

Presidents Report



The Board of Directors, Club Officers and Club Range Safety Officers held a meeting on Monday April 21, 2008. We used this meeting to discuss range operations, policies, conditions and future plans. Thank you to all of the RSO who attended.

Doug Becker, Karen Beckman, Larry & Pat Carsten, Bob Conover, John Cory, Ray Engler, Don & Jim Firanzi, Bob Gilmore, Barry Goodwin, Bob Hancock, Howard Holzer, David Hawkins, Bob Howard, Paul Lockyer, John Lustig, Frank Meyers, Gary & Steve Morgan, Keith Murray, Bill Pease, Bob Pomeroy, Ernie Rice, Kirby Root, Si Russell, Marshall Seaborn, Dick Smith, Scottie Southerland, Scott Seaton, William Krauss, Gary Stone, Bob Terrazas, Larry Ward, Phil Weidman, Mike Worley & Michael Powell. (*not in order of appearance*)

Also a special thank you goes to the cooks — Larry Ward, Bob Howard, Doug Becker & Keith Murray what a wonderful dinner you guys cooked and we all enjoyed it immensely. *Special thank you* to Karen Beckman for the great cake, it even had the club logo on it!

Hey Jim Firanzi, THANK YOU for the new DVD-VCR player at the club house. Now we can watch the new trap shooting tapes.

KEITH MURRAY AND BOB CONOVER, great job getting the new budget completed. It's a BIG job and you guys did great!

NO GENERAL MEETING IN MAY, hope to see you all in June. The Board of Directors is giving consideration to changing the general meetings to 4 meetings a year. Do you have an opinion? Should we have meetings every month? Every other month? 4 times a year? Let me know what you think.

Take a good look at our calendar and I think you will be impressed at the schedule of activities we have lined up. There is something for everyone this month and throughout the year.

REMINDER that our annual club picnic will be held on August 10, 2008 at High Hill Ranch. Keep the date reserved.

RANGE NEWS

As most of you know our ranges are run by volunteer range safety officers. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated group of members willing to spend their time running the facility. Next time you're out at the range make sure to thank the RSO for their dedication and hard work.

This year we will see a few changes to the range calendar. The most visible change will be to the rifle / pistol range on Mondays. In our continuing effort to support Law Enforcement we have agreed to share the lower range with EDSO on two Mondays a month. This means that Law Enforcement will have exclusive use of the lower range (rifle/pistol range) on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month and the club will have exclusive use of the lower range on the 2nd, 4th and the few 5th Mondays.

Make sure to check the club calendar before you travel to the range to make sure that it will be available for you to use when you arrive there.

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

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@megapathdsl.net or by mailing to the club at P.O. Box 99, Placerville, CA. 95667.

From Tim Todd: Lets all use the so-called stimulus package money that we get from the government to buy ammunition, should really piss off the anti-gunners, but help the merchants.

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



P.L.I.N.K.



When Phil Weidman and Richard Maynard led most of the Please Leave It Klean stalwarts out to wipe out a homeless "babes" squatters mess at a defacto pistol area on the river off of the Cosumnes Mine Road. I failed to give clear instructions, so when Phil made a U turn to catch the correct road, Ed Dunn and Donn Nibblett lost track of him and spent the rest of the day and many miles looking for us. Paul Lockyer, Stan Cartwright, Marian Garric, David Hawkins, and Tony Zepczyk filled several pop up tents and many big trash bags with diapers (new and used), toys, DVD's, rusty canned food, and enough clothing to fill the US Forest Service stakeside driven by Recreation Officer Lester Lubetkin. We added the remains of a couch, a bathtub, and a very heavy naval type water pressure tank. Gary Stone showed up with our lunches in plenty of time to get dirty.

I conned everybody that it would be quicker to go out to the north until we hit Bonetti Road where Doug Becker, Jake Erlich, Ray Engler, Si Russell, and Doug Ricciarelli were cleaning up other shooting areas. Phil, Richard, David, Stan, and Marian got thru just fine, BUT we had their lunches, and I led the group first on a wild goose chase up part of Happy Valley Road by the actual water filled mine shaft until Gary and his Global Positioning Satellite receiver got us turned around. Then way after the clear cut we may have to shoot in when they log Bonetti this year, we were so frazzled and my confidence so besmirched that we failed to recognize the south Bonetti Junction and wasted five miles (times two) going down freshly brushed Pebble Canyon until blocked by snow drifts, then wasted another five miles (X2) trying to get over to Capps Crossing. Going all the way back we instantly recognized Bonetti, then found David who informed us that Phil took the unlost PLINK'ers out to Taco Bell.



And that is why I had to eat five extra Subway sandwiches and have spent so much time on the pot. The real test will be to see if any one comes to our next PLINK boondoggle Saturday May 17 Pollock Pines Safeway parking lot 9 AM.

Steve Morgan (530) 620-3946 <NRAPLINK@COMCAST.NET>

THE DIRTY DOZEN

Sawyers Doug Becker, Larry Carsten and Phil Weidman cut the brush back to protect the trap storage containers from fire. Choker Setters Richard Maynard, Donn Nibblett, and David Hawkins waded through the snake traps so Doug, Phil and Si Russell could tow the giant Manzanita that had been bulldozed over the bank back up for burning. Kiwi David Verry, Ed Dunn, and every body did a lot of brush dragging. Jake Erlich cut the branches we could not reach with his power pole saw. Doug and Jake cut and hauled some beautiful BBQ wood. Not content with the mess that we made some of us went back the next day for more.

