

# VAGC (Villages Air Gun Club) Handout

The Villages Air Gun Club Website: [www.airgunclub.org](http://www.airgunclub.org) Check it out, it contains a wealth of information. Please read the Club [RULES & Bylaws](#) on our website.

About the Club:

- The purpose of the Club is the promotion of organized and individual airgun shooting.
- Membership is \$15.00 a year. Our year is June 1 to May 31. There is no pro-ration of this fee.
- Quarterly Meetings are held June, September, December & March
- Annual Awards Banquet – end of April
- Competition starts the first Wednesday after July 4<sup>th</sup>, and runs through mid-April.

Competition:

- Competition is offered in four disciplines: Off-hand Pistol and Rifle, and Bench Rest Pistol and Rifles. Members may shoot in any or all disciplines.
- Competitors are grouped in Classifications based on skill level (STANDINGS tab on website).
- Awards are for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place awards at each Skill/Classification level.
- Match fee is \$2.00 each or pre-paid \$60.00 for the season. The club provides the targets.
- Competition Rules can be located at [airgunclub.org](http://airgunclub.org).

Ranges:

- Air Gun Ranges:
  - North Rio Grande – 1216 Rio Grande Blvd., behind the postal center.
  - Central Soaring Eagle – 4396 Morse Blvd., by the softball fields.
  - South Sugar Cane – 2618 Finney Way, behind the postal center.
- Days for Competition:
  - North - Rio Grande - Thursday & Friday
  - Central - Soaring Eagle - Monday & Tuesday
  - South - Sugar Cane - Wednesday

Volunteering Opportunities: Range Master, Camp Villages coach (Easter & Summer), EXPO-Winter, Senior Games-Spring, Wednesday open shoots for Villagers and their guests.

Villages Shoots (Rec Shoots) are Wednesdays at Sugar Cane from 9:00am to 11:00 a.m. The Villages Recreation Department provides rifles, pistols, pellets and targets for Villagers interested in shooting air guns. The Villages Air Gun Club members volunteer to instruct and help with the safe operation of the range at these times.

## Equipment and Supplies:

Before You Buy Equipment - We recommend that you observe some matches, ask members about their guns and equipment, and check out the [Equipment Suggestions](#) link on our website. You will find us practicing and competing at all three ranges. Look above for days of competition. Ask and observe before competition starts or after it is over.

- Pellets & Targets - The club sells .177cal wadcutter flat head pellets and targets.
  - Practice targets are available from the club (125/250 for \$17/\$34), or you can print your own from the club website. You can also buy targets from local stores or the internet.
  - Pellets are available from the club in several brands and weights. The difference is in the judgment of the user. Shooters might start with the Green (\$10.00 for 500), and may later decide on Yellow Meisterkuglen (\$12.00 for 500), or Black Match 10 (\$15.00 for 500). 7.0gr(grain) pellets are generally for pistols or CMP rifles, 8.2gr pellets are generally for rifles.
- Equipment points to consider:
  - Pump guns are inexpensive but require pumping before each shot.
  - CO2 guns are also inexpensive, light weight and require no pumping. But, usually have a limit of , about 50 shots per cartridge, and performance might suffer in colder weather.
  - PCP (pre-charged pneumatic) guns require no pumping or cartridges and can shoot 200 + shots per fill. But, PCP tanks require refill from a compressor or scuba tank.
  - Bench Rests - You need an adjustable 3-point rest for bench rest shooting. The 3 points rest on the bench and support a pad that is adjustable up/down. Bench rests are available from Amazon, caldwellshooting.com, Shooters World, Sportsmen's Warehouse, Rural King, or Walmart.
  - Stool – You will also need a stool or seat for bench rest shooting. Stools/seats are available from Amazon, Harbor Freight, Walmart & online.
  - Target backing – Targets are paper, so some type of cardboard backing is needed, as well as clothes pins or clips to hold backing on the wires.
- The Club can also get some equipment at discounted prices:
  - CMP Program Daisy 853 Competition rifle: The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) provides reconditioned rifles, previously used in competition by the 4H kids. This is good inexpensive rifle and costs \$125.00 + \$14.95 delivery.
  - Crossman Rifles & Pistols: a club member deals with this company and gets great prices.
  - Red Dot Sights: a club member deals directly with Holosun and gets great prices.
- Other Equipment services and retailers:
  - Scuba Tanks and refilling – Adventures Underwater Leesburg or Aquatics Center of Ocala.
  - Guns and equipment – pilkguns.com, champchoice.com, targettalk.org, and our club classifieds.

## SAFETY IS JOB #1

- ❖ PLEASE OBSERVE SAFE GUN HANDLING PRACTICES AT ALL TIMES.
- ❖ ALWAYS OBSERVE HOT & COLD RANGE REQUESTS.

- ❖ IF YOU WANT TO POST A TARGET, YOU OR SOMEONE IN CHARGE NEEDS TO CALL FOR A COLD RANGE & OBSERVE THAT EVERYONE ON THE LINE IS IN COMPLIANCE BEFORE PROCEEDING TO POST.
- ❖ IF YOU NEED INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE, BE SURE TO ASK.
- ❖ PLEASE NOTE AND OBSERVE THE RULES POSTED AT EACH AIR GUN RANGE.

**Have a good time and enjoy the air gun experience!**