



EL DORADO *Rod & Gun Club*



The Powder Keg (October 2002)

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Membership to Comanche Hills Hunting Preserve

Does anyone have a membership to Comanche Hills who doesn't use anymore or isn't planning on handing down to family? Do you know anyone who does? I would be interested in purchasing your membership.

Please Call Ray @ (530) 295-3957

Famous Last Words:

A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any other invention in human history, with the possible exception of handguns and tequila.

—Mitch Radcliffe

The opening of Deer season always is a much anticipated date in the Charny household. Not just for the start of hunting season, but for the change of weather that arrives around October–November. I don't know about you, but I'm not much of a hot weather type of person. I love fall, the changing of the colors, cold nights and cool days. So I bid a farewell to summer and welcome to fall.

From the California Department of Fish & Game; this is a special notice for hunters who hunt out-of-state and wish to bring game meat into the state.

On 30 August 2002, the Fish and Game Commission adopted emergency regulations restricting the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk into California. These emergency regulations take effect immediately and will last for 120 days, allowing DFG time to develop permanent regulations. The emergency regulations allow deer/elk carcasses to be transported into the State only if they are submitted to a certified meat processor within 72 hours of entry. Heads for taxidermy can be transported into the State only if they are submitted to a taxidermist within 72 hours of entry. The meat processor and the taxidermist processing hunter-harvested deer and elk from out-of-state must dispose of unused tissues, brain and spinal column in a landfill approved for carcass or undergo incineration. Otherwise, it is mandatory that hunters bone out the meat on site or have carcasses processed out-of-state.

Other body parts that will be allowed include: Quarters or other portions of meat with no spinal column or head attached; hides with no heads attached; clean skull plates with antlers attached; antlers only; finished taxidermy heads; and upper canine teeth. If you will be hunting in a known CWD endemic area (northeastern Colorado, southeastern Wyoming, southwestern Wisconsin, northwestern Nebraska, and south-central New Mexico), you should receive information at the time you receive your hunting tag(s) regarding disposal of the carcass remains and mandatory or voluntary CWD testing. Links to the various wildlife agencies are included at this website for your convenience.

This regulation is necessary to minimize the risk of transport of the CWD prion into California. There is a theoretical risk that CWD could be transported into California in a CWD-infected hunter-harvested carcass, and due to improper disposal of infected body parts (brain, spinal cord and lymph nodes) could potentially expose our native free-ranging deer/elk to the disease. No infectivity has been detected in skeletal muscle tissue; therefore, removal of nervous and lymphatic tissue from meat should remove the prion from infected carcasses.

For more information please go to the Department of Fish & Games web page at:
<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/emregcwd.htm>

Daylight Saving Time Ends

On October 27 Daylight Saving Time Ends. Standard time resumes at 2 a.m. in the United States and Canada. Move the clock back one hour.

Raymond Klee where were you? Your club member number was picked at the last general meeting and the raffle prize could have been yours. You must be present to win.

Are you interested in being an officer or director? It's never too early to think ahead, nominations open in October, the Election is in December.

Newsletter Articles needed

Articles can be submitted to me by Email to 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!



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PLINK UPDATES

18 Great volunteers cleaned up 10 shooting areas, and fought a forest fire on Saturday, August 24. While most of us were pulling a TV set out of the brush, and cleaning up the Blue Gouge Mill site, Michael Eribes de Flores, and Phil Weideman cleaned up the first place in Bonetti, which was not too bad because the users have been taking care of it since the Forest Service removed their tank trap.

Ray Engler and Ed Dunn went ahead on Bonetti Road, cleaned up the campsite at Stonebreaker Creek. A woman walking two small dogs said she could smell, and see smoke crossing the road ahead. Ray and Ed found a blazing stump the size of a small truck that had been upended and bull dozed into a log landing above the horrible ruts on Baltic Ridge. They dumped their drinking water on it and threw a lot of dirt on it but could not get it completely out. Some unknown jerks had caused it by building their illegal campfire next to it. It would have burned for days. It had about ten feet to go before it would have spread to the surrounding forest. When the rest of us caught up with them, Kent Larson, Paul Hayhurst, John Rapp, and Phil Weidman, went back to the stump with tools and more water. We scraped the fire off of the stump and managed to roll it over to get at the fire underneath. The alligator char was about an inch and a half deep. We preserved the suspects large distinctive tennis shoe tracks, toilet paper, and a blue bag of ice that had not yet melted. When I managed to get out on Kent's cell phone and finally convince the CHP 911 dispatcher that there was no nearest cross street, spelling Bonetti, etc., they transferred me to the fire dispatch. Then I got to listen to an incredible recording, something about "...you can contribute to the war on terror ?, consider a career in federal law enforcement..." as I talked back to myself, the fire dispatcher came on and we went through the no cross street routine again, after a while two US Forest Service Fire Engines arrived. After a discussion about who would be the "IC" (Incident Commander) one engine negotiated the ruts and drenched the stump.

