

The Front Sight

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President's Message

Jerry Shiller, President

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The new website is up and running. We need one or two members to step forward and help Greg and Cheryl Roberson as assistant webmasters. We also need a member or two to step forward to be in charge of the annual installation of officers party scheduled for Saturday May 4, 2019. You will not have to worry about the food – Paul Coffey has that in hand. Contact me for details. We are also looking for volunteers to:

1. Keep a tally of RSO participation hours
2. Coordinate the range for NRA Family Shooting Sports Camp
3. Run for the Board of Directors: President, Secretary and Director-At-Large are up for election this year. The current Club Parliamentarian, Jerry Vaughn, is looking for his successor.

The start of the annual Membership renewal period is at hand (February 1st, 2019). In addition to renewing your membership, think about inviting another shooter to become a member for the coming year. Our Club is special. We are not so small that we struggle to make ends meet. We are not so large that we have to schedule daily shooting times for individuals. We are involved in the community, and we are a community. Stay Safe.

Summary

January 2019

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board approved two new members. The new website has been live for a couple weeks and is being well received. The Board approved rental of an upgraded porta potty for use by women shooters only. The Board approved a new section to the Range Standard Operating Procedure (S.O.P.) Manual that deals with protocols for concealed carry on Club property. All members, but RSOs and C.C.W. permit holders, in particular, should be sure to read and

Kimber Custom II Silent Auction

One of the firearms the Club received from the NRA Foundation Fundraiser is a Kimber Custom II TLE .45ACP. There will be a silent donation auction at the February General Membership meeting to be held Tuesday February 5, 2019. All members are eligible to bid. Members unable to attend the meeting may submit a bid to President Jerry Shiller on or before Monday February 4, 2019 (he will not participate in the auction). Minimum donation bid is \$850.00. In the event of a tie for high bid, all entries with the high bid will be placed in a hat and the winner will be drawn from only those entries. Bidders need not be present to win. Winner must be legally able to own a handgun. Winner is responsible for all transfer fees. GOOD LUCK

Henry Lever Action .410 Shotgun – Only 29 tickets (\$10 each!) remain in the donation raffle for this unique firearm. As soon as all tickets are sold, a winning ticket will be drawn. See Jerry Shiller for tickets.

RSO Benefits

Beginning May 1st. RSOs who serve at least 200 hours over the course of the fiscal year will have their membership renewal fees waived.

Scheduled RSO can shoot by themselves if no other shooters are on the range.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to plan and construct a new sporting clays station that will honor the memory of Jim Kasten's contributions to the event. Contact the club President to volunteer and for details.

Help Needed

There are several upcoming events that need volunteers:

1. Board positions
2. Installation – RSOs, raffle, setup and tear down
3. NRA Family Fun Shoot – Shootmaster, Robert Freed has volunteered to do the paperwork.
4. Range Maintenance – several big projects need volunteers

Contact a board member for info.



Black Powder

Five people shot this match on January 20th. Targets were at 25 yards, ram silhouettes at 50 yards and a Bison swinger at 100 yards. Ron Major won the match, with Doug Ruff second and Duane Highhouse third.

Ron Major.....	15	Harry Kirk.....	5
Doug Ruff.....	9	Tony Jeske (revolver)	1
Duane Highhouse.....	7		

New Club Website

You may have already noticed, with the new year, the club has a new website. The purpose of the new design is to streamline the calendar and make information easier for new and prospective members to find. It should also be a little easier to use from mobile devices. Please go check it out. Both <http://www.lemongrovegclub.com/> and our new domain <https://lgrgc.com/> will both point to the new website.

RSO's and shoot masters are now self-scheduling. For the new year, we currently have no RSO's on the schedule after February 1st.

If you are a shoot master or RSO and would like the ability to schedule yourself on the calendar, please send a request to calendar@lemongrovegclub.com, and we'll send you a logon. If you do not have the ability to self-schedule, please contact

Calendar@lemongrovegclub.com with your request and allow 3 days for it to be posted. Happy New Year from the website team, Greg Robertson, Cheryl Robertson, and Lorrie Smith

Assistant Web Master

If you have experience with maintaining web sites, the club is looking for an assistant web master. Contact Greg or Cheryl (calendar@lemongrovegclub.com) Robertson for details and qualifications.

Eligibility to Vote

Normally attendance at three general meetings is required to be eligible to vote for the board. Because two general meetings were canceled because they fell on holidays, the board has decided that attendance at two general meetings will suffice for this year.

