

Valley of the Moon Trap Club  
*Bull Shooter*  
**MAY 2009**

Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Meehan Memorial Shoot  
3<sup>rd</sup> Trap & Sporting Clays NBL @ Newman  
5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 7pm—7:45pm (Board Members Only)  
General Membership 8pm—9pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Trap & Sporting Clays  
17<sup>th</sup> Trap & Sporting Clays  
24<sup>th</sup> Trap & Sporting Clays  
30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Round Robin @ VOMTC

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)**  
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** \_ Dave Lenci (707) 255-1992  
**Membership** \_ Charlie Marino (707) 933-9536 (5 p.m. to 9pm \_ Please)  
**Newsletter** \_ Marv Schmidt (415) 381-8345, E-mail: [marvinschmidt@comcast.net](mailto:marvinschmidt@comcast.net)  
**Sunday Work Coordinator** \_ Monte Springer (707) 604-7278  
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**Accounting & Advertising** \_ Janet Keiser (707) 996-4331  
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**Club Hours: 9am to 5pm (9pm during special events). As always, weather permitting.**  
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## THE LATEST BULL!

### Here's What's New!

**Round Robin:** Valley of the Moon hosts the third leg of the Round Robin shoot on May 30 & 31. Saturday is for VOM members and Sunday is for the visiting club shooters.

**New Members-There** is a moratorium on new members joining the club. New members will be accepted at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Directors meeting. Prior to applying for club membership, future applicants must have shot four separate public days of either trap or sporting clays with those dates recorded by the office before a membership application will be offered.

**Rifle/Pistol Range** As was mentioned in the April newsletter, we are making progress on reopening the rifle-pistol range. However and here is the "rub", the Board of Directors has mandated that a trained Range Supervisor be present any time the range is open. For this to happen, six to eight trained "volunteers" need to be instructed in NRA Range safety and management and then be able donate ten to twelve hours of time per month at the range.

We are looking at three days a week (Tues., Thurs., Sat.) from 9am to 3pm. Rifle shooters would shoot in the morning and pistols in the afternoon. There are a number of new rules BUT the most important thing is if ***we don't get these VOLUNTEERS the Range stays closed!!!!***

If you want to help and can donate some time, call Dave Lenci at (707) 255-1992.

**Trap no. 2 is the designated non-public day practice trap. Starting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, trap 5** will also be available for doubles shooters on non-public days.

**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.

### Upcoming Events

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

**2009 North Bay League:** Newman May 3  
 VOMTC June 14  
 Newark @ Livermore July 12  
 Livermore August 2

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NBL Grand @ Martinez September 13

### Workers Corner

TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>, Monte Springer will be our Sunday workers coordinator taking over the "reins" from Jan and Bill Miller. Monte's contact info is now shown on the contact page of the newsletter and of course if you can e-mail him that is best or if you call him leave a message if there is no answer. Listed below are scheduled workers for May, June and July.

<b>WORKERS CORNER</b>		
<b>MAY</b>		<b>JUNE</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>	Ted Vervais, Nick Weeks, Joe Brambrink Don Ridenhour	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Cody Harris, John Quigley, Robert Nunes III, & Stan Cook
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b>	Tim & Donna Ryan, Mark Rose Joe Brambrink	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> George Borba, Larry & Karen Fuller, Rod Jamieson, Ed Reinfeld, Bill Gahan, Dave Cerini, Steve Barloggi, Ian Cooley, Greg Collins, Leslie Clark, Richard Konecky, Damien Magnini, Rein Plakk, Marc Rose, Anthony McDaniel, Louis Lori, Robert Samson, Lubor Maly, Adam Welsh, Al Crivelli & Tony Zitko Gary Sweeden
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b>	John Murphy Frank Darien Don Ridenhour Richard Kramer	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> Paul Rodman, Todd Steuteville, Judy Schroeder & Pat Karinen
<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	Adam Welsh, Tony Zitko Dana Goleno	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Richard Fisher, Cody Harris, John Bennet & Greg Knittel
<b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	Al Crivelli, Mike FrancesStrohmeier Marc Davies, John Spence,	Meagher Casey Boden Joe Turner Bill Gahan, Gordon Cort, Kent Payne, Kelly Webb
<b>31<sup>ST</sup></b>	Ed Reinfeld, Rein Plakk, Marc Power, Ray Shurtz, Robert Butler, Rick Franco, George Borba	Bill Davis, Terry McClarnon Dave Cerini, Junior. Holland Troy Taylor, Dan Mercury, Paul Rodman, Mike Curtain

