

In Sights

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APRIL 2008 • Next Member's Meeting: **TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH AT 7:30 PM.**

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A QUICK ANGIE UPDATE—SHE IS DOING VERY WELL. SHE HAS A VERY NICE APARTMENT AND IS GETTING SETTLED NICELY. SHE SAYS HI TO ALL.

WE ARE SORRY TO REPORT THAT JOE KROEZE'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2008. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH JOE.

THIS PAST MONTH HAS BEEN FILLED WITH A NUMBER OF SPECIAL EVENTS. THE MARINE POOLIES WERE OUT IN FORCE AND HELD A GOOD SHOOT, THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS WHO HELPED OUT THAT DAY: BILL McELFRESH, CHUCK CASTLE, KERRY JOHNSON, TOM EVANS, STEVE GREENBERG, JOHN BUSH, CHRIS LIZARRAGA, LYEC WILLIAMS, AND ROY BOYD.

THE FOLLOWING DAY WE CO-SPONSORED THE MANTECA / LATHROP FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAP SHOOT. THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT WITH ABOUT 150 SHOOTERS. THOSE MEMBERS HELPING TO MAKE THIS SUCH A SUCCESS WERE: ROY BOYD, CHUCK VANDERPOOL, GLORIA SCHMIDT, JARED SCHMIDT, BUTCH COOPER, TYLER SMITHEART, JUANIFO PISTOLY, LARRY BARR, GARY SCHMIDT, BRIAN SCHMIDT AND JASON HILL. GREAT JOB!

THE CLUB IS STILL SEEKING A RETIRED COUPLE TO BE THE GROUNDS KEEPER AND CLUBHOUSE SUPERVISOR. IF YOU KNOW OF A COUPLE THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THESE POSITIONS PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

~LEN SIPE

HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

(California Department of Fish & Game)

Course required of any individual wishing to purchase a California Hunting License and Game Tags.

Registration Fee: \$15.00

2008 Dates: • April 5 • May 3 • June 7 • July 5
 • August 2 • September 6 • October 4 • November 1

Please mail your registration fee to: MSI Hunter Safety, 30261 South Airport Way, Manteca CA 95336. You may call 823-7919 with any questions or to confirm your scheduled date.

*Class Participants will receive a Half Price Pass to shoot at Manteca Sportsmen Club on any one day during the month following your class participation date!



Kid Shoot

Brian Gookins

Thanks for placing your confidence in me to lead the Kid's Shoot. On Friday, March 7, 2008, we had 45 kids come out to participate in the shoot and of those only 5 were unable to wait for their opportunity. Many of these kids were return Kid's Shoot guests but we had around 10 first time shooters as well. We started off slowly but were able to gain momentum so that all the kids who were able to stay had the opportunity to shoot before it got too late.

Dave Fabiano took care of hosting the kids and their parents while waiting to shoot. Dave spent time discussing safety with them as well. Bill McElfresh, Joe Kroeze, Lee Williams and Marvin Mello along with myself worked on shooting fundamentals and safety while coaching these shooters.

Thank you Dave, Joe, Lee and Marvin for your support and for coaching the kids, your enthusiasm is contagious and we witnessed that excitement in the kids who were shooting. You are very much appreciated.

Thank you Bill also, for mentoring me as well as the training you provided our shooters.

Thank you to Diane, my wife, and Elisha, my daughter, for making treats for our guests.



Pistol Fun Shoot

~Bill McElfresh~

Okay—I know you're all very busy so I'll make it quick. Fourteen shooters, four relays, Easter and St. Patrick's Day themes, everybody (even me) had fun!

Just kidding about keeping it short. It was a good day to be shooting, plenty of sunshine and just a little breeze. Some people had an off day (probably because of the Daylight Saving Time change) and some people had a good day. The clover target was deceiving and the jellybean shaped targets were a bit of a challenge. All other targets were just a smidgen farther than last month. None-the-less, most shooters adapted well and performed admirably.

