



# Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club

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Stainless steel travel mugs with the club logo, club logo decals, and club logo hats are available for sale at both range offices.

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### MEMBERSHIPS

Once again, we would like to remind members to PLEASE send their renewal coupon back with their annual renewal dues. The coupon is attached to the bottom of your Renewal Notice. This coupon has a bar code on it and makes our job a whole lot faster and easier. It takes much longer to process memberships that are sent in to be renewed with only a personal check, or worse yet, a business check, or an application form that has the member's name on it and the words "SAME" written across the rest of the form. We try to expedite the memberships as fast and efficiently as possible. Your renewal coupon helps us do this. Also, please remember to notify the Club of any change of addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses. Our records are only as good as the information you provide us with.

PLEASE tell your family or friends that are joining the Club, not to mail in their Application for New Membership. Do not hand it in at either of the shooting office windows. Please bring your new applications to the Board of Director/ Membership Meetings that are held on the third Monday of each month (excluding December) at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. At this time we can meet our new member applicants. They can then turn in their application in person and pay their membership fees. We would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Club.

### RANGE OFFICES SELL AMMO AT COMPETITIVE PRICES

The trap range offers both 12 gauge and 20 gauge shotgun shells for sale. They feature both economical and premium brands of shotgun shells to meet a broad range of needs. You can even save more money if you purchase your shotgun ammunition by the case.

The rifle range sells a variety of handgun and rifle ammunition. Popular calibers are available to meet the ammunition needs of most of our customers. In some cases, we will have a variety of ammunition choices to meet your needs.

Obviously, with the wide range of ammunition, we can not carry everything. So if you are planning on a day of shooting and purchasing your ammunition at the club you might want to call ahead and confirm ammunition availability. Further, if you have a special need, contact the range office and we will try to meet your needs.

### 501C3 STATUS APPROVED

Our club now has it's 501C3 status  
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Yes, we are still known as the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club.

However, effective immediately, any tax deductible donations to the club need to be made out to "Livermore-Pleasanton Sportsmen, Inc."

**REGISTERED TRAP  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

|           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Oct 1-2   | ATA Coon Creek                |
| Oct 1-2   | ATA Sunnyvale                 |
| Oct 15    | PITA Livermore                |
| Oct 16    | ATA Newman                    |
| Oct 21-23 | ATA Livermore                 |
| Oct 22-23 | PITA <b>Series</b> Redding    |
|           |                               |
| Nov 5-6   | PITA <b>Series</b> Eel River  |
| Nov 12-13 | ATA <b>W/C</b> Newman         |
| Nov 12-13 | PITA <b>Series</b> Ukiah      |
| Nov 20    | PITA <b>Series</b> Livermore  |
| Nov 26-27 | PITA <b>Series</b> Coon Creek |
|           |                               |
| Dec 3     | ATA Sunnyvale                 |
|           |                               |
| Jan 6-8   | PITA Del Norte                |
| Jan 15    | ATA Stockton                  |
| Jan 21    | ATA Sunnyvale                 |
| Jan 21-22 | ATA Coon Creek                |
| Jan 29    | ATA Livermore                 |
|           |                               |
| Feb 4-5   | PITA Coon Creek               |
| Feb 11-12 | PITA <b>Series</b> Eel River  |
| Feb 18-20 | PITA <b>Series</b> Livermore  |
| Feb 25    | ATA Stockton                  |

**CLUB SHOOTS 2011**

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| October 9 | October 16 |
|-----------|------------|

**WEDNESDAY FUN SHOOTS 2011**

|        |              |
|--------|--------------|
| Oct 5  | Annie Oakley |
| Oct 12 | ROAD TRIP    |
| Oct 19 | Rifle Range  |
| Oct 26 | Doubles      |
| Nov 2  | Wobbles      |
| Nov 9  | Annie Oakley |
| Nov 16 | ROAD TRIP    |
| Nov 23 | Rifle Range  |
| Nov 30 | Doubles      |
|        |              |
| Dec 7  | Wobbles      |
| Dec 14 | Annie Oakley |
| Dec 21 | ROAD TRIP    |
| Jan 4  | Rifle Range  |
| Jan 11 | Doubles      |
| Jan 18 | Wobbles      |
| Jan 25 | Annie Oakley |

Start time is 11:30 a.m. Any gauge or configuration of shotgun may be used. Black powder is 10:00 to 11:30 with exception of the Road Trip (Call for Location) and Rifle Range Days. For more info, please contact Lou (510-523-7471) or Mark (510-886-6031).

