

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bullshooter

November '06

Schedule:	5	Range Open
	7	General Board Meeting 8pm (<u>Board Members Only From 7 - 8pm</u>)
	12	Range Open
	19	Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot
	26	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 guest 18 years and older. \$5 for each junior (17 and under) for the entire day. (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: Are closed for the winter season.

Key numbers: President - John Ginocchio 996-3043 (9am to 5pm 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 Staff

Hello there members, wow it's November already! Where did summer go so fast? The rainy season is approaching so if you haven't had time to get out to the club for some shootin' fun, now's the time.

We are still looking for a groundskeeper, but as far as the club goes, it's running as smooth as ever and it's looking pretty nice, thanks to everyone that's been pitching-in and helping out. We thank everyone that takes the time to pitch-in. No matter how small of a job it is, it ALL helps!

We announced this last month, but thought it should be repeated again, just in case it got missed. We had a goof-up on the new initiation fees. Our standard \$50.00 *new member initiation fee* has gone up to \$100.00. We had previously (yet mistakenly) said it was going up to \$75. The correct amount is \$100 for new member initiation fees. Again, this does not affect existing members; this is only for new member's joining the club.

World Famous Turkey Shoot

Yep, it's that time of the year again, time for our World Famous Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot!

Our annual turkey shoot is always the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and this year that falls on Sunday, November 19th.

As always, our shoots are open to the public and are fun for the whole family! There are always lots of great people, lot of women's and youth shoots and of course, great food available as well.

Make sure you bring the family (or a friend) and come-on out and have a great time and win yourself that Thanksgiving turkey!

Work Dates For November

5th: Joe Burroughs

12th: Larry Resnick

19th: Turkey Shoot. We can use all the help we can get!

26th: No one scheduled at the time of printing

**For Sunday Work Party & Duty Roster call
Marv Schmidt at (415) 381-8345**

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new members; John Donald, George Shave, Doug Feudner, Ian Cooley and George Noel. *Welcome aboard folks!*

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.

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Don't Argue With Safety!

One of the topics up for discussion at the last board meeting was how someone on the trap line decided to point a gun out over the trap house while people were out there filling the machine. One of the members told this guy to stop, and he argued that his gun was not loaded.

Think about your reaction if you are standing anywhere at any time and you see someone pointing a gun right at you. You don't care if whoever it is says it isn't loaded. The bottom line is, you NEVER point a gun towards, or in the direction of ANYONE at ANY TIME, even if it's not loaded! To top it all off, evidentially this guy argued about it with a board member.

Our safety record is second to none. We are one of the oldest running gun clubs in the entire bay area and we want to keep our safety record clean and keep this a safe place for everyone. Arguing about a safety issue like this is a sure fire way of seeing your way out of the club.

ALWAYS practice gun safety. ALWAYS consider the gun is loaded! ALWAYS point the gun in a safe direction (even if it's not loaded), and ALWAYS have consideration for others around you while on the shooting range.

Mail Call!

Evidentially we had a problem with the post office and didn't know it. For some reason, we had a pile of mail that's been setting aside because it wouldn't fit in our PO Box and for some reason they never gave us the yellow slip to alert us to pick it up at the front counter. In this pile were numerous membership renewals with dues, so if you have had a delay in getting your membership renewed, or have sent us a letter and hadn't gotten a reply yet, you can thank the wonderful post office for that.

One Last Reminder

As was said earlier in this newsletter, we are still looking for a groundskeeper. With that, keep in mind that unless it's one of our normally scheduled shoot days, such as a Wednesday or a Sunday, the club *might* be closed if no one volunteered to come-out and open things up. Most of the people that volunteer to run the club on a regular basis have day jobs, so you can't always count on them being here every single day until we can find another groundskeeper.

If you know of a retired person that would like to be our groundskeeper, please let one of us know.

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Happy Thanksgiving!