

## **Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club**

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### Newsletter

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### August Calendar

*Weekly – Thursday nights P.V.R.G.C., range 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM, IPSC Shooters only.  
August 4th– Members meeting – Social hour 6:30 P.M. – Dinner 7:30 P.M. On the menu – Linguica and Beans .  
August 12<sup>th</sup> - Board of Directors Meeting– applications 6 :30 PM – meeting 7:00 PM.  
August 13rd-- Venture Crew 568 – Meeting 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Range closed .  
August 27th– Venture Crew 568 – Meeting 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Range closed.*

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*Notice – After attending three meetings, a candidate for membership and his sponsor must attend the next session which will be the second Tuesday of the month following at 6:00 P.M., sharp. Sponsors must phone Bill Sanchez at 724-8620 the day of the session to confirm attendance of both parties.*

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*Notice – Members who use the lake or park on the premises must leave their membership card on top of the instrument panel where it will be visible through the windshield. Unattended vehicles are checked by our Caretaker to determine if occupants are members of P.V.R.G..C.*

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*Victory in the Supreme Court – On June 26, 2008, the Supreme Court affirmed, in a 5 – 4 decision, the ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit that the Second Amendment protects pre-existing, private, individually-held Right to Keep Arms and to Bear Arms, without regard to a person's relationship to a militia.*

*The narrow ruling should be a reminder about the importance of this presidential election. As the Wall Street Journal noted, "With the next President likely to appoint as many as three Justices, the right to bear arms has been affirmed but still isn't safe."*

*Following up on yesterdays Supreme Court ruling that the Second Amendment protect a private right to possess firearms that is not limited to militia service, the NRA recently filed five lawsuits challenging local gun bans in San Francisco, Chicago and several of its suburbs.*

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*Obama's Threat to the Second Amendment-During the primaries, Obama tried to hide behind vague statements of support for "Sportsmen" or unfounded claims of general support for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. But don't listen to his campaign rhetoric. His real record based on votes taken, political associations, long-standing positions, and his own words, shows that Barack Obama is a very serious threat to our Second Amendment liberties.*

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*The legendary great white shark is far more fearsome our imagination than in reality. As scientific research on these elusive predators increases, their image as mindless killing machines is beginning to fade. Of the 100 plus annual shark attacks worldwide, fully one third to on half are attributable to Great Whites. However, most of these are not fatal, and new research finds that Great Whites, who are naturally curious, are “sample biting” then releasing their victim rather*

*than preying on humans. It’s not a terribly comforting distinction, but it does but it does indicate that humans are not actually on the Great White’s menu. Great Whites are the largest predatory fish on earth. They grow to an average of ,15 feet in length, though specimens exceeding 20 feet and weighing up to 5,000 pounds have been recorded. They can leave the water completely, breaching like whales when attacking from underneath. Their mouths are lined with up to 3,000 serrated, triangular teeth arranged in several rows and have an exception of smell to detect prey. Their main prey items include sea lions, seals, small toothed whales and even sea turtles and carrion.*

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*California black bear cubs are typically born in early February while the sow is hibernating. Black bears typically mate in June and July. Although the bears are opportunists and utilize a wide variety of plant and animal foods, their simple stomachs are inefficient at extracting nutrients from plant matter. They require berries, acorns and other highly digestible plant foods to provide them with sufficient nutrition to meet their reproductive requirements. Weight loss during hibernation is extreme. Despite the loss, more than 90% survive the winter. Bears appear to maintain muscle mass and tone during three to four month hiberna-*

*tion. Once spring rolls around, and the bear and their cubs, emerge from their dens, the cubs follow their mother and learn from everything she does. Some cubs remain with the sow for up to two years before they become independent and drift away. Black bears keep their head and torso warm and will wake if disturbed. Attacks are rare and excessive warnings about them create unnecessary fear.*

*(Forwarded by Stu Lawson)*

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**240 Weatherby Magnum** – *The 240 Weatherby is the only modern 6mm belted magnum. Two older belted cartridges – the 240 belted rimless Nitro Express and the 244 H & H Magnum –predate the Weatherby development by decades but were nearly unknown in the United States. Introduced in 1968 in Weatherby’s Mark V bolt action rifle, 240 Weatherby was a totally new case design. The case has the same rim diameter as the 30-06 so rifles can be built on standard actions. As with most cartridges of this class, the belt is strictly cosmetic. Best accuracy and case life is obtained when the case head spaces on the generous shoulder. For the reloader who has an ample supply of cases, the 240 Weatherby is the premier 6mm cartridge. It’s use on game heavier than deer, is limited by bullet selection. Most 6mm diameter bullets were designed for lighter game, and often aren’t tough enough to hand the Weatherby’s velocity potential.*



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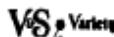


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**President's Column**

*Our President Bruce Kobara is currently busy with family matters and asked that I write an article for this page in his stead.*

*Industry standards are set by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI), an organization founded in 1926 at the request of the federal government. Today, SAAMI publishes more than 700 voluntary standards related to firearm and ammunition quality and safety.*

*SAAMI is an accredited standards developer for the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) These standards are reviewed by outside parties, such as the National Institute of Standards and Technology and every five years the validity of the standards is reaffirmed. The United Armed Forces, the FBI and many other state and local agencies require that their firearms are manufactured accordance with SAAMI specifications.*

*Anti-gun activists also claim that the technology exists to make a "smart" or "personalized" gun that can be fired only by a single user and that consumer protection laws could mandate the technology be added to guns. In fact, the technology does not exist.*

*On October 7, 1999 Andrew J. Brignoli, vice-president of Colt's Manufacturing Co., which had received federal grants to research "smart guns" told a special commission in Maryland: "No technology exists in a form that has been proven to be safe."*

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