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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Rebirth of the Rifle/Pistol Range

In March 2001, all activities at the Rifle/Pistol Range were suspended. The "Police Range" was permanently closed. After meeting with the NRA, attorneys, and a range safety expert, a new design and plan for re-opening were developed.

Improvements will include no "blue sky shooting" with the construction of a

cover over the firing positions, construction of bullet stops sufficiently high and absorbent to stop all ricochets, approved target mounts and holders, and improved administrative and operational procedures.

To date the bullet stops have been graded, the parking lot has been improved with approved handicap spaces, and

the building materials have arrived and are ready for erection. We are waiting on the building permits from the county to begin work.

It has been a long, arduous process. But with the dedication of so many club members, we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel without it being the oncoming train.

Trap Shooting and Annual Barbeque

by George Christensen

Wednesday shooting continues to pick up as the weather gets better. See back page for the club's calendar of events.

We are making plans for our annual Barbeque, which will be on us very soon. It is May 22 this year in order to not conflict with other big events around Livermore, such as the Wine &

Honey Festival and the annual rodeo.

We always need lots of volunteers for this big event (our biggest money raising event of the year), so please call me if you would like to help. We have a job for everyone, and tell your friends to come out and support the club and win one of our famous "Bacon Slabs."

Contact George at:
925.484.5082

We will be having one of those famous Minot Parker auctions at the Barbeque this year. The proceeds will benefit the Scholastic Trapshooting Program. So bring whatever "junk" (I mean great stuff) you have lying around the place to donate...and lots of cash!

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Special points of interest:

- Tuesday Night Shooting begins April 5
- Annual Barbecue May 22
- PITA California State Championships May 26-30

Hunter Education Program

by Lorrie Ambrosino

Our club is again offering classes in Hunter Education. We have completed two already (February and March). These were very successful classes, composed mostly of students between the ages of 11 and 17 years old. We are very excited about the new Hunter Education Manuals and new test that we now have.

All of us instructors up and down the State have worked very hard to come up with a new manual that is easy to work with, easy for younger students to understand, and still contain all of the important information needed to become a responsible and ethical hunter.

Our classes are taught by a team of volunteer instructors certified by the State of California, Department of Fish & Game. All classes are held at the Clubhouse.

Pre-registration is required for each of our classes -- NO EXCEPTIONS.

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, and all day on Saturday. Students are required to attend all three sessions.

At the end of class on Saturday, a 100-questions test is given. Upon passing the test (by 80%), students will be issued a Hunter Education Certificate.

We have an age limit of 11 or older for our classes -- NO EXCEPTIONS.

There are two classes left for this year. They are as follows:

**April - 12, 14, & 16
May - 3, 5, & 7**

CLASS TIMES:

Tuesday Evening:
6:00 PM to 9:30 PM
Thursday Evening:
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Saturday:
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

For additional information or to register for a class, please contact Lorrie Ambrosino at (925) 447-6682.

Scholastic Trapshooting Program

The Scholastic Trapshooting Program is a youth development program focused on providing young people with a positive experience in the sport of trapshooting.

It is an opportunity for young people to participate in a supervised shooting sports program that emphasizes safety and skill development in clay target shooting.

The program focuses on teaching sound shooting fundamentals and instilling a safe and responsible attitude toward firearms.

Young adults are welcome to participate in one of three divisions:

Rookie - 5th grade or below
Junior - 6th to 8th grade
Senior - 9th to 12th grade

Interested? Please bring your son or daughter to one of our practice sessions with no obligation.

The Scholastic Trapshooting Program is a part of the SCTP Scholastic Clay Target Program. It is nationally cosponsored by the Amateur Trapshooting Association and the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Our goal is to have squads from Livermore-Pleasanton compete at the 2005 State Shoot at Kingsburg this June.

Scholastic Clays squads compete in the California Resident Singles Championship. This is a 200 target event. Winning teams are based on total target score from the 5 member team. State champions compete in the Grand American (August).

General Information

Team members must attend at least six (6) practice sessions to be eligible to participate in the State Championship.

Practice session fee is \$8.00 for two rounds. Shooter provides shotgun shells. Coaching is gratis, provided by experienced trapshooters under the guidance of George Reppas, Sr., Lead Coach.

Membership in the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club is required.

All practices begin at 1:00 pm. Team Practice will take place on Saturday or Sunday in order to coordinate practice sessions with other club activities. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday*	April 2nd
Sunday	April 10th
Saturday*	April 16th
Sunday	April 24th
Sunday	May 8th
Saturday*	May 14th
Saturday*	May 21st
Saturday**	June 11th
Saturday***	June 19th
Sunday	October 2nd
Sunday	October 23rd
Sunday	November 6th
Sunday	December 4th

*SCTP Competition @ TBD

**SCTP Competition @ Livermore

***SCTP State Championship @ Kingsburg

For more information on this program please contact:
George Reppas, Sr.
7607 Calle Verde Road
Dublin, CA 94568
Phone: (925) 828-2361

Membership Fees

At the recommendation of the Board, the members approved an increase in membership fees.

