

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bullshooter

September '06

Schedule:	3	Range Open
	5	General Board Meeting 8pm (<u>Board Members Only From 7 - 8pm</u>)
	10	NBL Grand Hosted By VOMTC
	17	Range Open
	24	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: Start around 4pm or so, and go until sunset (usually).

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 members, things at the club are running pretty smooth. Thanks to a few great members, the club is looking really nice.

A few members have been coming out and taking it upon themselves to mow lawns, water plants, weed eat, clean and do many other things around the grounds without ever having to be asked. We would like to extend an extra special thanks to those of you that have been coming out and lending a hand to keep this place looking great! We aren't going to name any names here. You know who you are.

We DO appreciate your efforts ☺

Don't forget that our standard \$50.00 *new member initiation fee* has gone up to \$75.00. This does not affect existing members; this is only for new member's joining the club.

Our good friend, Richard Arrowood has accomplished a great feat, not once, but twice, in that he ran two of our sporting clays programs straight with no misses. Now in trap, this isn't that hard to do, but in sporting clays, it is quite a feat!

A couple of other great shooters have come very close to running 'em straight. John Ray and Leo Maionchi both got a score of 24 out of 25.

To spice things up and make the game more fun, Richard is putting up a 3 liter bottle of "Top Vintage Cabernet" wine, (a \$375-\$400 bottle!!), plus a \$250 donation to the club in the winner's name, AND he will have a special plaque made with the winner's name on it to put on a new wall inside the club for people that have had perfect sporting clays scores.

So, grab your favorite hunting / sporting clays gun and come-on out and take a crack at this cool set of prizes!

More Friends Move-On

Man, this has been a bad few months with the loss of several good friends. It saddens me to report that we have lost two more friends.

Francis Cormier and Vern Toepfer both passed away last month. Both of these guy's will be missed by many of us, but the memories of these guy's will last forever.

Work Dates For September

No assigned worker's for this month, but we do need help.

If you want to get your time-in and out of the way, give Marv a call and he'll be glad to set you up.

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

There IS a Difference Between Cardboard and Trash

We need to remind some people that the cardboard bins are for CARDBOARD ONLY! Someone has been throwing trash, empty shells and cans in these bins, which means one of two things: 1) We get charged extra money by the waste management company for them having to separate the "garbage" from the cardboard, or 2) Some poor sap here at the club has to go "dumpster diving" to get all of that garbage back out so we don't get charged extra for it. Neither of those are good for the club or fun to do, so PLEASE, only put cardboard in those bins!

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new members;
Bill Weiss & Tad Alvado.
Welcome aboard folks!

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Clarification of Rules

We would like to clarify the rules as described in our bylaws for some people. "Member benefits" are for members and their immediate spouse (through marriage), as well as their children under the age of 18.

All non-married *partners*, (boyfriends, girlfriends, etc.), and/or children over the age of 18, are required to pay non-member prices.

Let me put this into perspective. Let's say "Johnny" dates a lot and has a new girlfriend every month. Is it fair that each new girlfriend gets to come-out and shoot for member prices? What about when he gets a new girlfriend next month? Do all of the past girlfriends still get to come out and shoot at member prices? No, and neither do any of his current (or future) girlfriends.

Let me put something else into perspective. Many members have children under the age of 18 who get to shoot for member prices (and rightfully so). When their children reach the age of 18, the now "young adult" has the choice to either join the club as a member and continue to enjoy full member benefits, or forfeit his member status and no longer gets member benefits.

Many long time members have had children reach the age of 18 and had to start paying non-member prices if that now, "young adult", chose not to join as an individual member.

By allowing boyfriends, girlfriends and children over the age of 18 to receive member benefits, it is not fair to the rest of the membership that do pay the required amount of money, and who do adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the club.

The term "spouse" is defined by *legal marriage*. The term "child" is defined by someone *under the age of 18*.

Up to this point, members who have been paying member prices for their non-member partners / children will have full amnesty for infractions done in the past, but from this point forward, must adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the club.

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.

NBL Grand Here At The Club

On Sunday, September 10th, we will be hosting the NBL Grand shoot. We can always use some extra hands for help, so if you have some time to spare and you'd like to come-out and lend a hand, it would sure be great!

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