



Golden Pheasant January 2016

**2016 Dues Drive is now in progress.
Remember—Feb 15, 2016 is the deadline.**

2016 Dues are \$84.00

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Mail to OSC P.O. Box 171, Oakdale 95361- OR Use the NEW Drop Box at the Club House

Nominations for OSC Board of Directors We need you to nominate OSC members for the Board of Directors.

1.) _____

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President's Corner, January 2016

As I write my first President's Corner I want the membership to get a chance to know me and my history with OSC. To start, I grew up at the club in the 70's shooting rifle matches. My grandfather, Bill Bolter, and father, Gene Dias, are both past presidents so I am honored to be representing the club as my family's third generation. I have been married to my lovely wife of 22 years and proud father two kids each currently in college. I started working as a trap boy in the early 80's long before the automatic machines, so I spent many hours down in the cold trap house and enjoyed scoring doubles with my grandfather. In 1984, at the age of 18, I was one of the first junior members to join the club and have enjoyed the club and my membership these past 31 years. My Grandfather also taught Hunters Safety at the club for 30 years and received the Golden Bear award from the Department of Fish & Game. In 2011 I joined the Board of Directors, serving one term before accepting the nomination for Vice President. I look forward to the years ahead with my new Vice President, Jimmy Grassmidt, and a strong Board of Directors and appointed board positions.

The next two years will be those of accomplishment. There are many improvements and projects we wish to complete in the next two years and beyond, the first of which is well on its way with our solar array installation on the club house. The project has been approved and is in the permitting stage and we will soon see panels on the south side of the club house roof from which the club will see an immediate cost savings. I am an avid Cowboy Fast Draw shooter, archer, and enjoy bird hunting. I competed in this month's Trap Club Championship. We had 10 squads and over 50 shooters with 17 guests. It was a fun day with a great lunch. My shoulder is still a little sore and I was a bit rusty, but had a great time competing.

I want to give thanks to Wayne Elam for his leadership the last two years and for his continued guidance as he starts his past presidency term. If you been out to the club in the last three weeks it looks a bit different. Board member Dave Bellington lead the tree trimming efforts. It looks great and we had support from the board and membership to knock this out. I want to thank all of them for their hard work. We ran two wood chippers for 8 hours, to give you an idea of how much work went into the event. It was fun, Matt made us a nice lunch and was done safely most importantly.

We had an epic December dinner meeting with Aaron and Fred Stepp at the helm again. The pig meal was outstanding! Aaron had two AR-15's and a Glock pistol for the raffle, which sold out with 150 members and guests in attendance. I want to thank Aaron and his crew, this meal is labor intensive and comes with some long hours to get a whole pig roasted. Fantastic job! We also conducted our annual board elections at Dec dinner. Master Sergeant at Arms, Julio Rosa, and Sergeant at Arms, Dave Antinetti, were both re-elected and Beryl Graybill, who had previously served on the Board of Directors,

ran and was elected to a new term, I'm glad to welcome Beryl, Julio, and Dave back.

In closing, I am proud to be representing the club and have really enjoyed serving as a Director, VP, and now President. Keep in mind, we have many political organizations working against the very things we love and enjoy as responsible sportsmen. Do your homework and stay informed throughout the next year. There is no doubt your vote will be needed to determine our next Commander in Chief and we want to elect one that shares our same values in protecting our 2nd amendment rights.

I am available by cell phone to any of our members so don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Merry Christmas

OSC President

Dennis Dias

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Below: Gun Slingers No Daisy (AKA President Dennis Dias) and Single Phase'n (AKA member Ron Bates) go for broke while Fast Drawing



Below: 2016 President Dennis Diaz and 2016 Vice President Jim Grassmidt at the December Pig Dinner



Member Dinner - Tuesday, February 2nd:

This month's meal is **Cioppino!!**

TICKETS

\$50.00 each

Contact John Word

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Annual menu:

