

Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club

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Newsletter July, 2011

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Members

*Hall Rentals,
Bill Sanchez
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Abel Campos
Caretaker,
Mark Neher*

Calendar

IPSC Shooters only – Thursday evenings 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

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

Dinner 7:30 PM. Menu for this month: popular skirt steaks and beans.

Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of each month-applications 6:00 PM meeting 7:00 PM.

Venture Club 568 – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Range closed.

July President's Column

As of July 1st the gate at the entrance to the club will be closed. Each member will have access to the code number to open the gate. We will mail you the code number before July 1st. After the 1st you can open the gate with your code number, all normal check in procedures will remain the same: check in with the custodian Mark, Place your membership card on the dashboard of your vehicle when using the range or going fishing. When leaving the club property pause at the gate and the gate will automatically open to let you out. The code will be changed every year and the new code number will be on your membership card.

The July meeting will be bring your favorite vehicle to show off, hot rods, bikes, hunting rigs. We will have an area for you to display your ride. September will be, show off your favorite hunting firearm or bow. By the way the club does have an archery range. It is below the lower parking lot.

The club members bass derby will be Saturday July 16th 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

If you have any ideas for a club activities including family activities let me or a Board member know what it is. We will do our best to make it happen.

Any member who has some spare time, please contact any board member to find out what work party jobs that may be needed, any and all volunteers will be appreciated.

We have eight new members voted into the club by the Board of Directors! Chuck Stewart, Willie Fujita, Aurelio Gonzalez, Paul Jimenez, Richard Montalvo, Bert Nabor, Steven Nakamoto and Randy Sharp. Welcome to the club gentlemen.

Those of you that would like to receive the newsletter by email, please, email Mike Cigler.

Mike's email address is; m.ciggy@sbcglobal.net. The club will save about \$14.00 per member per year for each newsletter that is emailed vs mailing a hard copy. Also the newsletter is posted on our web site <http://www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org/> however; you will receive the email newsletter the soonest.

Bruce Kobara, bakobara@aol.com, 724-2902 home, 254-2902 cell.

(Posted and pasted as received.)

Matching-Grant Range Fundraiser & October Shoot

By John Maraldo, Range Master

As many of you are aware, the pace of range improvement has slowed considerably since the loss of one of the Club's major fundraisers. Though we have skilled volunteer labor (and have in abundance!) the materials we need (sound board, bullet board, etc.) are expensive. And as some of you are aware, there are many pressing needs competing for the Club's 2011 improvements budget. But at its June meeting the Board decided to make a second investment in the range if we shooters also step up. Specifically, the Club will match the first \$2500 of our contributions toward range improvement.

Here are the rules:

- 1. Your contribution must be no less than \$20.*
- 2. Your contribution must be in the form of a check payable, "Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club."*
- 3. Because I will be responsible for tracking our donations, your check must be in my hands or in the range donation box by no later than September 30, 2011. Shooters comprise about half our membership, so if this fundraiser is a bust we'll have only ourselves to blame. But in that unlikely event, we'll buy accessories (maybe shooting bags, pistol rests, a rifle bench.), items we would otherwise postpone purchasing until construction is complete. But if the fundraiser is a success, we can dramatically accelerate our progress toward completion. I will announce the results of our fundraiser in October.*

Do You Want An October Shoot?

In the misty days of yore, our Club would host shooting competitions, open to members and nonmembers alike, three or four times a year. The shoots were informal bull's-eye contests in rimfire rifle (10 shots) and rimfire and centerfire pistol and revolver (3 shots), with generous handicaps for the kids. The entry fee and prizes were modest - the only point of these events being to have fun together. If you think you and your family might enjoy participating in such an event this October, please email me at johnmmaraldo@gmail.com. If I get even a modest response, we'll schedule a shoot some Saturday morning in October.

New shooters

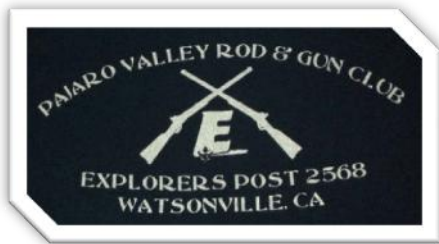
All new shooters desiring to use the range, must meet with Range Master, John Maraldo for a shooting orientation. Please phone him at 728-8611 to make necessary arrangements for this session. Guest shooters can use the range for shooting purposes three times after which they must join the club for continued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

Range, Grounds & Lake Users

Caretaker "Mark" has stressed the importance of leaving their membership cards in an obvious area on the upper instrument panel when leaving their vehicles unattended at the lake, range or other club premises. And as a reminder, members must check in with Mark when using all of the above. Non-members and uninvited guests could be considered trespassers and in such case, a liability in event of accident or injury involvement.

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.



Explorer Post 2568, Watsonville, CA 95076

There is no charge for joining, and for most shooting activities. Outings typically have a nominal charge to cover expenses. Crew 568 is a Venture Crew and is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. The crew is chartered by the Pajaro Valley Rod and Gun Club. Crew 568 is open to male and female youths, ages 14-21. To shoot pistols, BSA and PVRGC require that youths take and pass the NRA Basic Pistol Course. To shoot rifles, PVRGC requires that youths take and pass the NRA Basic Rifle course. The crew has several instructors for these courses, and offers them at the regular meeting time. Note - both courses practice shooting under an instructor's supervision in the club (PVRGC). The crew uses the BSA safety rules, known as the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day

Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day (MBYOD) will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds on National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 24th of this year, from 10:00 to 4:00, and I'd like it if it could get a mention in the next PVRGC newsletter. MBYOD was created to teach children about all of the wonderful outdoor activities that are available to them in California. It will feature booths staffed by local experts in the fields of hunting, fishing, archery, backpacking, camping, scuba, surfing, sailing, horseback riding, wildlife photography, skate boarding, paddle boarding, kayaking, and mountain biking. Admission will be free, and all kids under 15 will get a free raffle ticket for merchandise or lessons available from various sponsors. A few lucky ones will receive free hunting or fishing trips. We are seeking volunteers to work at the event, and sponsors. All donations will be tax deductible. More information, as well as donation forms, are available at the MBYOD web site. Certain hunting and trapping activities have already been banned in California because of the ballot initiative process. If we want to prevent similar initiatives from passing in the future, we must do more to interest our youths in outdoor activities – Isaac Shikuma

2011 Santa Cruz County Hunter Education Class Schedule

Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club July 30th – Aug. 6th – 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Two half-day Saturday classes to complete course. No age requirement – must attend both days - \$15.00 per person. Contact Gary Brenner (831) 421-2450 or Bob Cabral (831) 722-0563. Classes to follow with the above requirements and information prevailing, are as follows: October 15th – 22nd and December 3rd – 10th.

357 vs. 911

As most of us know, guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property - gun control affects only the law-abiding citizens. It's less likely these individuals will fall prey to violent criminals. Most policemen understand that they virtually always arrive on the crime scene after it has been committed. In such cases, the presence of weapons could be a deterring factor. Read California Penal Code Section 198.5 below:

“Any person using force intended or likely to cause death or great bodily injury within his or her residence shall be presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily injury to self, family, or a member of the household when that force is used against another person, not a member of the family or household, who unlawfully and forcibly enters or has unlawfully and forcibly entered the residence and the person using the force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry occurred.”

And remember – when considering numbers, 357 works more rapidly and is more effective than 911 when perils of death or great bodily harm is imminent.

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