

Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club

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Newsletter **February, 2011**

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Calendar

IPSC Shooters Only - Thursday evenings 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Members Meeting – First Monday of each month – social hour 6:30

Dinner 7:30 PM, Menu for this month - Beef Stew & Trimmings

Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of each month – applications 6:00 PM

Meeting 7:30 PM.

Venture Crew 568 – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM,

Range Closed.

President's Column

Last month we lost Hans Lauesen, Hans was a life member and a friend to many club members as well as myself. He will be missed. By request of his sons a toast was given to his memory instead of a moment of silence at the last meeting.

We are waiting for one more bid for the club gate and fence, we should have it by the next meeting and we will start construction as soon as possible.

Those who have boats stored by the launch ramp need to identify their boat to Robbie Brookes or Mark, we will be putting a decal on the boats that are supposed to be stored at the club. Boats not authorized to be stored at the club may be disposed of or confiscated by the club.

The Valentines dance will be held on Feb 12th, tickets are \$25.00 each when purchased prior to the dance, the price at the door will be higher. Tickets are available at East Lake Hardware or from Roger Silva. The price includes a steak dinner. Live music will be provided by Ken Mabie. Our raffle for this quarter will be for \$1,000.00 cash. Tickets will be a donation of \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00, the drawing will be on the May General meeting.

Remember if you pay your dues by the Feb. general meeting, dinner is free! .

The club bass tournament for January will be on the 29th, start time is 7:00 AM.

The lake front home owners assoc. will be meeting at our club on the 22nd of Jan. at 9:30 AM.

Just a heads up for anyone who may want to use the range, plan on shooting in the afternoon please.

We have two new members in the club; Louis Henderson and Travis Goldman also Jake Lambert has moved back to town and his membership has been reinstated.

We will be holding the Kid's Fishing Derby at Pinto Lake on the 1st of May all kids 12 and under are invited with their parents. We will be needing club members to help out to make it a great day for kids. Bruce Kobara, President - bakobara@aol.com – home 724-2902 – cell 254-2902.

Shooters' Work Party

When: 9:00 AM, Saturday February 5th
Where: Range
What: Finish the backstop ceiling
Contact: John Maraldo 728-8611

You may have noticed that deflected material is tearing up the insulation over the backstop. We did not have the funds last time around to finish our ceilings. Over time we will soundproof all our ceilings, but this portion of the ceiling can't wait. The Board has approved the purchase of soundproofing panels and Fred Pierce will donate 3/4" plywood panels, so we can install a layer of soundproofing and protect it with the plywood. When that's done we'll deploy shovels and rakes to take out the slump in the backstop material.

There is lead in the backstop rubber, so those few who will actually climb up on the backstop should bring along a paper dust mask and disposable over-suit (I'm told paper suits are about \$5 at Home Depot). We can also use a few other helpers to "hold the other end" by handing up tools and materials.

If you can help, please call me at 728-8611.

Range Orientations

Some of you have paid your 2011 Shooters dues, but have not completed the range orientation. If our Mike Ciglar does not have a record of your having completed the orientation, he will withhold your 2011 Shooters renewal. Call me during working hours at 728-8611 to schedule your orientation.



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Grey, or Timber Wolf



The Gray Wolf or Timber Wolf, can be black, red, white, brown, or a combination of those colors.

The farther North they are found, the bigger the wolf. Males are bigger than the females. They usually lope at around 5 MPH, can run at 25 MPH for several miles and can sprint up to 45 MPH. The Gray Wolf can live to around 13 years of age. Gray Wolves usually run in a pack, for several reasons. First, they seem to need the companionship. They are close relatives of the domestic dog and the way dogs interact with humans, the wolves interact with each other. It also makes them more, successful hunters, like a pride of lions; they can drag down large game. However all Gray Wolves do not run with a pack, some are loners.

The Wolf helps nature out a great deal. They kill weaker animals, leaving stronger ones as the breeders. This in turn makes the elk, deer or whatever stronger, down the line. Also other animals feed off the remains of prey that the Wolves do not consume.

The wolf pack is a social and socially ranked group. An Alpha male and female lead each pack. When one of the Alpha's dies, the other quickly takes a new mate and usually keeps leadership of the pack. The average Gray Wolf Pack has 8 members but can be from 2 to 20 at times.

The Wolf pack hunts by scent and goes after any large herbivores in their area. They will take moose, elk, deer, caribou and even American Bison (Buffalo). When a wolf is a loner, he will take smaller game, such as rabbits, squirrels, and even mice.

New Shooters

All new shooters desiring to use the range must meet with Range Master, John Maraldo for a shooting orientation. Please phone him at 728-8611 to make necessary arrangements for this session. Guest shooters can use the range for shooting purposes three times, after which they must join the club for continued usage.

Lake Users

Custodian "Mark" has again issued instructions for lake users. Since he is responsible for those who use this area, he once again would like to remind members to leave their membership card on the instrument panel in an obvious location.

Candidates for Membership

After attending three meetings, candidates for membership and his sponsors must attend the following session which will be the second Tuesday of the month following at 6:00 PM sharp. Sponsors must phone Bill Sanchez at 724-8620 on the day of the session to confirm attendance of both parties. Dues payment must be made by check or money order. Cash will not be accepted.

Diamond Back Rattler

(adjunct to snake article, January issue). This snake is best noted for its distinct alternating black and white rings on its tail, just above the rattle. A light stripe behind the eye reaches the lip in the front corner of the mouth. The diamond shaped pattern is not clear cut and distinct.



The snake may appear speckled. The diamondback is responsible for most of the poisonous snake bites. It is a large aggressive pit viper that can exceed 6 feet in length.

Over 8,000 people are bitten by poisonous snakes in the United States each year. On average, fewer than 10 snake bite deaths are reported. In fact, more people die from wasp and bee stings than from snakebites. Nonetheless, venomous snakes must be considered dangerous and even non-fatal bites can cause severe pain and long lasting tissue damage.

There are three species of poisonous snakes in the United States, the Copperhead, Water Moccasin and Rattlesnake, all belong to a group known as pit vipers. They get this title due to their highly specialized venom apparatus which include two long hinged fangs and a pair of extremely sensitive innervated pits which are located between their eyes and nostrils. These pits are "heat detectors" used for hunting and are so sensitive that blindfolded snakes have been able to accurately locate their victim. If you are bitten by a venomous snake, get to a hospital without delay so they can administer anti venom serum. If you are bitten by a non – venomous snake, cleanse the wound since bacteria may be present.