Jan—no meal; **Feb—Cioppino;**

March—Corned Beef and Cabbage;
 April—Steaks; May— Mexican;
 June—Past President's meal, steaks;
 July—no meal; Aug—Steaks;
 Sept—Steaks; Oct— German;
 Nov—Fish Fry; Dec—Whole Pig.
 Social hour 5:30p. Dinner 7:30p

ARCHERY SECTION - By Aron Stepp

visit:

<http://oakdalesportsmensclub.com/Sections/Archery/archery.html>

Current Archery indoor league below

Name	Week 1 11/9	Week2 11/16	Week3 11/30	Week4 12/7	Week5 12/14
Joe Goncalves	276 x6	277x5	276x4	280x3	285x10
Nick Ingham	299 x22	300x24	299x23	297x17	299x18
Aron Stepp	283 x8	284x9		291x7	
Joshua Griffin	282 x6	284x10			
Brian Phillips	276 x4	265x6	280x8	281x5	271x4
Edward Willmon	236 x1	208	260x3	245x1	236x2
Mike Kerston		270 x4		269x3	269x5
Michael Evola		274x2	283x5		280x10
Chris Becker			264x3	254x4	268x5
Joe Brown					260
Zack Walker					293x15

Valley Trap League History

written several years ago by the late Roy Banducci

In Memory of: Bill Bolter, Ollie Fine, Tony Cardoza Evan Hudelson, Ed Steffen, Bill Jeffers

This story will be printed and published, and all proceeds above cost of the publishing will be donated to the N.C.T.T.A. fund to help introduce new young shooters to the sport of trap shooting.

Many thanks to Jim Mc Mahon and Bill Jeffers, who for 32 years was the recording secretary and score keeper for the Sierra League.

When I first set my feet on the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club grounds, the grass feed was as high as a cow's belly. The traps were full of dirt from the 1950 and 1955 floods. The roofs of the traps were made of wood and broken. The 16 yard trap was circled with cement and steel fence posts where cut off about four foot high with a metal plate welded on top that could hold one box of shells and one can of beer. Red Craft had delivered the metal building from the Rossini Ranch. Marve Hope, Bill Bolter and I were prepared to paint the inside of the building on a Sunday morning. About 10:00 a.m., someone said we should have something to drink and that was the end of our painting project. As things were getting started, the traps needed to be cleaned up and repaired. After the dirt was removed, the first trap had a Black Dimmer Trap that was hand pulled and wasn't operative. The other two traps were missing the number two and three traps. The traps had been removed before the 1950 flood. Trying to locate the missing traps was like looking for a needle in a hay stack. They were never found. In 1962, my father-in-law, Ed Steffen donated a Cline Puller Trap from the Kerman Trap Club. We put in new parts and rebuilt the foundation in the trap house. After the work on the trap house was completed, the other two trap houses had to be furnished. Word came to us that Newman Trap Club had two Cline Puller Traps for sale. So Jim McMahon and I traveled to Newman in my International Scout PU. We loaded the traps up and with an over hang of three feet we came home. With the help of Ollie Fine, the trap houses were completed. We wanted to make money for the club. Warren Clipper was President of the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club and he assigned Ralph White and me to put something together on a new club house. The first Golden Pheasant printed by Bill Jeffers relates to the minute of the club directors meeting on the subject. Ralph and I put our print on a piece of cardboard. Then Ralph took the print and drew it to scale. Glen Rathbun supervised the build of the new club house. As interest in Team Trap Shooting was starting. Stockton Trap and Skeet entered the Sierra League. Then came the problem of how many targets do we shoot. In

1963 we had four shoots. 50-16 yard, 25-21 yards, 25 doubles for a total of 101 targets per person on each squad. Then in 1968, we shot six shoots. 50-16 yard, 25-21 yards and 30 doubles-105 targets per person on each squad. In 1972, the total number of targets was changed to 8 shoots. 25-16 yard, 50-handicap and 30 doubles for 105 targets per shooter for each squad member. Our first shoot was in 1962 in Sonora. At that date, four teams were interested in the Sierra Trap League. Sonora, Oakdale, Waterford and Escalon were the teams. There are no records of that shoot available. In 1963, Jim Mc Mahon became the first secretary of the Sierra Trap League. Jim kept scores for 32 years and all scores were recorded by hand written form and posted at the next shoot. Bill Jeffers was the type of person that always had a concern whether it was about the scores, the traps, the number of targets to shoot and who to beat in the next shoot the following Sunday. After several years, Bill became the secretary of the Sierra League. Then Bill and Jim McMahon continued through the years as a team. They rode together to shoots and shot on the same team. Bill became a top competitor in doubles and Jim was very competitive in total scores.

