

The Front Sight

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President's Message

Jerry Shiller, President

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The new, permanent sporting clays station dedicated to our late past President Paul Coffey, will be dedicated during the Work Party on Saturday March 27, 10 am. Come pay tribute to Paul and his wife. Jerry Hartman has decided to retire May 1 as Range Chair after serving the Club for 10 years in that position. Jerry was very active as the Range Chair and was the Club's Man of the year on several occasions. He will be missed. Going forward, we will need another member to step up and become the new Range Chair. If you have multiple skills and are looking for a special way to help the Club, please consider this position. Jerry and previous Chairs can give you a summary of what is required and what is handy to know. Also retiring is Ron Major, Shootmaster for 12+ years of the monthly Black Powder shoot. Ron will also be missed. Stay safe and bring a new shooter to the Club. Jerry Shiller, President.

ATTENTION 2019-2020 10%-ers— 39 of you have not picked up the Pelican gun case the Board awarded you for your service to the Club. Please contact Sgt-At-Arms Jim Williams to pick yours up prior to May 1, 2021, or the Club will offer the unclaimed cases to other members.

New PO Box

The Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club has a new P.O. Box address. All future snail mail needs to be to the address below. We are beginning the process to have all address references online and otherwise changed.

Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club
P.O. Box 1089
Alpine, CA 91903-1089

No Smoking Areas

Smoking **IS NOT** allowed on the range or in any building with the exception of the picnic area and the area around the utility building.

Summary

March 16, 2021

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board approved 8 more new members. We now have 86 openings. This number will likely go up on May 1 because there will be some members who do not renew their membership. Members of the Environmental Committee will be collecting soil samples soon for lead testing. The goal is to be able to show the County that no lead is leaving our property. Members are doing a great job of collecting their own spent brass casings and shotgun hulls so that the Club does not have to remove them. We also expect to put straw waddles and gravel cribs around the range to slow the movement of water across the ground surface and limit the movement of lead shot.

The Board approved a proposal to enhance the long-range precision rifle match to include shooting out to 400 yards (only this match, under the supervision of Doug Roper). The Board approved raising the cost of Friday night Pot Shoot games by \$1/game, effective May 1, 2021. Joe Shiller volunteered to be in charge of a social media presence for the Club. Shootmasters and others should provide Joe with pictures and other material for posting on Instagram and Facebook.

The Board had a short presentation on the shotgun game Helice, aka 'zz-birds.' A gentleman from Imperial Valley has a portable throwing system (5 throwers) that he is willing to bring to Alpine for use to try out. At this point in time there is no plan to install a system of our own, and no schedule for when a demonstration might be held. More as it develops.

Annual elections will be held at the April 6 General Membership meeting (6:30 pm on the upper trap field). The following positions are up for election this year: President (Jerry Shiller), Secretary (Sarah Jones), Sgt-At-Arms (Jim Williams), three (3) Directors at Large (Clyde Wilson, Rod Tetrault, Wendell Trent). All have said they would continue in their current positions if no one else runs. This is your chance to help guide the Club for the next two years.

RSO Safety Corner

Dave Reed

Due to new environmental concerns all shooters need to remove all their casings and hulls from the range. RSOs it is your responsibility to make sure the shooters take these items off the range with them, not just throw them in the trash cans. This includes hulls, brass, steel and aluminum casings. For the most part we have been doing a great job, but there have been a few exceptions, let's take care of those.

Take care of our club property. This means you as the shooter, and the RSO as the supervisor, need to ensure you are not shooting steel at steel targets and you are only shooting at approved targets. Remember, no targets are allowed to be placed above the horizontal orange markers on the berms or in the bunkers. If you are going to shoot paper at the 50-yard berm make sure the steel targets and target chains are moved up and out of the way so they are not struck by your rounds. Knowing your target and what lies beyond is the key here. If you take down, or knock down, any of the steel targets in the bunkers it is your responsibility to repair/replace them. RSO, if you let the shooter leave without repairing the targets you assume that responsibility. If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

Trap shooters - Even though you are not required to have an RSO on duty to shoot if there is an RSO on the rifle range you need to check in with them and coordinate your loading the machine with them. This is for your safety and for that of those on the rifle range. RSOs have the authority to ensure the entire range complex is safe, this includes the trap fields. That means you must follow their guidance.