**July 5:** Melody Samuelson, Jim McVeigh, Mike Caselli & Tom Ellis

**July 12:** Darin Cravea, Nicholas Harris, Ron Stepan & Sid Finley

**July 19:** Robert Birkland, Jr., Stuart Morris, Melinda Harris & Gene Kelly

**July 26:** Ron Patterson, Benjamin Laurance, Alex McTaggart & Russell Hubbard

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) 604-7278 or (preferred) e-mail [montespringer@hotmail.com](mailto:montespringer@hotmail.com)
- **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. Shot is now \$28 per bag. Cheddite primers have gone up again to \$32 per thousand, or \$155 per case of 5,000. FIOCCHI and Winchester shells will now be \$6.00 per box of 25 and \$55 per flat of ten boxes of 12 gauge shells.

### **HAPPIER TRAPSHOOTING WITH VOICE CALLS & TOKENS**

By Floyd Dean

Thirty-three years ago, for me, was the golden age of trap shooting. You had the BIG GUNS at that time.. This was the time of the score keeper/puller; if you had a good puller, your score would also be good.

Now, thirty-three years later, we have the Voice Call. All problems should be solved. It will save targets, money, reduce manpower, and eliminate slow pulls and fast pulls. But, there is a trick to using the voice call system. It can be frustrating unless used properly.

If you think about it and understand how the voice call system works you will always get a target on time and have no need to ever curse the machine or, heaven forbid, the poor score keeper. He is only a volunteer trying to help you and has no power over these electronic devices.

It is the shooter who has the absolute power of how he or she will get a target on the voice command, ‘PULL’. I made a little study of how this voice call system works and I have learned that there is an adjustable time delay in the system of say, 1 - 20 seconds, or so. Also, it seems that the BATTERY powered units are a little slower than the HARD WIRED ones. I do not know how or why this is the case. Other variables are the different trap machines. Some are just slower than others. Sometimes there might even be the wrong viscosity of oil in a given unit.

Never the less, if you want to have a good shooting experience, you may want to incorporate these simple suggestions. You might even need to adjust your shooting style to accommodate the voice call machine.

### **SCOREKEEPER**

#1- SCOREKEEPER —To save targets, the SCOREKEEPER MUST NOT turn on the button until all of the shooters are ready to shoot, call out, ‘The line is hot’.

#2- SCOREKEEPER must TURN OFF the button as the 5th shooter calls, ‘pull’ and fires the 5th shot on a given station. Call, ‘lost’

or, ‘dead’ and say, ‘change’ then read off the scores.

#3-SCOREKEEPER must TURN OFF the button when shooters are moving voice call units or changing stations.

### **SHOOTER**

#1-SHOOTER- To get started make sure you put a coin in the machine, and above all make sure it registers.

#2-SHOOTER- To save targets DO NOT TALK while others are shooting. Close guns at the most opportune time. That is, when a shooter has fired a shot. This especially applies to the pump and auto shotgun.

#3-SHOOTER- To get a target right on time you do not have to yell your head off. Louder will not help. However it’s important that you use the most simple, strong one word/syllable to call for the bird so the machine can respond to your voice. And, you need a clear sound tunnel from your mouth to the microphone. A left-handed shooter should have the unit on his or her right side and a right-handed shooter should have it on his or her left side. Do not call pull through you gunstock.

Also, as the #1 post shooter breaks the target, if you are the #2 post shooter, YOU MUST WAIT 5 - 8 seconds after he calls for the target before you call, ‘pull’. That is because it takes that long for the machine to recycle and get ready to throw another target. Again, the elapsed time between when Post #1 calls ‘pull’ until Post #2 calls, ‘pull’ must be a minimum of 5 - 8 seconds, period.

Some shooters use the following method to be sure that they wait long enough for the machine to be ready. Mount your gun when the previous shooters target either breaks and the smoke cloud blows away or the target lands in about 5 seconds. Try it you will like it.

BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN SHOOTING.

**\*\*Have a Safe Memorial Day!!\*\***