Bill Bolter—Bill dedicated his life to hunting and shooting for 35 years he taught hunter safety at the Oakdale Sportsman's Club. In his manor, he was loved by all. He reloaded shells both in trap and rifle and was generous with his shells for anyone who wanted them. He spent many years as the trap section chairman as well as the rifle range master. He spent hundreds of hours on electrical needs and repairs for the Oakdale Sportsman's Club.

Ollie Fine—Ollie was a rancher from La Grange and one of the most accomplished trapshooters in his times. On many occasions I saw Ollie on the trap range with a straight run under way when the trap would break down. Ollie would set trusted Model 12 on the gun rack, go down in the trap house, make major repairs, then come out with grease on his hands and pants, pick up his Model 12 and complete his straight run. Ollie was instrumental in helping Jim McMahon and I get the traps repaired and in operating condition. After the 1955 flood, the traps were full of mud and some of the roofs were rotted and damaged. Ollie gave us parts that he milled on his lathe.

Evan Hudelson—You had to know Evan real well because sometimes his manor was confusing and hard to understand. If you missed a target he would let you know in his own "words" why you missed the target and how to correct the problem. Again, in his own "words" and you better not miss the next target because his own "words" would flow again. Evan was also instrumental in giving us guidance through the years of shooting registered targets and formulating rules and regulations for the trap league.

Ed Steffen—Ed was a grape grower/farmer. Most of you in the league don't know Ed. He was my father-in-law who got me started in trap shooting. He guided me through my early years. Ed guided us with his expertise on getting a club started in league competition. He donated Kline pullers that were discarded from the Kerman Trap Club in the Fresno area. He once told me that trap shooting wasn't about breaking targets, but the friends you make before, during and after a shoot. Those friends are the most fierce

competitors on the line, but after the shoot is over with, you are friends again and most of the time, friends for life. How true. Ed was also my sponsor into the California Indians and on the day of my induction, he passed away. I will always miss him, not only as my father-in-law but as a true friend.

Tony Cardozo—Tony was the Escalon Trap Club. He helped build it and ran the trap section for his lifetime along with his wife Louise. His call for the target could be heard up and down the trap line and field. Very few targets were ever lost. Many stories are told about Tony in his early years of shooting. The one I liked best is: he would sell his Holstein calves for money to go trapshooting. On another occasion, he came home late from the state shoot. He had won at the state shoot and received a trophy which he was very proud of, and showing it to his wife, who had completed the milking chores, was not receptive to his accomplishment. And you know I can't print what his wife told him what he could do with his trophy!!!

