

The Front Sight

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President's Message

Jerry Shiller, President

President@lemongrovegclub.com

A big THANK YOU to the 30 members who helped the Club put on the NRA Family Fun Day on President's Day. In particular, I want to give thanks to Mark Hopewell who took care of the paperwork needed to put this together, and to Bob Schultze for donating the food for the Club volunteers. It was a little cool, but the 65 participants had a great morning of shooting. There was trap shooting, rifles (.22, .30-06, .308, .223), .22 handguns, and pellet rifles. Collectively, over 5,000 rounds went down range. Several participants became Prospective members on the spot. Stay safe and share our sport with others. President Jerry Shiller.

Environmental Committee Corner – This will be a new column in the newsletter that will talk about the Club's environmental policies. This will serve two functions: information for Club members, as well as be part of the Club's environmental training program. Members are encouraged to read this section each month. The Environmental Committee is comprised of Frank Valdez, Paul Crecelius, and Jerry Shiller. Other members who have interest or expertise in this area are encouraged to participate.

Summary

February 15, 2022

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board approved 8 new members. VP Lorrie Smith reported that she and Board Member Wendell Trent had completed installation of the wheelchair lift adjacent to the new trailer. That venue is now wheelchair accessible so all members can come to meetings and attend training classes there. The Board is convening a new committee to investigate greater use of the wild apricot software platform in the future. The goal is to bring Club operations more into the 21st Century. This includes the possibility of accepting credit card payments for membership and match fees, better and more consistent event signups, and better reporting of match scores. Membership Chair Tom Bledsoe will chair this committee. The Board approved restarting the .22 Rimfire match after a 2-year hiatus. Matches will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, start at 9:00 am, and will be free to members. Non-members will pay a \$5.00 gate fee. Club member R.J. Aguirre invites members to dust off those .22s and come to the first match on March 12.

Jim Kasten

Perpetual Memorial Cup

**** Notice : Due to Covid-19 pandemic matches may change or cancel without notice ****

In honor of Jim Kasten we will be holding four sporting clay matches at Lemon Grove on the dates to follow. The winner of the Jim Kasten Perpetual Memorial Cup will be determined by the highest total score from all four matches at the conclusion of the final match on 11 December 2022. Match is open to all club members and guest from Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club.

All gauges and calibers are allowed.

Fees and Charges: \$40.00 lunch included

****Lemon Grove Shooters, Shoot tickets honored**

Awards and Trophies

Notice: The Kasten Memorial Cup will be awarded only to club members of the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club.

Non-Club Members of the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club are eligible for the Patron Award. Awards will be determined by the highest total score by a non-member from all 4 matches.

Jim Kasten Memorial Cup

Patron Award

Top Gun Adult Male

Top Gun Adult Male

Top Gun Adult Female

Top Gun Adult Female

Top Gun Junior

*Ties will be broken at the end of the event on 11 December 2022.

Dates and Locations

13 March

12 June

11 September

11 December

Starting Times

0700-0800 - Match Registration

0815 - Safety Briefing

0900 - Match Shoot Begins

Shoot Master

Mr. Frank Valdez, Shoot Master - valdezfra@gmail.com - cell: 619-250-4734

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 2nd and 4th 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 lemongrovegclub.com, or call Sue at 619-443-3704.

FOR SALE

Walt Schmidtke rangerwalt@cox.net

For Sale 9 mm Brass, 40 S&W Brass and 45 ACP Brass
\$2.50 a pound

OPEN SHOTGUN

Open shotgun please note: You still need to sign range inspection, and everyone needs to sign. Nonmembers need a waiver. Forms in 4 drawer file cabinet at the back of the sign in shack. Put the completed form in the file on the wall above the file cabinets.

Cash Turn-In

The Secretary and Treasurer ask that cash being turned in either be consolidated to the fewest number of bills or, turn in a check.

For example, instead of turning in 20 one dollar bills, convert it to a single twenty dollar bill.

Fun Shoot

From: Fun Shoot Master

** Fun Shoot will be closed to all non-members of the club **

Subject: Fun Shoot 2022

New Policy:

**** Notice: Due to COVID-19 Pandemic matches may change or cancel without notice ****

Fun Shoot is for Members of Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club and their families only. No Guest or members of the public. Prospective new members will be allowed to shoot a total of two rounds (shooters choice) of trap or five stand.