Women Only

It was brought to the board's attention that our female members and guest have found the conditions in the existing porta-pottys dismal. As a solution, a **Women Only** porta-potty equipped with a combination lock is going to be installed. The board is working on a way to distribute the combination. Again, women only!

Family Fun Shoot

A volunteer or two is needed to run the NRA Family Fun Shoot. Contact the President for info.

CCW Addition to SOPs

The SOPs have been modified to clarify the Club's policy regarding concealed carry and the holstered hand guns at the range.

New paragraph in Chapter 3 - Range Operations Guide

I. Holstered Handguns

- i. Unloaded holstered handguns may be carried in the lower area of the club property, to include the vicinity around the porta-potties, the pit, the rifle range and the sign-up shack. Handguns should be removed from holsters and cased while on the firing line prior to shooter departing the property, entering the west parking lot or climbing the hill to the clubhouse/campground area. No openly carried handguns are allowed in or around the clubhouse, the campground or the western parking lot. Concealed handguns are only allowed in accordance with CCW section.
- ii. Loaded holstered handguns may remain loaded while within the confines of the pit or the rifle range, but must be unloaded prior to the shooter leaving either of those areas, including going to the sign-up shack or the porta-potties. RSOs are exempted from the requirement to unload their handgun prior to departing the specific range area while on duty, but must unload, unholster and case their handgun prior to departing the range for the day unless in compliance with section in accordance with Paragraph 14 of this chapter, "Concealed Carry on Club Property"

Modified paragraph in Chapter 3 - Range Operations Guide, D. Shooting Club Members and their guests:

- ix. Guns that are not secured in a gun case or holster must be benched, (actions open and facing up, chambers empty, muzzle pointing downrange, and safeties on) or placed in gun rack with actions open, chambers empty and safeties on

New paragraph in Chapter 3 - Range Operations Guide
14. Concealed Carry on Club Property

- A. To carry a concealed firearm on club property, you must have a valid California Concealed Carry Weapon License or be a sworn or retired law enforcement officer who is authorized to carry a concealed firearm.
- A. The firearm must remain concealed at all times unless needed for self-defense or on the firing line under conditions listed below.
- B. You must notify the Range Safety Officer (RSO) if you want to practice with the concealed firearm. The RSO will monitor the drawing of the firearm from the holster and during the unloading process. The shooter will then place the firearm on the bench or back in the holster.
- C. The RSO must be notified when you are ready to return the firearm to its concealed state and they will monitor the process to ensure safe handling practices are followed.
- D. At the RSO's discretion, you may be permitted to practice drawing from a holster, either concealed or unconcealed. The RSO may limit/restrict the ability to draw from the holster based on:
 - a. The shooter's ability to demonstrate safe practices with an unloaded firearm.
 - b. The number of shooters on the range.
 - c. Any other safety concerns.
- F. A CCW is not required in order to train drawing from concealment on the firing line or to compete in competitions requiring firearm to be concealed.
- G. Some events may require that only one firearm be on your person. In that case, notify the RSO and they will escort you to a safe place to monitor the removal of the firearm from concealment. The firearm must then be unloaded and cased. If you wish to return the firearm to a concealed state at the end of the event, notify the RSO and they will escort you to a safe location and monitor the reloading and concealment of the firearm. H. Concealed Firearms may not be handled, unloaded or loaded, at any time on club property (including buildings and vehicles) except on the firing line with an RSO present or for legally justified self-defense.

If you have any questions regarding these changes contact the Chief Range Safety Officer.

RSO Reminder

Leave the range in good condition when securing the range - trash dumped, old targets removed from down range, brass policed, etc.

All items offered for sale must be sold in accordance with federal, state and local laws.

Advertising

¼ - \$35 per year for non-members or commercial ads. The year will run concurrently with the membership fiscal year.

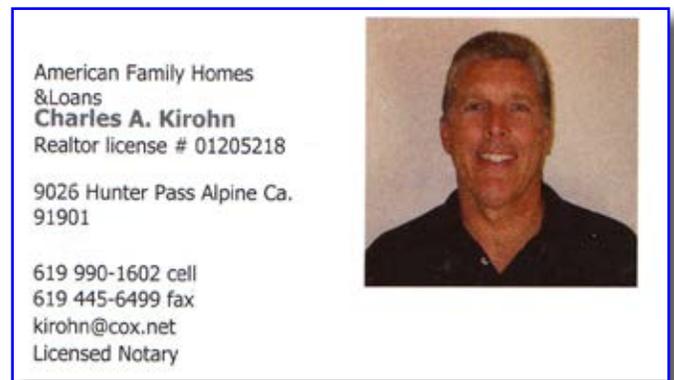
Personal ads are free for members and will run for only one month unless additional months are requested.