We all enjoy the club and the freedoms we have here, please do your part to make sure we do not lose them

Thanks, Dave

Club Calendar

When reviewing the club calendar, it is important that you realize that there is a color code describing where different events take place and that each event has its own line item on the calendar. Make sure you click on the item you are interested in to see the full event description.

Recently several people thought that the work party on February 27th, which was on the calendar in orange, was cancelled because the Youth Trap event, which was on the calendar in blue had been cancelled. This could have been avoided if they had clicked on the Work Party entry to see the full description.

Thanks, Dave

TRAP INTERCLUB INFORMATION

Ken J

2020-21 Shoot year Calendar

Redlands Shooting Park April 2021

Black Powder

Ron Major

Six people shot this match on March 21st. Targets for pistol were cardboard Bottles at 15 yards, a swinging Bison at 25 and a swinging Bear at 50 yards. Targets for rifle were cardboard Discs at 25 yards, Bowling Pins at 50 yards, and a swinging Bison at 100 yards. Mike Steinmetz won the match. Frank Lueke came in second. Tony Jeske came in third.

Mike Steinmetz..... 14 Steven Hirsch..... 9
Frank Lueke 12 Matt Lowrie 9
Tony Jeske..... 10 Jerry Shiller..... 4

Trap Machines

If you have not been trained on the trap machines, don't mess with them! If you have been trained, DO NOT try and make the machine run beyond its limits. The limits are there to prevent damage to the machine and exceeding them is going to cost the club money.

Get trained and use the directions in the SOPs for operating them. There should be a copy of the instructions in each trap house.

Your Business Here

Put your business card in the
bulletin for only \$35 a year.

**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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Training Corner

Dave Reed

We just had a very successful Red Dot Concepts class with Brian Hill of The Complete Combatant. Nine club members took advantage of having a national level trainer come to our club and pass on their knowledge. If the interest is there, I would like to continue scheduling more classes like this in the future. Would you? If so let me know and I will start working on it. I have a good idea of trainers we can get here for pistol, carbine and defensive (tactical) shotgun, but I do know of any trainers for any of the other shotgun disciplines. If you have someone in mind, let me know and I will start working on it.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

San Diego County CCW Course - April 10th

Initial applicants - 8 hours - 8 AM to 4:30 PM - \$100 for club members

Renewal applicants - 4 Hours - 1230-4:30 PM - \$50 for club members

Contact Dave Reed for more information or to sign up davereed2010@gmail.com

RSO Refresher Courses -Required for all club RSOs once a year - No charge

Sunday May 2nd - 1 PM to 3 PM (Following Precision Rifle)

Wednesday May 12th - 5 PM - 7 PM

Sunday May 16th - 2-30 PM to 4:30 PM (Immediately following Basic Instructor Training)

Saturday June 5th - 1 PM to 3 PM (Immediately following Action Handgun)

Friday June 11th - 3 PM to 5 PM

Tuesday June 15th - 3:30 - 5:30

NRA Instructor classes- I am going to run pistol, rifle and shotgun instructor classes over the next couple of months working around the clubs schedule. In order to be certified as an instructor you must complete the basic class, complete the Basic Instructor Training class and complete the Instructor class. To try and streamline the process I am going to run all three basic classes (pistol, shotgun and rifle) then I will hold one day of Basic Instructor Training for candidates in all three disciplines. After that I will run each of the instructor classes. To sign up for classes email me at davereed2010@gmail.com

Basic of Pistol Shooting class - Sunday April 18 - 8 AM to 5 PM - \$75 for club members - Priority goes to instructor candidates

Basics of Shotgun Shooting class - Saturday May 1st - 8 AM to 5 PM - \$75 for club members - Priority goes to instructor candidates

Basics of Rifle Shooting class - Sunday May 9th - 8 AM to 5 PM - \$75 for club members - Priority goes to instructor candidates

Basic Instructor Training - REQUIRED FOR ALL INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATES - Sunday May 16th - 8 AM to 2 PM - Cost included in Instructor class fee

Rifle Instructor Course - June 6th - 8 AM to 6 PM - \$100
Shotgun Instructor Course - June 13th - 8 AM to 6 PM - \$100

Pistol Instructor Course - June 20th - 8 AM to 6 PM - \$100

NRA RSO Course - July 10th 8 AM to 6 PM. \$80 for club members.

Club NRA Recruiter

Casey Gastrich is the Club's NRA recruiter and renewals through him benefit the club financially. Please renew your NRA membership through him.

