

ALISO GUN CLUB RECORDS

1898 - 1972

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Administrative Information

Extent: 2 archives boxes and 1 volume; 1 linear foot, 4 inches

Date Span: 1898-1972

Provenance: The collection was donated to the Sherman Library by Alice Jessee in October, 1989. Along with her husband, Clarence Jessee, she ran the Aliso Gun Club from 1942 to 1965.

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Historical Note

The Aliso Gun Club was established in 1898 as one of the original gun clubs of Orange County along with the other earliest gun clubs, Greenhead and San Joaquin (1893) and Bolsa Chica (1895). The Aliso Gun Club shared members in its early days with the Bay Island Club, which was also a gun club until 1903. It was also originally known as the Fairview Gun Club from its start in 1898 to 1905 and for the 1901-1902 season as the San Joaquin Gun Club. The club had several different sites throughout its history. There is no indication of the gun club's original location, but as of 1932 it was located "east of Santa Ana Sugar Factory"ⁱ and in 1935 it was located in the southwest portion of the Irvine Ranch. In 1976 it was moved farther south to be grouped with the Old San Joaquin Club, Twenty Ranch Club, and S&M Gun Club. Clarence Jessee and his wife, Alice, ran the Aliso Gun Club from 1942 to 1965. The game registers indicate that the club was active until the end of the 1972 season.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains game registers, photographs, financial records, correspondence, and shooting schedules for the Aliso Gun Club of California. The game registers contain the lists of members, their license numbers, and hunts of the different fowl (teal, widgeon, sprig, and spoon) from 1898 to 1972. The earliest game register (1898-1957) also contains information for the Fairview Gun Club (1898-1905) and the San Joaquin Gun Club (1901-1902). The financial records, which were kept by the club manager, Clarence Jessee, show grocery lists and payments by members for undisclosed reasons during the years 1942-1948, 1950, and 1952.

Container List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	N/A	Game Register (Fairview, San Joaquin, Aliso)	1898-1957
2	1	Game Register	1957-1965
2	2	Game Register	1965-1966
2	3	Game Register	1966-1967
2	4	Game Register	1967-1968
2	5	Game Register	1968-1969
2	6	Game Register	1969-1970
2	7	Game Register	1970-1971
2	8	Game Register	1971-1972
2	9	Photographs of Clarence & Charles Jesse & David McDuffie	1953
2	10	<i>Daily Pilot</i> Newspaper Clipping -- "Drums Up Ducks"	ND
2	11	Donor Information (Accounting Books)	ND
3	12	Accounting Books Kept by Clarence Jesse (Aliso)	1942-1952
3	13	Correspondence - Business	1940-1959
3	14	Correspondence - Europe Trip	1959
3	15	Shooting Schedule	1946-1952, 1969
3	16	Jessee Family Tree (Copies)	ND

Subjects

Aliso Gun Club (Orange County, Calif.)
Fairview Gun Club (Orange County, Calif.)
Hunting
Shooting Preserves
Orange County

References

Hall, Frank A. *They Came to Shoot: A History of California Duck Clubs and Wetland Conservation*.
Sacramento, CA: California Waterfowl Association, 2011.

ⁱ Correspondence with Frank A. Hall, October 29, 2015.