Minutes for JPL Gun Club Meeting, 8 July 2010

In attendance:

Dwight Geer

Nelson Green

Judy Nelson

Rafi Some

Russell Sugimura

Tom Wolfe

Tom Wynne

Rich Rebele – on vacation

James Wincentsen – sent in treasurer’s report

Action item completed: See treasurer’s report.

Treasurer’s report: The old JPLCG Caltech account was closed and funds were transferred to the new JPLCG account. A special thanks to Mike, Ben, and Nelson for their help in making this possible.

Account balance: 3969.47

Cash on hand: 46.00

Total club funds: 4015.47

Today’s meeting began informally with a welcome back to Rafi Some, who expressed gratitude for the get well card, and conversations on various topics and activities relative to the club and its members.

Firing Line indoor range is now a candidate venue for a pistol shoot; it has changed from the previous hourly rate to a flat per day rate. The building is not air conditioned. Firing Line hosts classes on Saturday mornings but would be available on Sundays. It opens at 9:00 a.m.

Tom Wolfe and Judy Nelson worked the Firearms Training booth Saturday 4 June and attended the fair the previous Friday.

Seventeen members attended the club rifle shoot on 19 June and a retiree came back as a new member. Tom Temple called the line. Rich Rebele took pictures. Tom Wolfe has them on the club’s website.

Four club members exhibited their skeet shooting acumen on Friday 2 July and their engineering prowess when at least one came close to electrocuting himself while repairing the high house. Nelson Green was one of those that took the challenge and went skeet shooting with Tom Wynne and Russ Sugimoto, getting an opportunity to try his 20 gauge shotgun. There will be a night shoot this Friday 9 July at the club.

Judy assisted Firearms Training Associates in a women’s self defense class Saturday 26 June.

Tom Wolfe would like to organize a family and friends shoot at Angeles on 17 July; Nelson will send out an email notification.

Rich Rebele would like to have a month with no shoot, possibly August, The next rifle shoot with be in September. This schedule allows for having a rifle/turkey shoot in November.

Nelson will work The Old Fort MacArthur Days Living History this weekend 10-11 July. Event runs 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. both days and includes many re-enactors: cowboys, civil war, Word Wars I & II. Nelson will be joined by Tom Temple, both working crowd safety.

Nelson shot over the Fourth of July with the Lockheed Rifle Club on Saturday and the Ojai Valley club on Sunday.

There will be shot gun at Oak Tree this Saturday.

In response to Tom Wolfe’s suggestion about training classes, Nelson said that he had participated in a couple of beginner’s/ladies day shooting events at in the last few years. Jim Glass, who ran the event, used to hold the beginner’s/ladies day at San Gabriel Valley Gun Club (before it closed) and now occasionally holds them at Burro Canyon. At both locations, the range would provide free admission and Jim would arrange for several instructors who would volunteer and work with attendees one on one. Jim would give a instructional class ahead of time included both firearm safety and basic pistol/revolver operations. Nelson will talk to Jim Glass about re-instituting this activity and using it as a “piggy-back” opportunity for the JPLGC.

Legal News national:

McDonald vs. City of Chicago, a landmark decision of the [Supreme Court](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supreme_Court_of_the_United_States), held that the right of an individual to "keep and bear arms" protected by the [Second Amendment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Amendment_to_the_United_States_Constitution) is [incorporated](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Incorporation_of_the_Bill_of_Rights) by the [Due Process Clause](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Due_Process_Clause) of the [Fourteenth Amendment](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourteenth_Amendment_to_the_United_States_Constitution) and applies to the states. The decision cleared up the uncertainty left in the wake of [District of Columbia v. Heller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/District_of_Columbia_v._Heller) as to the scope of gun rights in regard to the states.

In California:

California has not yet legislated a Castle Doctrine. As of 28 May 2010, 31 states have some form of Castle Doctrine and/or Stand Your Ground Law. Note the 1985 Colorado statute, “Make My Day Law.”

Bills that would ban lead shot in state wildlife areas and require registration of newly purchased rifles and shotguns passed the state Assembly.

"Commencing February 1, 2011, the delivery or transfer of ownership of handgun ammunition may only occur in a face-to-face transaction with the deliverer or transferor being provided bona fide evidence of identity from the purchaser or other transferee. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor."

Please refer to the website for information: www.jplgc.org

Meeting ended at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Nelson

Secretary