

Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club

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Newsletter - November, 2011

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Elected Officers

President, Bruce Kobara
Vice Pres. Jim Gandrup
Secretary, Mike Ciglar
Treasurer, Glen Slay
Director at Large,
Deo Frutuoso

Elected Directors

Scotty Mitchell
Ron Gordon
Robbie Brooks
Rodger Silva
Mark Lauesen
Rodney Misumi

Appointed Directors

Bar, Paul Cunningham
Chef, Bob Moresco
Work Party, Harry
Williams
Range Master, John
Maraldo phone 728-8611

Members

Hall Rentals,
Bill Sanchez
Ass't. Cook,
Abel Campos
Caretaker,
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 – Turkey and trimmings – **BE THERE!**

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

President's Colum

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 December meeting will be the second 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 stair steps from the lower parking lot have been pretty much destroyed by rot and ground squirrels. The club needs volunteers to build a new one. Contact Harry Williams or any board member/club officer to offer your help.

The club BBQ was not a huge success only 411 dinners were sold, possibly the economy is partly to blame. Next year we will be looking for ways to improve ticket sales.

The Club rules and regulations have been revised by the board of directors, the final draft will be published at the end of the year. They will not go into effect until 2012. The shooting range rules are being revised by the range master, John Maraldo.

If you have any ideas about a club activity let us know and we will more than happy look into it and support any ideas that will work for the club. A club turkey shoot is one idea that has been presented.

We have two new members to the club; John L. King and Carl Mennnie.

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 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

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Range News, John Maraldo Range-master

Range Fund Drive: Your contributions totaled \$2789! Coupled with the Board's matching grant of \$2500, we can make some real progress this year.

Shooters Meeting: Thanks to all who attended. There were a lot of great ideas and I took notes.

Semiautomatic Pistol Coaching: The range will be closed nine to noon on November 12th for a special training event. Robert Leonardich, who for many years was the training officer for the Watsonville Police Department, will coach six Shooters in semiautomatic pistol technique. If your group looks like a dinner plate rather than a tea saucer, you will benefit from this training. So that each participant will receive individual attention, enrollment will be limited to only six and all others will be excluded from the range. I will enroll the first six who call me at the number below after 9:00 AM on Tuesday November 1st.

Range Closure: The range will also be closed October 29th and 30th for a 4-H rifle instructor class.

Rules Revision: The Board will update the range rules in the coming months.

One question that came up at the Shooters meeting was whether we should continue to require NRA membership (it is not presently required for our insurance). Some said yes, some said CRPA ought to be as good, some said both NRA and CRPA should be required, and some said there should be no requirement. Let me know what you think (and share any other ideas you have for the rules revision) and I'll pass your thoughts on to the Board.

A revision that will certainly be made is to replace the current "pistol calibers" at the end of the rules with a list of permitted calibers. Our editor Joe Myers has taken the lead in getting that done. Contact Joe to obtain the working list so that you can suggest additions or deletions.

Target Retrieval: Kim Miner is saving us a lot of money. He built a template and he's manufacturing those triangular cardboard plates that hang from the retrievable target bracket. But some of you are using those triangular plates to hang targets from the chains. Please don't do that. If you want to hang a target from the chains use the lawn signs and scrap cardboard. Also please do not hang cardboard or sign board on the retrievable target. That particular system is meant to be used by simply stapling a single target to the cardboard plate.

Work Party: I need two or three guys to help me groom the backstop. We'll vacuum out what we can of the paper pulp and rake the backstop smooth. Please call if you can help me with this little job.

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.

Results of October Nominations

PRESIDENT - Bruce Kobara, accepted; Steve Walker, accepted; **VICE-PRESIDENT** – Jim Gandrup accepted; Rodger Silva, declined; **SECRETARY** – Mike Ciglar, accepted; **TREASURER** – Glen Slay, accepted; **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - Ron Gordon, accepted; Mark Smedlund, accepted; Deo Frutuoso, declined; Robert hall, declined; John King, declined.

By-laws of Pajaro Valley Rod & Club state "(sec. 6.3)The Board shall formulate procedures that allow a reasonable opportunity for a nominee to communicate to members, the nominee's qualifications and reasons for the nominee's candidacy, a reasonable opportunity for all nominees to solicit votes ,and a reasonable opportunity for all members to choose among the nominees." President Bruce Kobara states this will be in the December meeting when nominations and elections are held.

