

# The Front Sight

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## President's Message

**Jerry Shiller, President**

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The **GOOD**: For fiscal 2020-2021 just ended, 65 members gave 4,872 hours of RSO service to the Club. Top serving RSOs were Chuck Davis (322 hours), BJ Miller (254 hours), Fred Holden (227 hours), and Mike Steinmetz (200 hours). As we have done previously, this year's dues are being comp'd for all RSOs who served over 200 hours. Please take time to thank these members for giving their time so that other members may shoot rifle and pistol. The **BAD**: The politicians are trying to make it more difficult for us to own and use our firearms, ammo is still in short supply, and very expensive if you can find it. The **UGLY**: We still have members who are not on board yet about picking up their spent cartridge cases and/or shotgun hulls. We have recently found steel AK casings, 00 Buck shotgun hulls, and brass pistol casings either in the pit or on the rifle range. Please pick up after yourself and any guest you bring to the range.

The Club still has openings. Stay safe, and introduce our sport to a new shooter. Jerry Shiller, President

## INSTALLATION SOCIAL

**Jerry Shiller**

The annual installation of Club officers and members social gathering is scheduled for Saturday July 17, starting at 12:30 pm. The Club will provide food, members provide their own beverages. In addition to the installation and food, the annual membership awards (Man-of-the-Year, etc) will be announced. 10%-er rewards, a hat this year, will be available, too. We may also have a few items to raffle.

I have a member who is willing to be in charge of the food, but he will need help with food prep and serving. We will need help setting up, and probably other help as well. If you can help that morning, please RSVP to me so I can pass on your contact information.

I also will need to know how many people are going to attend and eat. Please RSVP to me no later than July 1 if you

are planning to attend, and if you will be bringing anyone with you. We don't want to feed all of Alpine, so please don't invite your neighbor.

## Summary

**May 18, 2021**

### Board of Directors Meeting

The Board approved 18 new members into the Club. This may be a record! Speaking of membership, the Board approved member Tom Bledsoe to be the new Membership Chairman to replace Casey Gastrich who served for 8+ years. Casey is planning to spend time with his new granddaughter. If you have a membership issue, you will see Tom responding as Casey gets him up to speed. Approval was given to pay the Club's General Liability Insurance premium of \$7563 for the coming year. We still need a new Range Chair and a Treasurer.

The Board approved the purchase of new Club hats for the 10%-er award this year. Hats will have the Club logo embroidered on the front and '10%' on the back. The Board also approved the purchase of extra hats to have available for any member to purchase. Price will be approximately \$15. The Board tentatively approved holding an Installation get together for members on Saturday June 12. Recipients of the annual awards will be honored at that time. More details will be forthcoming. When you see the announcement, please RSVP as soon as possible so that we have can have enough food for everyone who comes.

## CLAY PURCHASE

Members are entitled to two cases per week These will be available on Saturday or Sunday from Shootmasters or Board Members.

## 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.

# RSO Safety Corner

## Dave Reed

The hours for RSO volunteer hours for the past club year are now in, with over volunteer hours to ensure you have a place to shoot. While all RSOs and Shootmasters deserve a hand for what they do for the club, the following RSOs went above and beyond this year with more than 200 hours each:

Chuck Davis - 322 Hours

BJ Miller - 254 Hours

Fred Holden - 227 Hours

These RSOs had more than 150 hours each - Mike Steinmetz, Lee Phipps, Gary Kovacevich, Mike Delozier, Bill Palmer, Brion Thomas, Kathleen and Voyko Banjac.

Please thank each one of these volunteers, and all of the RSOs, for helping ensure we all have a fun, safe place to shoot every year.

Shootmasters - If you have not submitted your exemption from SOP letters for the 2021-2022 club year you are late and are in danger of your event being required to comply fully with all the rules in the SOP. Get those in as soon as possible. You are doing a great job getting shooters on the range, we just need to make sure we are all on the same page with what is happening at your events and everything safe.

