

Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club

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Newsletter – February, 2012

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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 P.M. Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Dinner Menu For This Month –Beef Stew

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

February President's Newsletter

This will be the last newsletter by Joe Myers; We thank Joe for the fine job he has accomplished for the club; he has elected to retire. Thank You Joe! Our new newsletter editor is Chuck Woodson, he will begin in March.

We have new stairs from the lower parking lot. The work was donated by club member Marc Boudart of Innovative Building Technologies. Mark, our caretaker, says they should outlast our building.

We will be having scheduled Work Party days in the upcoming year. There will be three organized work party weekends a year, spring, summer and fall work party weekends. We will also have a BBQ for the volunteers at each work party. The first will be in April and the projects that we will be tackling will be announced and the exact date will be announced at the January meeting and signup sheets will also be available for volunteers. We have a lot of things that need to be done to our club grounds, many do not require any specific skills, just hands that will pitch in.

The dinner price will be raised to \$10.00 due to rising cost of groceries. However; if you pay your dues by the Feb. general meeting dinner is free for Feb.

The bring your favorite .22 night was a success. We will be having special events at the dinner meetings throughout the year, March will be Cowboy and Cowgirl night.

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.

The 2012 gate pin number will be on your membership card and will not go into effect until after the Feb. general meeting. Remember, DO NOT GIVE YOUR GATE PIN CODE TO NON CLUB MEMBERS. The pin number will be changed every February. Shooters association members will have the combination on their cards as well.

We have four new members voted in by the Board of Directors; Nicholas Elston, Richard Lang, Zane Ota and Ed Riolino. Welcome to the club! We also have a club member returning by re-enstatement; Dwane Demicell

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, Email address, bakobara@aol.com

Information

For the benefit of those of you who have not heard, this February issue of the Monthly Bulletin will be my last as Editor. I have tendered my resignation to President Bruce Kobara. as per above.

(Joe Myers)

Range Information

NRA Instructor Training: We hope to have all the required projection equipment in hand by the time you read this article. As soon as we do, Bob Gandrup will train us in the use of the equipment. Let me know if you want to be invited to that training.

Range Closures: Our range is reserved for IPSC shooters every Thursday from 6:00 PM and for our Venture Crew every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 6:00 PM. And until we can complete the sound-proofing, we must close the range whenever there is activity in the hall. Thus the range is closed until 5:00 PM the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of even months to accommodate our Hunter Safety courses, and is also closed to accommodate hall rentals. Our next two rentals are scheduled the afternoon and evening of January 15th and February 11th.

Free Gun: As you know the February dinner is free to those who have paid their dues. As an incentive to our leaving that dinner money with the club, the February raffle prizes will include a long gun.

Do Your Bit To Reduce Global Warming: Putting bullet holes is hot work for a geezer like me. Because I have learned over the years that those who dimple our range are blissfully unaware of where their shots are landing, I ask that you move up to the muzzle limit line for your first shots and then withdraw your bench in stages only so far as you can keep all your shots on target. This exercise will not only save me exertion but it will also put you in the zone.

Contact: You can call me at 728-8611 (during working hours) or email me at johnmmaraldo@gmail.com.

City of Fresno goes "Shall Issue"

Licenses to carry firearms should be easier to get in the City of Fresno, thanks to a revision of the city's ordinance and City Council support for a "Shall Issue" policy being adopted by Chief of Police Dyer. Applicants for a license to carry a firearm must show "good cause" to be considered. With the recent changes, Council President Lee Brand says that "any citizen concerned for the safety of themselves, family, friends and their employees, can apply for a CCW license."

Chief Dyer felt that the old ordinance was limiting and he had to deny some applicants. "I felt they did have a legitimate concern for their well-being and safety, as well as their families."

Among other things, SB 610 now requires issuing agencies, including Fresno to publish their good cause policy explaining how good cause is determined and to explain whether and how an applicant lacks good cause before imposing other prerequisites to a license. SB 610 also prohibits requiring applicants to buy liability insurance. By forcing the good cause evaluation to be made first, these changes will bring transparency to the process, limit the previous widespread system abuse and subject all jurisdictions to the legal scrutiny your fundamental right to self defense deserves.

Bass Tournaments And Dates, 2012

January 28th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. February 26th, 9:00 AM. – 2:00 PM. March 17th, 7:00 AM – 12: 00 PM.

April 14th, 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM. May 20th, 7:00 A M – 12:00 PM. June 9th, 7:00AM – 12:00PM.

