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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
367 MEMBERS

St. Patrick's Day honors St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Americans march in parades, dance the Irish jig and gather to sing Irish songs. People wear green in memory of Ireland, the Emerald Isle and wear shamrocks, clover with three leaves.

March 17 was not the day St. Patrick was born but the day he died. Even though we don't know the date of his birth, most scholars believe the year was 385 AD and the year of his death was 461 AD.



St. Patrick was born in Wales, studied religion to become a priest and then went to Ireland to teach the people about God. There are many wonderful stories about St. Patrick, some true and some not true. The most famous legend is that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. This did not happen but the Irish will tell you that you cannot find a snake throughout the whole country of Ireland.

Presidents Report

From everything I have been receiving in my email since President Obama has taken office the end of the world as we know it with regards to our fire-arms rights has come. I am more than aware that his stance isn't going to be pro-firearms even though as he stumped through the rural states during the campaign he stated that "I won't take away your guns." Yeah right!

It sure didn't take long for President Obama to reveal his true intentions. The afternoon of the inauguration, the White House Web site's Urban Policy page admitted that he is indeed going to try and do exactly that.

Here is the quote from the White House Web Page:

"Address Gun Violence in Cities: Obama and Biden would repeal the Tiahrt Amendment, which restricts the ability of local law enforcement to access important gun trace information, and give police officers across the nation the tools they need to solve gun crimes and fight the illegal arms trade. Obama and Biden also favor commonsense measures that respect the Second Amendment rights of gun owners, while keeping guns away from children and from criminals. They support closing the gun show loophole and making guns in this country childproof. They also support making the expired federal Assault Weapons Ban permanent."

http://www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/urban_policy Read more by following the link.

Gun show loophole? There isn't such a thing. All dealers at gun shows have to follow state and federal laws, PERIOD! Then he talks about making guns "childproof" there just isn't any technology that would make guns "child-proof" and not also make them adult proof too. Of course Law Enforcement is exempt.

Also he wants to make the "Assault Weapons Ban" permanent. This poorly written law is just an attempt to take away guns from honest law abiding citizens. It is not a way to keep guns out of the hands of criminals since convicted criminals can't legally possess a gun or ammunition anyway.

How do you feel about your medical records becoming a public record and a reason for you to be denied ownership of your currently lawfully owned fire-arms? Yes this is one of the proposals too.

Let's see, Biden, Clinton, Holder, yep all antigun advocates and all in the administration.

Enforce the laws that we already have, don't accept more legislation imposed on the back of honest gun owners, and don't compromise with your second amendment rights.

Just my opinion, Rob Charny

Shoots of note for March & April 2009 and beyond

March 28 & 29, 2009 – 2 Day Easter Prize Shoot. 9am – 1pm, Trap Range

April 4 & 5 – PITA Registered Trap Shoot

Notice to all Range Safety Officers

Please remember to carry membership applications with you. We are now getting near renewal time so this would be a good opportunity for you to get renewals and new members. Remember if you get a new member to allow them to shoot at no-fee for the day.

Please print out the current month’s calendar and post at the pistol / rifle ranges. This is very helpful to shooters to have a calendar available at the range. Also remember that the calendar and newsletter are always available on our web site: www.eldoradorodandgun.com

April 20, 2009 RSO meeting 5:30pm at the trap range.

Board of Directors Meeting

Our monthly board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, club house at the trap range 6pm. To be placed on the agenda for either of these meetings, or for further information, call (530) 672-3330 or Email: news@edrgc.org

Club Phone Numbers

Rifle/Pistol Range: (530) 651-3012

Trap Range: (530) 503-9280

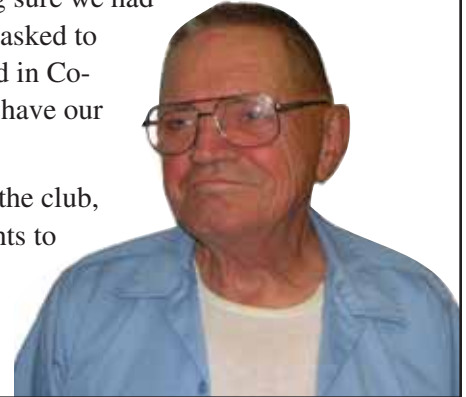
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It is with great sadness that I let you know our past El Dorado Rod & Gun Club President and club member number “1” has passed. Arnold Jones passed away two weeks ago and will be greatly missed.

