

The Front Sight

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President's Message

Jerry Shiller, President

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Safety issues are occurring with increasing frequency. Fortunately, there have not yet been negative consequences. Take time to refresh your safety thinking – complacency is not our friend. Safety is no accident – think about the double meaning of this statement.

The Club issues gate cards to members so they can enter/exit Club property at their convenience. The gate is locked open only during events that are open to the public. There have been several occurrences lately of non-members piggy-backing entry when members come in the gate. If you see someone waiting at the closed gate when you arrive, check to see why they want to come in. If they are a guest of a member, that member must be the person who lets their guest enter the range. This is important accountability for the Club's property and may have insurance consequences. Let's be sure we protect what we have.

Summary

September 19, 2023

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board approved applications for 16 new Club members. Look for the new faces Tom Bledsoe, Membership Chair, said we will be approaching our current membership cap (350 Regular + Military members) by the end of the year. Alan Cole reported that his work crew completed the new playground structure and that it would be open for use after we get the sand base placed around it. Club member Jon Hale has graciously agreed to donate the concrete needed to complete the handicap ramp in front of the sign-in shed. The work will occur during the week of September 25. The Board has a subcommittee fine tuning the wording for the proposed changes in membership requirements. We expect to notify all members of the proposed changes after the October Board meeting, with members voting whether to approve the proposed changes at the December Membership meeting. Be on the lookout for an email on this important topic in mid-October.

The Board approved the purchase of a replacement for the upper trap machine which has been increasingly needing repairs. The new machine should be installed in late October – early November. The Board approved working with CRPA to host one of their RangeCon events in May 2024. RangeCon is a gathering of local range operators and other interested parties to talk about legislation and local issues that affect ranges. More information will be available as the date approaches.

Environmental Training Corner

It is the Club environmental policy that all Club members and their guests are responsible to take their spent brass and shotgun shells with them when they leave the range. Disposal of spent brass and shotgun shells in the Club's solid waste containers (range barrels or large dumpsters) is prohibited. The only exception is .22 brass casings. All .22 brass shall be picked up off the ground and put into the small blue buckets located throughout the range. The Club will recycle the .22 brass to generate income to help with buying new target materials. Defective ammo – 'duds' – must be either removed from the range by the member or placed in one of the small black buckets labelled for dud disposal.

BLACK POWDER






Jerry Shiller

This month's targets were a turkey at 100 yards, a small swinger at 25 yards, and the William Tell apple target at 50 yards. Unfortunately, no one showed up except the shootmaster. Next match is early - Sunday October 15, 1:00 pm. New shooters are welcome. Let me know if you want to try shooting a black powder rifle or pistol for the first time so I can bring enough supplies.



GUN ROOM MUNITIONS

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22lr CCI Mini Mag 100 round box	\$9.95	25 Auto – Fiocchi 50gr 50 round box	\$29.95
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7MM Mauser Remington 140gr 20/bx	\$29.95	45-70 Govt Remington 405gr 20/bx	\$39.95
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**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.

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year will run concurrently with the membership fiscal year.
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month unless additional months are requested.

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 Louie (619)933-4835 with any questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Between now and the end of 2023, there will be several opportunities for volunteers to help the Club with various shooting activities. Specific volunteer requests will be forthcoming. In order, they are:

10/1 Sunday – Scout Shotgun Merit Badge. At this point I expect a small turnout; 5 mentors would be helpful

10/13 Friday – Sporting Clays range rental; 28 pullers/scorers needed to make event run smoothly

11/12 Sunday – NRA Family Shooting Sports Camp/Club Open House; all ranges open 4-5 mentors needed on each one plus 2 for pellet rifle; also needed are sign-in help (2-3), parking guide (1-2), safety brief (1-2). The Club will provide lunch for members.

11/11 Saturday (out of order, but not a Club event) – Mataguay Scout Ranch will be having their Fall Shooting Sports Day. This is the first time in 4 years to hold this event. Basically, this is their open house with up to 200 youth participants expected. It takes 20-25 volunteers to run this event, but due to the pandemic, their Shooting Sports volunteers are less than half that. Mentors needed for .22 rifle, center fire rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery, and black powder. Contact Jerry Shiller for more information.

Training Corner

Dave Reed

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UPCOMING TRAINING AT LEMON GROVE ROD AND GUN CLUB

Shooters,

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.

Free for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

For more information go to [Defensive Handgun \(lgrgc.com\)](https://www.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,

Youth Trap

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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.

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

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.

Please contact the shootmaster for any additional information or to volunteer.

