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CURRENT MEMBERSHIP:
353 MEMBERS

ANNUAL HIGH HILL PICNIC: Sunday, August 6th.

Just around the corner, our annual Picnic at High Hill Ranch — Sunday August 6th. Please come out and join us and meet your fellow members and friends. Please start arriving around noon, we eat at 1pm and the fun goes to 4pm. The price for the lunch is just \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children, collected at the picnic.

We have two outstanding main prizes for the raffle this year, a Lowrance® iWay 350C Compact GPS Navigation Unit and a Savage 204 Weather Warrior Model 16, rifle. If you are interested in viewing the rifle, it is at the Newtown Firearms, 1374 Broadway, in Placerville. All on Tickets are \$5.00 each, so buy as many as you can to help support the club. Tickets will be available to purchase at the picnic.



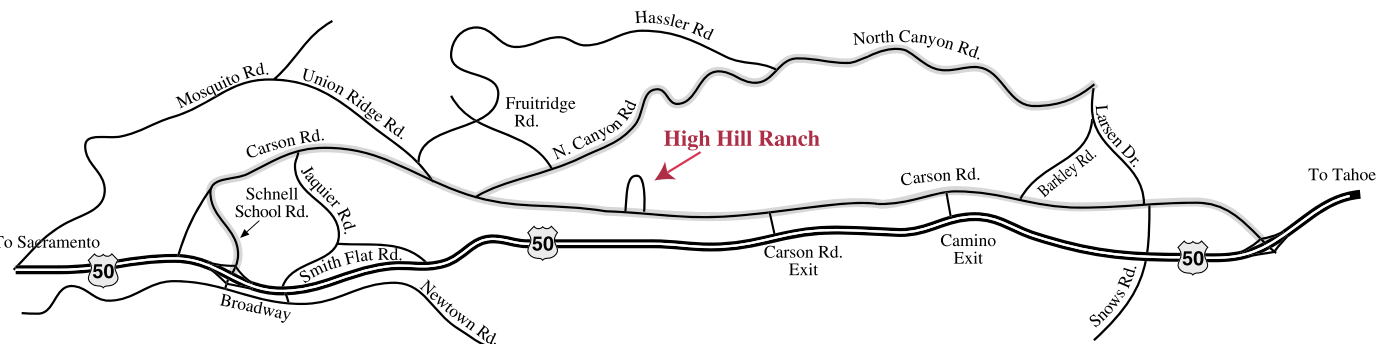
We have many other great prizes that we will be raffling off at the picnic so be sure to attend.

Tickets for the raffle are available from all officers and directors of the club and you need not be present to win the main raffle prizes. You can also pick up tickets from Letty at the Mountain Democrat, Monday – Wednesday – Friday from 10am – 3pm. Also from Larry Ward at Wards Automotive in Diamond Springs.

If you are planning on attending the picnic we are asking people with last names beginning with A through P to please bring a Salad. People with last names beginning with Q through Z please bring a Dessert.

The annual picnic is one of two main fund raisers for the club, the other being our Annual Banquet Awards Dinner. I can't stress enough how important it is to have your support at these events. We have many great plans for our range and without these fund raisers we can't move forward and make the improvements that we all would like to see at the range. So please support our club by buying tickets for the main prize and by attending the picnic and enjoying the company of others who support the cause that you find important, the El Dorado Rod & Gun Club.

Hope to see you August 6, at High Hill Ranch for an enjoyable time.



FOR SALE:

Browning BAR .300 mag
w/Leupold 3x9.
\$725.00

Paul
(530) 344-3442



GENERAL MEETING DATES

- October 2, 2006
- November 6, 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.

WHO STOLE OUR TRASH?...

Phil Weidman, and Ray Engler the principal PLINK scouts report that someone other than the Please Leave It NRA Klean crew has been raking up the empty cartridges and hauling litter out of the two most prominent shooting areas along Bonetti Road in Our Eldorado National Forest. This is exactly what it is going to take to keep these places open. If you had a hand in this please let us know so we can brag about you. If some PLINK tour that you went on motivated this, can we also brag about ourselves? We have been hauling tons of illegal dumping out of such places for ten years now. PLINK Volunteers get frustrated by the filth they see, finding out that others are helping is very encouraging.

Thank You to whoever was involved in this clean up!

Our next PLINK adventure is 9 AM this Saturday, August 19. Meet at Pollack Pines Safeway Parking lot.

Steve Morgan

PLINK JULY 16, 2006

U.S. Forest Service representatives Dennis Cullen and Ken Kumpe met the July 16 PLINK crew in our Pollock Safeway staging area to urge us on.

Ray Engler, and Phil Weidman went out early to secure the places we wanted to clean up. The campers that were already there in a pig pen dust bowl cooperated, but sat in awe as we hit the place.

In another place we rolled two big cedar stumps away so non thinkers would not have them to shoot bottles off of towards a road. The severely rutted place we also raked, and did some erosion control.

Arnold Jones brought home made beans to a shady place in Pebble Canyon. Patrick Couch brought the sandwiches. There were some lies told waiting for him.