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17th Annual San Diego Jr. Pheasant Hunt

When: Sunday Feb 17, 2019
Where: TBA
Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**First time participants ages 10 - 18
Open to the first 60 registered kids
Must have a valid California JUNIOR Hunting license at
time of registering
Must be able to handle a 20 gauge shotgun
Shotguns will be provided by SDJPH**

**Event includes:
A Dog Retrieving Seminar, A Turkey Hunting Seminar
Trap Shotgun Range, Archery, Lunch
Actual Field Hunting, Bird Cleaning**

(The whole event is FREE to participants)

**First come, First served. No exceptions, No substitutes
To sign up, Contact Steve Balbo
steven.balbo@cox.net 408-438-3850**

**For your child to get the most out of this event, it would be beneficial
to him/her to take advantage of a Junior Trap Course available at:
Escondido Fish and Game Association,
Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club**

25 Years of Sporting Clays at LGRGC

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Former Range Chairman and Sporting Clays Shootmaster

This year we celebrate a 25-year silver anniversary for Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club Sporting Clays. Twenty-five years of continuous uninterrupted sporting clays events conducted strictly by club volunteers is no small achievement.

Our first sporting clays events began in early 1994. The effort was spearheaded by John Clark and strongly supported by Jim Kasten, Larry Sanders, Andy Kyne, Mark Jungers, Patrick Mercier, Ron Buop, Fred and Jerry Holden, Jimmy Phillips, Doug Scott, John and Wilma Schreuer, myself and many others. An organizing committee was formed to develop a business plan and request funding from the club to purchase the first clay target hand throwers and station shooting cages from Miramar Trap and Skeet. This initial purchase of clay target equipment was a very contentious issue among some club members who felt that it would create a pathway to a "Shotgun only" club. The motion was hotly contested and debated at a general meeting which finally brought it to a vote among the membership. The motion was approved, funds were allocated, and sporting clays took off.

Our first sporting clays event took in \$48.00. We had 5 stations all with hand throwers and a hand-made rabbit "machine" that consisted of a sheet metal trough on an incline where a hand rolled rabbit was released. Shooters heard the rabbit clanking down the trough before it appeared. It was so slow that the rabbit would stop and keel over if you did not shoot quickly. Later a generous non-member donated a homemade sit-down battery-operated rabbit machine that could throw single or double rabbits. Some of you may remember the red rabbit machine.

In the very early days, sporting clays shoots were held twice a month on Sundays. As word spread through the southern California shotgun shooting community and more interest was generated, it quickly became the best single event money maker for the club as it still is to this day.

We soon progressed to 10 stations with 5 pullers. Each puller operated 2 hand throwers. After pulling at one station the puller progressed to the next station with the shooting squad and pulled again for the same squad before returning to the previous station to pick up the next squad. Hand throwers offer target presentations that are not possible with automatic machines. Targets were thrown upside down or with the center of the dome knocked out, creating additional challenges for the shooters. One of the more memorable shooting stations was the outhouse on the hill which eventually became the trademark symbol for sporting clays at our club. On the door there is an inscription with the date of commemoration July 1994, and the names of the first pullers.

North and south timber shooting towers were later added for even greater target variety. Targets were hand thrown directly overhead from behind or from beneath where the shooter was standing.

One of the more unique targets that can only be done with a hand thrower was the "nested pair", thrown from the north tower it consisted of a mini placed beneath a standard target. When the standard target was shot and broken the mini appeared from be-



Steve Coffey shooting station

neath for a second target. Sadly, the north tower no longer exists.

There were additional novelty stations added along the course such as the goose pit (just before the south tower) and a station with a row boat on springs to simulate shooting ducks or geese passing overhead.

What made our club unique was the creativity of the shoot-



The outhouse shooting station

master and the variety of different target presentations offered every month. You never knew what targets and course layout would be presented from month to month. Other clubs where sporting clays was offered often had the same layout and target presentation that never changed. We set ourselves apart from other clubs by offering all the specialty targets; mini's, midi's, battues, teal, chandelles and rabbits. The variety of targets and different course layout from month to month kept shooters coming back for more. Shooters from as far away as Santa Barbara regularly attended our 4th Sunday Sporting Clays events. We offered LGR&G club hats embroidered with 50 straight and 100 straight. Only one of each has ever been won.

