

The Front Sight

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President's Message

Jerry Shiller, President

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We are going to need additional volunteers to step forward so we can keep the Sporting Clays program running at full speed – it is our largest money-maker and helps us pay for maintenance, supplies, and upgrades. While the existing volunteers haven't left, several of them have new challenges coming – one has been promoted at work and will have less time available, others have medical challenges that will limit their ability do the physical work required. And we don't want to have them burn out. All will be around to help with training and other helpful advice for new volunteers. We are looking for the following:

Someone to take over the management all of the events, including ensuring there are adequate supplies on hand, ensuring there is a Shootmaster for every sporting clay event, keeping those Shootmasters informed about the requirements for each event, and keeping the Board informed about equipment/supplies needed.

Someone (possibly several someones) to be Shootmaster(s) for sporting clays events. This includes the monthly sporting clays course (11 events per year), the range rentals (4-7 events per year), the Kasten Cup (4 events per year), and the Family Fun Shoot (2-4 events per year). A Shootmaster is responsible for ensuring the success of each event of which they are in charge, including knowing and setting up a safe course of fire, client interaction in the case of range rentals, supplies, and pullers.

Someone to help each Shootmaster set up the course of fire and ensure that it is safe for participants.

Several someones to be 'on-call' during all events to trouble shoot/repair throwers being used. Being a shooter at the event is okay but the person on-call should be prepared for the possibility of not being able to shoot the entire course.

Someone to perform routine maintenance on the clay throwers.

Pullers

Please contact Mike Steinmetz, Clyde Wilson, or me for more information.

Stay Safe

Summary

January 17, 2023

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board approved 8 new members into the Club. Discussions continued regarding the S.O.P. revision. Many of the changes have already been implemented, with the discussion centered on wording. Newly revised By-Laws will be available for members no later than May 1, the start of the new fiscal year. The Board approved installation of a stack-block wall on the south and east sides of the sign-in shed and continuing east along the handicap ramp.

The Board approved having a 3-month trial period for the concept of having only one meeting night per month (members meeting and Board meeting together). The meetings will start at 6:30 pm; Members meeting will start at 6:30 pm; Board meeting will start 7:30 pm. We will continue to air meetings via the Zoom platform. Prospective members will still need to attend the required two meetings on separate nights. The trial period will start with the February 2023 meetings occurring on Tuesday February 21. **There will be no meeting on Tuesday February 7, Tuesday March 7, or Tuesday April 4.**

CALENDAR ITEMS

BOY SCOUT SHOTGUN MERIT BADGE – There will be a Scout Shotgun Merit Badge shoot on Sunday February 5, 2023. Those mentors who signed up last month should be at the range no later than 7:30 am.

FUN SHOOT – We are having a modified event on Sunday February 12 (Yes, it is Super Bowl Sunday). There will be opportunities for members to try shooting 1) pistol stages similar to what is presented every month at Club matches (bring your handgun and ammo); 2) precision rimfire rifle – shoot targets out to 225 yards (rifles supplied, or bring your own if you think it is capable); 3) a traditional black powder rifle (rifle and supplies provided); 4) a sample sporting clays station with multiple targets (bring your own ammo and shotgun); and 5) shoot trap.

PISTOL MATCHES - Lemon Grove Action Handgun Match is a non-sanctioned United States Practical Shooting Association style match held the first Saturday of each month. The match consists of six stages each offering shooters unique shooting challenges under time pressure. Range safety rules are strictly enforced and all participants and spectators are required to wear eye and hearing protection throughout the match. New shooters and shooters new to the sport are welcome. To participate in a match one needs an absolute dedication to safe firearm handling practices, a center fire handgun or pistol caliber carbine, a holster that completely covers the trigger guard and holds the firearm securely, 4 or more magazines and carriers for at least two magazines, and 200 rounds of lead core or frangible ammunition. Register for matches at <https://practicore.com/clubs/lemon-grove-gun-club-3>. For more information email Paul Lichtenstein at lichy3@att.net

Lemon Grove Rod & Gun Club Mission Statement

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, shotgun and pistol shooting with a view toward a better knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further objective and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism. To foster the maintenance, development, restoration and wise use of all wildlife and other natural resources through education of the people and support of appropriate legislation.

