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Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

From the Editor

This has been a very busy year for the club, starting with the continuing efforts to re-open the Rifle-Pistol Range[†] and the improvements to the buildings and grounds in preparation for the state shoot at the end of May. We wouldn't have been as far along as we are without Jim and Diana Wyllie and their crew. The Rifle-Pistol Range is coming along very nicely. The foundation is in, the pillars are up and the armour plating is going up as I write this.

The Annual Barbecue in May was our usual success thanks to George Christensen and his bunch.

The following week we hosted the State Shoot. This was a huge success, and a lot of people put in a lot of hard work to make this happen. We made lots of money, and because of the improvement we had made to the club's grounds, we received many complements and positive comments. Please see Page 2 for the list of volunteers that made this such a big success for the club.

The Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) Competition at the club was next, with 125 youth shooters in attendance. A great time was had by all, and the Livermore contention did very well.

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A big thanks goes out to their coach George Reppas and his assistant Marcella Ettin.

You may have noticed a change in the club management. The club's president and treasurer have resigned. We owe a huge thanks and dept of gratitude to Jerry Gaines for his dedication and the many hours he put in to keep the club moving along in a positive direction. And Joe Illingworth has served for many years as our treasurer and was very committed to this position.

Until the elections in December, the following people have been voted in to fill in the vacant positions: Ron Gomes is vice-president and Ray Giannini is Treasurer. Noel Sewall (former vice president) is now president. Please be thinking about who you would like to nominate for all the officer positions and three of the director positions. Nominations will open in November and elections will be held in December. You do not have to be a voting member to make a nomination, so please consider who you would like to run your club!

[†] Many of you have made donations to the club for the Rifle-Pistol Range along with your membership renewals. We have not sent any Thank-You notes for those. I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board to thank each and every one of you for your generous gifts!

Special points of interest:

Tuesday Night Trap Shooting 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Rifle-Pistol Range to Open Soon
Club Shoot #6 — July 17

Scholastic Trapshooting Program

by Frank Ettin

On 19 June 2005, in Kingsburg, California, a team of young trapshooters from the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod & Gun Club won the Scholastic Clay Target Program California State trapshooting championship in the Junior Novice Division. The Junior Novice Division comprises boys and girls in the 6th through 8th grades with minimal competition experience.

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

At Kingsburg, the shooters faced 200 targets, and had to break better than 90 percent to get into the upper ranks. One of LPR&G Club's teams, **Jeff Butler, Zach Nannini, Trevor McFarland, Wesley Scoble, and Vincent Dichevico**, made their head coach, George Reppas, Sr., proud, besting teams from all over California. A total of some 300 youths came to Kingsburg Gun Club to contest for state

titles in five divisions based on age and experience.

Our Livermore team has earned the chance to vie for national honors at the ATA's Grand American championships in Vandalia, Ohio this coming August.

For more information on this program please contact:
George Reppas, Sr.
7607 Calle Verde Road
Dublin, CA 94568
Phone: (925) 828-2361
E-mail: aa27aa1@comcast.com

Congratulations to the Kingsburg winners!

Jim Wyllie won the *California State Singles Championship!*

Ron Gomes not only shot 100 straight from the 26-yd line, but won the *CGSTA Member Handicap Overall!*

Thanks to the Volunteers that Made the State Shoot a Big Success!

The PITA State Championship Shoot was made a huge success primarily because of the following people:

Diana and Jim Wyllie

Keith Brown

Bart Clowdus

Marcella Ettin

Ray Giannini

Lyn Gomes

Wally and Marion Gobin

Thomas Hudson

Dee and Frank Lenner

Warren Price

George Reppas Sr.

Bill Wing

Without them and their teams of the following volunteers, the

club couldn't have done it.
John and Lorrie Ambrosino

Tom Anderson

Mary Brown

Pat Calabro

Joanne Corkins

Doug Corzett

Jeff Dicherico

Gary and Addie Etl

Frank Ettin

Ray Falkenberg

Leroy Francisco

Garth Gelster

Cody Giddings

Don Glass

Wally and Marion Gobin

Ron Gomes

Jerry Goulart

Nada and Bill Graham

Chauncey Hubbard

Tom Kuntz

Chuck Lemming

Dee and Frank Lenner

Bert Lim

Terry Ludlow

Floyd Morey

Ron Nobriga

Gary Presley

Cynthia Rader

George Reppas Jr.

Ruthann and Manny Sanchez

Laura and Noel Sewall

Pam Sousa

Al Stafford

Sam Toy

Bill Whistler

Dale Whittler

Joe Wince

Hunter Education Program

by Lorrie Ambrosino

We have just completed another series of very successful Hunter Education Classes. Our outdoor field exercises with unloaded firearms has been very well received by our students. They have the opportunity to do a hands-on in front of instructors who can catch their mistakes in a safe environment. The weather was pretty cooperative, except for our February class. We had to hold our exercises in the picnic shed.

As instructors, we are required to attend In Service Training classes at least once a year. John Ridings, Garth Gelster, and I just attended a super class in Orangevale, California on Saturday, May 21, 2005. We received a lot of good information, and good teaching ideas were shared by everyone. I was able to take my certification test to become a California Handgun Safety Certificate Instructor for the State of California Department of Justice Firearms Division. Anyone in

the Club interested in obtaining their Handgun Safety Certificate, which is needed to purchase a handgun in the state of California, can contact me, John Ridings or Garth Gelster for more information.

As always, I would really like to extend a BIG "Thank You" to everyone who graciously helps us out each year - first and foremost, our team of instructors, Garth and John. We have a great team and work well together. A big "Thank You" to Ray Giannini for helping us keep the clubhouse/classroom clean and in order, and the coffee pot hot. Thank you, again, Don Glass for the use of your beautiful Elk Hide and Whitetail Deer antlers as displays in our classes. A special "Thank You" to Johnny Ambrosino for being there for our instructors, our students, and me all year long. There are a great deal of students out there that have him to thank for their success on test day. Thank you Cali-

fornia Fish & Game Warden Clint Garrett for attending the Saturday session of our May class. Warden Garrett was a great addition to our class, and everyone enjoyed him being there. His participation in our outdoor field exercise was super. Last but not least, a BIG "Thank You" to our Gun Club for the continued support of this important program. This year, our students were mostly children. They are our future. I am looking forward to setting up next year's classes.

Our requirements will be: 11 years old or older - NO EXCEPTIONS

CLASS FEE: \$10.00 per student

Preregistration required - NO EXCEPTIONS

For more information or to sign up for classes for 2006, please contact: LORRIE AMBROSINO at (925) 447-6682

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 less than six months in arrears will pay \$60 without an initiation fee.

Returning members more than six months in arrears and new members will have an initiation fee of \$25 and an annual membership fee of \$60 due at registration.

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

General Membership Meetings

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

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Livermore, CA 94551
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2005 Club Calendar

Jul 17	Club Shoot #6
Jul 20	General Meeting
Aug 14	Club Shoot #7
Aug 17	General Meeting
Sept 10	South Bay League
Sept 17-18	ATA Shoot
Sept 21	General Meeting
Sept 25	Club Shoot #8
Oct 9	PITA Shoot
Oct 19	General Meeting
Oct 25	Tuesday Night Shooting Ends
Nov 16	General Meeting
Nov 19	ATA Shoot
Nov 20	Annual Turkey Shoot
Dec 21	General Meeting
Dec 25	Christmas - Range Closed

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