All of the above were great shooters and assets to the sport of trapshooting in our area. If you got involved in setting up a shoot or a trap section chairperson, it was a thank less job. The targets are too high, too low; the doubles are not set squarely, and so on. To these people that spent a lifetime involved in keeping the sport going, from shoot to shoot and year to year....a job well done and my gratitude of appreciation to them all. It was the spring of 1962, as stated, the trap houses were in shambles and the Oakdale Club needed money. The regular monthly dinner did not pay the bills and maintenance needed to run the club. The idea came to me if we could get these traps in running condition, we could have shoots on a regular schedule with the hopes of making money for the club. The trap section had \$240.00 in the bank. So I got permission from the club to buy two Kline puller traps from the Newman Trap Club for \$100.00 each. Jim Mc Mahon and I went to Newman to pick up the traps. We took them home and installed them in our repaired houses. Trap #1 had an old Black Diamond puller that was dismantled and scrapped. With the Kline pullers, we now had three trap houses with these old rebuilt Kline's. Now we needed shooters in order to bring in money to pay for our expenses. We needed competition and new shooters in place to start at the least expense. Bill Cashman, a board member of the Oakdale Sportsmen's Club and I visited three clubs.... Waterford, Sonora and Escalon to inform them of our league competition. In Waterford we met Don Brush and Dee Brooks. They agreed with our ideas and agreed to join our league. We attended a regular meeting night meeting in Sonora and met Dave Frazier Sr. and Jr and Pat Patterson. They also agreed with the idea of a league and would assign a squad. In Escalon, Tony Cardoza and Tony Bettencourt said, "hell yes we'll join the league." We were on our way. In the fall of 1962, we met in Oakdale to set up the rules and bylaws. It was unanimous that 101 targets was the total number to be shot at each shoot and each club would host two shoots with the shoot off at the end of the season to establish the Sierra Trap Team Championships. That's my story, if I offended or omitted anyone or miss quoted a story, my apologies. What else can I say?

-Roy Banducci

Past League Champions

1. 1963-Sonora (M.L.G.C.) 4 Towns, 4 Shoots (50-16yd, 25-21 yd, 26 Dbls.) 101 Targets

- No Records But Sonora Won

2. 1964-Oakdale (O.S.C.) 4 Shoots

- Bill Jeffers, Roy Banducci, Jim McMahon, Dee Brooks, Lee Armstrong

3. 1965-Oakdale (O.S.C.) 10 Shoots

- Bill Jeffers, Roy Banducci, Jim McMahon, Walter Crow, Oliver Fine

4. 1966-Modesto (O.F.C.) 8 Shoots

- Sherm Cordell, Ed Riggs, Jim Meikle, Paul Warda, John Cadrett

5. 1967-Modesto (O.F.C.) 7 Shoots

- Sherm Cordell, Ed Riggs, Jim Meikle, Paul Warda, John Cadres

6. 1968-Modesto (O.F.C.) 6 Shoots (50-16yd, 25-21yd, 30 Dbls)

- Sherm Cordell, Ed Riggs, Jim Meikle, Paul Warda, John Cadrett

7. 1969-Escalon (E.S.C.) 10 Shoots

- Wally Cox, Lee Dibona, Joe Ruddy, Bill Vanassen Tony Cardozo

8. 1970-Modesto (O.F.C.) 8 Shoots

- Sherm Cordell, Ed Riggs, Jim Meikle, Paul Warda, John Cadrett

9. 1971-Modesto-(O.F.C.)

- Dennis Ioppini, Ed Riggs, Jim Meikle, Paul Warda, John Cadrett

10. 1972-Merced (M.F. & G.)

- Ron Hall, John Laird, Harold May, Norman Graham, John Olivarez

11. 1973-Merced (M.F. & G.)

- Darrel Peak, Bob Gilbertson, Ron Hall, Phil Johnson, John Olivarez

12. 1974-Merced (M.F. & G.)

- Phil Johnson, Charles Kinser, Darrel Peak, Bob Gilbertson, Rebel Freitas

13. 1975-Modesto (O.F.C.)

- John Cadrett, Ed Riggs, Jim Meikle, Paul Warda, Bob Fahland

14. 1976-Modesto (O.F.C.)

- Evan Hudelson, Ed Riggs, Jim Meikle, Paul Warda, John Cadrett

15. 1977-Escalon (E.S.C.)

- Wally Cox, Don Marchal, Jerry Butcher, Jim Crites, Tony Cardoza

16. 1978-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Francis Carlos, Bill Jeffers, Steve Bach, Roy Banducci

17. 1979-Merced (M.F.& G.)

- Darrel Peak, Charles Kinser, Bob Alicki, Jay Mayhue, Ron Hall

18. 1980-Waterford (W.S.C.)

- Charles Redding, Mark Cox, Don Redding, Tommy Cupit, Roger Redding

19. 1981-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Francis Carlos, Steve Bach, Bill Jeffers, Jim Ford

20. 1982-Escalon (E.S.C.)