The warm weather is getting closer, make sure you take care of yourselves on the range. That means drink plenty of fluids before you get to the range and while you are here. It also means wear lightweight clothing and sunscreen as appropriate. Watch yourself and your fellow shooters to make sure nobody has a serious weather-related injury. The hot, dry weather also increases the Fire Danger Rating, make sure you don't do anything that would create sparks that could cause a fire at the range.

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 of 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 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!

Thank you

## FOR SALE

R.W. Hart Model 100 Rifle Front Shooting Rest. \$75.00

Bell & Carlson Rem 700 BDL Varmint/Tac short action Medalist stock in Desert Tan with matching bottom metal. Asking \$300.00

Magpul Hunter X-22 Stock for Ruger 10/22, Flat Dark Earth with cheek risers and M-lock. \$100.00

Ruger 1022 BX trigger \$50.00

Contact Ron Diaz

858-344-2861

## 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

#### Mantis X Group

How are you keeping up your skills in between trips to the range? Are you dry firing on a regular basis? Do you need some motivation to keep you active? If you have a Mantis X system, we created a group for the club so you can track how you are doing compared to other club members. If you have a Mantis X you know that it works for dry fire, live fire or even airsoft, it even works with archery. The group will have set goals every week for either number of shots fired or the average score of your shots. If you are interested request to join the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club group on your Mantis device. I will approve you for the group as soon as I see your request.

#### UPCOMING CLASSES:

NRA Instructor Courses- We have completed the basic classes for Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun and are moving on to the instructor level courses now.

NRA RSO Course- This is the full-length NRA class required for anyone wishing to become an RSO.

Saturday July 10th from 8 AM to 6 PM - Cost \$80 (Plus an additional \$35 to the NRA for certification)

San Diego County CCW Courses - These are run when requested by club members as soon as I can fit it in the schedule. Initial classes are 8 hours long and cost \$100 for club members, renewal classes are 4 hours long and cost \$50 for club members. When contacting me make sure you mention you are Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club members or I will tell you no.

The next class is scheduled for May 29th in the new classroom. 8 AM start time for initial applicants. Noon start time for renewal applicants. Email: [davereed2010@gmail.com](mailto:davereed2010@gmail.com) to sign up.

RSO Refresher Courses - Required for all club RSOs once a year - No charge. No registration required, just show up.

Prospective RSOs are encouraged to attend just to hear some of the issues they will face when becoming an RSO.

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

Friday June 11th - 3 PM to 5 PM (Immediately prior to Defensive Handgun)

Tuesday June 15th - 3:30 - 5:30 (Immediately prior to board meeting)

## 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.

## YOUTH TRAP SHOOTING PROGRAM

### Sue Johnson

For those of you who may not know, especially new members, the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club has a program designed specifically to introduce youth shooters, ages 10 through 17, to the shotgun shooting sport of Trap.

Shoots are scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month, unless preempted by another event, with registration between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm. A safety briefing runs from noon to 12:30 pm with shooting immediately following. The shoot is over by 4:00 pm.

The cost of each shoot is \$10.00 which covers the cost of the clay targets. The club furnishes ammo, provided through an NRA Foundation Grant, and 12/20-gauge shotguns if shooters do not have their own.

Sue Johnson is the shoot master for the event and has the assistance of NRA Certified Shot Gun Instructors, very capable and experienced members and Range Safety Officers. The shoot is comprised of two rounds of straight trap and a round of doubles. Brand new shooters shoot by themselves until their instructor/mentor determines the shooter is ready to join the more experienced shooters.

The shoot is open to the public and because the shooters are minors, parents/legal guardians must attend with their youth.

Get more information by visiting [lemongrovegunclub.com](http://lemongrovegunclub.com), or call Sue at 619-443-3704.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> and if the new, signed waiver is not on file, your gate key will not work.

## Situation at the Range?

Contact a board member if there are any situations that effect range operations. For example, a recent homicide investigation resulted in Sycuan Truck Trail being closed so there was no access to the range.

Other board members will be notified and action taken to notify members by mass email, web site notice or other methods as the situation dictates.

