile so it can get hauled off.

Calling All Contractors!!!

The club house had quite a bit of water damage and we *really* need the help of any, and all contractors that can come-in and help remove & replace some of the water damaged sheet rock and wood.

Doors dont want to close anymore, there are a couple of broken windows that need to be replaced, the water heater needs to be replaced and pretty much everything below the 4 foot level needs some sort of work or repair.

We need carpenters, sheet rockers, electricians, plumbers and anyone else that is handy with this stuff. If you or some of your crew members can come out and lend a hand, it would help the whole club!

If you have any questions or need to find out what needs to be done, please give John a call at
(707) 996-3043

Support Your Club - Turkey Shoot

Thats right. Believe it or not, we are planning on having a turkey shoot on Sunday, February 19th to help raise money to defer the costs of rebuilding the club house and grounds.

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This will be a typical, fun turkey shoot, just like our regular Thanksgiving Turkey Shoots, with nice, fresh turkeys as prizes and a whole lotta fun!

Ty Krauss, our clubs official master chef, will be serving a tasty barbequed hamburger lunch.

All proceeds from this shoot will go directly towards the rebuilding of our club.

Come on out and support your club. Bring the whole family or a few friends to enjoy the day with you.

This shoot will not only be fun, it will show your support for our great club! We hope to see you there!

Work Dates For February

5th: Bruce Coston, Drew Cox, Michael Curtain

12th: William Davis, Tim McGowan, Thomas Ellis

19th: Garth Garner, Andrew Guaraglia, John Gunther and anyone else that can come out and help run the turkey shoot!

25th: Conny Gustafson, Russell Hubbard, David Johnson

Work Dates For March

5th: Gene Kelley, Chris Komar, James Lempy

12th: Larry Fuller, Melvin Fuller, Rod Jameson, Jacob Lange, Dan Marvier, Will Earnshaw, Gary Sweeden

19th: Kevin Lely, Skip Latno, Peter Maushardt

26th: Terry Melberg, Ladd Miyasaki, Lou Morton

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

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 igeneral meetingî 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. Its 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.

Happy Valentines Day!

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