- Jerry Butcher, Jim Crites, Scott Zeigler, Don Marchal, Tony Cardoza

21. 1983-Sonora (M.L.G.C.)

- Richard Martinez, Dave Fraser, Joe Francis, Tommy Cupit, Wes Young

22. 1984-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Bill Jeffers, Jim McMahon, Steve Bach, Francis Carlos, Jim Ford

23. 1985-Modesto (O.F.C.) Red Dogs

- Paul Warda, Jim McMahon, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Ed Riggs

24. 1986-Modesto (O.F.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Evan Hudelson, John Cadrett, Paul Warda, Ed Riggs

25. 1987-Modesto (O.F.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Evan Hudelson, John Cadrett, Paul Warda, Ed Riggs

26. 1988-Waterford (W.S.C.)

- Don Davison, Neal Kelley, Harold Clapp, Merle Fountain, Ed Parmenter

27. 1989-Modesto (O.F.C.) Oldtimers

- Jim McMahon, Evan Hudelson, John Cadrett, Paul Warda, Ed Riggs

28. 1990-Modesto (O.F.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Paul Warda, Ed Riggs

29. 1991-Sonora (M.L.G.C.)

- Richard Martinez, Bob Thronburg, Dan Durnall, Goker Kerr, Wes Young

30. 1992-Escalon (E.S.C.)

- Scott Zeigler, Dean Adkins, Abby Risetto, Mike Rodoani, Max Butcher

31. 1993-Escalon (E.S.C.)

- Scott Zeigler, Abby Risetto, Jerry Butcher, Lyle Hight, Mike Rodoani

32. 1994-Escalon (E.S.C.)

- Scott Zeigler, Abby Risetto, Jerry Butcher, Lyle Hight, Mike Rodoani

33. 1995-Escalon (E.S.C.)

- Scott Zeigler, Abby Risetto, Jerry Butcher, Lyle Hight, Mike Rodoani

34. 1996-Escalon (E.S.C.)

- Scott Zeigler, Abby Risetto, Jerry Butcher, Lyle Hight, Mike Rodoani

35. 1997-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Jr.

36. 1998-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Jr.

37. 1999-Oakdale (O.S.C.) (25-16yd, 50 Hdcp, 50 Dbls-125 Targets)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Jr.

38. 2000-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Jr.

39. 2001-Angels Camp (A.C.G.C.)

- Will Riedel, Bill Ladd, Jill Castle, Bob Slater, Sr., Jim Castle

40. 2002-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Jr.

41. 2003-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Jr.

42. 2004-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Jr.

43. 2005-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Jr.

44. 2006-Oakdale (O.S.C.)

- Jim McMahon, Jim Foster, John Cadrett, Bill Jeffers, John Cadrett, Jr.

45. 2007-Waterford (W.S.C.)

- Scott Zeigler, Mike Pitcock, Greg Smith, Jim Crites, Mike Rodoani

46. 2008Last Year for Sierra Trap League-Waterford Won.

Best 5 Man Team Scores

- 1963-1998-Modesto in 1986. 494/525
 - 25-16yd., 50 Hdcp., 30 Dbls.
- 1999-2008-Oakdale in 2003. 584/625
 - 25-16yd., 50 Hdcp., 50 Dbls.

Club Schedule:

Hall Rentals—Jan 8th

Cowboy Fast Draw—Dec 9th at 9a

Rifle Competition— Not on Calendar

Rifle Cowboy – Not on Calendar

Pistol Fun Match —Jan 3rd at 10a

USPSA Match—Jan 17th at 9a

CCW Classes—Contact WWW.Madison-Society.org

Trap –Wed. 2p and Sat. 10a to 2p

Archery Shooting-Monday Nights 5:30p

Rifle Range Open—Thur. and Sat. 9a to 1p

The Kitchen Section—Wed 5:30p to 8:30p

Board of Directors Meeting—Jan-12th -7:30p

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