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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:

340 MEMBERS

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

SPEED LIMIT!

Reminder; In order to keep the roads in good condition we need to enforce the speed limit of 10mph throughout the entire range facility. Not only do need to keep our speed down to maintain the road in good condition we need to keep the dust down as well. There isn't any reason that you have to be in such a hurry to shoot so please slow down.

ANNUAL PICNIC COMING SOON

Mark your calendars for our upcoming annual club picnic to be held on August 6, 2006. We will be raffling a Lowrance® iWay 350C Compact GPS Navigation Unit and a Savage 204 Weather Warrior Model 16 rifle as our main prizes. There will be many other fine prizes offered as well at the picnic. See a Club Officer or Director for more information about the tickets. Detail will follow in the July newsletter as well as on our club web site. www.eldoradorodandgun.com.

ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY, JUNE 6, 1944

Operation Overlord took place on the beaches of Normandy in the early morning hours as the Allied forces invaded Europe to defeat Germany, leading to the end of World War II.

SUMMER

Summer officially begins in the Northern Hemisphere with the summer solstice on June 21 at 10:03 a.m., EDT. The first day of summer marks the longest day of the year, meaning that in the area between the equator and the Arctic Circle, the sun rises and sets farthest north on the horizon for the year. Daylight hours last from 12 hours, eight minutes at the equator to 24 hours at the Arctic Circle. The summer season lasts until 1:37 a.m. on Sept. 23.

FLAG DAY - JUNE 14

Honor the flag and the country this Flag Day by participating in the Pause for the Pledge. This annual event takes place at 7 pm (Eastern Daylight Saving Time). Many public and private organizations, businesses, and individuals across the country take part by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at that time. Official ceremonies are held at the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore, Md.

The Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore, the historic home once owned by Mary Pickersgill, who sewed the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the national anthem, first proposed this practice in 1980 as a way for Americans to share a patriotic moment. In 1985, Congress recognized the Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day activities.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 18

Father's Day is observed annually on the third Sunday in June. This year June 18 is the day for fathers. The idea for the celebration dates back to the early 1900s, when Louise Smart Dodd of Spokane, Wash., set out to find some way to pay tribute to her dad. William Smart raised Dodd and her six siblings single-handedly after their mother died in childbirth. The first documented "Father's Day" was celebrated in Spokane on

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.

*- Theodore Roosevelt
(1858 - 1919)*

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June 19, 1910, on Dodd's father's birthday. The idea soon spread across the country and into Canada. Vancouver set aside a special day for fathers in 1912. Four years later, President Woodrow Wilson officially recognized the holiday in the U.S., but it wasn't until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation which established a permanent national observance.

GENERAL MEETING DATES

August 7, 2006 November 6, 2006

October 2, 2006 December 4, 2006

General meetings are held at 7pm, El Dorado County Senior Center, 937 Spring St., Placerville.

Board of Director Meetings are held every third Monday, 6pm at the range club house.

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.

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.

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



"Custom shooting glasses available through Dr. Shawn McDonald."

ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST PUBLIC OPEN-HOUSES JUNE 6 AND 8

The next public open-houses will be held on June 6th in Placerville and June 8th in Jackson. The meeting on June 6th in Placerville will be held from 6 PM to 9 PM at the Eldorado County Office of Education Activity Center – Building I; 6767 Green Valley Road (same place as the last two meetings). The meeting on June 8th in Jackson will be held from 6 PM to 9 PM at the City of Jackson Civic Center – 33 Broadway.

In general, the purpose of the open houses is to present and discuss the preliminary alternatives to the agency proposed action developed by the Route Designation Interdisciplinary Team.

I wanted to make everyone aware of the open houses as soon as possible.

*Thank you.
Anthony Scardina
Route Designation Team Leader*

EARTH DAY PLINK DRAWS 24 SHOOTING ENVIROS

Besides taking one of their biggest loads ever of trash to the dump Doug Becker and Jake Erlich straightened out three unattached shooters about shooting trees. At first they thought their "staples would not hurt anything." I then got them to join the NRA. Terry Bush looked like a mobile motel hauling mattresses, and litter. Ray Engler brought our lunches. I was only expecting ten, but had enough eats and drinks.