**NORTH BAY LEAGUE 2011**

**DORMANT UNTIL 2012 SEASON**

**SOUTH BAY TRAP LEAGUE 2011**

|       |                   |
|-------|-------------------|
| Oct 8 | Los Banos (GRAND) |
|-------|-------------------|

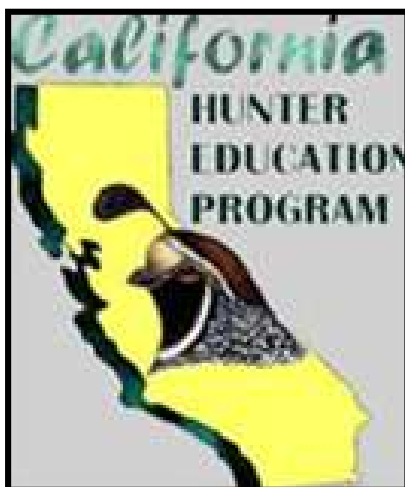


## HUNTER EDUCATION

Here at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club, we hold 6-7 classes a year. Our main classes are once a month during the months of February, March, April, and May. We try to hold two late summer classes. One in August and one in September. This year we have once again added one Home Study Class in October. We do not accept students under the age of 18 for the Home Study Classes.

Our requirements for enrollment have not changed. Students **MUST BE A MINIMUM AGE OF 11 YEARS OLD, NO EXCEPTIONS.** Our classes are divided up into three sessions and students **MUST** attend all sessions (Tuesday evening, Thursday evening, and all day on Saturday). Our class fee is still \$15.00 per student, **CASH ONLY**, payable the first night of class. For enrollment of students under the age of 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must come with the student on the first evening to sign for them. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, etc, cannot take on this responsibility. This is a requirement of the State of California, Department of Fish & Game.

To enroll in a class, please contact Lorrie Ambrosino at 925-447-6682. Our class schedule for 2012 will be posted in the January 2012 edition of this newsletter.



## CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE

- Spring Turkey Season to Open March 26: The general season will extend through May 1, 2011. In addition, archers may also hunt turkeys through May 15, and the holders of junior hunting licenses are permitted to also hunt with shotguns through May 15. The bag limit is no more than 1 bearded turkey per day; no more than a total of 3 turkeys during the general, archery, and apprentice junior seasons combined. The statewide population is estimated at 240,000 birds.
- California Condors Flock to Skies Above Bay Area: Endangered California condors have been sighted above Mount Hamilton, socializing with turkey vultures and perching atop a Lick Observatory dome. The birds have ventured north from their home at Pinnacles National Monument, site of a major breeding program, south/east of Monterey. They appear to be healthy youngsters, flying around and playing with a large bunch of turkey vultures. The birds were identified by their wing tags and GPS transmitter's data. Number 499 - a 2 year old female born in the wild and raised in a giant redwood tree in a remote canyon on the Big Sur coast. Number 400 - a 5 year old female born in Boise, Idaho, at the World Center for Birds of Prey and then released at Pinnacles. Number 451 - a 5 year old male also born in Boise, released at Pinnacles, then rescued from the 2008 Big Sur Fire. These are young birds feeling their oats and looking for territory. They can fly up to 150 miles a day. They're sub-adults, not yet breeding age, that are out exploring the terrain.
- DFG Recommends Caution Around Coyotes: Coyotes, especially those who live in urban settings and have grown accustomed to humans, can become emboldened to the point where they become a public safety threat. Once coyotes become habituated to people, they begin to exhibit increased levels of aggression, which can lead to biting incidents. Because they are tolerant of human activities and rapidly adjust to changes in their environment, the highly adaptable coyote populated virtually the entire state. In part because there are so many food sources available to them in addition to their usual diet of rabbits, mice, birds and other small animals. Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended. Be aware that coyotes are more active in the spring when feeding and protecting their young. If followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.

## CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE (Continued)

- Poachers Sentenced for Trafficking Abalone in Bay Area: An abalone poacher and restaurant owner have both been convicted and fined for engaging in illegal sale of sport-caught abalone. Fish and Game and State Parks worked together with the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office to investigate the cause and aggressively prosecute the crimes. In the fall of 2009 rangers began to suspect abalone trafficking after making multiple contacts with a diver from Petaluma. Rangers relayed the information to DFG's Special Operations Unit which began to investigate. Wardens soon observed the suspect harvesting abalone and transporting them to the rear entrance of Pacific Restaurant in Pacifica. The abalone was being illegally sold to the restaurant. Both subjects were arrested. The diver was fined \$20,000 and sentenced to 90 days work release time.; his fishing license was revoked for life. He was also ordered to forfeit all dive gear and fishing equipment. His fishing license has been revoked for life and he is prohibited from possessing abalone. The restaurant owner was fined \$15,000 and sentenced to 90 days work release time with three years probation.
- DFG Biologists to Collect More Bear Teeth for Study and Data Collection: DFG biologists and wardens will require a tooth to be pulled from the skull of each bear taken during the 2011 black bear hunting season. This is change from last year, when DFG only required that a tooth be pulled from every other bear harvested during the season. The DFG Commission wants to take a closer look at the management of black bear hunting in California. They currently manage black bear hunting at a statewide level, but want to be doubly sure that they are not negatively impacting local bear populations. The teeth provide key insight into the bear population. A premolar is pulled from the bear's mandible and processed at a Montana laboratory specializing in aging animals. The teeth are cut in half, stained and examined under a microscope. Lab techs can then count the rings, which are deposited annually like tree rings. The number of rings indicate the age of the bear. Reproductive events can also be detected in female teeth. California's black bear population is estimated to be higher than 30,000. Current hunting regulations allow up to 1700 bears to be taken during the hunting season.

