



# EL DORADO Rod & Gun Club

## The Powder Keg (December 2003)



### Presidents Report

#### CLUB ELECTIONS

Would you like to be an officer or director of the El Dorado Rod & Gun Club? Nominations are open for the upcoming election December 1, 2003. Just for your information not one person took advantage of the 75 word statement that would have been published in 3 newsletters. Officers serve a term of one year. Directors serve for three years.

#### Directors with terms expiring:

Scottie Southerland  
Robert Hancock  
Gary Coan

#### Officer up for reelection:

President: Rob Charny  
Vice Pres: Steve Morgan  
Treasurer: Bob Conover  
Secretary: Open

#### Nominations as of the general meeting October 6, 2003

Directors: Scottie Southerland  
Robert Hancock  
Gary Coan  
Simon Russell

#### Officers:

President: Rob Charny  
Vice Pres: Steve Morgan  
Treasurer: Bob Conover  
Secretary: Open

No other nominations were made at the last general meeting November 3, 2003. Nominations will be open again on the night of the general election December 1, 2003.

#### DINNER BANQUET JANUARY 20, 2004

For many, many years we have held our annual dinner in December. It was decided that due to all of the holiday parties and activities that we needed to move our banquet to a less hectic time of the year. So we decided to move the dinner to Tuesday January 20, 2004. Not only have we moved the date, we have changed the name, food and location. In the past we called our annual dinner the "buck stew," but no longer. We are now calling it the "El Dorado Rod & Gun Annual Banquet." This year our dinner will be provided by Rescue Catering and it will be a buffet style dinner.

We will be serving Carved Prime Rib, and/or Lemon Pepper Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans & Matchsticks. Spinach Salad, Pasta Salad, Fruit Ambrosia, assorted rolls, carrot cake for desert and coffee & ice tea is provided.

2003 Officers & Directors	
President:	Rob Charny
Vice President:	Steve Morgan
Secretary:	Bill George
Treasurer:	Bob Conover
Directors	
Doug Becker ('05)	Bob Howard ('04)
Bill Cathcart ('04)	Bill Pease ('05)
Gary Coan ('03)	Bob Pomeroy ('04)
Ray Engler ('05)	Scottie Southerland ('03)
Bob Hancock ('03)	

All for only \$20.00 per person, 250 tickets will be available so let's make sure that we sell them all. Tickets can be purchased from directors and offices. We are hoping to appeal to a broad range of people, not only members, but their friends and family. So please make sure you invite everyone you know. There will also be entertainment and club awards presented at the dinner and of course there will be raffle prizes, door prizes and silent auctions.

#### RAFFLE PRIZES ARE:

- Seiko Model 84M Classic .308 rifle.
- Berretta Urika Trap Grade Optima shotgun. 12ga.
- Vacation at Tahoe—1 week 7 days/6 night's vacation stay at the Stardust Vacation Lodge in South Lake Tahoe (A \$1,250.00 value). There will only be 200 tickets printed and available for each of the items. Tickets will be \$10.00 each.

There will be numerous smaller prizes, something for everyone at the dinner too.

We will be looking for donations for our silent auctions and door prizes, so if anyone has an item to donate to please let me know. Remember that this is our major fund raiser for the year, so please be generous with your donations as well as purchase of tickets for dinner and raffle prizes.

**WHERE:** Marshall Building, EL Dorado County Fair Grounds.

**DINNER PRICE:** \$20.00

**BAR OPENS:** 5pm

**DINNER SERVED:** 6:30pm

**DRAWING AND AWARDS:** 7:30pm





**REMINDER**  
**Club Election Night**  
**is**  
**Monday, December 1, 2003**

**WHERE WERE YOU?**

Al Sutter 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.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

All membership dues are due in January. When you send in your dues please remember to send in your membership application too. This helps us to keep all contact information current. You can find applications on our web site at: <http://www.eldoradorodandgun.com/membership.htm> as well as enclosed with this newsletter and as always applications are available at the range.