Everybody and their kids with Go Carts were out there. They and a trap shooting group from Sacramento stopped their practice and helped us rake the worst place clean. Please Leave It NRA Klean regulars Gary Stone, Paul Lockyer, Donn (BMW) Niblett, David Hawkins, Becki, and Miles Gray, Gary Morgan, and Cathy Mark did more than I could keep track of. Victor Hupman found out about us from our Powderkeg. We were joined by Al Morrow, Tim Schlosser, and Dan Tolley from Folsom. Gregg Plourde came all the way from Foresthill where he can shoot in his own back yard.

He said he just wanted to see what PLINK is all about so he can help Bill Zaepfel clean up the BLM Colfax Cape Horn shooting place. Phil Weideman scouted out the most difficult places, towed a shot up car out of Stonebreaker Creek, then got me to explain about the government Aryan (Nazi) trees. Ed Dunn and I checked out the abandoned Pollock Pines Fire Engine. It is too big for us to wack up, so we await our government to spring into action.

Steve Morgan



HANGTOWN VIGILANCE COMMITTEE COWBOY SHOOTING

April was a wet month on the Cowboy Range, many of our “Fair-Weather” shooters exercised good judgment and remained indoors. Now in the month of May somehow it is looking like early summer and people are trickling back. By the time this gets into the newsletter it will be June and summer for sure, time to add that cooler of water and sports drinks to the list of items needed at the range in order to avoid that “Dry-Gulched” feeling.

Last summer we experienced heat bordering on uncomfortable toward the end of the days shooting. In order to lessen the fatigue yet keep as much shooting in as possible, we (the HVC Executive Staff) decided to start earlier on match days.

TAKE NOTE !!!

Effective the 2nd Friday of June and continuing on all MATCH DAYS through the summer, (2nd Fri. & 4th Sun.) plan on being geared up, signed in, briefed, ready to shoot at 8:30 A.M. Practice/Instruction days will continue as they are, starting at 9:00 A.M.

We have more steel targets on order, hopefully they will be on hand before our June matches. We have replaced those period incorrect blue poly shooting stands with redwood tables courtesy of Karl Mossinger (A.K.A. Half Fast KW), Ernie Rice (Oklahoma Red) has fabricated more target stands, and in collaboration or competition with his better half Valorie (Rebecca Mae) has continued to write imaginative and entertaining scripts for our scenarios. Kara and Lee Fiekens (Anita Margarita and Jackalope Jasper) maintain the website at www.californiagunslingers.com where you can find Photos and scores of past events as well as information on the Cowboy Shooting Scene in the surrounding region. With our “Top Hand” Michael Eribes de Flores (El Suave) keeping us on the straight and narrow with his close eye on the details, we are looking forward to bigger and better years of safe, entertaining, Cowboy Action Shooting fun.

Put on your Eye and Ear protection and your version of late 1800s costuming (not all westerners were cowboys) and come give us a try, all you have to lose is your dignity.



Rebecca Mae



Joe Darter



Oklahoma Red, El Suave, Misfit



Jackalope Jasper



*Si Russell (The Other Guy)
Range Boss
The Hangtown Vigilance Committee
(Neighborhood Watch 1850's style)*



Anita Margarita



Pie Crust



Skunkhead and Chance Jasper



MEANING OF A FLAGGED DRAPED CASKET

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history.

Pass it along and be proud of the country we live in and even more proud of those who serve to protect our "GOD GIVEN" rights and freedoms.

I hope you take the time to read this... To understand what the flag draped casket really means... Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers.

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that They pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their nations motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning.

In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to, the symbol of "Liberty and Freedom."

MAYBE THE SUPREME COURT SHOULD READ THIS EXPLANATION BEFORE THEY RENDER THEIR DECISION ON THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. FORWARD IT; MAYBE SOMEONE WITH THE NECESSARY POWER, OR POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL INFLUENCE, WILL GET IT TO THEM.

IN THE MEANTIME, MAY GOD PROTECT US ALWAYS.

ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.



PLINK ARTICLE FROM WESTERN OUTDOOR NEWS MAY 12, 2006

This is a letter regarding the PLINK cleanup at the Colfax shooting area.

Your Rights to shoot on public land

I simply must comment on the letter, "Thanks for cleaning up shooting range" in the April 14 edition.

