



El Dorado Rod & Gun Club

THE POWDER KEG

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The El Dorado Rod & Gun Club

It was 95 years ago a group of men and women got together and decided to create an organization to help provide information and education to their members and interested citizens regarding the safe and responsible use of firearms, to promote conservation of fish and wildlife habitat, and related resources and to provide a safe, controlled environment for the recreational use of firearms. This organization was founded here in El Dorado County in 1911 and is the oldest active rod and gun club in the state of California, The El Dorado Rod and Gun Club is this organization. However for all the forethought regarding wildlife habitat and conservation the one area sadly lacking consideration was a permanent facility. In 1976 the county of El Dorado helped locate a piece of unimproved property in a location that no one wanted, that location is bordering the old union mine land fill or better known as "the dump."

Today the club has over 370 members operating a 25 yard covered pistol range, 50 and 100 yard rifle ranges and 2 trap ranges. The club not only uses the range for club members and the public but they also manage the facility for the county hosting a number of law enforcement agencies including the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department, District Attorneys office, Animal Control and Social Services. For the State of California they host the Independent System Operators better know as the electrical police and California Department of Fish and Game. For the Federal Government the Fish and Wildlife Service also uses the range from time to time.

On January 24 the club hosted their 3rd annual fund raiser and banquet. If you didn't attend this year's annual banquet you sure missed a great time. Over 180 guests, members and family attend the best party of the year. The club had a number of dignitaries attend the dinner as well as members and family. Joining the festivities Tuesday night were State senator Dave Cox and his family, EID directors Bill George and George Osborn, County Supervisors Jack Sweeney and Helen Baumann, Superior court judge Doug Phimister and his wife Marchelle and El Dorado County Sheriff Jeff Neves and his family.

There were many great prizes, the food was wonderful and even the weather cooperated. Hopefully you will be able to attend next year's event. Check out the club's web site for more information about their facilities and up coming events. <http://www.eldoradorodandgun.com/>





Thank you to everyone who donated items to our raffles, please forgive me if I left anyone out.

- Randa Anderson – Marry Kay
- Holly Searcy – Southern Living Consultant
- Front Yard Nursery
- Randy Shelton Cabinets
- Norbert Krop DDS
- Randy Robinson DVM
- Starbucks
- Ward Automotive
- Wild Sports
- Ray & Letty Baumgardner
- Keith & Barbara Murray
- Bill & Nora Pease
- The Conover Family
- Gary Coan

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE WORKERS WHO HELPED MAKE THE BANQUET A GREAT SUCCESS...

Bill & Nora Pease, Keith & Barbara Murray, Bob, Marsha, Lori & Dharma Conover, Letty & Ray Baumgardner, Si Russell, Frank Meyer, Larry Ward, Randy Shelton, Bob Howard, Doug Becker, Gary Coan, John Lustig, Bob Pomeroy, Rob Charny, and Cathy Garello (our own Vana White!)



UP COMING TRAP SHOOTS

The Trap range has an upcoming meat shoot scheduled for February 12. The Cowboys have their standard shoots this month and we have a new 22LR Bench Rest shoot run by John Cory on February 26. Don't forget to check out the other activities planed for the rife and pistol ranges too.

BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2005

R.S.O. and committee chairman should turn in any requests for items to be included in next year's budget to Bob Conover, Keith Murray or Rob Charny by the general meeting in March. Members with any special projects should submit them by the same time. The Budget for 2006 will be finalized at the board meeting in March.

AND THE REST...

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES NEEDED

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

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