



EL DORADO ROD & GUN CLUB

THE POWDER KEG

FEBRUARY 2007

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It was 96 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 380 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 and 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.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

On January 23rd 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 150 guests, members and family attended the dinner. The club had a number of dignitaries attend the dinner as well. Joining the festivities Tuesday night were State Senator Dave Cox, EID Director Bill George, County Supervisor Jack Sweeney, and El Dorado County Sheriff Jeff Neves.

The event was held at the Lions Hall in Diamond Springs. There were many great prizes, and the food was wonderful, hosted by Back Forty BBQ. Thanks to all those that helped set up the event: Larry & Bev Ward, Si Russell, Doug & Grace Becker, Bob Hancock & his wife, Howard Holzer, Bob Pomeroy, Karen Beckman, Letty & Ray Baumgardner, & Bob Howard. Not to

mention all the directors and BOD members who helped sell tickets and those who went out and purchased the raffle prizes. Thanks to Precision EyeCare, Wards Automotive, and AuctionArms.com for their generous donation to the raffle prizes. Also a special thanks to Newtown Firearms for supplying the firearms and doing the DROS this year. Thanks to Larry Ward for donating the Springfield XP Pistol, and to his wonderful mother-in-law, who made all the baskets. Thanks to Randy Shelton for making the display stands, and thanks to our own *Vanna White(s)*...Ronda Robison and Michael Rupley, they did a wonderful job. Of course, we can't forget Dharma Conover who picked the winning raffle tickets.

We would also like to thank Bob Conover for coming out and continuing to do his part, even after having a close call and ending up in the hospital, having 4 stints put in. Our best wishes to Randy Shelton who also was hospitalized earlier this month with a triple-by-pass, and still made a point of coming out to help set up. We wish you both well and hope you are back to 100% soon.

WINNERS

Springfield XD-40	Gary Kowell
Remington 1100	Jefferson Bert
Rugar 204	Gary Cooper Jr.
Remington 700	Larry Lavagnino
Rugar Mark III	Tom Bullock

Congratulations to *All* and thanks to everyone who joined us and helped out. If I have forgotten anyone please accept my apologies. We hope to see you next year and have an even bigger turn out!

Stay Strong,

Stay Vigilant,

God Bless America.





2007 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT: ROB CHARNY	DIRECTORS DOUG BECKER ('08)
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SECRETARY: LETTY BAUMGARDNER	Marshall Seaborn ('09) LARRY WARD ('08)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
395 MEMBERS

WEBSITE

Check out the club's web site for more information about their facilities and up coming events.
<http://www.eldoradorodandgun.com/>

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.

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

We are in need of articles from our members to fill our newsletter with news that we can all enjoy or relate to. If you have any suggestions or comments on our newsletter we would love to hear from you. Articles can be submitted by Email to president@eldoradorodandgun.com or lettyb@megapathdsl.net or by mailing to the club at P. O. Box 99, Placerville, CA. 95667.

BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2007

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 2007 will be finalized at the board meeting in March.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We will be sending out invoices for membership renewals. You should be receiving them the 2nd week in February. For those of you who have already paid your dues thank you very much.

OOPS...

We have been having a bit of trouble with the mailing of the newsletters and having certain events listed incorrectly on the calendar. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused some of you.

BEN STEIN

If they know of him at all, many folks think Ben Stein is just a quirky actor/comedian who talks in a monotone. He's also a very intelligent attorney who knows how to put ideas and words together in such a way as to sway juries and make people think clearly.

The following was written by Ben Stein and recited by him on CBS Sunday Morning Commentary


Herewith at this happy time of year, a few confessions from my beating heart:

I have no freaking clue who Nick and Jessica are. I see them on the cover of People and Us constantly when I am buying my dog biscuits and kitty litter. I often ask the checkers at the grocery stores. They never know who Nick and Jessica are either. Who are they? Will it change my life if I know who they are and why they have broken up? Why are they so important?

I don't know who Lindsay Lohan is either, and I do not care at all about Tom Cruise's wife. Am I going to be called before a Senate committee and asked if I am a subversive? Maybe, but I just have no clue who Nick and Jessica are. If this is what it means to be no longer young. It's not so bad.

Next confession:

I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejeweled trees Christmas trees. I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are: Christmas trees. It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, "Merry Christmas" to me. I don't think they are slighting me or



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getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu. If people want a creche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution, and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship Nick and Jessica and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him?

I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too.

But there are a lot of us who are wondering where Nick and Jessica came from and where the America we knew went to.

In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

Billy Graham's daughter was interviewed on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her "How could God let something like this Happen?" (regarding Katrina)

Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, "I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?"

In light of recent events...terrorists attack, school shootings, etc. I think it started when Madeleine Murray O'Hare (she was murdered, her body found recently) complained she didn't want prayer in our schools, and we said OK. Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school. The Bible says thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself. And we said OK.

Then Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide). We said an expert should know what he's talking about and we said OK.

Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong, and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates, and themselves.

Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out. I think it has a great deal to do with "WE REAP WHAT WE SOW."

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell.

Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how you can send 'jokes' through email and they spread like wildfire but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

Funny how lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene articles pass freely through cyberspace, but public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Are you laughing?

Funny how when you forward this message, you will not send it to many on your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it.

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Pass it on if you think it has merit. If not then just discard it...no one will know you did. But, if you discard this thought process, don't sit back and complain about what bad shape the world is in.

ATTORNEY'S ADVICE — NO CHARGE

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate Attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED."
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card Accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home Phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your



SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have It printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to Call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a Photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my Wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(S) ordered an Expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had A credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number From DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card Numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit Providers you were diligent, and this

is a first step toward an Investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations Immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over The Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your Credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by Phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the Credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact if your wallet, etc., has been stolen:

1. Equifax: 800-525-6285
2. Experian (formerly TRW): 888-397-3742
3. Trans Union: 800-6807289
4. Social Security Administration (fraud line): 800-269-0271

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I’m your husband,
I know hunting—
you don’t, now just
wear this lucky hat
I made for you,
and get out there!”**





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