July, 15th, 7:00 AM – 12-00 PM. August 4th, 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM. (submitted by Robbie Brooks)

Colt Python

The Colt Python was first introduced in 1955 as Colt's top-of-the-line model and was originally intended to be a large-frame 38 Special target revolver. As a result, it features precision adjustable sights, a smooth trigger, solid construction, and extra metal. Pythons have a distinct appearance due to a full barrel underlug, ventilated rib and adjustable sights. Originally, Colt manufactured Pythons with hollow underlugs but left them solid to work as a stabilizing barrel weight. When the revolver is at full cock, just as the trigger is pressed, the cylinder locks up for the duration of the hammer strike. Other revolvers have a hint of looseness even at full-cock. The gap between the cylinder and forcing cone is very tight, further aiding accuracy and velocity. Each Python revolver was boresighted at the factory with a laser and was the first mass-produced revolver to do so.

Striped Bass

Striped bass, or "stripers," are among the most sought after fish by bass anglers. Striped bass breed in fresh water, but spend their adult lives in salt water. They are also able to live exclusively in fresh water in some inland water bodies. Four important areas with breeding stocks of striped bass are Chesapeake Bay, Cape Cod, the Hudson River and the Delaware River. All these areas are popular for bass fishing, especially the Chesapeake, which is one of the largest breeding areas. Striped bass have been introduced by state game and fish commissions into many reservoirs to the delight of anglers. These choice fish have also been hybridized with other kinds of bass to produce specialized sport fish such as the sunshine bass and paradise bass.

Striped bass can be finicky about what baits they will take. Many baits are used in bass fishing for stripers, including clams, eels, small fish, night crawlers, chicken livers, and other insects. These fish can grow up to four feet long and weigh as much as fifty pounds. A seventy-eight pound striper was caught in Atlantic City in 1982, and the largest striped bass on record was a 125 pound female caught in 1891. Striped bass have been known to swim up rivers for more than one hundred miles. They can be found all along the Atlantic coast, from Florida to Nova Scotia, and on the West coast around San Francisco Bay. Although striped bass suffered a decline in the 1970s and 1980s, their numbers in the wild are climbing, and they are regularly stocked in legal fishing areas for the pleasure of anglers.

Introduction to Snake Bites

Although poisonous snakes are common in the U.S., bites from these snakes are a rare cause of death in this country. While there are about 8,000 venomous snake bites reported each year in the U.S., no more than 12 deaths were reported from 1960-1990. About half of all reported snake bites occur in children.

Pit vipers are a family of snakes whose scientific name is Crotalidae. This group, which is responsible for 99% of poisonous snake bites in the U.S., includes the rattlesnakes, copperheads, and water moccasins (cottonmouths). Within this group, rattlesnakes have the most deadly venom and cause the majority of snakebite-related deaths. Rattlesnakes can be found in both the Eastern and Western areas of the country. In particular, the Mojave rattlesnake has one of the most potent venoms of all rattlesnakes. Copperheads, common in the Eastern U.S., have a milder venom than that of rattlesnakes. Water moccasins live around natural waters in the Southeast; their venom has an intermediate potency between that of the rattlesnakes and copperheads. Coral snakes found in the southern U.S., related to the Asian cobras and not part of the pit viper family, are a rare cause of poisonous snake bites in the U.S.

Symptoms of Snake Bites

Symptoms of snake bites are dependent upon the type and size of the snake, the location of the bite on the body, and the age, size, and health of the victim. Children are more likely to have severe symptoms because they receive a larger concentration of venom due to their smaller body size. Also, not all snake bites involve the discharge of venom into the victim (known as evenomation). At least 25% of poisonous snake bites do not result in evenomation.

Snake-bite First Aid

Remain calm if a snake bites you. Immobilize the bitten arm or leg and stay as quiet as possible to keep the poison from spreading through the body. Remove jewelry before swelling begins. Position yourself if possible, so that the bite is at or below the level of your heart. Cleanse the wound, but don't flush it with water, cover it with a clean, dry dressing. Apply a splint to reduce movement of the affected area, but keep it loose enough so as not to restrict blood flow. Don't use a tourniquet or apply ice. Don't cut the wound or attempt to remove the venom. Don't drink caffeine or alcohol. Don't try to capture the snake, but try to remember its color and shape so you can describe it; this may help in treatment. Call First Aid or seek immediate medical attention, if the area changes color or begins to swell.

3rd Article on Deer Species

Blacktail deer are classified as a subspecies of mule deer. Also known as Columbian blacktail's they range from Northern California, up through Western Oregon into Washington and British Columbia. At first glance, blacktail deer closely resemble mule deer but there are important differences. The most obvious is their dark black tail and which is wider and flatter. Antlers of blacktails are much smaller and more compact than whitetail and mule deer. And, they are smaller in body size also.

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