



# EL DORADO *Rod & Gun Club*

## The Powder Keg (January 2004)



### 2004 Officers & Directors

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### Presidents Report

#### ANNUAL BANQUET JANUARY 20, 2004

We are starting the New Year with a bang (ok maybe a small pun was intended) with our first annual dinner banquet. On Tuesday January 20, we will be holding our annual banquet served by Rescue Catering and it will be a buffet style dinner. We will be serving Carved Prime Rib, and/or Lemon Pepper Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans & Matchsticks. Spinach Salad, Pasta Salad, Fruit Ambrosia, assorted rolls, carrot cake for desert and coffee & ice tea is provided. All for only \$20.00 per person (children 10 and under 1/2 price), 250 tickets will be available so let's make sure that we sell them all. Tickets can be purchased from directors and offices, also please stop by Placerville Ford and see me if you need tickets. We are hoping to appeal to a broad range of people, not only to you the member, but your friends and family. So please make sure you invite everyone you know. There will also be entertainment and club awards presented at the dinner and of course there will be raffle prizes, door prizes and silent auctions.

#### RAFFLE PRIZES ARE:

- Kimber Model 84M Classic .308 rifle.
- Beretta Urika Trap Grade Optima shotgun. 12ga.
- Vacation at Tahoe – 1 week 7 days/6 night's vacation stay at the Stardust Vacation Lodge in South Lake Tahoe (A \$1,250.00 value).

There will only be 200 tickets printed and available for each of the items. Each ticket will be \$10.00. There will be numerous small prizes, something for everyone at the dinner too.

We are still looking for donations for our silent auctions and door prizes, so if anyone has an item to donate to please let me know. Remember that this is our major fund raiser for the year, so please be generous with your donations as well as purchase of tickets for dinner and raffle prizes.

The dinner will be held at the Marshall Building. (aka Manzanita Room) EL Dorado County Fair Grounds.

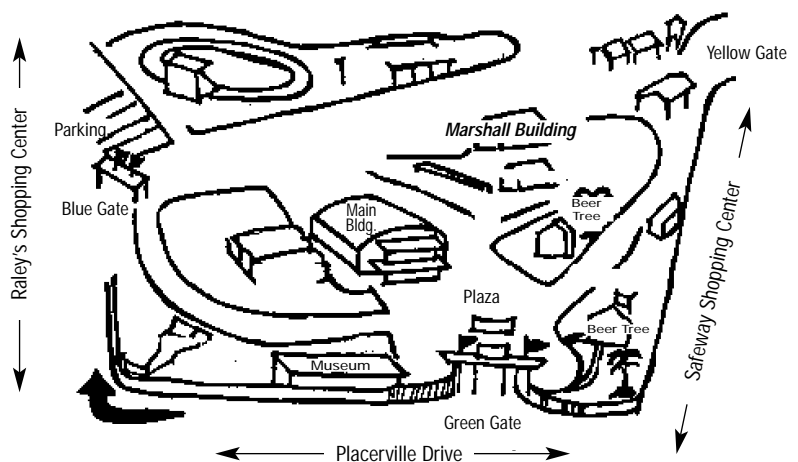
Bar opens at 5pm Dinner at 6:30pm Drawing and awards at 7:30pm

See you there!



**Directions from Sacramento:** Travel East on Highway 50 towards So. Lake Tahoe. Exit Right onto Forni Road, following Forni around to the stop light at Fair Lane. Proceed through the stop light and you are now on Placerville Drive. Go past the Safeway Shopping Center. Turn Right after passing the Fair Entrance (by Shell Station). Public Parking is available at the Fair Grounds.

**Directions from South Lake Tahoe:** Travel West on Highway 50 towards Sacramento. Exit Right onto Placerville Drive. Go past the Safeway Shopping Center. Turn Right after passing the Fair Entrance (by Shell Station). Public Parking is available at the Fair Grounds.





### CLUB ELECTIONS HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2003

**Directors elected for terms ending 2006:**

- Scottie Southerland
- Robert Hancock
- Gary Coan

**Officers elected for one year terms:**

- President:** Rob Charny
- Vice Pres:** Steve Morgan
- Treasurer:** Bob Conover
- Secretary:** Letty Baumgardner

### WHERE WERE YOU?

*Walter Williams where were you?* Your club member number was picked at the last general meeting and the raffle prize could have been yours. You must be present to win.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All membership dues are due in January. When you send in your dues please remember to send in your membership application too. This helps us to keep all contact information current. You can find applications on our web site at: <http://www.eldoradorodandgun.com/membership.htm> as well as enclosed with this newsletter and as always applications are available at the range.