Over time, as event income increased, we were able to acquire some automatic throwers. With the continuous acquisition of about 2 new automatic target throwers every year, the

hand throwers were gradually replaced. The new machines were originally mounted on wooden skids which were later replaced by small utility trailers. Machines, release cords, targets and batteries had to be hauled out on the course at the work party and brought in Sunday afternoon at the end of the event.

Over the years we had some special events like the holiday weekend 2-day 200 bird shoots where the course was changed from one day to the next. Or the traditional New Year's Day 5-stand events which lasted 2 or three days. The highlight was in 2003 when our club was awarded the concession for the NRA Sports Sporting Clays Team Challenge held in conjunction with the super bowl in San Diego that year. It was a tremendous volunteer effort from the club. Wayne LaPierre from the NRA was in attendance along with many Hollywood celebrities and NFL players. It was a great success for the NRA, the NFL, and our club.

The club has long since settled into a regular rhythm of 4th Sunday Sporting Clays and Tuesday 5 stand events. We are the only gun club south of Norco (Raahauge's) that offers sporting clays open to the public, and that is only one day per month.

More recently we have seen the addition of some permanent shooting stations with dedications commemorating long time member Jimmy Phillips, Paul Coffey's father Steve Coffey who was an avid shotgun shooter, and a proposed new station for Jim Kasten.

Our super sporting clays course now offers 3 target throwing machines at each station for even greater variety and combinations. Each station is still manned by a volunteer puller. Many of you know them personally, by name if you shoot regularly. Thanks to the volunteer pullers who dedicate their time to ensuring a safe and fun clay target shooting experience for all.

With dedicated club volunteer support, especially from our current sporting clays shootmaster, Frank Saunders, the continuation of sporting clays will ensure that Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club will remain Southern California's "premier shooting facility" for years to come.

Reporting on Events

All reports, documents, and proceeds concerning club events will be turned in to the Secretary within two (2) meetings, but in no case shall exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the event. The documents pertaining to the event includes sign up sheets, comp tickets, etc. as required for reconciliation of funds.

Steel Core Ammo

Steel core ammo, anything that is magnetic, may only be used on paper targets or clay pigeons. It is expressly forbidden on all steel targets.

This rule is being implemented because of the damage that is occurring to steel targets and to a lesser degree the potential for starting a fire from ricochets.

RSOs and Shootmasters

For RSOs who want to self-schedule or shootmasters who would like the ability to edit their events on the calendar, email Calendar@LemonGroveGunClub.com.

Bulletin Calendar

The Club is moving to a single calendar on the web for events and RSO scheduling. With that in mind, the December issue of the bulletin will be the last one with a calendar.

Board Elections

Don't like how the club is being run? Your chance to change that is coming in April. Below are the board positions that up for election or an appointed position to be filled.

President – Jerry Shiller

Secretary – Sarah Jones

Sergeant at Arms – Jim Williams

Board positions:

Brion Thomas

Wendell Trent

Rod Tetrault

Parliamentarian – Jerry Vaughn (appointed)

**Note that Rod's position will be filled by Jerry Shiller if he does not return as President. If he does, the position is up for election.*

NMA

We are coming up on that time of the year when you need to get your NMA done. Below is a summary of the requirements. **For the work party, only the range chair can sign off.** Do to some questionable activity in the past, the club will be verifying work part signatures this year. Invalid signatures could place your membership in jeopardy if you don't have time to complete the requirement.

In addition to any dues or fees as listed in the Policy Manual, every regular and senior member, as a non-monetary assessment, will be required to fulfill a participation requirement. To meet this participation requirement, the member must serve in a working capacity at the Club for a minimum of eight (8) hours at an official activity of the Club. Methods of meeting this requirement include:

Every regular and senior member will participate in a four (4) hour work party. Range Chair signature will denote completion of this requirement

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Every regular and senior member will be required to provide four (4) hours of volunteer service to the Club. Methods of completing this requirement include:

1. Participation in an additional four (4) hour work Party. Range Chair signature will denote completion of the requirement.
2. Working any four (4) hour event sponsored by the Club. Board of Director or Shoot Master signature will denote completion of this requirement.
3. Working as a Shoot Master at a scheduled event hosted by the Club.
4. RSO's completing 28 hours of service. RSO Coordinator signature will denote completion.