**NOTICE TO ALL RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS**

As mentioned our dinner banquet is set for January 20, 2004. We still need you to provide us with the name and inscription that you want on the awards that you will be providing to your shooters that you feel should receive recognition. An example would be; John Doe — Most Improved, Sally Smith — Top Women Trap, Sam Dastardly — Benchrest Rifle Tightest Group, George Jungle — A Class Overall Winner Pistol. These are just ideas; each discipline has its own terminology that is used for awards. So please let me know as soon as you can. Now if you don't send me anything your shooters will not receive any awards. Please send the list to me either by USPS at PO Box 99, Placerville, CA 95667 or which I would prefer by Email,

president@eldoradorodandgun.com. I need this information soon. The cut off date will be December 15, 2003. Anything after that date will not be accepted.

**SPONSORS**

Please remember to patronize our club sponsors. They help support our club and in today's politically correct society it's a difficult position these companies can find themselves in, and to be willing to support our cause is a statement all by itself.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the managers at Food4Less for all of the help they have given us with the prizes for the trap meat shoots. Food4Less has gone above and beyond to help us.

**OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING TURKEY SHOOT...**

We had a 2-day event, although on Saturday we had a pretty good rainstorm, at least 15-20 avid trap shooters showed up and fared the weather...most shooting was done from under the clubhouse overhang. On Sunday the sky was clear, and out came more shooters. There were approximately 45 shooters, with many observers, some new faces and some old familiar ones. Many turkeys, tri-tip, and roasts were won. A nice selection of raffle prizes were also won. Everyone had a great time, it was a great turn out. *Thanks everyone!*

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES NEEDED**

Articles can be submitted to me by Email to [president@eldoradorodandgun.com](mailto: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.

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## FRONT SIGHT TRAINING WAS GREAT!

*Ken Greenwood*

I recently returned from 16 days of training over a three week period at the Front Sight Firearms Training Institute. I attended the 4-day "Practical Rifle" (Mini-14), 4-day "Defensive Handgun" (Glock 23), 2-day "Defensive Handgun" (S&W Semi Auto), 2-day "Defensive Shotgun" (870 Rem.) and one-day, 23 State (with non resident permits from Florida, Nevada and Utah) CCW classes. I was tested to the limits of my physical and mental abilities the whole time. For a gun enthusiast like me, it was a slice of heaven.

"Front Sight" is a firearms training resort located 40 miles NW of Las Vegas. They offer a vast array of training opportunities. Check out their site: <http://www.frontsight.com/FirearmsTraining/>

## DECEMBER YOUTH/4-H SHOOTS

**Basic:** Sunday December 14, 1:30 to dark.

**Advanced:** Saturday December 13, 9–noon

### **There will be two separate 4-H/Youth opportunities this year:**

Basic and Advanced. *NOTE:* You can attend both meetings and double your shooting fun. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend.

Basic is for the beginner and those who want a cross section of the shooting sports to learn basic rifle, pistol and shotgun skills. We will cover range and safety orientation, learn the fundamentals of marksmanship and then shoot .22 rimfire rifles. Ultimately we move to High Power Rifles, and later, pistols and shotguns if you want.

Basic will be held on the second Sunday of each month. Monthly meetings (Shoots) will be on the second Sunday of each month from 1:30–5pm at the El Dorado Rod and Gun Club range at 5941 Union Mine Road.

For those with Sunday conflicts, the El Dorado Rod and Gun Club "Juniors Program" is on the fourth Saturday of each month from 1–4pm. Contact Scottie Southerland at 530-644-6163. Scottie has the same NRA Coach Training as I do (but is not a 4-H Leader) and can help you learn to shoot.

### **Advanced**

New this year is the formation of an "Advanced Group/Rifle Team" for those who want to focus on Three and Four-Position Smallbore Rifle competition at a 50 foot distance. This is for those who have previous shooting experience and have a firm grasp on the basics. You must be willing to learn competitive shooting technique and position shooting (some will find this tedious and a lot of work, BUT THE SKILLS AND DISCIPLINE LEARNED WILL LAST A LIFETIME!).

