

Valley of the Moon Trap Club
Bull Shooter
MARCH 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 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Shoot
22nd Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays
29th 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 A time for change may be a recent political campaign motif but here at the trap club it has been a continuing evolution over the last year with the addition of improvements to the trap fields, club house, and storage and maintenance facilities. We are steadily moving into the twenty-first century, gone are the cash boxes on the line to sell different colored shoot tickets, now tokens and sporting clays tickets are sold from the office which features an actual cash register to help keep track of our finances and better serve you the members. Listed below are a number of changes in our operating procedures which I ask you to become familiar with and please feel free to offer any suggestions or comments. We are above all else a volunteer member club and any help offered will be gratefully accepted....
John Ginocchio

Here's What's New!

Stinking Badges! Since we are selling all tokens and tickets from the office and the office people may not always know who is or is not a member, we are asking club members to wear their membership card prominently displayed on their shirt pocket, vest, sleeve, or suitable place so the office help know who the members are. We have available in the office a small supply of clear plastic card holders which can be pinned to your shirt, vest, or whatever.

New Members Prior to applying for club membership, future applicants must have shot four separate public days of either trap or sporting clays before a membership application will be offered. We are a shot gun sports club and this way we know the applicant is a shot gun shooter.

Rifle/Pistol Range The rifle/pistol range is still closed except to our Law Enforcement clients. We expect to have the range re-open at a future date but on a limited basis i.e. two or three days a week with a qualified range-master present.

Trap No. 6 Trap number 6 is closed for use except on Sundays as an instructional trap for new shooters. Trap no. 2 is the designated non-public day practice trap.

Skeet Field We regret to report that after an extended survey, it has been determined that given the area available, a skeet field would not practical. We appreciate the work of the committee who researched the project.

Trap Clinic Larry Marvier would like to know if any serious trap shooters would be interested in a one or two day trap clinic presented by Frank Hoppe. Hoppe is an ATA champion shooter, Trap & Field magazine columnist, and has produced excellent trap shooting videos. The cost would be \$220 for one day and \$350 for two days with an eye towards mid April (18th & 19th) as possible dates. If you are interested, let Larry know at (415) 328-5153.

Please Sign In! When using the practice trap (#2) on non-public days, please remember to sign in on the sheet on the table and print your name and member number legibly so we know who's who. If you have a guest, please have them sign in and drop \$10 in an envelope in the slot on the office window.

Wood Cart We have a new cart to be used for hauling fire wood from the stack outside to the club house inside. If you need to use the cart please return it to the garage when finished.

New Members

Please welcome the following new members: Dennis Del Grande, Melinda Harris, Benjamin Laurance, Alec Mc Taggart, Tim Ryan, and Ronald Stepan.

Workers Corner

This newsletter lists the April Sunday workers. That means only May and June are left for you to sign up so you don't get fined \$50 for each day you didn't work. We really need workers for Sundays to make sure the club runs smoothly for everyone, members as well as non-members. It only takes 4-5 hrs. of your time twice a year, not much to ask for the privilege of being a member of VOMTC. You can sign up on the calendar in the clubhouse, call us at 707-996-5536 or e-mail us at mrsjanim@comcast.net to sign up to work. All work hours are on the computer making it easy to keep track of everyone's time. Call or e-mail if you need to know that info.

NOTE: We still need 4 more workers for the St. Pat's Day meat shoot on 3/15 and 5 for the Easter meat shoot on 4/5.

On May 30th & 31st, VOMTC will host the Round Robin competition. Many workers are needed for both days. If you can spend a few hours at the club on either day to help out, please let us know.

On June 14th, VOMTC will host The North Bay League. Lots of workers are also needed for this shoot. Thanks for everyone's help, Jan & Bill Miller

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MARCH		APRIL	
1 ST	Modesto Llanes, John Bennet Robert Butler	5 TH	Gary Flandi, Ed Reinfeld, Damien Magnani, Tim & Donna Ryan, Leo Maionchi, Anthony McDaniel, Paul Fabian, Nicholas Weeks
8 TH	Casey Boden, Greg Hanson Richard Fisher	12 TH	Marc Davies, Gloria Brecher, Geoff Brecher
15 TH	Gary Flandi Pat Karinen Greg Knittel John Murphy Don Glazier, Luigi Sesto, Rob Samson, Monte Springer, Jim Tremari, Mike Malone, Nicholas Weeks.	19 TH	Jim Johnson, Leslie Clark, Richard Konecky
22 ND	Modesto Llanes, Steve Jacobs Sam Huck	26 TH	Joe Brambrink, Jan Sides, Richard Lederer
29 TH	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.

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.

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.

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:

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

****Happy St. Patrick's Day!!****