

Debbie and to all other competitors for a safe shoot. Congratulations to the winners.

Indoor Junior Rifle News

Shoots will start again in September, with the first and third Thursday as regularly scheduled shoot nights commencing at 6 PM. The second Thursday of each month will be the orientation and safety brief for new shooters. If you are interested in starting the program in September, please e-mail Mike Davis at daviscabinetry@yahoo.com. Have a great summer and we hope to see you all back at the Indoor Range in September.

Changes to the Department of Fish and Game Hunter Education Program

As you know, Apple Valley Gun Club has been a long supporter of and host to an active Hunter Education program. There are some changes in the program that now make it even easier to get your Hunter Education Certification. We now host an internet based course that requires only a 4 hour review and test period at the club, instead of the previous 10 hour course. Go to the Conservation and Education page of this web site and download our flier with instructions for signing up for the 4 hour test session and the online course. Just as a reminder, anyone who is planning a hunting trip to another state needs to check on Hunter Education Certification requirements for that state. Make sure you have the proper certification before you go. **Hunting season is HERE. Look at the conservation and education links on the web site to find the hunting and conservation groups here in the High Desert. Join, support and participate in these groups and support our hunting community here in the High Desert.**

Scheduled events for this summer

The next event for women will be on September 25th, 2010. This event is the NRA's **Women on Target** program. Apple Valley Gun Club has previously hosted this event and it has been a success each time. Again, this event is open to any woman or young lady who is interested in the shooting sports and is a great way to introduce someone to the safe, responsible and ethical handling of firearms.

Pistol Range News and Match Results

This month's Steel Challenge was conducted on Saturday, August 14, 2010. The stages shot were Pendulum, Roundabout, Smoke and Hope and Outer Limits. A total of 36 shooters participated in two categories: Rimfire and Semi-Automatic Pistols. While the heat caught up with some of the participants, the results were solid.

In the Rimfire category, Matt McCourt finished first followed by Leif Rutzebeck and Dave Brown. Matt averaged just 3.352 seconds per string (five targets per string).

In the Semi-Automatic Pistol category, Matt McCourt came through once again followed by Keith Drew and Robert Forgey. Matt averaged 4.363 seconds per string.

The individual scores are available via a link found in the pistol tab of the AVGC web site Questions

about the scores may be addressed to Rick Danzey , rick@rickdanzey.com.

We are often asked about what equipment is needed to participate in the Steel Challenge. Each participant needs a pistol or revolver of any caliber; five magazines, speed loaders or moon clips; 200 rounds of ammunition; a holster compatible to the gun being used (.22 pistols do not require a holster); eye protection; and hearing protection. Equipment may be shared but the RO needs to be aware to insure that ample time is provided between those sharing equipment. In addition we recommend that every shooter bring ample water and sun screen. The stages shot are rotated among 8 of the Steel Challenge stages each month. Depictions for each stage are found on the SCSA web site (www.steelchallenge.com).

Indoor Range Orientation and Access

Keys for the indoor range are available only to personnel that have completed their probationary period, have presented their membership card and been checked out on the specific precautions to be taken and the rules of operation inside the indoor range. Contact any Board member on the procedure to get a key and who to contact. Board members contact information is listed on this website under "contact us" and "club officers".

Club Orientations

There is a Club orientation held on the 3rd Sunday of each month and begins at noon. Although this is primarily conducted for new members that are considered probationary members, any member may attend. If you have been a member for a while, one of these orientations would help you get caught up on things that are happening on the ranges. There is heavy emphasis on Safety issues and on new club policies and procedures. For any associate member who wants to get a club card, that associate member must attend a club orientation.

Apple Valley Gun Club Community Support

The Apple Valley Gun Club is frequently looking for things to get involved in that are beneficial to the local communities or worthwhile to individuals that might otherwise not have the opportunity to achieve success.

We also use this space to make members aware of important issues concerning our membership as a whole or individual members and their families. One such issue has involved member Ken Kohler and his family. Here is a note from his wife, Kasey, describing what Ken has been enduring since 1999.

"We want to thank the Apple Valley Gun Club for your support!

National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS) is a nonprofit organization inspiring hope and providing leadership within the brain tumor community. We exist to find a cure and improve the quality of life for those affected by brain tumors. We fund strategic research, deliver support services, and promote collaboration. The money raised through Brain Tumor Walk events is critical to support the ongoing work of the NBTS.

My husband, Ken, had surgery in 1999 to remove a brain tumor. Unfortunately, that surgery was not successful, and he has had a re occurrence that was diagnosed in October 2008. Ken underwent

radiation treatment using the Novalis system at UCLA from February - April 2009. His prognosis is good, but the doctors agree that they can only prolong the inevitable since there is no way to do surgery and remove the tumor this time.

Our family was lucky in that the Veteran's Administration took care of the bill for this treatment. Most people do not have adequate insurance to cover necessary procedures. This Walk will help to discover possible cures as well as help those who need financial assistance.

