



Range, Woods & Waters
The Newsletter of the
Precision Valley Fish and Game Association

December 2015

Greetings,

The 2016 annual meeting is hereby warned for 9 January, 2015, 7 PM. In case of storm, 16 January, 2016. Election of officers, setting of dues, By-law change vote and other business will be conducted.

2015 was another very good year. Membership is up some compared to last year, bringing us close to our recent high 3 years ago. Bills are paid and no major projects were performed this year.

Work Projects

We had our parking lot at the clubhouse re-graded. George Tucker did a fantastic job flattening out the lot and bringing it smoothly up to road level. It looks perfectly flat but actually drops slightly to the southeast corner, draining into the roadside drainage ditch. A beautiful job with no disruption of access to the club. Thanks again, George.

Graham Kennedy, Kevin Stuart and crew provided heavy equipment and labor to clean up our trap range. They cleaned out many years of shotgun wads and other debris, filling trailers and taking them to the dump. Many hands participated on clean up day. They also have been maintaining our outdoor range, replacing plywood target backers, re-welding silhouette stands and generally maintaining the outdoor range. We can be very proud of the neat and well maintained appearance of our outdoor range.

Our electric feed to the trap house failed this summer. Mark and Charley Horton provided labor and equipment to dig a trench and install conduit for a new feed. Carl Thresher installed a new electric feed (Carl Thresher Electric, Inc.) and we were back in business. Cost to us was friendly or free.

Ralph Goings repaired our swinging gate, re-welding by Carl Hurd, a broken hinge, and redesigning support at the lock.

A potential fire was prevented at the club house during a summer hunter safety training event when Dick Odette smelled smoke and discovered a fluorescent light fixture smoldering. He ran upstairs to the main electrical panel, killed the power, evacuated the kids and called the fire dept. The fire dept. responded and doused the smoldering wood in the ceiling. I arrived a few minutes later and the action was over. The Hunter Safety class was still in session in the back parking lot and continued until the lesson was finished. Keith Buswell showed up, confirmed that the cause was defective fluorescent ballast. A few days later, Keith and crew (Ralph Goings and Dick Odette) rebuilt the old lights with new ballasts and up-to-date fluorescent lamps, donating time and materials.

Dick Odette built an "elevated observation perch" and an outdoor service table at the trap range.

Doors were rebuilt at the "old trap house" for the archery range target storage.

Programs

The usual indoor activities including pistol and rifle leagues, junior rifle, 4H and junior archery were held during the first 4 months of the year.

Hunter Education and Trapper Education programs were also held during the year.

In June the fishing derby was held at Keith Ferguson's pond.

The 3D archery program at the outdoor range was held May thru September on Thursday nights.

Trap shooting was active on Friday nights for most of the good weather.

Metallic handgun informal shooting on Wednesday nights, May thru September was well attended.

Hunting and Fishing Day, 2015

Once again we had a successful day with decent weather. Thanks to Jamie Loura for organizing and managing this event. We were co-sponsored by Ruger Firearms, supplying their great guns and plenty of ammo to shoot them. Mike Sylvester represented Ruger again and provided expert instruction to new shooters. What a great service Mike and Ruger donate to us. Thank you again, Mike. Dick Ballentine and family cooked up their fabulous barbecued chicken. Chris Vollman repaired the running deer target.

Treasurer

Justine Lakin will be replaced by her dad, Ralph Goings

Secretary & Trap Chairman

Jaimie Loura is moving on and both jobs are open

Proposed By-Law Change

Article IV Membership

Section K.

A member in good standing may bring a maximum of two guests at a time to the outdoor or indoor range. A guest may use the outdoor or indoor range only twice in a calendar year. This does not apply to cub events that are open to the public. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests while any club facilities are being used.

Section L.

Commercial use of the club facilities for profit by any member is prohibited. This does not apply to events run, or sponsored, by the club.

Dick Shaw
President

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please Print Legibly

Name _____ NEW RENEWAL

Address: Street _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date Of Birth _____

E-Mail Address _____

Will you accept newsletters and meeting warnings via e-mail? Yes No

Are you an NRA Member? Yes No NRA Number _____

I hereby agree to obey all the club's by-laws, range rules and carry out the objectives of the Precision Valley Fish and Game Association.

Applicant's Signature _____

Fee Schedule: Sept. 1 through December 31; \$75.00 for remainder of current year and all of the following year.

January 1 through December 31 of current year; \$60.00

Membership includes spouse and children under 18

How many hours could you contribute this year to assist with club activities? _____

Mail Application with appropriate fee to: Precision Valley Fish and Game Association

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