Jim Clarke - Candidate statement & bio

I joined the Club in 2002 and soon became a “regular” on site, both shooting and volunteering for maintenance tasks. In 2006 the Club recognized my contributions with the Charlie Roberts Award “in recognition of outstanding contributions to SPFGA”. Soon thereafter, I was elected to the Board of Directors (Maintenance Chair) and served in that position until the Club required a “paid” part-time (4 hrs/wk) maintenance position in 2008. I continued fulfilling the duties required by that role and stepped up to provide considerable volunteer time (probably averaged about 100 hrs/yr) to insure the facility maintained its excellent reputation for cleanliness and safety. Between 2006 and my retirement from the part-time responsibilities in the spring of 2020 I was instrumental in the planning and hands-on work involving: the construction of the Rim Fire Range & Shed, Archery Range & Shed, Overflow Range & Shed, Handgun Range & Shed, and the 50M Range & Shed. I also supervised improvements to the Campsite Loop, 100M Backstop upgrade, and insured continued compliance with CFO inspections to insure Range Certifications. I have conducted dozens of on-site Range Orientations. Annually, I raised the level of the water in the Fish Pond to insure adequate overwinter depths, winterized the Clubhouse and Spring start-up…and over several years, hosted the Reloading Demo.

My occupational background (School Principal), supervising a staff of 40, uniquely qualifies me to deal with policy development, conflict resolution, and managing meetings.

I am very proud of our facility and am committed to insuring it’s long term viability and reputation for excellence. It is my sincere hope that my demonstrated dedication and past contributions to the Club has been sufficient to earn your vote for this position.