Doug Becker, Grandson Jarrett from Texas, and Jake Erlich were not content with the medium load they had so Phil Weidman guided Pat Couch, Eric Seidler, Ed Dunn, Donn Niblett and myself over miles of bumpy Park Creek Road beyond Kit Carson's Monument (it is better to come in from Hazel Creek) to a marginal pistol place where we cleaned up a mess of shot up window air conditioners from some motel remodel, and some Sac BEE vending machines (maybe some thieves are not all bad?). Now Doug's load was so big and heavy that he stopped at the truck scale.

Jim Holtzman, Jim Crupi, Gregg Plourde, and some others went on to shoot at a quarry. After lunch I lost track of which way Gary Heitmeyer, Sam Buckley, Bill George, Dennis Collinswood, David Hawkins, Gary Stone, Randy, and Dane Kolbo went.

When you have twenty-four eager Please Leave It NRA Klean workers like these, messes are gone before you know it. Meanwhile inspired by reading of PLINK, Greg and Jackie Carlson who we have never met cleaned up the shot shells and half a cubic yard of litter from the Junction Reservoir boat launch area.

Folks like these, and others are making a difference by taking care of "Our Eldorado National Forest."

To find out about our next PLINK shooting areas clean up tour phone (530) 620-3946, or email: nrplink@comcast.net

Photos courtesy of Steve Morgan



PLINK members taking a break for lunch.



PLINK members hard at work.



Doug Becker's truckload of JUNK!



SKY MOTE...



Photos courtesy Russ Mote

Sky Mote is a designated marksman once the robots are on the ground.

CMP MASTER INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

<http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/GSMClinic.htm>

CMP MASTER INSTRUCTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP CMP GARAND-SPRINGFIELD-MILITARY RIFLE CLINICS

Camp Perry, Ohio; 10-11 June 2006

Camp Pendleton, CA; 3-4 November 2006

Experienced rifle marksmanship instructors and shooters who would like to receive advanced training and be certified as "Master Instructors" to teach CMP-sanctioned Garand, Springfield and Vintage Military Rifle Clinics are invited to apply to attend a G-S-M Master Instructor Training Workshop. The first workshop was conducted at Camp Perry, Ohio on 8-9 April 2006. Two more workshops are currently scheduled, one at Camp Perry, Ohio on 10-11 June 2006 and one at Camp Pendleton, California on 3-4 November 2006.

<http://www.odcmp.com/>

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) promotes firearms safety training and rifle practice for all qualified U.S. citizens with special emphasis on youth. The CMP operates through a network of affiliated shooting clubs and associations that covers every state in the U.S. The clubs and associations offer firearms safety training and marksmanship courses as well as the opportunity for continued practice and competition.

The CMP was created by the U.S. Congress. The original purpose was to provide civilians an opportunity to learn and practice marksmanship skills so they would be skilled marksmen if later called on to serve the U.S. military. Over the years the emphasis of the program shifted to focus on youth development through marksmanship.

CARE PACKAGES

I have been sending packages to a local soldier from the 1st AD, Howie Gregory, and had a chance to meet him 2 weeks ago. He is on his way back to Ramadi now from 2 weeks off. I am very humbled by these guys and their commitment. If anyone would like to send Howie items here is his address:

Specialist Howard Gregory
Blue 4 2-3 FA 1 BDE 1 AD
C-O 50 1st
APO AE 09334-1138

Russ Mote

News Editor's note:

I am sending a big stack of various magazines to Sky Mote, and if you want to send other items yourself you can send them to Howie or to Sky Mote at:

Mote, Sky, R., USMC
1st EOD Co.
EOD Camp Ramadi, APO AE 09367

Letty Baumgardner

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

34 SENATORS VOTED AGAINST MAKING ENGLISH THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF AMERICA

All 34 who voted against English in America are Democrats! Here they are:

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| Akaka (D-HI) | Kerry (D-MA) |
| Bayh (D-IN) | Kohl (D-WI) |
| Biden (D-DE) | Lautenberg (D-NJ) |
| Bingaman (D-NM) | Leahy (D-VT) |
| Boxer (D-CA) | Levin (D-MI) |
| Cantwell (D-WA) | Lieberman (D-CT) |
| Clinton (D-NY) | Menendez (D-NJ) |
| Dayton (D-MN) | Mikulski (D-MD) |
| Dodd (D-CT) | Murray (D-WA) |
| Domenici (D-NM) | Obama (D-IL) |
| Durbin (D-IL) | Reed (D-RI) |
| Feingold (D-WI) | Reid (D-NV) |
| Feinstein (D-CA) | Salazar (D-CO) |
| Harkin (D-IA) | Sarbanes (D-MD) |
| Inouye (D-HI) | Schumer (D-NY) |
| Jeffords (D-VT) | Stabenow (D-MI) |
| Kennedy (D-MA) | Wyden (D-OR) |

Remember this the day you vote!

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S IDEAS ON IMMIGRANTS AND BEING AN AMERICAN IN 1907

“In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person’s becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn’t an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.”

Theodore Roosevelt 1907



AN APOLOGY FROM A THREE STAR MARINE CORPS GENERAL...