## 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.

# LGR&GC

## General Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

All board members present except for the following who were excused – Casey Gastrich Treasurer – vacant, Range Chair--vacant.

### Previous Meeting minutes

Waived. Motion passed.

### Correspondence:

Alpine Sun, Lakeside Sportsman's Club Newsletter, Clay target magazine, American Rifleman, Clay Target Nation and other miscellaneous magazines donated by a member

### Prospective Members:

If you don't have your white cards up front you may not get credit for attending the meeting. After the meeting Prospective members and sponsors need to go over and visit with Casey for a few minutes to get the scoop on how the process will go forward.

Prospective	Sponsor
Jeff Ridout.	Joe Grimisi
Louis Stiller	AJ Faber
Paul Dye	AJ Faber
Tom Winklass	AJ Faber
George Conger.	Ron & Chris Pearson
John Hurst	Ron & Chris Pearson
Lance Why	Robert Throckmorton

### Environmental:

Frank Valdez reported. We are moving along slowly. We are going to be making some changes soon. We are having a meeting on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am to come up with a battle plan on how we are going to keep the club in compliance

### Long Range Planning and

Lorrie reported. We are getting a quote tomorrow for rock bags to slow the flow of water of the creek by the sporting clays stand. We are also going to get a quote for truckloads of rock over by the settling basins. Hopefully we have some wattle to put in place before the bunkers. The concept is it will stop the lead from moving around and coming downstream by the basins. The basins should catch everything because now they are deep enough. John Hale graciously donated the excavator and all the equipment to dig the basins out and we did it for virtually nothing which was good. So, we can put the larger rocks in there. Bob is coming up from Chula Vista Electric he is going to go over with Wendel the electrical in the campground and also running an outlet for the office trailers so that come summer if we are inside there we can actually turn on the air conditioning. We have two monster air conditioning units,

but the little generator won't power those things. But you can make ice cubes with the air conditioning that is in there.

Comment from Jerry Hartman. Why are we going to buy bags of rock why don't we just buy silt traps? If you can think of something that needs to be added to the long-term plan let me know. And if you have a skill that is something that the club can use maybe you want to become a member of Lorrie's committee. As of March of 2022, the land loan will be paid off. Suddenly, we will have \$3000.00 a month that we can spend on projects for improving the range. And so, Lorrie is making a list not only of projects but of people to help with those projects so that we can continue to make the club a better place for the members.

### Hospitality:

No report

### San Diego County Wildlife Federation Rep:

Paul Dugas reported. He is the club's liaison for the Federation. Escondido Fish and Game is having their annual Barbeque on 16th of May. On June 1st there is a Turkey event annual Jakes event

### Treasurer:

No Treasure at this time. No unusual expenditures.

### Range Safety RSO:

H Dave Reed reported. Everybody is doing a great job out here. I want to thank you all for coming out and make you stay safe while you are shooting. I want to thank the RSO's and Shootmasters for everything they do to make sure that we are able to have a shooting club here. So let's hear it for the RSO's. The biggest thing I must gripe about tonight about safety –if everyone looks out at the 175 there's a great big steel target that is laying down in the dirt. IF you are a shooter and your target falls to the ground it is your responsibility to make sure that that gets taken care of. If you shoot at a target and knock it down it is your responsibility to pick it up. The bad thing about that target is it is so razor sharp on the front they couldn't pick it up yesterday. They finally shot the bolts out. We are going to have to pick it up with the tractor. It just rips your gloves trying to pick up that thing. We started the RSO refresher courses. If you are an RSO we started them on Saturday or Sunday, the next one we are going to do one on next Wednesday. If you look on the club calendar, they are put on the club calendar. If you are an RSO you must come out to at least one a year I give at least 6 opportunities for it to happen. If you want to become an RSO we have a class on July 10th. That is 80 dollars for the class and that includes all the orientation and coming down to each of the ranges and seeing everything here. You can learn about this club as well as Range Safety stuff. I have a lot of good news. The new trailer is good for classes. A Girl and a Gun participant facilitated a donation of chairs and other items for the club. We got 40 chairs and a couple of nice big wooden desks some projector screens some cabinets. I really want to thank her for getting that stuff out here. If you want to take any of the classes, this month we have the basic Rifle class. That is so we can have people become rifle instructors as well. Next weekend we have the basic instructor training.