Online Store

Whether you're shooting with your friends at the club, an outdoor enthusiast, or simply want to represent LGRGC in a classy way...we have you covered! We have built our online store for club merchandise, and we can't wait for you to shop! Check it out today. Thank you!

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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.

FEBRUARY 12 FAMILY FUN SHOOT

We are going to try something different for the February Family Fun Shoot. The rifle, pistol and shotgun ranges will all be open during the morning. For pistol, we are going to set up 3-4 'stages' in the pit that will be like those set up for one of our pistol matches. They won't be very difficult, and there won't be a timer running to pressure you, but it will be an opportunity to try shooting your firearm like they do in the matches. For rifle, there will be a couple precision .22 rimfire rifles available for you to shoot so you can see what is possible with a .22. Maybe you can hit steel at 175 or 225 yards with a .22 or hit a 1-inch target at 100 yards, or shoot a 5-shot, one hole group). We will also set up a couple stations with military surplus rifles, and one station with a black powder rifle. There will be several open stations for you to shoot your own guns. The upper trap field will be set up for standard trap, maybe with wobble if that's what people want. The lower trap field will be set up as an example sporting clays station for you to try your skills. We hope to have 3-4 different clay targets to be shot, either singly or as pairs of your choosing. Bring your own shotgun and shells.

Shooting starts at 8:00 am. Please plan on participating. The goal of this day is to give members the opportunity to try different some of the different matches that the Club presents during each month. We hope you will find something else at the Club that interests you and gets you more engaged.

Training Corner

Dave Reed

UPCOMING TRAINING AT LEMON GROVE ROD AND GUN CLUB

Here is our upcoming training schedule:

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.

Shoot straight and stay safe,

Dave Reed

(619) 757-9407

3D ARCHERY

28 Target 3-D archery shoot will be every second Sunday of the month. Shooters can start anytime between sunup and 8:45 AM. Sign up is in the upper sign and shack. Members \$5 active-duty military \$10 guests \$15. All guests must have a current year waiver on file to shoot the course. These are available at the sign-up shack. Contact Hayley (619)985-2537 hgurriell@gmail.com or Louie (619)933-4835 with any questions.

Environmental Training Corner

Materials purchased for maintenance or other use on Club facilities should be selected carefully. Choose safer, less toxic alternative products when available. This can be determined by reading material safety data sheets (MSDS) or warning labels, on/for the specific product. When you select a product, try to purchase only the amount needed for the task at hand. That way we won't have 'leftovers' to store or dispose at a later date.

InterClub Shoot

Hosted by Imperial Valley Rifle & Pistol Assoc. is Saturday, February 18th.

50 16 yards targets and 50 handicap targets (based on your 16-yard score).

Sign-ups start at 0800

Cost is usually @ \$40.00 for 100 targets

Open to members from

Escondido Fish & Game

Lakeside Sportsmen Club

Lemon Grove Rod & Gun Club

Maywood Trap Club

Redlands Shooting Park

and our host Imperial Valley Rifle & Pistol Assoc

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Guests are welcome but are not eligible for the top gun awards.

Only the top five scores from each club determine winning club. Tie breaker is the club with the most attending members so support your club.

Top Gun award categories - Men, Women, and Juniors (17 and under)

MAP

32°52'50.0"N 115°44'26.5"W

Youth Trap

Rick Gilman

On behalf of the entire LGRGC, we would like to thank Sue and Eric Johnson for their years of service running Youth Trap. Their tireless efforts, smiling faces each Saturday and knowledge of the sport has given hundreds of youths a wonderful experience and great knowledge at how to safely handle a firearm. The Johnson's dedication and commitment has been exemplary. As Youth Trap resumes the Johnsons feel they can no longer continue as Shoot Masters. We are sad to see them leave but hope to still see them on the range!

