

Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club

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Newsletter - August, 2011

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Members

Hall Rentals,
Bill Sanchez
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Calendar

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

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

Members Meeting – First Monday of each month- social hour 6:30 PM, dinner @ 7:30 PM.

Dinner for this month – Linguica & beans.

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

If the first Monday falls on a National Holiday, the Members Meeting will be held on the next Monday. The first Monday in September will be Labor Day. Mark your calendar to attend the following Monday. No holidays are shown on the first Mondays, during the remainder of the year, 2011.

President's Message

July's bring your favorite vehicle was a great success, the board has decided to make it an annual July event for the club. We had a great turn out of club members and some fantastic wheels to admire. Next month we will have a land survival theme, we will show you some survival techniques and how to build your own personal survival kit for your hunting and fishing expeditions. If any club member has an idea for a club meeting theme let me or any board member know and we will see if we can do it. So far we have had SASS "Cowboy night", bring your favorite military fire arm night and bring your favorite vehicle night. We will have bring your favorite hunting/sporting firearm or bow night in the future.

Fishermen, to help develop the picnic area so that members can bring their family's to BBQ or picnic and let their kids and grand kids fish from the shore. If you would cut or pull up the tules that are on the south shore so that they can fish from shore. Just from the mouth of our launch area and for about 15 yards toward the ramp. I realize that that is a good bass environment but you do have the rest of the lake to fish, so help us out and maybe some of the kids will get the fishing bug from their Dad or Grandfather.

It has been brought to my attention that some person or persons have been bringing their own alcohol to the dinner meeting. Please, don't bring your own alcohol, not because we are worrying about losing sales in the bar but because state liquor laws prohibit it, we could lose our bar license over this infraction. Please, do not bring your own alcohol to the meeting while the bar is open and if you see anyone bring their own bottle ask them put away in their vehicle or let me or a board member know and we will take care of it.

You all should have received your PIN number for the gate, if you haven't contact me or a board member. And again do not give out your pin number to non-club members.

The August bass derby will be on Sunday, Aug. 7th 6:00 AM to Noon.

We have four new members that have been voted in this month; David Bradock, Alex Martin, Jessie Rodgeas and Dan Tracy, welcome to the club. We now have 350 members, the largest membership in our clubs 70 year history.

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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. The newsletter is posted on our web site <http://www.pajarovalleyrodandgun.org/> However; you will receive the e-mail Newsletter the soonest.

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(Copied and pasted as received)

Matching-Grant Range Fundraiser & Rules – John Maraldo, Range Master

The range looks pretty good, but it's far from finished. At minimum, to complete the range in its present configuration, we need to improve the ventilation, finish the ceiling, install additional target retrieval systems and bring the bullet board back to the firing line. The Board decided to make a second investment in the range this year 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.

Rules Reminders

If you notice another shooter failing to comply with a rule, please speak up. It's been my experience over the years that rules violations result from forgetfulness.

Two rules reminders seem in order in light of recent events

All targets must be placed as close to the rubber backstop as possible. When you need to shoot at shorter range, move your bench up. The reason for this rule is that we want all projectiles to terminate in the backstop. This rule was recently violated when the shooter placed the retrievable target at mid-range. As a result, we have seven strikes on the baffle above the backstop.

During a cease fire, no shooter should be at his bench. Once again the ceasefire procedure is as follows: when a cease fire is called, everyone stops shooting, unloads, places his firearm on the bench with the action locked or propped open, and steps back. The Range Officer then inspects each firearm to be sure it is, as the Rules put it, "at rest". The Range Officer may then give permission to go down range, etc., Until the Range Officer gives a "Commence Fire" command, no one is to handle a firearm or anything on his shooting bench.

Reloaders Beware

The primer is the most dangerous and most underestimated part of the entire reloading hobby. Primers explode and they can do so with great violence. Primers don't need to scare you – just respect them. One seldom read warning on almost every printing tool that holds more than on primer is that they should not be loaded with an entire box (typically 100 primers at one time). If you mash a primer too hard or too fast, it could explode. It doesn't happen very often but it needs to happen once next to a tray of 100 primers which could ruin your day. On the lighter side – once you've seated your primers, inspect them. The surface of the primer should be flush with the head of the case or slightly below

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 accept



Club Bar-keeps – Paul Cunningham, Rodger Silva & Richard Travis

Monerey Bay Youth Outdoor Day

Monerey Bay Youth Outdoor Day (MBYOD) will be held at the Sana Cruz County Fairgrounds on National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 24th of this year, from 10:00 to 4:00 PM. MBYOD was created to teach children about all of the wonderful outdoor hunting, fishing, acrhery, backpacking, camping, scuba, surfing, sailing, horseback riding, wildlife photography, skate boardiong, paddle boarding and mountain biking. Admission will be free and all kids under 5 will ge a free raffle ticket for merchandise or leassons 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 informaioni as well as donations forms are available t the MBYOG web site. Cetain hunting and trappinig activities have already been banned in California because of the ballot initioative process. If we want to prevent similar initiatives from passing in the future, we must do more to interest our youth in outdoor activities. – Isaac Shikuma.

2011 Santa Cruz County Hunting Education Class Schedule

Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club – 8:00 AM – 2:00 P:M. Two half-day Saturday classes to complete the course. No age requirement – must attend both days. \$15.00 per person. Contact Gary Brenner (831) 421-2450 or Bob Cabral (831)722-0563. Remaining classes are scheduled as follows: October 15th – 22nd and December 3rd – 10th.

Ballistic Fingerprinting

Every firearm leaves a unique fingerprint that can pinpoint the firearm used. This is a MYTH. The same gun will produce different markings on bullets and casings, and different guns can produce similar markings. Additionally, the type of ammunition actually used is a crime could differ from the type used when the gun was originally test-fired – a difference that could lead to significant error in suggesting possible matches. The common layman seems to believe that two bullets fired from the same weapon are identical down to the very last striation placed on them by the weapon. The trained firearms examiner knows how far that is from reality.

The rifle used in the Martin Luther King assassination was test fired 18 times under court supervision and the results showed that no two bullets were marked alike. Every test bullet was different because it was going over plating created by the previous bullet.

California Trout Fishing

The five primary trout are the rainbow, brook, brown, cutthroat and lake trout. Brown trout are considered the most difficult to catch and brookies are easiest. Pure, cold water is key to survival of the trout and the brook is most sensitive to temperature. The others are comfortable in slightly warmer waters. Northern California has clear, cold water which the trout adore.

One can find trout in Lake Almanor, Lake Berryessa, Ballards Bar Reservoir, Folsom Lake, Lake Latoma, Lake Oroville, Lake Shasta and Trinity Lake. Feeder streams and waters coming out of the spillways may also provide some exciting trout fishing. Lake Natoma holds the state for rainbow trout.

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