

Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club

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Newsletter - October, 2011

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Members

Hall Rentals,
Bill Sanchez
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Mark Neher

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 – skirt steaks and beans, a favorite with members and guests.

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

President's Column

Our fall club raffle is on, the tickets are \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00. The prize is \$1,000.00 cash. The drawing will be held at the December meeting, just in time for Christmas shopping. Tickets are available at East Lake hardware or from Deo Frutuoso at 334-5002.

The annual Club BBQ will be on October 8th sales will be from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the East Lake Shopping Center. Volunteers are needed to man the crew. Contact Jim Gandrup or any club officer or board member to sign up. Tickets are \$12.00 each. Tickets are available at East Lake Hardware or from Jim Gandrup, 750-5308. This is our largest club fund raiser for the year.

On October 29th and 30th the club will be donating the use of the Club hall and range for the training of the 4H rifle instructors course. The hall and range will be closed to other activities on those two days the range will be open after 5:00 PM on those days.

October will be the first of three nomination rounds for the club election for Club officers and two Board member positions. The final nomination and the election will be at the December general meeting.

The Board voted to purchase a new freezer and refrigerator for the kitchen to replace the barely functioning ones that we have.

We have four new members voted in at the September Board meeting: George Bourget, Russelll Orlandos, Joseph Poulos and Harry Shively. Welcome to the club, gentlemen. Remember, **DO NOT GIVE YOUR GATE PIN CODE TO NON CLUB MEMBERS**. The pin number will be changed every February and the new pin number will be on your new membership card.

Those of you that would like to receive the newsletter by email, please, email Mike Ciglar. 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://pajarovalleyrodandgun.org/> however; you will receive the email newsletter the soonest. Bruce Kobara, bakobara@aol.com, 724-2902 home, 254-2902 cell.

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Range News

Range Improvements Fund Drive: Again, thanks to everyone who has already contributed. If you haven't yet, you can still do so until the end of this month. We'll announce the result in the next newsletter.

Shooters Meeting: Please mark your calendar for the Shooters Association meeting at 6:30 PM on October 10th in the bar. This is our chance to share our ideas for range improvement and range activities.

Range Closures: The range will be closed October 29th and 30th for a 4-H rifle instructor class. The range will also be closed the morning of November 12th for a special training event – watch for details in the next newsletter.

Contact me: I can be contacted at 728-8611 (during working hours) or at johnmmaraldo@gmail.com to schedule a range orientation, to share your ideas for the range, or for any other reason.

The Monterey Bay Salmon & Trout Project

The Monterey Salmon & Trout Project (MBSTP) and the Castroville Rotary Club will be hosting their 34th Annual Albacore Feed Saturday, November 12th at the Recreation Center in Castroville 11621 Crane St. Castroville, CA. Tickets are \$17.00 and are available at the door.

The Monterey Salmon & Trout Project was founded in 1976 with the goal of restoring and enhancing the native salmon and steelhead population of the greater Monterey Bay. I fish the local waters for both Salmon and Steelhead and will be volunteering my time to this organization in hopes to keep the local fishery alive. I hope to see you on November 12th.

Chris Lauesen (copied and pasted as received)

CCW – Right-to-carry v. Crime

In his book "More Guns Less Crime," Professor John Lott, Jr., provides the most comprehensive Study of firearms laws ever conducted. He states nondiscretionary or "shall issue" carry permit laws reduce violent crime for two reasons. They reduce the number of attempted crimes, because criminals can't tell which potential victims are armed and can defend themselves. Secondly, national crime victimization surveys show that victims who use firearms to defend themselves are statistically less likely to be injured. In short, carry laws deter crime because they increase the criminal's risk of doing business.

Lott found a strong negative relationship between the number of law-abiding citizens with permits and the crime rate – as more people obtain permits there is a greater decline in violent crime. Further, he found that the value of carry laws increases over time. Murder rates decline when either more women or more men carry concealed handguns but the effect is especially pronounced for women. While the right-to-carry laws lead to fewer people being murdered, Lott found an equal deterrent effect for murder committed with and without guns. The increased presence of concealed handguns does not raise the number of accidental deaths or suicides from handguns.

Contrary to the picture painted by anti-gun groups, evidence supporting the value of right-to-carry laws and the high standard of conduct among persons who carry firearms lawfully, is overwhelming and continues to mount.

.50 Cal. Rifle

A single .50 cal. Rifle costs upwards of \$10,000; terrorists can buy the favored AK-47 in Pakistan for less than \$200.00. They opt for the AK-47 since inexpensive and are easily obtainable.



Hog Wild California Style

Wild boar are awesome animals to hunt. They're dangerous, alert, smart, vicious and challenging. They have an attitude and can run both fast and far when threatened. Without warning, they may quickly and easily turn and change an unsuspecting challenger and it's tragic mistake to underestimate their instinct to survive. Awkward in appearance, they are deceiving. Brawny, with well built legs, massive chests and shielded shoulders that cover powerful muscles, they bound effortlessly up and down the steep, rugged terrain of their chosen habitat.

Wild pigs are not native to California. The animals we hunt are a result of imports brought to this country by and for farmers prior to 1900's. Released to feed upon the abundant forage available, much of the domestic population became undomesticated or "feral." Domestic stock that escaped or wandered from farms and ranches mingled freely with imported-dark-haired European and Russian pigs of both feral and domestic stocks. This created the hearty strain of pigs we now hunt as wild boar in a wide variety of color combinations from tan to solid black.

Most of California's mature pig population is between 100-150 pounds but they are documented over 500 pounds. Trophy hunters search for the larger, darker European boar with fearsome tusks in the two to four inch range and longer, but meat hunters find that sows and smaller pigs make much better table fare. Shooting an animal from 75 to 150 pounds is the goal of most hunters as they yield from 25-50 pounds of high quality great tasting hams, chops, bacon and sausages.

Another in a series of California Trout Fishing

Brook trout are found in clear, cold water which seldom exceeds 68 degrees. As the waters warm, the brook trout population begins to diminish. Its primary food sources are small insects, mollusks, crustaceans and other small fishes. Fishing for brook trout is the easiest of all the trouts. Look for gravel-bottom streams with moderate currents, plenty of waterfalls and ponds which include rocks and cover. Overhanging trees offer shade, attract insects and offer protection from preying birds. Duplicate their food service and you are in business.

Cutthroat trout flourish in cold mountain streams that eventually drain into the Pacific Ocean. It too, can be taken on flies as well as baits and lures. They primarily feed on small insects minnows, crustaceans and worms. Cutthroat is an angler favorite on big, fast moving waters. Fly fishing is the preferred method but they can be caught on any number of minnow or grub imitating lures as well as an assortment of live bait offerings.

Gun Owners and Public Opinions

The Federal Government estimated there were over 65 million gun owners in the U.S. and more than 50% were handgun owners. This number is generally considered low due to the reluctance of many to admit to a government agency that they own a gun. Other estimates indicate that between 41% and 50% of U.S. households are gun-owning households. And, 43% of Americans claim they own a gun. A Gallup survey confirms that 73% of Americans believe the Second Amendment guarantees the right to keep and bear arms and a mere 20% believe it exists to enable state militias. Please be reminded that in the September Bulletin, I indicated that on June 26, 2008, the U.S. voted to affirm that individuals have "right to bear arms," a well rounded victory for legal gun owners of America.

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