Arnold played a big part in making sure we had a range in the mid 1970’s after being asked to leave the small range site the club had in Coloma. It is because of Arnold that we have our current location.

Arnold was a tireless supporter of the club, avid shooter and supporter of our rights to own firearms.

We’ll miss you Arnold!



Budget Requests For 2009

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 Board of Directors meeting in March. Members with any special projects should submit them by the same time. The Budget for 2009 will be finalized at the board meeting in March. *Send Your Budget!*

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 news@edrgc.org or lettyb@directcon.net or by mailing to the club at P.O. Box 99, Placerville, CA. 95667.

Just a note: I have produced over 85 newsletters since I took over being president in 2001. I need your help, I need more material to add to the newsletter. Please consider sending me articles that I might add to our newsletter.

WWW...

Have you visited our club web site? 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.

Stay Strong, Stay Vigilant, God Bless America



An armed man is a citizen; an unarmed man is a subject.



Daylight Savings Time

Daylight time begins on March 8 and ends on November 1. Started in 2007, daylight time begins in the United States on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. On the second Sunday in March, clocks are set ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. local standard time, which becomes 3:00 a.m. local daylight time. On the first Sunday in November, clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time.

So don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night before you go to bed!

Join the NRA on our website and help the club

Are you an NRA member? Would you like to join or renew and help the club at the same time? Go to our website www.eldoradorodandgun.com and click where indicated, go to the NRA online signup site. Every time you join or renew the club gets a small donation from the NRA and every little bit helps the club. You also help support the organization that supports our firearm rights, the NRA.

As democracy is perfected, the office represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. We move toward a lofty ideal. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their hearts desire at last, and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron.

H. L. Mencken,
The Baltimore Evening
Sun, July 26, 1920

Why Membership is so Important

This is mainly a letter to those who have yet to renew as well as a message for current members to encourage others to join and help support a cause, not just a "club." For current members I'm just "preaching to the choir"! However, please use your voice to spread the word! In order to grow we need members, both young, old and in between. Help us raise the community awareness of the importance of our rights, and passing that message along to the generations that follow. Think about the difference from when you grew up and how you were taught how to handle guns in a safe and respectful manner. Think about it and then look at where we are today. It is not that we don't teach it correctly, it is more that society has changed the idea of its necessity. It is part of our heritage to be passed on and never allowed to be cast aside. If we don't encourage others to join and share our knowledge, what will be learned in its place?

Thank you to everyone who has helped to pass on this tradition and that continue to do so.

If you haven't had time due to busy schedules, please find the time and mentor a friend or family member. Remember that some of us older folk can use a little mentoring as well, even if we won't admit it!! Think about those around you that could benefit from your experience or the experience of another. If it's because of lack of funds, the cost of freedom is priceless. It doesn't have to be expensive to be fun! Besides, regardless of cost, when was the last time you didn't have fun at the range? My worst day at the range was still better than any at work! OK, I kind of stole that, but you get the idea. Do we always shoot as well as we want? No, but that is all the more reason to come back! It is not the fault of the range when we don't shoot our best; it is our fault for not using the range enough!!

What can I do you ask? Did I hear someone say that! Well:

Make it a point when you're at the range to encourage non-members to join.

When in a discussion with another responsible gun owner, invite them to join. Inform people of our website for more information on the benefits of membership.

Whether for sport or protection, everyone is responsible to be the best they can be. Practice, Practice, Practice! And we have the Location, Location, Location!!

Please remember to personally thank the Range Master for their time, because it is their time they could devote to something else. However, let's be thankful they are willing to spend it on a bunch like us!!

If you have any comments about this article, ideas to address in future articles or anything else regarding membership growth, please email me: jim@4sdr.com

Thanks for your time — Jim De Piazzy

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Return service requested



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Public Welcome — Range fees discounted through club membership.

Call (530) 672-3330, or any event chairman for shoot and/or membership information.

