

Valley of the Moon Trap Club

Bull Shooter

SEPTEMBER 2008

Schedule: 2nd Board Meeting 7pm—7:45pm (Board Members Only)
General Membership 8pm—9pm
7th Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays
9th ABC Using Pistol Range 8am---1pm
14th Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays
21st Range Open -- Trap & Sporting Clays
27th Saturday---- Private event, Range closed after 12 PM
28th 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)
Fees: Members \$15.00 per case of targets, \$10.00 per adult guest (18 years and older), juniors (17 and under) \$5.00.

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: Range opens at 10am Sunday's, 9am weekdays. Fees: ~~\$5.00~~ 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 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, Email: 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.
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THE LATEST BULL!

Greetings again “moonies” and here it is September already. There is a lot of important information to be reported herein so ***Please Pay Attention!!***

Please check the **worker's corner** for the September and October Sunday worker lists. All but one of the September workers are “draftees” and all but two in October are “eager volunteers”. To avoid being drafted on an inconvenient date, sign up early for a date that works for you. We will need a large number of people for our turkey shoots in November (23rd) and December (21st).

It is very important that we have at least 3 people to work each Sunday to keep the machines reloaded and most important to keep a firearm safety eye on shooters who may be new at our sport.

While we're on this subject please read the following:

POSITION FILLED We are delighted to report that Jan and Bill Miller have agreed to assume the job of work party co-ordinator. They will be drafting people to fill the Sunday worker requirements from the November schedule and beyond. If you have a date you want to work or can't work, it would behoove you to contact them at your earliest convenience. Their phone and e-mail are listed on the directory page.

Please Note that the club will be closed for a private function on Saturday, September 27th. The rifle/pistol and practice trap will be closed from 12 noon.

Fee Increase As of September 1st, the price of junior trap tokens is \$2 and the price of non-member sporting clay tickets is \$8.

They're Here!

As reported in last month's B/ shooter, traps 2, 3, 4, and 5 are now equipped with token boxes. To shoot a round of trap, insert a token into the receptacle slot on the upper left side of the box, which is mounted on a post behind post 4 at the 27 yard line. Note that each token provides 27 targets so a full squad will have 135 targets which is more than enough for looking at the first target and the odd broken bird and/or a flinch or two. However caution should be exercised in avoiding unnecessary conversation and use care in moving mike stands around which causes undesired targets to be thrown. ***Loose talk loses targets!!***

Please gently remind new and or uninitiated shooters of this fact so that everyone gets the targets they paid for.

At present, traps 2 & 3 will be used for singles and

handicap shooting, trap 4 will be a full time wobble trap, and trap 5 will throw doubles.

We have had some instances of the token counters zeroing out in the middle of a round. Briley is aware of the problem which is caused they think by a glitch in the voice call time delay system. New processor boards are in the works to correct this problem so please bear with us.

Skeet Field

At the August 5th board meeting, Lou Lori offered to lead a “committee” to investigate the feasibility of creating a skeet field at the club. Areas to be explored will include layout, installation costs, viability, and other issues involved with this possible project. Anyone with interest in a skeet field and would like to contribute information, research and ideas should contact Lou at (707) 833-1122.

Ted's Corner

“Hey! We need office/clubhouse/all around help on Wednesdays and Sundays (3 to 4 hours a.m.). Perfect for retired or any guys and gals with too much time on their hands. This is an easy way to fulfill your club duty obligations and get some time away from the computer, TV, or honey-do list(s). Contact John, Jan and Bill, or Ted for scheduling.....”

Thanks for your Help

Thanks go out to Mike Patrick and Boy Scout Troop 77 for their fine job of repainting the picnic tables and benches as well as the back of the tool shed.

Thanks also to Tim Blythe for the donation of a sweeper used for collecting wads which foul the belts on the mowers. If any members are interested in once-used wads, Tom our caretaker has piled them neatly along the back fence, large selection, help yourself! LOL!

Fire Arm Safety

When we are on the trap and or sporting clays line please keep an eye out especially when new and or young shooters are present to ensure that safe firearm procedures are adhered to, i.e. loading no more than one shell in the gun (trap), or no more than two shells (clays), no changing stations with a shell in the gun or the action closed, pointing a gun any direction other than down range. If any deviations of these common sense rules are observed, please politely inform the shooter of the proper way to do things. We want safe, happy shooters here!



NRA

Don't forget that if or when your NRA dues need renewing you can pay your dues through the club at a \$10 savings off the membership. Contact John, or Marv.

“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” Second Amendment, U.S. Constitution....

| WORKERS CORNER | | | |
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| <u>SEPTEMBER</u> | | <u>OCTOBER</u> | |
| 7TH | GREG COLLINS IAN COOLEY STAN COOK | 5TH | JOHN MURPHY DUANE KOBZA RICHARD KRAMER |
| 14TH | DAN CANET MICHAEL CURTIN ROD DEBOIS | 12TH | GENE ANDERSON DICK MARCHANT JERRY ROUTH |
| 21ST | TOM ELLIS DOUG FEUDNER SID FINLEY | 19TH | JOE BURROUGHS DAN CANET JOHN MURPHY |
| 28TH | RICK FRANCO CHUCK FREESE DANA GOLENO | 26TH | GENE ANDERSON DICK MARCHANT JERRY ROUTH |
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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 (415) 381-8345 or send an e-mail (preferred) to marvinschmidt@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.** Failure to “sign” the log will result in you not receiving credit for working.
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Welcome New Members

Please welcome new members, Jim Crumpler, William Gahan, Richard Konecky, Poul S. Poulsen, and Monte Springer to the club.

VOMTC WEBSITE

The newsletter is back on the web site for your click and view pleasure. If you would prefer to down load it off the web and save more save the club .43cents a copy, please let one of us (Janet or Marv) know and we'll delete your name from the newsletter mailing list. So far we have only heard from a couple of our members but we know that most of you are internet connected.

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 \$33 per bag. Cheddite primers have gone up again to \$29 per thousand, or \$145 per case of 5,000.

Estate, Federal, and Fioocchi shells will now be \$6.50 per box of 25 and \$60 per flat of ten boxes.

Upcoming Events

North Bay League:

September 14 Grand @ Newman

Phil Simpson Memorial Club Shoot @ VOMTC

The Second Annual Phil Simpson Memorial Club Shoot will be held Saturday, October 11th, at the club. Starting time will be 9am. More details in next months newsletter or contact Todd Simpson (707) 478-6435, Lisa Simpson (707) 478-6405, or Jim Elam (707) 938-5076.

Hope You Had A Safe, Happy Labor Day!!!