With that being said, here are the top 3 (and score) in each category: **Center-fire:** 1st place and overall pistol shoot high score goes to **Robert Ries (398)**; 2nd place goes to **John Bagakis (358)** and 3rd place goes to **Wayne Burns (295)**. **Rim-fire:** 1st place goes to **John Bagakis (395)**; 2nd place goes to **Mike Maciel (380)** and 3rd place goes to **Wayne Burns (341)**.

Thanks to John & Desi Hill, Robert Reis, Steve Greenberg, Will & Chuck Castle, John Bagakis, Shaun Damerell, Rich Trader and anybody else who helped set up and tear down. Your help is very much appreciated. The next Fun Shoot will be on Sunday, April 13th. Signup starts at 0845, orientation at 0900 and tiny holes will appear in the target shortly afterward. We'll probably be outside, but bring a .22 anyway. You might as well "Super Size" your fun! Questions and/or comments are always welcome.

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Two Rivers Posse

"Down By The River"

SHENANDOAH

February 24, 2008 • Durham Ferry – Intermittent showers tested the determination (sanity) of the fifteen stalwarts who made it their business to see who was the best shot on a rainy day. Dirty Pete led us by example through six challenging but fair stages and rallied many of us to stay the course. JW Trader, Dirty Pete, and Whiskey Rivers shot'er clean. JW took stages 2, 3, 4, and 5 and was the top gun for the day. Pete topped stages 1 and 6 and the Silver Senior category. Sintree Tulait was smooth and fast and captured third place overall. For the third time in as many shoots, the serious rain held off until most of us had our gear safely secured in our vehicles. That's how it was Down By The River.

Top Guns

The Fastest Guns
1st Gunfighter
1st Duelist
1st Senior Duelist
1st Traditional
1st Modern
1st 49er
1st Silver Senior
1st Elder Statesman

Men
JW Trader
Niles Canyon
Soapy Smith
Big John Durham
Tejano Viejo
Walk About
JW Trader
Dirty Pete
Hoosier Daddy

Women

The Cowboy Way

Most folks are just about as happy as they've made up their minds to be.



March 1, 2008 • Durham Ferry – The cool breeze that wafted the trees and caused shooters to be in and out of their coats belied the heat of the competition. The top three gunnies took all of the stages and each had one that was just smokin'. Nate Clayton and Wobblin' Bob were nip and tuck throughout the shoot and the Tracy Kid was never far behind. Nate took the honors while Bob along with Two Dogs Grant shot 'er clean. Dirty Pete has become a fixture leading the Silver Seniors and Dragon has slipped into the lead in the Dualist category. We were glad to see Cherokee Doll back among the healthy folk and she edged Molly Magoo by forty four hundredths of a second as the fastest woman. A sneeze would take longer than that. Lefty Vaquero was back from a self imposed absence and was a mite rusty. Seemed like he was as quick as ever but those targets kept dodging on him. Wait til next match when he is back in his groove. San Joaquin Slim had some work related colleagues from Europe stop by the shoot last month to see how our game is played. Some of them had never handled a firearm before. They won't be able to say that again. He had each of them take a few shots with a variety of guns and they were mesmerized. Good going Slim. It was good to see El Passo Gasso back at the Ferry. That's how it was Down By The River.

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1st Classic Cowboy
1st B Western
1st Buckaroo
1st 49er
1st Silver Senior
1st Senior
1st Elder Statesman

Men
Nate Clayton
Niles Canyon
Dragon
Big John Durham
Nate Clayton
Ricky D
Red River Road Agent
B-Western
Spitfire
Snapshot Dualin
Dirty Pete
Wobblin' Bob
Mariposa Slim

Women
Cherokee Doll

Molly Magoo

Cherokee Doll

The Cowboy Way • Too little temptation can lead to virtue.



Our next shoot will be Saturday, April 3rd.