Rick Gilman will be the new Shoot Master. Please contact him at lgrgcyouthtrap@gmail.com or (619) 204-8014 with any questions or to volunteer!

Youth Trap

For a flat fee of \$15 per youth (10-17 years old), this event provides 2 rounds of regular trap and one round of doubles.

Emphasis is on safety and proper gun handling.

12- & 20-gauge ammo provided by a NRA Foundation grant.

Shotguns will be provided (if needed)

Shoots are scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month

Registration is 11:30-12:00, Safety briefing is 12:00-12:30, Shooting starts at 12:30 until done (before 4:00pm).

First time shooters will have 1 on 1 coaching on the lower trap field and experienced shooters will shoot on the upper trap field.

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

Scores count toward NRA marksmanship awards - patches and medals will be awarded when earned.

Activity Reports:

Friday Night Pot Shoot: Total of 5 shoot events. A total of 82 shooters. We will be shooting this coming Saturday night. Thanks to Rod Tetrault, Wendell Trent, Layne Kuhlman, Stu, Rick Gilman, Dave Shannon, Norma, Mahina, Rick Grupshire, Lance and especially Bill Sergent for keeping the machines running.

Interclub: The next interclub will be February 18th at Imperial Valley.

Wednesday Trap League: We have the iron man in January. You get to shoot at the lower house and various handicaps

Youth Trap: We had 33 shooters and 11 of them were shooting for the first time. The response from the kids' parents and mentors was great. Thanks to Misty Willis, Robert Hensley, Rick Norfolk, Ed Maury, Debby, Fred Willis, Martin, Joe Colombo, Lance and Mahina for helping out.

WOT: Working on January 10th it is completely full. We still need help. Someone will be taking my place for WOT it will probably by July or October of next year will be my last one.

Tactical Shotgun: Is on the 29th of January. The fifth Sunday.

Need to set up on the Saturday before the shoot.

Fun Shoot: Frank Valdez we are allowing prospective members to come if they have their white card. The next fun shoot is in February on the second Sunday.

Fun Shoot: The Fun shoot will be 12th of February to expand the shoot to include Pistol and rifle. There will be more information coming about that match. On the rifle range we will have some precision rimfire rifles for you to try. One trap field will be set up purely for trap. The other one will be set up a demonstration sporting clay station. We will have four throwers set up probably. You can see a double set up or one high one low.

The Jim Kasten Memorial Cup: \$40.00 for 100 targets. An honorary match in the name of member Jim Kasten that is held 4 times a year.

Tuesday 5 Stand: Rod Tetrault reported. Tuesday 5 stand was cancelled for today due to wet weather. Thanks to Larry and Chris Bille and Gary.

Sporting Clays: Clyde Wilson reported. We had a lot of people not turn their scores in. We had a good turnout. We do not hold a December Sporting clays. The next one will be the 22nd of January.

Archery: January we want to do our tournaments on Sunday. We have shoots set up every 2nd Sunday of 2023. The April Match will be a tournament. The course is sometimes open during the week there is a money box here to make a 5.00 donation to help with the upkeep of the targets.

Boy Scout Merit Badge: Next Scout merit badge is on February 5th. The troop may do shotgun. Feb. 5th. Two troops are signed up. Inquiries for April and July. A troop signed up for October already. That program is running full steam again.

Black Powder match: third Sunday of the month. All shooters had problems. The high score for that day was seven. Steven is working on some fun targets. We had one 175-yard target to shoot at that only one person hit. We will have an ax to shoot at. Matches are getting more interesting.

Lowlight pistol: No report. On various Friday nights this is offered. For members it's free and guests are 5.00.

Defensive Handgun: No report. 2nd and 4th Fridays. The second Friday is the beginner's session. One of the club members got up to talk about defensive handgun.

Clay targets are increasing in price so other prices will increase. Clay bird donations are now 15.00 a box. Tuesday 5 stand is going from 8 to 10 dollars for nonmembers. Youth trap is going up to 15 dollars.