

# The Front Sight

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## President's Message

**Jerry Shiller, President**

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One more month until the end of the Club's fiscal year. We are in good shape financially as all the land loans have been paid in full (Thank you Patrick Mercier). The Club is getting positive PR from the website, social media, event participants, and local referrals. Once people find out about our Club, they want to shoot with us and eventually join. This is in large part due to the welcoming attitude of most of our members. Thank You!

## Summary

**April 19, 2022**

### Board of Directors Meeting

The Board voted to accept 15 new members into the Club. If you meet any of them, give them a welcome. Installation of the larger generator has been completed. We had air conditioning in the trailer for the first time. Now it is on to other projects to maintain the Club. More discussion was held regarding the creation of an independent charitable foundation to help support the Club's on-going expenses and to provide the means to improve the Club for all members. All agreed this would be a great benefit both to the Club and potential donors. More discussion was held regarding the possibility of the Club beginning to accept online credit card payments for dues and match fees.

Significant grants from the NRA Foundation have been absent for the past two years due mainly to the pandemic causing cancellation of the Foundation's fund-raising dinners, but also due to the general ammo shortage. Some of the Club's outreach programs, particularly Youth Trap, are beginning to see shortages of ammo. If any member has a source of reasonably priced ammo or wishes to make a donation to the outreach programs, please contact President Jerry Shiller.

The annual installation of officers will take place at the

range on Saturday afternoon, June 18, 2022, after the morning pistol match has been completed. At this time, the outstanding volunteers of the Club will be recognized. This includes Man -, Woman -, Junior -, and Social of the Year, the Dirty Bird, members of the 10% Club, and RSOs who served the Club for over 200 hours during the past fiscal year. Certificates and other awards will be presented. If any member, or group of members is interested in cooking for approx. 100 that afternoon, please contact President Jerry Shiller. The Club will cover the cost of the food.

## ARCHERY INTEREST

Several new members, as well as some longer-term ones, have expressed an interest in having an organized archery program at the Club again. Once we assess the level of interest, we can have an informal meeting to see just what the members want, and who is willing to help support it. Initially we are thinking about having a member only archery shoot with just a few targets. We do still have the field targets that were used previously. Please send an email to President Jerry Shiller ([lgrgc\\_prez@cox.net](mailto:lgrgc_prez@cox.net)) if you have an interest in reviving archery at the Club and would participate. Also indicate what might be a convenient time for you to come to a meeting. Options include prior to the monthly membership meeting at the range, some week night via zoom, a weekend day when the range is relatively quiet, or??

## BLACK POWDER MATCH

Have you ever shot a muzzle loading shotgun? Think about the lead you need when the lead is dependent not only on the speed of the clay target, but the amount of time it takes for your shotgun to ignite the powder and send the shot cloud down range. If you don't own a muzzle loading shotgun, don't worry, the regular participants likely will be willing to let you try a shot or two. Steven and Mike have scheduled the shotgun match for June 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Father's Day).

Recent black powder matches have included pistols, revolvers, smooth bore rifles, moving targets (swinging on purpose, or swinging in the wind), and really small targets. Next match is May 15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday). Come on down to the dark side!

# 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.

# 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 May .....Trap and Five Stand  
14 August .....Trap and Sporting Clays  
13 November .....Trap and Sporting Clays

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

# 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.

# Environmental Committee Corner

Containers of paints, solvents, aerosols of oil, and other hydrocarbons are classified as hazardous materials. Any Club member using any of these materials should check with the Range Chair, or a member of the Environmental Committee, prior to disposal. EMPTY standard retail/consumer size hazardous material containers generated during routine maintenance activities on range facilities shall be placed into the solid waste roll-off provided by the Club's disposal service.

# RSO Safety Corner

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.

# FOR SALE

**Walt Schmidtke [rangerwalt@cox.net](mailto:rangerwalt@cox.net)**

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

*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.

# 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](mailto:sluhr@ppcexpert.com) for information or to register.

**NRA Range Safety Officer Course - Sunday April 24th - 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](mailto: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 many concealed carriers their carry gun is small and 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](#)

Contact Dave Reed a [davereed2010@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)

Contact Dave Reed at [davereed2010@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.gunprom.com)&nbsp;  [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

## 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

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](mailto:valdezfra@gmail.com) - cell: 619-250-4734

## **New Club Merchandise Shop**

**NEW! We're really pleased to announce the launch of a new club merchandise shop!**

One of our members has offered to explore the possibility of expanding our Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club logo merchandise. In the past the club has not had an organized avenue to sell logo merchandise, shirts, caps, accessories. *There is a lot of money to be made* in selling these products to members as well as being an effective marketing strategy, share information about our club, and create loyalty through a branded logo. A presentation will be made at our June meeting, but we are looking for input from members to explore options before presenting a plan to the board this summer to create these promotional products to sell.

Would you purchase LGRGC logo items?

Is there anything you would like to see offered?

Any other considerations that reflect the history of the club?

Email your thoughts and feedback to:

Susan Vandendriess [avandendri@aol.com](mailto:avandendri@aol.com)

OR Jerry Shiller [lgrgc\\_prez@cox.net](mailto:lgrgc_prez@cox.net)

## ***Content Needed***

Please send articles to Phyllis Hansen  
[hansen@cajonvalley.net](mailto:hansen@cajonvalley.net) or [thehansensfour@yahoo.com](mailto:thehansensfour@yahoo.com)

## **RV Parking Permit and Mobility Vehicle Permits Renewal**

RV parking permits and mobility vehicle permits expire on 30 April so please renew them. Contact Wendell Trent for info [trentwendell@aol.com](mailto:trentwendell@aol.com) or come to the General Meeting this month.

## **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.

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