

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bullshooter

June '06

Schedule:	4	Range Open
	6	General Board Meeting 8pm (<u>Board Members Only From 7 - 8pm</u>)
	11	Range Open
	18	Range Open
	25	Range Open

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 18 years and older. \$5 for each junior (17 and under) for the entire day.
guest
(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 Eve Shoots: Start around 4pm or so, and go until sunset (usually).

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 there members, is this sunshine great or what? It's nice to see more and more people coming out and enjoying the club in the California sunshine.

The club is going through a change stage at this point, with the loss of our dear friend and club caretaker, Joe Estes. Joe was a great guy. No he didn't kick-off or anything, but he did move away. We thank him for all he has done for us. We'll miss Joe and we wish him well.

If anyone knows of a retired person that would like to be a grounds keeper for our club, we could certainly use one. A single, elderly man is the best candidate and the benefits aren't too bad either. Please contact John Ginocchio at 996-3043 if you happen to know someone that might be interested.

On that same note, the club will have some new (temporary) hours until we can find someone to be on the grounds full time again to keep it open.

The club will be open for use on Wednesday's, Thursday morning's, Thursday evening's, and of course, Sunday's.

On another note, we could sure use some paint slapped on the 4 storage containers, the garage, the trap houses and the old bird house. If you would like to help tackle one (or some) of these jobs, contact Charlie DeMartini at 938-3766 and he'll help you get set-up with the paint and supplies.

The Jim Meehan memorial Barbeque went great. Everyone had a great time and it was a happy bunch of people. We look forward to hosting this event again next year for them.

We need a little help with the garbage cans now that Joe, (our caretaker), is gone. On Sunday's, the garbage cans need to be put out by the tower or someplace out front so the garbage truck can come-in and pick-up our trash. Then on Tuesday, we need someone to roll them back over to where we keep them normally during the rest of the week.

If you happen to be here during one of these times and see that the cans need moving, we could sure use the extra hand. Thanks!

Our new outside safe for dropping shooting fees in was stolen! That's right, someone came-in and unbolted it and took the whole thing! This is just one of the reasons we have to close the club a few days a week until we can find a new caretaker, because crap like this happens as soon as someone isn't watching.

Silent Auction

A lot of really great stuff was donated by our dear friend, Richard Arrowood for our silent auction which will be held on Sunday, June 25th. Lunch will be available too.

Some of the items up for bids are lots of brass for both pistols and rifles, various types of powder, reloaders for rifles, pistols and shotguns, dies and all kinds of other great items. Come on out and get yourself a great deal on some really cool stuff!

4-H Meat Shoot

The local 4-H club will be hosting a meat shoot on Saturday, June 10th. This shoot is open to the public, and as with all meat shoots, bring the whole family 'cause they are always great fun, and the money goes to a great cause.

These 4-H shooters are your future and they are here supporting your shooting sport and will be here to help preserve shooting for years to come. Come on out and show your support for these youngster's and help keep their club alive!

As with all events like this, the pistol / rifle range will be closed during this event.

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Someone's Got To Do It

An on-going problem has been putting a few people in a not so good mood lately. It seems that on certain shoot days, everyone shows-up and has a great time, but when it's time to go, 99% of the shooter's just pack-up and leave. This leaves all of the clean-up work for only one or two poor guy's left behind to take care of everything, and these one or two guy's end-up being the same guy's week after week, and they are getting a little tired of it.

What is left behind for them to deal with includes, (but is not limited to); leaving tractors and mowers out, leaving the garage door wide open, leaving tools out, leaving the storage containers wide open, leaving voice activators out, leaving garbage & empty shells that need to be picked-up, and so on.

If everyone pitched-in and did just one little 2 minute task, it would take a BIG load off of these guy's and with that, they may just show-up again to keep these shoots going.

Ducks Unlimited Meeting

Ducks Unlimited will be using our club to host one of their meetings and a barbeque on Saturday, June 17th.

Here Piggy, Piggy, Piggy

The DFG is hosting an advanced pig hunting seminar and barbeque here at the club on Saturday, June 3rd from 9am to 3pm. The fee is \$40 for non-members and \$20 for VOMTC members.

If you've ever wanted to get some pointers on hunting pigs, or want to know places to hunt them, this is the seminar for you!

Work Dates For June

4th: Kent Payne, John Giblin, Jim Caruso

11th: Mark Rose, James Lemay, Paul Nye

18th: Kent Ritchy, Garret Anderson, Mo Llanes

25th: Greg Weber, Tom Phillips

**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 "general meeting" 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. It's 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.

Enjoy the club and shoot safe!