We went back to the second PLINK spot in Bonetti, flyspecked it, then ate the Subway sandwiches that Simon Russell recovering from double hernia surgery had brought to us. Tim Leahy sold several Gun Club tee shirts for us. We went on to clean up a place District Ranger Kathy Hardy had told us about, met some shooters who were cleaning up their own stuff, then Al Barberia guided us into two landings on Pebble Canyon Road large enough for targets where we heaped a stuffed couch, and old tires on top of Doug Becker's, and Vernon Haley's cab high load of litter, other TV's, and computers. This was the same place that Forest Supervisor John Berry told us about some refrigerators, and a freezer a year or so ago. Our dump bill was \$29.86.

The best PLINK areas in the shade did not need much work, we met a shooter all the way from San Francisco who had already cleaned up the 100 yard PLINK place, but had to caution him to smoke only in a clearing. Kent found some ones big box of survival drinks the rats had been chewing on hidden in Van Horn Creek labeled "Shawn's Cabin Stuff." It was a case of 6 ounce orange juice in rusty steel cans, Root Beer, etc. We used them for targets. Jack Enzler, and John Rapp went back to the quarry to shoot. Mike Schmitz did an excellent job of supervising his kids, Christopher, age 12, Alex, age 11, Steven, age 8,

and Leah, 6 years old, safely shooting their .22 caliber rifles, and single action revolver. They were impressed that the orange juice cans erupted, and black goo spewed out. We cleaned it all up, and more.

What did I do? Just picked up filth, and strung up cables for targets so that others who may not know better would not shoot up our trees. The best part was just getting to work with such real Conservationists. At the last minute the Mountain Democrat reporter could not go with us, but everybody worked hard, got hot and dirty, and felt that they were doing something good for their Eldorado National Forest, our El Dorado Rod and Gun Club, and National Rifle Association Members Council.

Questions, directions, suggestions? phone Steve Morgan at (530) 620-3946

4-H PROGRAM TO BEGIN

The 4-H program begins on October 13 and continues through May on the second Sunday of each month. This year we will also be learning shotgun and pistol basics as I am newly 4-H certified in those disciplines. (All eligible kids, over 9 years are encouraged to sign up for this program through the UC Coop Ed unit. Call UCCE at 621-5503 to sign up, or contact me for more info.) See the 4-H Shooting sports web page at: www.d-web.com/greenwood/4H_shoot/index.html (It is also linked to the County 4-H web page.)

We cover the basic safety rules and the Fundamentals of Marksmanship. The two new Anschutz Target rifles are available and dialed in! The kids can take turns shooting a precision rifle with sights that cost near as much as the gun!

I bring other rifles, ammo (available at \$1.00/box of 50), and eye and ear protection. You bring the kids! As always, parents can shoot if there is room, or after the kids grow weary, for only \$2.00. Bring plenty of cold drinks and a snack for the kids and dress for the weather. Contact Ken Greenwood at (530) 647-2456 or krg@d-web.com for more information.

JUNIOR RIFLE SHOOT

The Juniors Coach has monthly shoots that are open to all kids on the fourth Saturday of each month, 1-4pm. This program has plenty of space, and is a good opportunity to get small class instruction. Please call Scottie Southerland at (530) 644-6163 for more information. (*This program is suffering from lack of participation, please support the program by attending this month on Saturday, October 26!*)

ITEMS FOR SALE

Ithaca 12 ga. Turkeylayer: 24" ported barrel with extended turkey choke and 3 inch chamber. Fire sights. Drilled and tapped for scope. Full camo finish. NIB with all factory papers and a \$50 discount certificate (good for lifetime repair warranty or towards another barrel or accessories). \$550.00 or trade for?

Call Ken 530-647-2456