

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

# *Bull Shooter*

**JULY 2008**

- Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting 7pm—7:45pm (Board Members Only)  
General Membership 8pm—9pm  
6<sup>th</sup> Range Open — Trap & Sporting Clays  
13<sup>th</sup> Range Open — Trap & Sporting Clays  
20<sup>th</sup> Range Open — Trap & Sporting Clays  
27<sup>th</sup> Range Open — Trap & Sporting Clays, Lunch by Tad
- 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) 996-3043 (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](mailto:marvinschmidt@comcast.net)  
Sunday Work Coordinator – Brad Marriott (707) 337-0617,  
Email: [trapshooter2@comcast.net](mailto:trapshooter2@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.  
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## THE LATEST BULL!

Greetings again “moonies” and here it is July 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 July 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting and you can get the ball rolling.

### Registered Shoots

The Amalgamated clubs meeting is Scheduled for the evening of July 12<sup>th</sup> at Livermore Rod and Gun Club. At this meeting, all the registered shoot dates will be drawn for the 2009 schedule. We do have a number of registered shooters within the club and if any of you are interested in picking some date or dates and preferences to associations, i.e. ATA/CGSTA or PITA/CSTA, for the club to host, please let Marv know either at his e-mail, phone, semaphore, or in person if he seems lucid!

If you would like to volunteer your evening and represent VOM at the meeting that would be really great, keeping in mind that the next day is North Bay League, also at Livermore.

The club can make some money on these events (which helps keep your shooting costs down) but it does require some time and effort on the part of some people to properly plan, advertise, and stage them. So if there are some people out there who have the interest and a little time to contribute here is your chance to make it happen!

### Congratulations Dept

At the June 1<sup>st</sup> North Bay League shoot, several VOM members distinguished themselves with some terrific scores. Dennis Rinehart and Todd Simpson both broke 142 out of 150 to be in a three way shoot off for the high over all which was one by Martinez shooter Scott Tonnesen. However Dennis won the B handicap prize, and Todd took C doubles. Other VOMers doing well included John Sculatti (AA Handicap) Norm Malfatti (C

16 yard) while Lisa Simpson won the shoot off for High Lady. Well Done!!

**Fee Increase:** Please note that the price of member use of the rifle/pistol range is \$5.00 as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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!

### WORKERS CORNER

<u>JULY</u>		<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>CALL</u>
	<b>NEED</b>		
<b>6TH</b>	<b>WILLING</b>	<b>3RD</b>	<b>SIGN UP</b>
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>WORKERS</b>	<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>CALL</b>
<b>20TH</b>	<b>HERE</b>	<b>17TH</b>	<b>OR</b>
<b>27TH</b>	<b>!!!!</b>	<b>24TH</b>	<b>E-MAIL</b>
		<b>31ST</b>	

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 (707) 337-0617 or send an e-mail (preferred) to [trapshooter2@comcast.net](mailto:trapshooter2@comcast.net) or [marvinschmidt@comcast.net](mailto: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.

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome our newest members: Stan Cook, Greg Hanson, Anthony McDaniel, Robert Nunes III, John Quigley, and Paul Rodman.

### NRA



Thanks to the paper work of Leo Maionchi and "El Presidente" John Ginocchio, the club has received a grant check for the amount of \$6,800 from the NRA to be used for needed improvements to our facilities. Just an example of some of the benefits of NRA membership.

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, Marv, or Brad.

**"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 download it off the web and save more save the club .41cents a copy, please let one of us (Janet, Brad 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 will be open 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 Fiochi shells will now be \$6.00 per box of 25 and \$55 per flat of ten boxes.

### COMING SOON

Hopefully, some time in the next month or so, we hope to have the token boxes operating on trap fields 1, 2, 3, and 4. When these are in operation shooters will deposit a special token into a slot on the box mounted on a post behind each trap field. An LED will indicate the number of targets available ( 26-27 per shooter or

approximately 130 per Full squad). With five extra targets per squad for broken clays and having a first look, It will be obvious that voice discipline will become necessary to avoid throwing wasted targets.

Those of you who have shot recently at Petaluma, Livermore, and Martinez are familiar with the systems. We anticipate some initial glitches with the first use of the Briley systems but the advantages will out weigh any problems. One trap will be open seven days a week for member use at any time and instead of carrying a box of clays out to the trap, all you'll need is enough tokens for you shooting needs.

All the details are yet to be worked out, but in the end we think it will be an improvement. Those of you who have bought books of "green" tickets will be able to redeem them for tokens of course.

### MISCELLANEA

Once again a reminder especially to our Wednesday crowd, if it is late in the day and the shooting is winding down, please take a few minutes to put away the voice calls, lock the trap houses (don't forget the safety cones) and police the area for empties, trash and cardboard.

**PLEASE BREAK DOWN THE BOXES** before they are put in the GREEN re-cycle CARDBOARD ONLY container behind trap two (2)!

### Sunday Lunches

Tad Alvord will be serving lunch this month on the 27<sup>th</sup>. 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:	July 13	@ Livermore
	August 3	@ Martinez (Newark)
Grand	September 14	@ Newman
Round Robin:	June 28, 29	@ Pt. Arena
	July 19, 20	@ Ukiah

**Have A Safe Happy July 4th!!!**