We Appreciate Our Volunteers at LGRGC

The 2023 appreciation gifts have arrived for our terrific top 10% volunteers. It's a classy navy vest with the club logo pictured below. We think you will like it. Please pick yours up at the next board or general meeting.... or see Jim Williams next time you visit LGRGC.

Why is it often said that 10% of members do 90% of the work?

Some folks just try to get by while others jump in and help make an organization run! Why not join us and help if you are interested. Volunteer appreciation gifts are just our way of expressing our gratitude for your time and talents. If you see someone at the range in their 10%er gear - please take a moment to thank them.

If you are interested in helping at LGRGC for a special event, training, admin, workshop, or civic event watch our newsletter or contact Pres., Jerry Shiller or watch this newsletter for opportunities.

Volunteers Needed!



Jim Kasten

Perpetual Memorial Cup

You're invited to attend our club annual Jim Kasten Memorial Cup Match. The Jim Kasten Memorial Cup is a Sporting Clays Match consisting of Four yearly matches, 100 clays per match. Cost \$ 40. Per match. Awards eligibility, Jim Kasten Cup will only be awarded to Lemon Grove Shooting club members of good standing highest scorer will be declared match winner. Participants must attend all four yearly matches to be eligible for the awards. Awards will be awarded at the end of the fourth match.

Dates

10 December

Starting Times

7:00 AM - Match Registration

7:00 AM - Safety Briefing

8:00 AM - Match Shoot Begins

Bring Grievances, safety issues to the attention of the shootmaster or his/ her staff may be addressed at end of each match
Shoot Master

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

WELCOME NEW LGRGC CLUB MEMBERS

By Susan Vandendriess

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We are adding a section to this newsletter and will be interviewing some of our newest members each month so other members at large can get to know them and make them feel welcome. If you know a new member and would like to highlight them let me know.

Please be assured all information will stay in our members-only newsletter.

We hope all our members take advantage of serving on volunteer projects and committees, and will feel free to network with members at the club if there are any questions or suggestions.

Meet New Member

Laura Smith

I joined LGRGC to fellowship with friends who are better, meet new shooters and patriots, to get better at shooting, and join in on some of the friendly competition.

I grew up in Gaithersburg, MD and moved out to SD in 1992. No Friends, family, job. Came out on a wing and prayer.

I was a union Stagehand/AV tech for 30 years with IATSE Local 122. After the pandemic I never returned. Too many mandates and wokeism. For fun I work out, hike and foster Turtle and Tortoise for the 501c San Diego Turtle and Tortoise where I hold a position at Vice President.

I like the handgun range and I want to try trap and get better at using my shotgun

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.

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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<https://www.zazzle.com/store/lemongrovegear>

Check it out today!

Meet New Member

Julio Bello

I'm a lifelong shooter and relatively new to the area (Lakeside). A former co-worker invited me over and I really liked the facility, the club is only 17 minutes from my front door. I'm a Lifelong San Diegan, and grew up in the South Bay. When I am not at the range, I'm the Fleet Supervisor for the Port of San Diego, and have been there 20 years. My hobbies are shooting, reloading, bullet casting, collecting militaria, history buff, camping, cooking, starting to get into gardening.

I have only done beginner's practical pistol; I really enjoyed it. I plan on doing more as time allows. I'd also like to do volunteer work and make new friends. Been married 3 years (together 20) to my Wife Robin and we have a pet Terrier named Toto.

Ginger Wolbers (Bass) Memorial Shoot

14th Annual Trap Shooting Event in the Memory of Our Lost Friend

Dodge City



Ginger's Dodge City Winning Smile

When: Saturday October 14th, 2023
Registration begins at 8:00 AM

Where: Lemon Grove Rod & Gun Club
16232 Sequan Truck Trail
Alpine, Ca.

What: Dodge City events will consist of 25 trap targets from the 16-yard line, and 25 trap targets from a handicap yardage determined by your 16-yard score. A random pick of names will pair you with another shooter and you will shoot (2) rounds of buddy shoots from the 27-yard line. Total of all (4) scores determines your final score. Shooter(s) with the highest final score wins.

Cost: \$40 per person in attendance and includes lunch. The net proceeds to be donated to a local battered women's shelter. Donations will be accepted in lieu of attendance.

Directions: Take HYW 8 east to Alpine Tavern Rd. turn off. Continue on Tavern Rd. heading south approximately 3 1/2 miles to Sequan Truck Trail. Turn right on Sequan Truck Trail, continue for approximately 3 miles. Look for the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club sign on the right side of the road.

For more information contact:

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Lunch will be served between the handicap and buddy shoot events. The menu will be announced at a later date.