Membership Corner

A Few Reminders When Renewing

You will be receiving your renewal notices next week and below are some of the recurring questions I get from Members when they renew. This will help you with the process.

1. There are waivers included for every member. These must be completed and returned. If you don't return this included waiver, your gate key will not work.

2. There have been no modifications to the NMA requirements. Every regular and senior member must complete one 4-hour work party and work at one event. You may also work at another work party instead of the event.

3. You may opt out of the above requirement when renewing for next year (2021/22) only. If you have not chosen this option for this year, it is too late. The \$150 opt out is only for the year in which you are renewing. First year members may not choose the opt out and must do the work party and work at an event.

4. When you renew by mail, checks only and made out to the Club.

5. Make any changes on the renewal form (NRA number and expiration date, change of phone or address, email address etc).

6. On the bottom of the renewal letter there is a checklist of what must be sent to me. You must include those documents If I don't have each one, I cannot complete your renewal.

7. What is a SASE? Look 3 lines in the bold sentence above ___ SASE on the renewal form. No SASE, no return of membership and NMA cards.

8. If you have a question, EMAIL me, so we both have a record of the communication.

Casey Gastrich
Membership Chair

New Waivers Required

The waivers were modified so all members must sign a new waiver. The new form should be in your renewal packet so make sure you sign and return it with your renewal.

There is a grace period that ends on April 30th and if the new, signed waiver is not on file, your gate key will not work.

The Club Hosts Brian Hill for Defensive Tactical Instruction

Stan Luhr

The Complete Combatant Brian Hill visited the range on March 5-7, 2021 to treat LGRGC members with a two-fisted round of decisional critical incident drills followed by two days of intense and very personal handgun training.

Brian is a 4th degree Black Belt in Jiu-Jitsu and 3rd degree Black Belt in Taekwondo, but the classroom “Image Based Decisional Drills” pitted each attendee with a unique critical incident situation and then gave them just seconds to react.

“A crowd has gathered around your car, and a man is at your driver’s window banging on the door and threatening to pull you out and kill you. Go!” You have only seconds to decide what to do. In front of you there are a range of possibilities: a cell phone, pepper spray, a gun. But you have other tools, including your voice, your actions, and your quick thinking. Do you shoot the man if he does not pose an imminent risk of death to you? Do you open the window a crack and douse the perp with pepper spray at the risk of rolling the window down too far?

The attendee pantomimes putting his make-believe car into drive and floors it. Lesson 1: your car may be your best defensive weapon that may not be criticized nearly to the extent of a handgun. “Pretty good thinking,” Brian says to the attendee, “but now let’s say you are boxed in by other cars and cannot escape. Now What?”

The next two days were range-based live fire and dry practice where Brian’s handgun skills and his diagnostic abilities really shined as if he was inside your head and gathering your thoughts. When a shooter kept choking while under time pressure, Brian said to him, “you are telling yourself to fail. Stop listening.” The shooter shrugged his head and admitted that he has difficulty when under pressure yet can shoot much better when not being watched.

Brian’s voodoo magic touched every shooter, up and down the line, for two days pushing each shooter to make incremental adjustments to become better, more agile, more accurate and blazing fast. A common criticism with this type of training is often the instructor has to spend an inordinate amount of time coaching the lowest denominator, to the detriment of more advanced shooters. Not so with this class, where we often were relieved to have Brian at the other end of the range so we could gather our thoughts and truly focus on the drill to get better. It was exhausting, it was mentally challenging, and it was oh-so worth every minute to have such a gifted instructor at our range.

Ever shot with your eyes closed? Try this: start dry practice, clearing all ammo from the room and set up a temporary target. Now draw from the holster and close your eyes as you obtain a good firing grip and point into where you think the target is. Click the trigger and without moving diagnose where your “shot” hit the target. Shooters quickly realized how their minds were fighting their natural body position and then made adjustments to bring the two together, resulting in a more natural and effortless aiming platform. (This

Natural Point of Aim technique was mastered by the late great Ron Avery, and is a drill often taught during the Defensive Handgun Clinics at our range).

We shot steel and paper, and a fun steel challenge pitted two shooters at the line with identical targets in front of them. One shooter was at the low ready while the other shooter had to draw from the holster. The drill forced you to focus on your peripheral vision while maintaining an eye to the target.