First, I would like to add my thanks to the El Dorado Rod & Gun Club and especially Mr. Zaepfel for cleaning up the Colfax shooting range. Your devotion to the shooting sports above and beyond what should be expected is truly commendable. At the same time, I would like to remind any shooters who leave behind litter that you slobs are screwing up everything for all shooters.

But who says that shooters are doing all the littering? I've hunted and gone plinking on BLM and national forest lands for 40 years, and I've seen all manner of litter ranging from vehicles (probably stolen, stripped and dumped), to cash registers (definitely stolen), to old furniture, appliances and household garbage dumped by people too cheap to pay dump fees, to targets, clay pigeons and bullet-riddled cans obviously left by shooters. Why do gun clubs always get picked on to clean up other people's messes?

I'm sure that BLM or USFS employees won't find it in their job description to clean up garbage, but it isn't in mine, either, although I would donate one day a year for clean-up if such areas were near my residence. Perhaps the solution is to have jail inmates or people sentenced to community service clean up these areas. They are used to cleaning up along highways. This is definitely doable.

One more quick point is the statement in Ms. Hillberg's letter: "...the incidence of sporadic gunfire at China Camp alongside the Historic Stevens Trail has increased, causing alarm to hikers." I hope I am not hearing it said that hikers have a right to not hear gunfire while on trails at our BLM and national forest land. Hunters and plinkers have traditionally used those areas since before they were designated BLM or USFS. For many, and possibly most of us, those areas are the only placed that we can go to hunt or plink. If the sound of gunfire offends someone hiking on BLM or USFS land, I suggest that they hike somewhere else. It's our land, too.

*Herb Williams
Petaluma*

WOMEN'S HUNTING COURSE SET

A women's hunting class, which is offered only occasionally, will take place at the Diamond Springs Fire Hall on Main Street, and features instruction by outdoorsmen Bill Adams and Jim Russell.

The two-day course, scheduled for July 14 and 15, will focus on firearm safety including the handling of rifles, shotguns, handguns and archery gear. Emphasis will be placed on instruction in wilderness survival, environment protection and hunter responsibility.

The class will include a special wild game lunch along with cooking recipes for venison, elk and antelope.

Women of all ages may take this course, which runs from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., July 14, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., July 15.

Preregistration is required. The cost of the class, including lunch, is \$25. To register or for more information, call Adams at 622-3794 or Russell at 622-2480.

HUNTER SAFETY INFORMATION

At a recent Rod & Gun Club meeting a question was asked about hunter education. I hope the following will help those who have questions regarding the availability, content, and contact for the program. Information may be accessed from the California Department of Fish and Game website www.dfg.ca.gov <<http://www.dfg.ca.gov>>

The International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) is providing hunter education on line that previously have been conducted only by attending a minimum ten hour course under direct control of the California Department of Fish and Game. There is still a requirement of a four hour orientation with a certified instructor and the passing a written test.

The local El Dorado County coordinator for IHEA is Bill Adams (phone 530-622-3794).

To access the IHEA website go to www.ihea.com <<http://www.ihea.com>>

Bob Hancock

PICTURES OF THE YEAR

Two pictures that were awarded first and second place at the picture of the year international this year. Very very touching photos.

First Place



Todd Heisler The Rocky Mountain News

When 2nd Lt. James Cathey's body arrived at the Reno Airport, Marines climbed into the cargo hold of the plane and draped the flag over his casket as passengers watched the family gather on the tarmac. During the arrival of another Marine's casket last year at Denver International Airport, Major Steve Beck described the scene as one of the most powerful in the process: "See the people in the windows? They'll sit right there in the plane, watching those Marines. You gotta wonder what's going through their minds, knowing that they're on the plane that brought him home," he said. "They're going to remember being on that plane for the rest of their lives. They're going to remember bringing that Marine home. And they should."

Second Place



Todd Heisler The Rocky Mountain News

The night before the burial of her husband's body, Katherine Cathey refused to leave the casket, asking to sleep next to his body for the last time. The Marines made a bed for her, tucking in the sheets below the flag. Before she fell asleep, she opened her laptop computer and played songs that reminded her of 'Cat,' and one of the Marines asked if she wanted them to continue standing watch as she slept. "I think it would be kind of nice if you kept doing it," she said. "I think that's what he would have wanted."



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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.