High Power Rifle Match March 2, 2008

NRA Club #: R0562 CMP Club #: 62254

Bench - Competitor Name		Class (High Master, Master, Expert, Sharpshooter, Marksman, or Unclassified)	Off-Hand	Sitting-R	Prone-R	Prone 1	Prone 2	"X"s	Total
Relay 1									
1	Steve Fentress		93	80	58	84	93	2	408
2	Brian Wingo		72	50	71	75	64	2	332
3	Mike Maciel		61	71	24	65	52		273
4	Tim McDonald		48	74	72	69	68		331
5	Chuck Castle	Mk	84	91	90	76	79	2	420
6	Will Castle		28	52	16	15	5		116
7	Joe Kroeze		63	81	53	70	49		316
8	Lyecc Williams		69	80	66	38	75		328
9	Sharon Abbott		67	86	76	63	79	2	371
10	Tony Abbott		82	66	89	75	83	2	395
11	Cliff Glidden	Ex	87	98	98	95	96	14	474

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BLACK POWDER

March Black Powder Saturday had 22 participants, 15 shooters after the coffee and cookies were done.

Fred Jones shot 1st place and Tony Abbott 2nd to split the pot. Tony and Pat Delano set up the shoot, good job guys.

This month on the 12th we will be helping a group of Sea Cadets learn to shoot muzzleloaders and throw the tomahawk and knife. Come out and help Ned with the group. Modesto Muzzleloaders will be at Six-Bits Gulch for the Sonora Smokepoler's Rendezvous April 11 to 13. Call Ned at 599-2374 to help with the shoot.

Manteca Sportsmen's Club Archery



We offer two types of shooting target opportunities. Practice and Field ranges. Each range is equipped with yardage markers and Polypropylene butts backed by hay.

Practice Range • The practice range consists of 5 targets ranging from 20-50 yards with two bow stands and a picnic table for relaxing and enjoying the day or tuning your equipment.

Field Range • The field range consists of a 9 target walking path through some of our wooded and grassy areas with shots ranging from 10-80 yards.

Special Events • There are several event opportunities at our club. Archery competition and other events set up periodically based on interest. Those who are interested in participating should sign up at the clubhouse.

APRIL 2008

TUESDAYS • Club Opens 10:00 am
DAILY • Club Opens 8:00am • Closes 6:30 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Trap 6pm	3	4 Kid's Shoot 6pm	5 Trap Practice 10-4 Cowboy Shoot Hunter Safety Class 7am-5:30pm
6 Hi Power Rifle 9am New Jerusalem 4H Rifle Training 1-4pm	7 Trap 9am Durham Ferry 4-H Rifle Training 2:30pm-4:30pm	8 Club Member Meeting 7:30pm	9 Trap 6pm Vernalis 4H Rifle Training 4-7pm	10 Hotshots 6:30pm	11	12 Trap Practice 10-4 Black Powder 9am Women's Pistol V CB Range 1-4pm Turlock Sea Cadets 9am-3pm
13 Pistol Fun Shoot 9am New Jerusalem 4H Rifle Training 1-4pm	14 Trap 9am	15	16 Trap 6pm Vernalis 4H Rifle Training 4-7pm	17	18	19 Trap Practice 10-4
20 New Jerusalem 4H Rifle Training 1-4pm	21 Trap 9am	22 Board Meeting 7pm	23 Trap 6pm Vernalis 4H Rifle Training 4-7pm	24	25	26 Trap Practice 10-4 MSI Range Officer Class 1-4pm CA State Air Force Cadets 316th Batt Comm of Cadets Rosemont HS—Sac 9am-1pm
27 Cowboy Shoot New Jerusalem 4H Rifle training 1-4pm	28 Trap 9am	29	30 Trap 6pm			

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25 Cowboy Shoot	26 Trap 9am	27	28 Trap 6pm Vernalis 4H Rifle Training 4-7pm	29	30	31 Trap Practice 10-4

Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like.

~Will Smith

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MSI RANGE OFFICER CLASS

The course will cover

✓Safety ✓Range Rules ✓Commands ✓Emergency Procedures and more.

Class date is Saturday, April 26th 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM (CMP) CLASS

The course will cover

✓Rifle & Equipment Care ✓Match Course of Fire
✓Accuracy Techniques ✓Positions ✓Sight Adjustment

Class date is Saturday, May 24th 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Both classes are instructed by Kerry Johnson and all interested members are welcome to attend.