Hours: 0800-noon

Cost:

Club members	\$10
Juniors	\$5 (under 18 years)
Prospective members	\$10

Course of Fire: 16-27 American Trap, upon request, wobble, double trap

Event Calendar:

8 MayTrap and Five Stand
14 AugustTrap and Sporting Clays
13 NovemberTrap and Sporting Clays

POC: Frank Valdez - (619) 250-4734, valdezfra@gmail.com

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.

**Parkway Real Estate**

1150 Broadway, Suite 220
El Cajon, CA 92021

Office 619.447.7111
Cell 619.990.1602 ✓
Fax 619.445.6499
Email kirohn@cox.net
Notary Public



Charles A. Kirohn
REALTOR®
DRE# 01205218

Training Corner

Dave Reed

Defensive Handgun 2nd and 4th Friday every month from 5-9

These live fire classes are excellent for getting practice using your firearm in a defensive scenario. The 2nd Friday is a beginner level class, the 4th Friday is a little more advanced. You MUST attend a beginner class before you will be allowed to attend the more advanced class. For more information go to [Defensive Handgun \(lgrgc.com\)](http://lgrgc.com)

You must register in advance to ensure materials are available for you.

Contact Stan Luhr at sluhr@ppcexpert.com for information or to register.

CPR / First Aid Class – Saturday March 6th - 8 AM to 12:30

This American Heart Association course covers basic first aid, CPR and the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator. It is taught by club member Alisha Curtin.

Cost is \$50

To sign up contact alisha.chartervendor@gmail.com

STOP THE BLEED – Saturday March 6th - 1 PM - 3 PM

“Stop The Bleed” Stop The Bleed is a nationally recognized first aid program designed to teach people the basics about how to stop major traumatic bleeding using tourniquets, hemostatic agents, gauze and bandages or just your t-shirt and direct pressure, whatever you have available. The class is two hours long and is free of charge

Contact Dave Reed to sign up at davereed2010@gmail.com

NRA Range Safety Officer Course - Sunday March 27th - 8 AM to 6 PM - \$100 for the class (for club members, \$200 for non-members). Contact Dave Reed for more information or to sign up at davereed2010@gmail.com

San Diego County CCW Course - April 3rd

Initial applicants - 8 hours - 8 AM to 4:00 PM - \$125 for club members

Renewal applicants - 4 Hours - 1200-4:00 PM - \$75 for club members

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

Lemon Grove RSO Refresher

Two-hour refresher course required for all club approved RSOs once per year. There are six opportunities to attend, you only need to attend one.

Saturday May 7th 1-3 PM

Thursday May 19th 5-7 PM

Saturday May 21st 1-3 PM

Thursday May 26th 5-7 PM

Monday May 30th 10 AM -12 NOON

Wednesday **June 8th** 5-7 PM

“Pocket Rockets” class with Chuck Hagard For a large number of concealed carriers their carry gun is small and fairly uncomfortable to shoot so they end up training with or competing in competitions with full sized guns. This class is set up specifically to work on skills with your compact and ultra-compact guns, revolvers and semi-automatics are both appropriate. It will focus on reloads, stoppages and malfunctions, all of which are much more challenging than with a full-sized gun due to the size of the gun in relation to the hand. This class is a must have for every concealed carrier.

Class will be held May 14, 2022, and will cost \$170 for club members.

To sign up for the class go to:

“Pocket Rockets”, aka small pistol and snub revolver skills
[Tickets, Sat, May 14, 2022, at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/tickets/sat-may-14-2022-at-8:00-am)

Contact Dave Reed a davereed2010@gmail.com for more information

OC Spray and Non-Lethal Weapons Instructor Course with Chuck Hagard Chuck Hagard is a nationally recognized expert when it comes to use of non-lethal weapons. This class is the gold standard nationwide for those that want to teach OC Spray or other non-lethals in their classes.

Class will be held May 15, 2022 and will cost \$300 for club members.