In June we are doing the Pistol Rifle and the Shotgun the actual instructor classes. July 10th, we have the RSO class. Lexi donated all that stuff and it is on a truck. After the meeting is over can I get some help unloading the truck???

### **Membership:**

Before the turn of the year we've had 80 openings. We will probably have about 100 openings after the Membership Chair is able to catch up with renewals.

### **Range Chair:**

Jerry Shiller reported. This Thursday is the Thursday work party. The Saturday work party will be on Saturday May 22. If you are coming to that email Phyllis to let her know that you are coming so that we have enough food for you.

### **Activity Reports:**

#### **Friday Night Pot Shoot:**

Larry Sanders reported. For the month of April, we had 5 shoot events. We had 90 total members and 31 total nonmembers. Would like to thank Rod T. Wendell Layne Kuhlman, Ivan Gina Herb and Norma

#### **Fun Shoot:**

Frank Valdez reported: The next Fun Shoot is this coming Sunday. We will have one trap station open and the 5 stand

#### **Sporting Clays:**

Frank Saunders reported. We threw 11,000 birds. We have a shoot coming up on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month. Which is the Boyscout Fundraiser shoot. They usually have about 100 shooters out there. We have another sporting clays shoot Sunday in on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May starting at 8am. One of the events is called a flurry. Its on Friday about 8 o'clock until 1 o'clock.

#### **Tuesday 5-Stand:**

Rod Tetrault reported. We had 75 people. Frank does his best to keep the machines running. If we had more volunteers to set up and take down, we might be able to have another afternoon shoot.

#### **Interclub trap:**

No report

#### **Trap League:**

No report

#### **Youth Trap:**

Eric Johnson reported: For those of you who don't know Youth Trap and I am talking basically to the prospectives it's an event we have two times a month for Youth Shotgun shooters aged 10 through 17. If you have kids or grandkids or know of friends that have those ages of kids bring them in on the second and fourth Saturday here we supply ammo. It's 10 dollars we have shotguns if they don't have their own. It's a really good shoot and gets them involved in shooting shotguns and trap. For the month of April we had 8 youth shooters which is very low but considering the fact that we are loosening up with the Covid nonsense and opening up baseball and other events kids are getting involved and spreading their wings a little more. But we only turned in 80 dollars. Sign up is from 11:30 to noon. Shooting starts from

12:30 to 4pm.

#### **Tactical Shotgun:**

Paul Lichtenstein reported. May 30<sup>th</sup> is the next shoot. Set up is Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Action Hand gun:**

Paul Lichtenstein reported. We had a Hybrid Pistol at the end of April and an action Handgun last Saturday. The next on is the 15<sup>th</sup> is Hybrid Pistol again.

#### **WOT:**

We have that four times a year. January, April July and October. For up to 45 women as an introduction to shooting. Rifle, Shotgun, and handgun. We supply the ammo and the firearms. We supply the mentor refreshments and drinks. It is just a real good introduction to shooting for women. April, we had 36 ladies showed up. Thank you to all the volunteers that make this happen. The next WOT will be July 11<sup>th</sup>. We had a visitor from the Girl Scouts to visit the range. The October WOT is the second Sunday in October.

#### **Sporting Rifle:**

No report.

#### **Action Rifle:**

McIntyre said there were 8 shooters in March. For May he's planning a two-gun event rifle and shotgun. Check the calendar for the Action Rifle event.

#### **Boy Scout Merit Badge:**

No report

#### **Archery:**

Lou Tevis not here. Lou said he had 75 shooters last month. There are going to be some new members joining from the Archery group. One of them is very active throughout the County and puts on shoots. He is looking as the possibility of having a Countywide Archery Tournament here that will bring in probably close to 200 shooters. I'm sure that Louie will be needing help for that.