Visit our site: <http://www.braintumorcommunity.org/goto/Koehler> or call Kasey Koehler at (760) 881-4331 to see how you can help."

Visit the Apple Valley Gun Club website at www.applevalleygunclub.com. This site has a schedule of events and anything that is shown on the calendar is open to the public. Heavy emphasis is placed on proper gun safety, sportsmanship and maintaining a safe place to shoot. Come out and join the activities at a great place to enjoy the shooting sports.

Apple Valley Gun Club sponsors many conservation groups who use our facilities and offer opportunities to our membership to learn about hunting and wildlife management and participate in activities that support wildlife management. One such organization, Quail Unlimited Chapter 759, has now affiliated with Quail Forever. If you are interested in learning about Upland Bird Hunting or if you just want to participate in wildlife habitat projects, come to a meeting. Quail Forever will continue to meet at the Apple Valley Gun Club every third Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Hit their web site at:

<http://www.highdesertquailforever.org/>.

Also, Quail Forever will continue to work in conjunction with Water for Wildlife, The Society for the Conservation of Big Horn Sheep and the Bureau of Land Management and other federal and state land managers on water and habitat projects. These projects directly impact hunting opportunities in the High Desert. Get involved.

Other conservation groups active here in the High Desert include the National Wild Turkey Federation, The California Deer Association, the High Desert Predators and the Society for the Conservation of Big Horn Sheep. Also, Cliff McDonald's group, Water for Wildlife, is running a massive effort to rehabilitate and improve all of the natural and man made water sites in the Mojave Desert. Information on all of these groups is on the Education and Conservation page, for call one of the Hunter Education Instructors at the club for details and meeting times.

Youth Marksmanship Training Programs

Apple Valley Gun Club offers many opportunities for young people to learn about the safe, responsible and ethical handling of firearms and archery equipment. Check out Junior Trap with Ken Brinkley and crew; come watch the Competitive Marksmanship Program in the Indoor Range; come to the open archery events hosted at the archery range. And bring your kids and grand kids. Get them involved in the shooting sports early. Get them involved in our resident Hunter Education program. Remember, if you take your kids hunting, you will never have to hunt for your kids. The future of the shooting sports depends on the next generation getting involved. Bring them to the club and get them involved.

Indoor Junior Rifle Orientation

For those who are interested in getting their youngsters involved in the NRA Junior Small bore program at the indoor range, please note that the mandatory orientation for all shooters will be conducted on the Second Thursday of each month, starting at 6 pm. Mike Davis and Rick Hearrell will conduct the safety orientation at this time for all who want to join the action. Watch the calendar and contact Mike or Rick for details. Once the new shooters have completed the orientation, they will progress in to the program.

CALTRANS INTERSTATE 15 PROJECT

We have just received the official news concerning the CalTrans I-15 project (Spring of 2012 start) and its impact on Apple Valley Gun Club. The facts of this project are that it will be extensive, running from Rancho Road in Hesperia to beyond Dale Evans Road in Apple Valley, and involves the construction of a cloverleaf north of our property. We are giving CalTrans an 80' easement on our western boundary so they can maintain a grade for Stoddard Wells Road. We will also give them a temporary use of 12,400 square feet of land to the west of the pistol range for equipment staging and storage. Once the project is complete, our land will be cleaned up and returned to us, our fences will be replaced, and we will have an easement on the western boundary of our property. For our trouble, CalTrans will pay Apple Valley Gun Club \$53,500.00. At our June Board of Directors meeting, the board accepted the proposal and passed it to the membership for a vote. The membership approved the contract with Caltrans at our June 9th membership meeting after a question and answer period. On Monday, June 14th the Secretary met with Mr. Anthony Rizzi and signed the contract and funding authorizations. On Sunday, June 20th, the President and Secretary signed a notarized copy of the deed and it has been forwarded to **CALTRANS**. We are now pending payment authorization by **CALTRANS**. The updates will be posted on the Apple Valley Gun Club News Page under **CALTRANS** and will be updated as the project progresses. All maps, plans and documents relating to this project will be maintained in the clubhouse and will be available for membership inspection. Let the secretary know what you would like to see and arrange a time to view and copy documents.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Gate Combination Change

The combination changed on March 1st, 2010

1. The combination is on the back of your new membership card which is included in this mailing.
2. Do not give the gate combination to anyone. This club belongs to its members and when unauthorized personnel have access and they do not help maintain the club, it becomes unfair to those that do.
3. There is a "Logbook" in the clubhouse. If you find things wrong you have a responsibility to note them in this book. If the problem that you record in the "logbook" is a simple fix, please correct it if you have time and can do so correctly. If it is a Safety hazard, please document it in the book as well as notify a Board member or a Range Chairman as well.
4. Note that all events scheduled on our calendar are **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. The club is closed to

the public for unmonitored and unsupervised shooting, but is open to the public for all of the events you see listed on our monthly calendars. Please help correct the incorrect perception that we are closed to the public. We offer many fine events and learning opportunities for the members of the public and hope you will invite your friends and neighbors to participate.