Current members in good standing (not more than six months past due) will continue to pay a renewal fee of \$50 until January 1, 2006.

Returning members will pay \$60 until July 1, 2005, without

an initiation fee.

New members will have an initiation fee of \$25 and an annual membership fee of \$60 due at registration.

If you were a member in the past and didn't renew because of the closing of the rifle range, we want you back. Remember, it is only \$60 to renew until July 1. After that, you will have

to pay the initiation fee also.

Pick up an application at the trap range office, or go online to www.lprg.org to download an application. Send it with your check or credit card information to:

Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club
P.O. Box 786
Livermore, CA 94551

2005 Club Shoot Schedule

Shoot #1 — February 6th
Shoot #2 — March 6th
Shoot #3 — April 17th
Shoot #4 — May 15th
Shoot #5 — June 26th
Shoot #6 — July 17th
Shoot #7 — August 14th
Shoot #8 — September 25th

There are six shoots left in the 2005 Livermore Trap Tournament. Remember the year end buckles are awarded on your best five scores. Shoot program is 50 singles,

50 handicap and 50 (25 pair) doubles. Veterans and Juniors are not required to shoot doubles.

We have Togo's sandwiches for lunch and appreciate the desserts, fruit, and salads brought by the shooters.

Join us for a fun day at the club. Improve your standing and take home a buckle.

WINNERS			
Livermore Club Shoot #2			
Prize	Name	Score	Notes
High Overall	Pat McKean	138	WCT
High Overall	Bart Clowdus	138	LCT
High Overall	Tom Kuntz	138	Forfeit
25-27 Yard Handicap	Phil Kreutzer	46	
22-24 Yard Handicap	Paul T. Havlicek II	45	
22-24 Yard Handicap	Terry Andersen	45	Forfeit
20-21 Yard Handicap	Leif Simonson	46	
Doubles - AA	Bart Clowdus	49	
Doubles - A	Keith Brown	45	
Doubles - A	Harry Kurotsuchi	45	Forfeit
Doubles - B	Chuck Leming	48	
Doubles - C	Gary Eti	43	
Doubles - D	John Parker	29	
Singles - AA	Chauncey Hubbard	50	Split
Singles - AA	Ray Ayala	50	Split
Singles - AA	Chuck Weaver	50	Split
Singles - A	Phil Kreutzer	50	Won 25-27 yd.
Singles - A	Reno Garcia	49	Forfeit
Singles - A	Bill Graham	49	
Singles - B	Don Christman	49	Forfeit
Singles - B	Wally Gobin	49	W50
Singles - B	Paul Havlicek II	49	Won 22-24 yd
Singles - B	Dan Seitz	49	LSO
Singles - C	Addie Eti	45	WCT
Singles - C	Jerry Gaines	45	LCT
Singles - C	John Vernetti	45	Forfeit
Singles - D	Pam Sousa	47	
High Vet	Jerry Routh	92	
High Lady	Pam Sousa	90	Won D Singles
High Lady	Addie Eti	85	Won C Singles
High Lady	Gloria Garcia	81	Split
High Lady	Nada Graham	81	Split
High Junior	Paul Havlicek II	94	Won 22-24 yd
High Junior	Leif Simonson	93	Won 20-21 yd
High Junior	Mark Thomas, Jr.	88	

General Membership Meetings

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse.

Plan on attending. Show up and sound off...your input would be appreciated.

At the meetings we discuss range improvements, committee decisions, volunteer needs, management issues, and many more items of interest to the club members.

Your input is important, and

the meetings are the time to make your voice heard.

Please attend—the club is basing all its decisions on the opinions of about 20 people out of a membership of about 900!

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2005 Shoot Calendar

Apr 5 Tuesday Night Starts
Apr 17 Club Shoot #3
May 15 Club Shoot #4
May 22 **Annual BBQ & Bacon Shoot**
May 26 PITA '05 Series Shoot
May 27-30 **PITA STATE SHOOT**
Jun 4-5 ATA Northern Zone Shoot
Jun 11 Scholastic Clays Shoot
Jun 26 Club Shoot #5
Jul 17 Club Shoot #6
Aug 14 Club Shoot #7
Sept 10 South Bay League
Sept 17-18 ATA Shoot
Sept 25 Club Shoot #8
Oct 9 PITA Shoot
Oct 25 Tuesday Night Ends
Nov 19 ATA Shoot
Nov 20 **Annual Turkey Shoot**
Dec 25 Christmas - Range Closed