Some heavy duty pick and shovel work was done to install the new "invisible" target holders at the 50 yard rifle berm. I am not going to single out exactly who to thank for that in case some do not like it.

They are welcome to rebuild the old upright target frames after we burn the shot up one. If you like it, thank these guys, or join us next time and learn why Jake said he does this work for his mental health. Our cook Ray Engler put up a new magnetic dry erase pistol bulletin board.

I forgot the mayonnaise and mustard.

Clean one gallon milk jugs full of water are needed for refilling the pistol hand washing barrel.

This was our last scheduled Please Leave It NRA Klean PLINK crew work party at our range. We are anxious to get out in our National Forest to clean up some places that need help.

To comment or get involved in keeping our ranges in shape please yell at; Steve Morgan (530) 620-3946, or email nraplink@comcast.net

SHOOT OF NOTE FOR MAY

3 Gun Fun Shoot May 31, 2008

May 31 — Fun - 3 Gun / Multi Gun Shoot fun shoot at the rifle / pistol range that will be using the proposed IDPA 3-Gun rules as guidelines. Arrive by 8am we shoot at 9am. Contact John Lustig for more information: 530-676-1199

ANOTHER RANGE BITE'S THE DUST! — GUN OWNERS OWN WORST ENEMY...

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

California News Release

For Release: April 15, 2008

Contact: BLM: Jeff Fontana (530) 252-5332 or
Rich Burns (707) 468-4000

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Pistol Range to Close at Knoxville Recreation Area

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has announced it is closing a six-acre pistol target shooting range in the Knoxville Recreation Area, which lies in parts of Napa, Lake and Yolo counties, because of increasing concerns about public safety.

With this closure, shooting will be allowed only for hunting during seasons regulated by the state of California in the 24,000-acre BLM recreation area. Target shooting and random shooting or "plinking" will not be allowed.

BLM Ukiah Field Manager Rich Burns said the restriction is effective immediately and signs are being posted on-site. The range had been the only part of the Knoxville Recreation Area designated by the BLM for target shooting.

"Restricting target shooting at Knoxville was a difficult decision," Burns said, "but we must address public safety concerns to ensure that Knoxville can be safe and enjoyable for all visitors."

Burns said the BLM will continue working with county governments and other interests in attempts to find a site in or near the Knoxville Recreation Area that can accommodate safe target shooting.

The official shooting restriction notice will be published in the Federal Register. The closure order is under the authority of 43 Code of Federal Regulations 8364.1, which includes penalties for violations, including fines and jail sentences. The order can be obtained by contacting the Ukiah Field Office, (707) 468-4000, or online at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ukiah.html>

The Knoxville Recreation Area offers about 50 miles of roads and trails for off-roading enthusiasts. It also offers a developed campground and three undeveloped camping areas. The area is also used by scientists studying plants that thrive in Knoxville's unique soils. Information is available

online at the same address or by phoning the Ukiah Field Office.

BLM- Ukiah Field Office
2550 North State St.
Ukiah, CA 95482

Keith Murray asked a friend of his about this closure and here is his very candid statement about why this area was closed. It's too bad there wasn't a P.L.I.N.K. group to help clean up this area before it was closed.

"The area is a remote one and there was so much vandalism caused by the so called shooters that they were hauling out a truck load of trash every week. Guys were going up there and partying all night and shooting the place up and there was a concern that someone would get injured or killed.

The guy that runs the BLM is not against hunting or shooting. As a matter of fact he has taken Terry and me around to show us their burn program on Cow Mt. Its just a case where our stupid gun owners not target shooters had done it to us."

~ Dan Stahlman

MEMORIAL DAY — MAY 26, 2008

The American Battle Monuments Commission — an independent agency in the Executive Branch of the federal government — maintains 24 American military burial grounds and 27 memorial structures in foreign countries and sponsors Memorial Day ceremonies at each foreign cemetery. Each grave site is decorated with the flag of the United States and that of the host country.

The U.S. Ambassador to the country usually attends, and the President's Memorial Proclamation is read. In addition, there are wreath-laying ceremonies with military bands and units in attendance. More than 124,500 soldiers are interred in 14 foreign countries.

*A politician thinks of the next election;
a statesman of the next generation.*

~James Clarke (1854 - 1916)

2008 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS	
President: Rob Charny	Directors: Doug Becker ('08) Karen Beckman ('08) Bob Hancock ('09) Bob Howard ('10) John Lustig ('10) Bob Pomeroy ('10) Si Russel I ('09) Marshall I Seaborn ('09) Larry Ward ('08)
Vice President: Howard Holzer	
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Secretary: Letty Baumgardner	
Current Membership: 366 Members	



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Donated by Yubacon, Inc./ Only 500 tickets will be sold and once we sell all 500 we will draw for the winner. All Proceeds go to the club for road and trap range maintenance.

Tickets are \$10 each. Purchase your tickets online via PayPal, or purchase from Letty Baumgardner, at the Mountain Democrat, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoon between the hours of 1-4pm.



Right Stock



Left Stock



Bottom of Shotgun

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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.