### SPONSORS

Please remember to patronize our club sponsors. They help support our club and in today's politically correct society it's a difficult position these companies can find themselves in, and to be willing to support our cause is a statement all by itself.

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES NEEDED

Articles can be submitted to me by Email to [president@eldoradorodandgun.com](mailto:president@eldoradorodandgun.com) or by mailing to the club at P.O. Box 99, Placerville, CA. 95667.

Have you visited our club web site? <http://www.eldoradorodandgun.com> you can see everything printed in the newsletter plus more information at the club web site 7 to 10 days before you receive it in the mail.

**2004 Membership Dues  
are NOW Due**

Please fill out the membership application (in full) and return to us ASAP so you won't miss out on all the exciting information you get from "The Powder Keg!"

### HELPING THE NEEDY

I am very proud of our members. At our general meeting in December the members present agreed to help Kiwanis Placerville Chapter help the Food Bank of El Dorado County.

Every year the Kiwanis Placerville Chapter (which I am a proud member of) helps the Food Bank put together holiday food baskets for the needy. We raised \$307.00 from the members present at our December meeting and our club matched the money. We presented a check for \$614.00 to the Kiwanis expressly for the Food Bank of El Dorado County. I am proud to be a member of the Kiwanis and even prouder to be a member and President of the El Dorado Rod & Gun Club for the contribution to our community that we give with the gift of money as well as the gift of time and facilities that our range and membership gives everyday.

***Stay Strong, Stay Vigilant, God Bless America.***

WANTED

Older .22 caliber ammunition "cardboard" boxes.

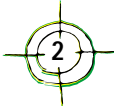
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### VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP RECREATION SITE

Wednesday, November 26, 2003

By Lisa Eagye (leagye@ledger-dispatch.com)

Courtesy to the Ledger Dispatch <mailto:dhudson@ledger-dispatch.com> The organization Please Keep it NRA Klean

(PLINK) helped clean up an area upstream of Tiger Creek Reservoir.

Residents of three counties converged on an area upstream of Tiger Creek Reservoir Nov. 16, near the site of an abandoned quarry and succeeded in hauling away a ton-and-a-half of garbage in three hours. The organization responsible for the effort, Please Keep it NRA Klean (PLINK) is named due to the fact that members are mostly comprised of NRA members who also share the goal of keeping the forest areas where they recreate, clean.

Unfortunately, the area targeted for the clean-up on Nov. 16, a popular site for target shooters, has become a dumping ground over the years, with people disposing of such things as used appliances, car batteries and paper, in addition to the household garbage.

Organizer and member of PLINK, Steve Morgan, has been

putting such clean-up efforts together under the auspices of the National Rifle Association for about 10 years. Typically, Morgan, an El Dorado County resident, concentrates his efforts there, but set his sights on the quarry area near Tiger Creek through a local resident. Morgan coordinated with the local U.S. Forest Service Ranger District and is reimbursed for mileage costs and dumping fees, which amounted to over \$100.



Several organizations were represented at the clean-up, including Northern Calaveras NRA Representative Brian Smith, Amador Resource Conservation District Director Steve Cannon, the local ranger district's Fire Prevention Officer Don Jensen. Local

residents who attended also included Mike Blevins, Duane Casita, George Norton and John Graham.

The PLINK organization tries to plan a clean-up day in the Eldorado National Forest once a month. The local group of volunteers from Amador has said that they will provide continued clean-up of the Tiger Creek site.

For more information on becoming a volunteer or suggesting sites that may be in need of attention, contact Steve Morgan at (530) 620-3946.

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## 2004 FRIENDS OF NRA LAUNCHED!

Planning has begun for the 2004 Friends of NRA Dinner. The event will be at 6 p.m. February 24, 2004, in the Marshal Room at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds. Food will be supplied by Rescue Catering. Another exciting event with more and better prizes than ever is in the planning.

Last year we beat all records and hope to better our donation to the NRA Foundation. Remember, the Club has been the recipient of over \$30,000 in grant money from the foundation since 1996. This is a truly worthwhile event for us all.

The El Dorado Friends of NRA committee (Les Westerinen Chair; Ken Greenwood Vice Chair; Bob Conover Treasurer; Bob Hancock Secretary; Dan Moore Correspondence Secretary; Gary Saich, Don Morgan and John L. Lustig) had their first meeting on November 19 at Pizza Plus on Missouri Flat Road. They will meet there every two weeks at 6:00 p.m. starting Tuesday December 2 (16, 30, and January 13), then meetings will be weekly on Tuesdays until the event.