This clinic was advertised as a red dot training class, and there was plenty of red dot diagnostics in play. Ever put a piece of blue tape over your optic and then keeping both eyes open, you stereoscopically overlay the red dot onto the target? We were all amazed at how the mind places the red dot even though the optic was completely covered in tape. Try this at home in dry practice and it will quickly become a favorite drill.

Of all the drills, the mental diagnostics, the physical realignments and the holes in paper, a highlight was the skills test, where our Chief RSO Dave Reed kicked everyone’s butt and took away the “Top Shot” award—Congrats to Dave!

Everyone loved the event and wanted more, but it will be another year before we see Brian Hill’s class return which will surely sell out quickly. Thanks to Dave Reed for making Brian’s visit a reality and Brian Hill for traveling 2,000 miles to train us!

For more info on Brian Hill’s *The Complete Combatant* training tools, visit

www.thecompletecombatant.com

and

www.imagebaseddecisionaldrills.com





Sporting Clays Etiquette

Sporting Clays Etiquette has been evolved to provide the shooter the best possible chance for success and also to facilitate moving squads through the shooting stages with efficiency so that there are not squads backed up waiting to shoot the same station.

It is suggested that you ORGANIZE your squad as follows: Each shooter should know their place in the shooting order. For each active shooter there are four positions that need to be filled: 1) the score keeper, 2) the puller, 3) the shooter and 4) the next person in the shooting order on-deck. The on-deck shooter should be standing behind the active shooter with their shotgun and enough shells to finish the station, considering the possibility of machine malfunctions, broken targets and the like. The on-deck shooter should use this opportunity to carefully observe the flight of the targets and pre-determine hold points and break points consistent with their shooting style.

Upon completion of the course of fire by the active shooter, the shooter on deck is ready to enter the shooting position. The score keeper and puller must hand off their responsibility to another squad member in a timely way so that they can rotate into the on-deck position for their turn.

Please follow these general rules as circumstances allows:

Keep dialog at the shooting station to a minimum to allow the shooter the ability to concentrate on shooting performance.

Once finished shooting, a squad should clear out of the shooting station as rapidly as possible. Scores can be added up later once clear of the station.

If another squad is still shooting as you approach the next station, hang back as a group and avoid loud conversation in a courteous effort to reduce distraction to the shooter. It is disruptive for you to enter the shooting station to take a seat or place your shotgun while the other squad is actively shooting.

Allow the squad ahead to clear a station before you move in. The exception is for the first shooter in your squad to quietly walk up behind the active squad to observe the targets being thrown for the purpose of selecting chokes and loads to be used for the upcoming station.

Be patient with beginners, as they are the future of the sport.

Thank you for your observance of these courtesies to your fellow shooters.

RV Parking Renewal

Wendell Trent is coordinating the stickers for this year so please turn in your RV permission letters to him.

All members wanting to park their RV on the club property shall submit a signed agreement for approval.

Renewals shall be submitted between February 1 and April 30, of each year. Any RV not registered by April 30, will be towed from the property.

The RV parking agreement is available on the website: http://www.lemongrovegunclub.com/RV_Parking.pdf

You can also mail them to the club address Attention Wendell Trent.

Note that this must be done every year.

Mobility Assistance Device Use Renewal

All members desiring to operate ATV or other mobility assistance vehicles on the property shall submit, to the club Secretary, a signed agreement.

Renewals shall be submitted between February 1 and April 30, of each year.

The form for ATV, cart or mobility assistance device usage is available on the website at [Mobility Asst. Vehicle Form](#).

Note that this must be done every year.

Gate Closure

Do not lock the gate open during open shooting.

Please close the gate after sign-up has been completed for those events where it is possible to do so. We want to avoid folks coming in and wandering around the range especially when shooting is occurring.

