

April 2017 Newsletter

High Desert Quail Forever Ch 3138

Monthly Meeting Tuesday April 18th 2017 at 6:30 pm

Apple Valley Gun Club

We have received BLM approval to begin work on the El Mirage OHV area guzzlers. We will meet at 0800 hours on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the OHV Office parking area. BLM Barstow is supplying the Tortoise Monitor. We have 4 continuous work days scheduled, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We hope to conclude the bulk of the work on guzzlers A-67 and A-69 within this time frame. Additional work days will be scheduled as needed. Work will start on unit A-67. We will have a backhoe delivered to the site on Thursday morning, and have scheduled the backhoe to be picked up Thursday afternoon.

To get to the El Mirage OHV area the best route is off of Hwy 395 in Adelanto to El Mirage Road in Adelanto. Go West on El Mirage Road 9 miles to Mountain View Road. Go north on Mountain View Road and follow the signs to the OHV area headquarters. We will meet in the parking lot just short of the check in area.

Our goal is to complete the installation of both new tanks on Thursday. If time permits we may do some additional prep work on existing concrete pads, or we may do some work for the new concrete forms to connect between existing concrete and the new tanks. If time does not permit, we will accomplish these tasks on Friday and possibly begin placing the new concrete. The bulk of our work efforts (concrete placement) should occur on Saturday, hopefully with a sufficient number of volunteers to assist us. Sunday we will clean up any loose ends, including fencing and signage. The units will be fenced to prevent vehicle travel over their surfaces, but the fencing is NOT barbed wire.

I do not yet know how many volunteers will show up. We anticipate 6-10 people for the Thursday & Friday activities and hopefully more on the weekend work days April 29 & April 30. All subsequent activities on the following days will NOT be using any heavy equipment, just pick up trucks and trailers for delivery of materials and water. If you plan on attending one or more days of this event please contact Frank Rorabaugh at youngrowba@verizon.net or (909) 203-8351. Alternate contact will be Dave Smith at 760 617 3291 or Neil Ringlee at 760 617 9025. We will not have a camp site on site. If that changes we will let you know.

In March our crews completely rebuilt and returned to full operation A-60 in Oak Hills. Thanks to all who lent a hand.

The result of our annual election placed the following new officers in place:

John Shaver	Chairman	josh4264@msn.com	760-217-7898
Dave Smith	Vice Chairman	oak1ridge1@aol.com	760-617-3291
Ross Callaway	Treasurer	janine845@aol.com	909-908-3608
Frank Rorabaugh	Habitat Chairman	youngrowba@verizon.net	909-203-8351
Neil Ringlee	Youth/Newsletter/Web	nrringlee@yahoo.com	760-617-9025

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Thanks to these great members for standing up to lead the effort!

Preparation begins for next hunting season. Anyone needing California Hunter Education or the now required Bow Hunter Education can contact Neil Ringlee at nrringlee@yahoo.com or 928-529 3183 for class scheduling. You can also find classes and register on line at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife web site. For traditional (10 hour) classes, use this link to find and register for a class:

<https://www.register-ed.com/programs/california/160>

For the self-study, 4.5 hour practical exam sessions, use this link:

<https://www.register-ed.com/programs/california/161>

Classes will be available at the Apple Valley Gun Club all spring and summer as well as at Bass Pro Shops in Rancho Cucamonga and throughout the greater LA region. All courses, dates and times as well as special requirements are listed on the web site. If you have a group desiring a class Apple Valley Gun Club will schedule a special class for any group 4 or larger. Church groups, Scout troops, any youth group is free.

The weather is warming, snakes are out so be prepared for desert heat and be aware. We hope to see you all at the meeting and at the projects. Thanks to you there is habitat for wildlife!