This “Letter of Apology” was written by Lieutenant General Chuck Pitman, US Marine Corps, Retired:

“For good and ill, the Iraqi prisoner abuse mess will remain an issue. On the one hand, right thinking Americans will abhor the stupidity of the actions while on the other hand, political glee will take control and fashion this minor event into some modern day massacre.

I humbly offer my opinion here:

I am sorry that the last seven times we Americans took up arms and sacrificed the blood of our youth, it was in the defense of Muslims (Bosnia, Kosovo, Gulf War 1, Kuwait, etc.).

I am sorry that no such call for an apology upon the extremists came after 9/11.

I am sorry that all of the murderers on 9/11 were Islamic Arabs.

I am sorry that most Arabs and Muslims have to live in squalor under savage dictatorships.

I am sorry that their leaders squander their wealth.

I am sorry that their governments breed hate for the US in their religious schools, mosques, and government-controlled media.

I am sorry that Yassar Arafat was kicked out of every Arab country and high-jacked the Palestinian “cause.”

I am sorry that no other Arab country will take in or offer more than a token amount of financial help to those same Palestinians.

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I am sorry that the USA has to step in and be the biggest financial supporter of poverty stricken Arabs while the insanely wealthy Arabs blame the USA for all their problems.

I am sorry that our own left wing, our media, and our own brainwashed masses do not understand any of this (from the misleading vocal elements of our society like radical professors, CNN and the NY TIMES).

I am sorry the United Nations scammed the poor people of Iraq out of the “food for oil” money so they could get rich while the common folk suffered.

I am sorry that some Arab governments pay the families of homicide bombers upon their death.

I am sorry that those same bombers are brainwashed thinking they will receive 72 virgins in “paradise.”

I am sorry that the homicide bombers think pregnant women, babies, children, the elderly and other noncombatant civilians are legitimate targets.

I am sorry that our troops die to free more Arabs from the gang rape rooms and the filling of mass graves of dissidents of their own making.

I am sorry that Muslim extremists have killed more Arabs than any other group.

I am sorry that foreign trained terrorists are trying to seize control of Iraq and return it to a terrorist state.

I am sorry we don’t drop a few dozen Daisy cutters on Fallujah.

I am sorry every time terrorists hide they find a convenient “Holy Site.”

I am sorry they didn’t apologize for driving a jet into the World Trade Center that collapsed and severely damaged Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church — one of our Holy Sites.

I am sorry they didn’t apologize for flight 93 and 175, the USS Cole, the embassy bombings, the murders and beheadings of Nick Berg and Daniel Pearl, etc....etc!

I am sorry Michael Moore is American; he could feed a medium-sized village in Africa.

America will get past this latest absurdity. We will punish those responsible because that is what we do.

We hang out our dirty laundry for the entire world to see. We move on. That’s one of the reasons we are hated so much. We don’t hide this stuff like all those Arab countries that are now demanding an apology.

Deep down inside, when most Americans saw this reported in the news, we were like — so what? We lost hundreds and made fun of a few prisoners. Sure, it was wrong, sure, it dramatically hurts our cause, but until captured we were trying to kill these same prisoners. Now

we’re supposed to wring our hands because a few were humiliated?

Our compassion is tempered with the vivid memories of our own people killed, mutilated and burnt amongst a joyous crowd of celebrating Fallujahans.

If you want an apology from this American, you’re going to have a long wait!

You have a better chance of finding those seventy-two virgins.

Chuck Pitman
Lieutenant General, USMC (Ret)

GREAT COMEBACK...

One of my sons serves in the military. He is still stateside, here in California. He called me yesterday to let me know how warm and welcoming people were to him, and his troops. Everywhere he goes, telling me how people shake their hands, and thank them for being willing to serve, and fight, for not only our own freedoms but so that others may have them also.

But he also told me about an incident in the grocery store he stopped at yesterday, on his way home from the base. He said that ahead of several people in front of him stood a woman dressed in a burkha. He said when she got to the cashier she loudly remarked about the U.S. flag lapel pin the cashier wore on her smock.

The cashier reached up and touched the pin, and said proudly, “Yes, I always wear it and probably always will.”

The woman in the burkha then asked the cashier when she was going to stop bombing her countrymen, explaining that she was Iraqi.

A gentleman standing behind my son stepped forward, putting his arm around my son’s shoulders, and nodding towards my son, said in a calm and gentle voice to the Iraqi woman: “Lady, hundreds of thousands of men and women like this young man have fought and died so that YOU could stand here, in MY country and accuse a check-out cashier of bombing YOUR countrymen. It is my belief that had you been this outspoken in YOUR own country, we wouldn’t need to be there today. But, hey, if you have now learned how to speak out so loudly and clearly, I’ll gladly buy you a ticket and pay your way back to Iraq so you can straighten out the mess in YOUR country that you are obviously here in MY country to avoid”

Everyone within hearing distance cheered!

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www.eldoradorodandgun.com

Public Welcome — Range fees discounted through club membership.
Call (530) 672-3330, or any event chairman for shoot and/or membership information.