#### **Black Powder:**

Ron Majors last match. He is stepping down after 12 years of running that match. Mike Steinmetz and Steven Hirsch have stepped up they are going to take over that event. The next event is on Sunday afternoon the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

#### **Low Light Handgun:**

no report.

#### **Rimfire:**

No report

#### **Precision Rifle:**

Doug Roper reported. We had a precision rifle scope clinic on Sunday and had 12 participants in that. We have a match coming up on May 29<sup>th</sup> and we have a precision rimfire match on Father's Day in June. I'm in the book.

#### **Defensive handgun:**

No report.

#### **Hybrid Pistol:**

No report

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Membership renewal ended April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you got your

stuff in the mail and it's postmarked by then there won't be any issues. If you had a brain fart and have your stuff with you tonight, a little groveling we can probably get you renewed. After tonight you will have to come to the Board meeting in two weeks and grovel in front of the whole Board instead of just me.

We have three Board positions that are open. The Treasurer, The Range Chair, and the Membership Chair. All for different reasons. There is not any problem with the club or anything like that. If you have skills or interest in any of those things let me know. Range Chair if you have, we were very fortunate Jerry Hartman had skills in electrical, plumbing, mechanical the whole nine yards. Dirt works. If you have one of those skills and have a friend who has a skill in another of those areas, you can be a range chair committee. And the club will still get the work done that needs to be done. I am interested in hearing from people that have some interest even if they can't handle all the aspects of it at once. We can make it work.

If anyone knows who used the clubhouse the Friday night either the 22<sup>nd</sup> or the 23<sup>rd</sup> I need to know who that was please.

Is there any other unfinished business from the Board?

Any unfinished business from the floor? Jerry Hartman--Even though I am leaving there are some projects I committed to one of them is with Alan Cole in the playground set up here. This Thursday we are going to weld the extension pipes on there so we can get that in the ground. Also is a culvert work up here. I'll keep working on that till it's done. If we have a club member that comes up and donates his equipment and his time it doesn't cost the club anything if he can arrange it he's going to be here at the next Saturday work party so we can hopefully finish that up. If not, we'll get it finished next month. All you need is being able to organize. I want to thank all of the people I have worked with.

#### **New Business:**

The Board is working on the Annual Award Nominations. Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Social of the Year and Junior of the Year and Dirty Bird. 10% awards we will have a list of everyone who made the 10% list for awards. By a show of hands how many would be interested in having a club installation party. A half day of food and fellowship among the members??

The club Board voted to change the PO Box from Lemon Grove to Alpine. The new PO Box is 1089. Alpine, CA 91903. The Post office is supposed to honor the change of address for a year but we have seen some things after about 4 months that have been returned to sender because somebody at the Lemon Grove Post office couldn't slap a new sticker on them and forward them to us in Alpine.

Is there any new business from the Board?

Any new business from the floor?

Any other business?

Motion by Lorrie Smith and second by Paul Lichtenstein to adjourn. Thank you all for coming. Be Safe!

Meeting is adjourned at 7:23pm

## **Two-Man Rule**

Some maintenance is inherently dangerous due to the nature of the work. Activities being performed at the range such as those involving power tools, operating equipment, working at other than ground level or on electrical circuits, requires **two** (2) people to be present for safety reasons. The foregoing list is not meant to be all-inclusive and common sense should prevail as to what can be dangerous. It is the responsibility of each member to recognize those activities that, should an accident occur, a second person would be needed to summon help and administer first aid.

## **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](mailto:Calendar@LemonGroveGunClub.com).

## **Club Notifications**

SDG&E has moved out so please move your RV from the camping area to the parking area.

Also, as the weather gets warmer please be on the lookout for rattlesnakes.

## **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

## **RV's**

It is the responsibility of the RV owner to keep the weeds knocked down and trash picked up in the vicinity of their RV.

## **Club Dumpsters**

Cardboard goes in the recycling dumpster near the building on the lower trap range. Please **DO NOT** put it in the trash dumpsters.