## RIFLE/PISTOL RANGE SHOOTERS CORNER



Summer arrived better late than never at the range, we thought the rain and breezes would never slow down.

Happy to report we have been very busy with record numbers of new and returning shooters. Weekends are especially busy with waiting lists, which is becoming "the norm" after our 10:00 a.m. opening time. Some of these wait lists last much of the day. Our advice is the early bird gets the benches.....

NRA and Hunter Safety classes have been very well attended all year; it's great to see so much interest in shooting.

School starting this month will (of course) change the dynamics, we presume the weekends will continue to be busy most of the winter.

Hunters are at the range sighting in rifles by the score, deer/pig season is upon us and many are off to other states in pursuit of "big game" of many descriptions. We have seen some exotic double barrel rifles being set up for international travel and more to come I'm sure.

Fun shoots have been well attended and Tuesday nights remain popular.

Families are coming to the range on a steady basis, we are encouraged that so many parents are bringing the kids and passing on the sport of target shooting.

We are announcing to the membership and public a youth small bore shooting program and looking for support both financially and volunteer-wise. Hopefully we can gain support for a much needed program, interest is high among people we have discussed this with and several families have asked for their children to be included.

Some alterations to the range are being drawn up and reviewed to accommodate the youth program and also enhance our ability to get more people shooting at the range.

~~~Rich Bronge - Board Member



**ATA SHOOT RESULTS — August 28, 2011**

**EVENT 1 - 100 SINGLES**

|          |                          |     |
|----------|--------------------------|-----|
| Class AA | Andrew McClernon (Split) | 100 |
|          | Warren Hamatani (Split)  | 100 |
| Class A  | Jeff Wade                | 100 |
| Class B  | Steve Zaballos           | 98  |
| Class C  | Harry Kurotsuchi         | 95  |
| Class D  | Gloria Garcia            | 89  |

**EVENT 2 - 100 HANDICAP**

|          |                         |    |
|----------|-------------------------|----|
| 19-23 Yd | Matthew Hill (20 yards) | 97 |
| 24-26 Yd | Jim Price (25 yards)    | 96 |
| 27 Yd    | Kevin Waddell (Split)   | 96 |
|          | Dan Bonillas (Split)    | 96 |

**EVENT 3 - 100 DOUBLES**

|          |                          |    |
|----------|--------------------------|----|
| Class AA | Andrew McClernon (Split) | 98 |
|          | Dan Bonillas (Split)     | 98 |
| Class A  | Tom Kuntz                | 94 |
| Class B  | Dale Clayton             | 95 |
| Class C  | Steve Zaballos           | 93 |

**COMBINED - SATURDAY**

|             |                   |     |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|
| Junior      | Dredd Lind        | 185 |
| Lady        | Alexandra Wampler | 189 |
| Veteran     | John Dipietro     | 190 |
| Sr. Veteran | Bob Gomes         | 184 |

**HIGH OVERALL**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| <b>Dan Bonillas</b> | <b>293</b> |
|---------------------|------------|

### CLUB TRAP SHOOT #5

| <u>TROPHY</u>   | <u>SHOOTER</u>                    | <u>SCORE</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| High Overall    | Bob Graves                        | 141          |
| Long Yardage    | Bob Graves                        | 47           |
| Mid Yardage     | Mike Underwood                    | 44           |
| Short Yardage   | John DiPietro                     | 47           |
| AA Doubles      | Tom Kuntz                         | 47           |
| A Doubles       | No Entry                          | —            |
| B Doubles       | Steve O'Brien/Gary Presley        | 46           |
| C Doubles       | Kevin Tanner                      | 44           |
| D Doubles       | Matthew Hill                      | 38           |
| AAA Singles     | Bob Graves/Jason Nelson/Jim Price | 50           |
| AA Singles      | Chauncey Hubbard                  | 50           |
| A Singles       | Gary Presley                      | 50           |
| B Singles       | Henri Combel                      | 48           |
| C Singles       | Ron Fesler                        | 48           |
| D Singles       | Al Stafford                       | 38           |
| High Elder      | Robert Lee                        | 93           |
| High Senior Vet | Chauncey Hubbard                  | 89           |
| High Vet        | Gary Presley                      | 90           |
| High Lady       | Cathy DiPietro                    | 87           |
| High Junior     | No Entry                          | —            |

### BARB'S BRIEFING



Hi All —

Please pay close attention to deadlines for your material to be printed in our club's quarterly newsletter. If you don't see articles you think should be listed, it probably means that the submission missed the deadline. Thanks so much for all the great pictures and articles that I've been receiving. Please send newsletter materials to me at [birdhunt@pacbell.net](mailto:birdhunt@pacbell.net). The next edition of the newsletter is January 2012, the deadline for submission of information will be December 1st.

I look forward to joining all my 'shooting' friends on the line at a club somewhere soon. Best of luck and as always, shoot well . . .

— Barb Henderson



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