

# GUESTS & VISITORS POLICY

**PASA** welcomes guests and visitors at all times, but we must emphasize: **PASA PARK IS NOT A PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGE**. You **MUST** become a **PASA** member before you may use firearms at **PASA** Park. Anyone is welcome to visit, picnic, sit in the shade, or observe **PASA** events, but **ONLY** members may use firearms.

**This restriction applies to everybody, including family and closest friends of PASA members**, as well as to the general public. It is a ***no-exceptions*** rule required by **PASA's** liability insurance. The difference in cost between private gun-club insurance and public shooting range insurance is ***astronomical***.

The **only** exception is for participants in special events which are insured by their sponsoring agency, or which provide proof of insurance covering **PASA**. But even they must sign waivers.

## WE'RE NOT ANY HAPPIER ABOUT THIS THAN YOU ARE!

**PASA** actively promotes the expansion of the shooting sports, and wants to make shooting as accessible as possible for as many new participants as possible. Over our 30-plus-year history, we've tried just about everything we could think of to welcome new shooters. In our earliest days, we pretty much let anybody come and shoot, urging them to become members, of course. We even tried \$5 walk-in "Daily Memberships," which counted toward later payment of regular-membership \$25 dues. But we had to stop because our insurance carrier informed we were being a "public range;" no different from a movie theater selling tickets. Next we set up a "Guest System" whereby **PASA** members could bring guests to shoot, so long as they filled out and signed our waiver forms and paid a \$10 Guest Fee. That didn't work, either.

There were three primary reasons:

- Too many members didn't bother to have their guests fill out forms or pay the Guest Fee.
- A lot of "Guests" showed up without the member who was supposedly their host and shot anyway, often without signing waivers.
- Too many members with guests weren't insuring the rules of safe gun-handling were being observed. (Other members on the range needing to dive for the ground while muzzles were being waved around.)

Finally, when one member's novice "guest" (who had not signed a form) blew his hand open mishandling a revolver in Practical Valley, and we started getting repeated calls from his hospital claiming **PASA** was responsible for his medical bills . . . well, enough was enough. (And that was ***far*** from the first time something similar had happened.)

So we instituted the current Members-Only policy, and actually began to enforce **PASA's** long-standing notarized Membership Waiver rule.

And we still urge **PASA** Members who bring non-shooting guests or visitors to **PASA** Park to have them fill out and sign the **PASA** Agreement & Release, and countersign it themselves along with their membership number. Protects everybody.

## BOTTOM LINE

**WE REALLY WANT TO BE FRIENDLY. WE REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE MORE SHOOTERS. BUT WE REALLY HAVE NO CHOICE, BECAUSE OF THE MASSIVELY HIGH LIABILITY RISKS FOR FIREARMS USERS IN THIS CURRENT WORLD. SO:**

**ANYONE FOUND USING FIREARMS AT PASA PARK WHO HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH PASA'S MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO CHARGES OF CRIMINAL TRESPASS. SORRY, BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT HAS TO BE.**