To sign up for the class go to:

[OC Instructor Tickets, Sun, May 15, 2022 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/tickets/sun-may-15-2022-at-8:00-am)

Contact Dave Reed at davereed2010@gmail.com for more information

June 18th - Second Amendment Celebration Dinner AKA «Gun Prom»

Okay, this isn't training, but who doesn't want to get together with 1,000 other like minded people to celebrate the 2nd Amendment? For more information or to purchase tickets go to www.gunprom.com&#x26;#x26;Home - GunProm

We are working on getting quality training to you, if you can think of any other training that would be valuable to you and other club members contact me and we will see what we can do. Take advantage of the opportunities and enjoy the benefits of being a member of Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club.

Thanks again for all that you do to make our club a better place and your support for the 2nd Amendment community in San Diego County.

Shoot straight and stay safe,

Dave Reed

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.

New Waivers Required

The waivers were modified so all members must sign a new waiver. The new form should be in you 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.

RSO Safety Corner

Thanks to you and the RSOs who work the ranges, and the Shootmasters who plan and run our events, I don't have much to report on the range safety side. You continue to follow the safety rules to make sure everyone on the range, and those people who live just over the berm are safe. Thank you for that.

As always all of our RSOs and Shootmasters deserve to be recognized for the work they do to keep us safe and to provide a wide variety of times and events for us to shoot. Please make sure you thank them the next time you come to the range. As you know they are all volunteering their time to allow you the opportunity to have fun.

We had 9 RSOs donate over 100 hours each to the club this year and I think they deserve some recognition:

BJ Miller - 206 Hours

Chuck Davis - 191 Hours

Fred Holden - 180 Hours

Lee Phipps - 165 Hours

Gary Kovacevich - 138 Hours

Bill Palmer - 134 Hours

Mike Steinmetz - 133 Hours

Mike Delozier - 130 Hours

Robert Throckmorton - 127 Hours

For the month of December the top 3 RSOs were:

Fred Holden - 25 Hours

Bill Palmer - 23 Hours

Mike Delozier - 22 Hours 45 Minutes

For the month of November, the top 3 RSOs were:

BJ Miller - 28 Hours

Chuck Davis - 26 Hours

Lee Phipps - 21 Hours

A huge thank you to the RSOs listed above, and all the others who donate their own time to make sure all of us can have a safe place to shoot.

Unfortunately, there have a few incidents where tempers flared out one of our events. The situations were handled correctly at the time by people at the events, and the club board of directors has taken the appropriate action where necessary, but I think we should all take a look at ourselves and what we are doing. I believe competitions are great, and it's good to be passionate about what you are doing, but you cannot let that passion go too far.

Our sport involves the use of firearms that can easily cause death or serious bodily harm. Because of that we all need to make sure we keep our emotions in check and treat each other with dignity and respect. A little jovial razzing is a good thing and makes the competitions more fun for a lot of people. Don't let your passion or excitement get to the point where you are making personal attacks against others at the range, either physically or verbally. If you feel yourself getting that upset it is time to unload your firearm, pack it up and take a seat or leave the range. If you are not emotionally mature enough to do that you seriously need to re-evaluate your participation in the shooting sports. If you cannot handle yourself in accordance with acceptable standards you will be asked to leave the range that day and, depending on the circumstances, you could lose your club membership.

I think all of that could be boiled down to the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

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variety of times and events for us to shoot. Please make sure you thank them the next time you come to the range. As you know they are all volunteering their time to allow you the opportunity to have fun. I do not have the end of year numbers for RSO hours yet but there were several over one hundred hours and a couple over 200! I will get the 2021 totals out to you in the next article.

Just a reminder for everyone about the firearms safety rules:

ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION-IF THERE ARE PEOPLE DOWN RANGE IT IS NOT A SAFE DIRECTION

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT-YOU SHOULD NOT BE READY TO SHOOT IF THERE ARE PEOPLE DOWNRANGE

ALWAYS KEEP THE GUN UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE-YOU SHOULD NOT BE READY TO USE YOUR GUN IF THERE ARE PEOPLE DOWNRANGE.

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

CLAY PURCHASE

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

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.

ATV Usage on the Range

ATV's must be used in a responsible manner on the range. The intent of allowing them on the range is to enable access for those with physical limitations.

The range **IS NOT** for!

Range Phone

The range phone is for business or emergencies only! Because of the type of service, the club has to pay a toll for some calls that would normally be free on your home phone.

If you need to make a personal call, use your cell or borrow one.