Report on Monterey Bay Youth Outdoor Day

I've nailed down some specific information about club involvement in MBYOD, but it's been somewhat difficult. There were 32 exhibitors and just over 1,600 people showed up, so it was a resounding success considering that this was the first time the event was held. Club member Jeff Robinson, from Eventscapes, donated over \$2,500 in decorative plants. Roger Silva helped coordinate food delivery and preparation, he may have had other club members assisting him. As for monetary donations by club members, this data was not collected. The event will be an annual affair, and we are confident that it will be even bigger next year.

Isaac Shikuma

Halloween Dance

Rodger Silva announced a Club Halloween Dinner Dance scheduled for Saturday October 22nd featuring a steak dinner and trimmings. There will be no-host cocktails 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM with dinner at 7:30 PM; a band will play from 8:00 PM – 12:00 PM. Tickets \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door.

2011 Santa Cruz County Hunting Education Class Schedule

Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. 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 class is scheduled for December 3rd – 10th.

Another in a series of California Trout

The brown trout can tolerate slightly warmer waters than the brook trout and have taken over some of the fisheries formerly inhabited by the brookies. It is much more wary than other trouts which help ensure its longevity in waters where other trouts get fished out. When brown trout fishing, look for quiet water with lots of cover. Logs, undercut banks, rock shelves, overhanging trees and brush are some of the brown trouts favorite hiding places. The larger they get, the more wary they become and are more inclined to feed at night under the protection of darkness.

Brown trout feed on worms, minnows, insects and crustaceans. Dry fly fishing for pan-sized browns is a favorite technique as they rise well to these crafty presentations. Larger browns tend to feed more on flesh, and favor nutritious crustaceans, worms or small fishes. When fly fishing for large brown trout, use wet flies which mimic the local natural baitfish.

Concealed Weapons Permits

While there is no federal law specifically addressing the issuance of concealed carry permits, 49 states have passed laws allowing citizens to carry certain concealed firearms in public, either without a permit or after obtaining a permit from state or local law enforcement. Thirteen states use a single permit to regulate the practices of both concealed and open carry of a handgun. Regulations differ widely by state, with most states currently maintaining a "Shall-issue." As recently as the mid-90's most states were "No-Issue" or "May-Issue" but over the past 30 years, states have consistently migrated to less restrictive alternatives. State regulations relating to the issuance of concealed carry permits generally fall into four categories – "Unrestricted," "Shall Issue," "May Issue" or "No Issue."

An unrestricted jurisdiction is one in which no permit is required to carry a concealed weapon. This is sometimes called "Constitutional Carry."

A "Shall Issue" jurisdiction is one that requires a permit to carry a concealed handgun, but where the granting authority is subject only to meeting certain criteria laid out in the law, the granting authority has no discretion in the awarding of the permits. Such laws typically state that a granting authority shall issue a permit if the criteria are met, as opposed to laws in which the authority may issue a permit at their discretion. Typical permit requirements include residence, age, submitting finger prints, passing a computerized instant background check, attending a certified handgun firearm safety class and paying a required fee. These requirements vary widely by jurisdiction.

A "May Issue" jurisdiction is one that requires a permit to carry a concealed handgun, and where the granting of such permits is partially at the discretion of local authorities (frequently Sheriff or Chief of Police). The law typically states that authority may issue a permit if various criteria are met.

A "No Issue" jurisdiction is one that does not allow any private citizen to carry a concealed handgun. The term refers to the fact that no concealed carry permits will be issued or recognized. Illinois and Washington, D.C. are "No Issue" jurisdictions. Wisconsin is in transition. In Central California, San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey are "No Issue" counties

Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program

Hunters and anglers in this country have contributed more than \$17 billion toward wildlife conservation, through fish and wildlife restoration programs. And, that doesn't include the \$300 million annually by conservation organizations such as Rocky Mountain Elk foundation and Duck's Unlimited. So called "animal rights" groups cannot claim any wildlife successes. Their monies are used for propaganda, litigations and advancing their ill ideas. Conservationists, sportsmen and women do this work quietly, without creating headlines or holding rallies. They plant habitat and food plots that guarantee wildlife will have cover to protect them from predators and food to get them through winter. They adopt National Wildlife Refuges, using their time and money to enhance the work done by state and federal wildlife managers. They teach hunting and fishing education to people of all ages and abilities. The eerie call of moose, the familiar honk of a Canada goose, the hair-raising shrill of a bugling bull elk, we truly owe them all to America's hunters and anglers.

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