Inter-club at Maywood Gun Club

March 2021

Year 2019-2020 Shoot Results

	Lemon Grove	Escondido	Lakeside	Imperial Valley	Maywood	Redlands
	July 11, 2020	Aug. 22, 2020	Oct. 17, 2020	Feb. 13, 2021	Mar. 13, 2021	Apr. 11, 2020
Winner >	Redlands	Redlands	Lemon Grove	Maywood	Maywood	

Final Club Results

Top 5 Scores

Team	Points
Maywood	439
Lemon Grove	416
Escondido	Non-Qual
Imperial Valley	Non-Qual
Lakeside	Non-Qual
Redlands	Non-Qual

Club Results

Club	Shooters	16 Yard Results			Handicap Results			Shoot Results		
		Hit	Targets	Percent	Hit	Targets	Percent	Hit	Targets	Percent
Redlands	3	136	150	90.67%	109	150	72.67%	245	300	81.67%
Lemon Grove	6	264	300	88.00%	220	300	73.33%	484	600	80.67%
Maywood	16	699	800	87.38%	573	800	71.63%	1,272	1,600	79.50%
Lakeside	3	118	150	78.67%	116	150	77.33%	234	300	78.00%
Escondido	3	131	150	87.33%	102	150	68.00%	233	300	77.67%
Guest	2	69	100	69.00%	58	100	58.00%	127	200	63.50%
Imperial Valley	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Totals	33	1,417	1,650	85.88%	1,178	1,650	71.39%	2,595	3,300	78.64%

High Shooters

Man	John Kinum	91
Woman	n/a	0
Junior	n/a	0

Place	Name	Club	16 Yards	Handicap	Total
1	Kinum, John	Maywood	50	41	91
2	Borda, Drew	Maywood	48	41	89
2	Dragotta, John	Redlands	47	42	89
4	Dieleman, Mike	Maywood	49	39	88
5	Moynihan, Roger	Escondido	49	37	86
5	Palagi, Arrigo	Maywood	48	38	86
7	Jossenberger, Ken	Lemon Grove	45	40	85
7	King, Robert	Maywood	47	38	85
7	Tillman, Griffen	Lemon Grove	50	35	85
10	Keever, Bryan	Lemon Grove	41	43	84
10	May, Toby	Maywood	50	34	84
10	Mitchell, Gene	Redlands	46	38	84
13	Norfolk, Rick	Lakeside	45	38	83
13	Olson, Mark	Maywood	43	40	83
15	Church, Tyler	Maywood	43	39	82
15	Hare Patrick	Lemon Grove	46	36	82
15	Thornbrugh, James	Maywood	46	36	82
18	King, Kevin	Lemon Grove	48	32	80
18	Olson, Matt	Maywood	46	34	80
18	Tracy, Bill	Guest	48	32	80
21	Miller, Randy	Maywood	41	37	78
22	McFann, Blake	Maywood	43	34	77
23	Carswell, Don	Maywood	45	31	76
23	Ewin, Clyde	Escondido	44	32	76
23	Jockers, Dan	Maywood	43	33	76
23	Wilson, Rich	Lakeside	40	36	76
27	Mari, Ed	Lakeside	33	42	75
27	Wolbold, Scott	Maywood	39	36	75
29	Johnson, Robert	Redlands	43	29	72
30	Petrachek, Robert	Escondido	38	33	71
31	Houdyshel, Rod	Lemon Grove	34	34	68
32	Tracy, Michele	Guest	21	26	47
33	Brod, Carl	Maywood	18	22	40

Paul Coffey Estate - Firearms For Sale

Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number	Caliber/ Chamber	Barrel Length	Sale Price	Condition	Notes
Remington	11	370546	12ga/Full	30	\$700	Fair	
Ithaca	37 Featherlight	637646	12ga/Mod	28	\$550	Good	
Beretta	A390ST	U10284E	12ga	30	\$750	Very Good	
LC Smith	Field Grade SXS	353693	12ga	25.5	\$700	Fair/Poor	
Essex Gun Works	Single Shot	54369	12ga	30	\$200	Fair/Poor	
Remington	870 Wingmaster	T019369V	12ga / 3"	25.5	\$550	Good	
Sears Roebuck and Co	4T	42468	22	20	\$200	Good	
Remington	Nylon 66	2478069	22	19.5	\$600	Very Good	
Ruger	10 22	11744706	22	18.5	\$350	Very Good	
Beretta	A1390 Gold	V50804E	12ga	30"	\$1,600	Very Good	Custom Wood
Krieghoff	KX-6	116005	12	34	\$6,300	Like New	\$6,700 New
Caesar Garini	Magnus	102439	20/28 Combo	30"	\$5,000	Like New	\$5,385 New
Winchester	94 (1981) John Wayne	JW5303	32-40	18.5	\$1,500	NIB	Commemerative

Guns from Paul Coffey estate on consignment and available for purchase at "Right to Bear" in Alpine.

Lemon Grove Gun Club members get additional 10% discount. Just show your membership card.