**TENTATIVELY**, we will meet on the second Saturday of the month 9-noon on the pistol range December through June. The December meeting will serve as a introduction, and after that, new participants must attend a basic shoot and orientation or make other arrangements with me prior to coming out.

The goal is to ultimately compete against other rifle teams at

## **2004 Membership Applications are Due January 1, 2004**

Please remember that membership dues are coming up quickly, please fill out the membership application (**in full**) and return to us ASAP so you won't miss out on all the exciting information you get from "The Powder Keg!"

the regularly scheduled matches in Lincoln, Sacramento, Knights Landing and in Modesto. 4-H kids will learn skills directly applicable for competing in the annual 4-H Postal Match (Shoot targets and MAIL them in) and maybe we can have a warm up match against 4-H teams from nearby counties.

We have some quality guns and gear for this, and more are on the way, so there is not a steep initial investment. There are also sporter classes of competition for your "plain old" .22. If you are not sure about this, you can "graduate up" from Basic, or if it is too much, you can still shoot at the basic meeting. It is up to you and your desire.

### **GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO BOTH PROGRAMS**

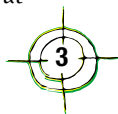
Regardless of the program you want to join, there is a mandatory procedural and safety briefing prior to any shooting! We cover basic range and safety orientation, learn the basic fundamentals of marksmanship and then shoot .22 rimfire rifles. These will be from 12:30 to 1:30 prior to the regular meeting time. This also applies to all parents and guardians (i.e.: if a different parent/guardian comes for a first time, please come early for the orientation). This is vital to everyone's safety and enjoyment.

**Parent/Guardian Participation:** The project is mandatory Parent/Guardian participation at all range events for obvious safety and legal reasons. Minimum one parent for two kids on the firing line (four to one for those waiting). Unsupervised kids are not allowed at the facility. You must be present during all meetings. This is not a "drop-off" project. Plan to be there two to three hours!

**Equipment:** .22 rimfire rifle and two boxes of ammo. Guns as well as eye and ear protection are available on loan (if you haven't purchased any yet, come and learn some buying tips). Bring your own .22 ammo, or it is available for \$1.00 a box of 50. Bring a towel or small blanket to pad the shooting bench. (ADVANCED group needs a shooting mat or closed-cell back pack sleeping mat to pad the ground).

**Food and Drink:** Eat BEFORE you come out and bring a snack and drinks. All users are required to wash hands before eating. No food or drink on the shooting benches.

**Clothing:** Dress for the weather! Warm mornings do not last until 5 PM in the fall and winter. Shoes are a must (no sandals).





**Weather:** Shoots go on rain or shine. Both shooting positions are covered and keep the sun and rain off the shooters. Wind and heavy rain combined gets the guns wet, is hard on the road and spoils the day. Snow to 2500 feet spoils it too. If in doubt, call the range at 622-7062.

Range fees are waived for 4-H members. Non 4-H shooters and any parent/guardian are \$2.00 per session. 4-H members have priority for space at 4-H events (Second Saturday and Sunday each month starting October 12 through June 13) and parents can shoot after the kids.

**AGE:** All 4-H shooters must be at least 9 in "4-H years." That is a good age for most kids, and others are ready earlier (and some adults aren't ready ever!!). Parents/guardians need to use their judgment that the kids understand guns are for real, dead is forever. My judgment will be final. Safety is paramount and will not be compromised.

Lead & Proposition 65 Warning! Lead and other substances used and found at the range and in gun cleaning procedures are known by the State of California to cause cancer and may have other health implications. All range users are prohibited from digging in, or scavenging from the bullet impact or target areas as lead concentrations may be elevated in those areas. All users are required to wash hands before eating and after range sessions. All users are advised to shower and wash all clothing and footwear after range sessions and to wash-up following gun cleaning activities.

*Ken Greenwood*

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**Ray 295-3957**

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**Steve 620-3900**

# El Dorado Rod & Gun Club Annual Banquet

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**WHERE:** Marshall Building, EL Dorado  
County Fair Grounds

**DINNER PRICE:** \$20.00

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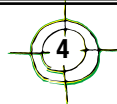
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