Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bull Shooter

FEBRUARY 2009

Schedule:	1st	Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays
	3rd	Board Meeting 7pm—7:45pm (Board Members Only)
		General Membership 8pm—9pm
	8th	Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays
	15th	Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays
	22nd	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) $2.00

Monday thru Saturday (Except Wednesday)[as of February 1, 2009]
Trap #2 is open for practice using tokens and voice calls. Tokens are available at the Office on Sundays and Wednesdays and from FKS Sporting Goods at 20525 Broadway in Sonoma.

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: **Until Further Notice the Rifle and Pistol Range is closed to all except Law Enforcement Organizations……**

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, E-mail: marvinschmidt@comcast.net
Sunday Work Coordinator _ Jan and Bill Miller (707) 996-5536 E-mail mrsjanim@comcast.net
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.
Valley of the Moon Trap Club / P.O. Box 534 Vineburg, CA 95487-0534

THE LATEST BULL!

President's Message Due to some recent incidents occurring at the rifle and pistol range, the rifle/pistol range is closed to all persons with the sole exception of Law Enforcement Organizations. This issue will be a subject of discussion of the February Board of Directors meeting….. John Ginocchio

Token Trap Issues

Beginning February 1st, trap six will no longer be available as the practice trap. Those of you who want to shoot trap on non-public days can now use trap 2. You may purchase tokens either in advance from the office on either Sunday or Wednesday, or if you are not able to get to the club on those days, you may buy tokens at FKS Sporting goods at 20525 Broadway in Sonoma. Please show your club membership card to the clerk.

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. While you are picking up the voice call set, please sign the log sheet located on the table next to the voice call in the club house. If you are accompanied by non-member guests please put the $10 fee in a small envelope provided and drop it in the slot in the office window board.

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.

NRA

According to club records, 69% of our club members are active 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….

New Members

Please welcome the following new members: Rafael Alvina, Robert K. Berkland, Jr, Charles B. Bragg, Michael D. Brown, Frank Darien III, Paul B. Fabian, Theodore J. Kozloff, Stan MatsuI, Stuart Morris, William D. Newhart, Ronald Patterson, Michael Steven Smith, and Ilker S. Tirben.

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.

We need 10 more workers for the St. Pat's meat shoot on 3/15 and 13 workers for the Easter meat shoot on 4/5. This is a great way to fulfill your Sunday work obligations and have fun. You can sign up by e-mailing or phoning us: mrsjanim@comcast.net or 707-996-5536. You can also sign up on the work calendar in the clubhouse. THANKS for your help.

Jan & Bill Miller

WORKERS CORNER

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
1ST	Kelly Webb Troy Taylor	1ST	Modesto Llanes, John Bennet & Robert Butler
8TH	Jim Johnson, Marshall Bauer Junior Holland	8TH	Casey Boden, Richard Fisher Greg Hanson
15TH	Jim Riley, Joe Turner, Phil Bosso.	15TH	Gary Flandi Pat Karinen John Murphy Greg Knittel
22ND	Rod Jamieson, Mike Meagher Kenneth Sherman	22ND	Modesto Llanes, Steve Jacobs & Sam Huck
		29TH	Garret Anderson, Judy Schroder & Bob Adra

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 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!!

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 $29 per bag. Cheddite primers have gone down again to $25 per thousand, or $125 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 & Trap Machine Safety

For those of you who are new to the club or are unfamiliar with the safe care and operating of our trap machines, the following is a short primer on safe operating procedures.

All seven of our trap machines are Pat-Traps which cost $8000+ new. They operate on 110 volt 60 Hz A.C. electricity which powers a hydraulic motor for the servo actuator that causes the machine to oscillate left and right as well as up and down on the three wobble traps.

There is a switch box mounted inside the right forward wall of the trap house with two toggle switches. The rear switch is an on off control for the pump motor and the front switch is the arm release control. It is a three position toggle switch (up is on, down is off, and pushing below down releases the arm to the safe position). ***Caution, be sure the area in front of the trap is clear of people, animals, or vehicles before releasing the arm!!!***

When reloading the machine, release the arm which throws the target on the table. The red launch arm will be visible on the left side of the machine. Place the orange safety cone on top of the roof and slide the roof back to gain entrance to the targets.

The turret consists of sixteen angle iron stacks into which the clay targets are carefully loaded (domed side up of course). Fully loaded, the turret holds 540 targets. Care must be taken to avoid breaking targets during reloading, but accidents do happen and when they do, be sure to clean all the big pieces out of the center of the turret to avoid jamming the stacks.

When reloading is complete, close the roof, place the cone in front of the house out of sight of the trap posts, turn the release switch back on and collect the empty bird cartons and you're ready to shoot again.

To become better acquainted with the system, you might ask some of the Sunday or Wednesday shooters for familiarization and tips on its operation.

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.

Upcoming Events

2009 Round Robin :	Petaluma	April 25-26
	Lake County	May 16-17
	VOMTC	May 30-31
	Pt Arena	June 27-28
	Ukiah	July 18-19

2009 North Bay League:	Martinez	February 8
	Coon Creek	March 8
	Stockton	April 5
	Newman	May 3
	VOMTC	June 14
	Newark @ Livermore	July 12
	Livermore	August 2
	NBL Grand @ Martinez	September 13

Sunday, February 8th is the start of the North Bay League for 2009. See you all at Martinez!!!!

Happy Valentines Day!!!