The committee is looking for volunteers and especially needs a Ticket Chairman and a Prize Chairman (you get to open all the prize shipments from NRA and touch them first!!). Ticket sellers is a vital and rather easy job that ensures our continued success. If you can do any of these jobs, or can help at the dinner doing the necessary jobs, we want to hear from you.

Ticket price will be \$45.00 per person. The Sponsor Package will be \$370, and includes the 2004 Sponsor Statue ("the Marshall"), a Sponsor Gun drawing ticket, two dinner tickets, and special drawing tickets (you have a chance at as many as 10 guns with this package!!). Higher level sponsor packages will be available. Sponsor statues from 2002 and 2003 will also be available for those of you who missed out.

The Committee is looking for a local Bar to serve drinks. Contact Vice Chairman, Ken Greenwood at 530-647-2456 with any leads for this service, to volunteer or for any other information needs.

Lets make 2004 our best year yet!

**Ken Greenwood**

### FREE

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## I SAW IT HAPPEN ... AND IT MADE ME PROUD

By Will Ross

(Reprinted from "The Firing Line" The California Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. ~ December 2003 ~ Issue # 888)

I hope that you will spare me a few minutes of your time to tell you about something that I saw on Monday, October 27. I had been attending a conference in Annapolis and was coming home on Sunday. As you may recall, Los Angeles International Airport was closed on Sunday, October 26, because of the fires that affected air traffic control. Accordingly, my flight, and many others, were cancelled and I wound up spending a night in Baltimore.

My story begins the next day. When I went to check in at the United counter Monday morning I saw a lot of soldiers home from Iraq. Most were very young and all had on their desert camouflage uniforms.

This was a change from earlier, when they had to buy civilian clothes in Kuwait to fly home. It was a visible reminder that e are in a war. It probably was pretty close to what train terminals were like in World War II.

Many people were stopping the troops to talk to them, asking them questions in the Starbucks line or just saying "Welcome Home." In addition to all the flights that had been cancelled on Sunday, the weather was terrible in Baltimore and the flights were backed up.

So, there were a lot of unhappy people in the terminal trying to get home, but nobody that I saw gave the soldiers a bad time.

By the afternoon, one plane to Denver had been delayed several hours. United personnel kept asking for volunteers to give up their seats and take another flight. They weren't getting many takers.

Finally, a United spokeswoman got on the PA and said this, "Folks...As you can see, there are a lot of soldiers in the waiting area. They only have 14 days of leave and we're trying to get them where they need to go without spending any more time in an airport than they have to. We sold them all tickets, knowing we would oversell the flight. If we can, we want to get them all of this flight. We want all the soldiers to know that we respect what you're doing, we are here for you and we love you."

At that, the entire terminal of cranky, tired, travel-weary people, a cross-section of America, broke into sustained and heartfelt applause. The soldiers looked surprised and very modest. Most of them just looked at their boots.

Many of us were wiping away tears. And, yes, people lined up to take the later flight and all the soldiers went to Denver on that flight.

That little moment **made me proud** to be an American, and also told me why we will win this war.

If you want to send my little story on to your friends and family, feel free. This is not some urban legend. I was there, I was part of it ... **I saw it happen!**

*Will Ross is an Administrative Judge for the United States Department of Defense. He and his wife live in California and both work for Uncle Sam. ■*



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## Membership Application

Post Office Box 99  
Placerville, California 95667  
(530) 672-3330

Are You A:  New Member?  Renewing Member?  Change of Information?

Current Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid:  \$40 (1 Year)  \$20 (Age 65+)  \$180 (5 Years)  \$400 (Lifetime Membership)

About You: First Name & Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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Check here if you would prefer to read the newsletter online.

Your Interest(s):  Shooting  Pistols  Rifles  Fishing  Salt Water  Archery  
 Shotgun  Fresh Water

Special Interest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Memberships?:  National Rifle Association  Gun Owners of California  California Rifle & Pistol Association

Certifications?: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am a Citizen of the United States of America or an Alien legally residing within the United States of America and that I am not a member of any organization which has in any part of its program attempted to overthrow the government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions, by force. If admitted to membership, I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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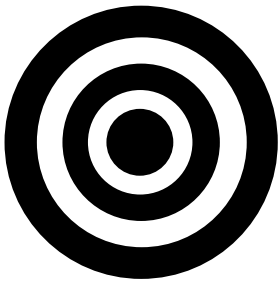
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