



EL DORADO *Rod & Gun Club*

The Powder Keg

(April 2002)



President's Message

Newsletter Articles needed. Since I took over as President last year there has been a serious lack (does the cliché "slim to none" mean anything to you) of articles for the newsletter. You will notice that I have stopped printing the club minutes, that is because this is a **NEWSLETTER** not a minutes-letter and articles are needed about the events that take place at our club range. Many years ago there were many articles submitted, but the participation as of late has been very limited. Stories and articles about your range experience brings excitement to the events as well as gives recognition to those who are holding shoots and participating in them as well. So please take a few minutes and write a short article about a shoot that you either ran or participated in. Also Range Safety Officer's you should also be submitting articles about your shoots so that the club members know what it is you do for the club. The Club is also still looking for a newsletter editor. If anyone has the time (even if you don't because busy people get the most done) and would be interested please let me know. 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.

Irv Christensen where were you? Your club number was picked at the last general meeting and the pot of gold (well ok maybe not a pot of gold but enough to buy a nice dinner) could have been yours. You must be present to win.

A big **THANK YOU** to Bob Deitz for his presentation at the March general meeting of Safari Hunting in Africa. Do you have a presentation you would like to show the club?

Snow in March, spring must be on its way. Remember that Daylight Savings Time begins on April 7 at 2 a.m. Time to spring forward one hour.

Have you visited our club web site? <http://www.eldoradorodandgun.com> Unless you're one of the last few remaining people on earth without an Internet Connection 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. *So what are you waiting for?*

"The U.S. Constitution doesn't guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to catch up with it yourself."

—Benjamin Franklin

Stay Strong, Stay Vigilant, God Bless America.

2002 Officers & Directors

President:	Rob Charny
Vice President:	Steve Morgan
Secretary:	Bill George
Membership Secretary:	Greg Laurel
Treasurer:	Bob Conover

Directors

Doug Becker	Keith Murray
Bill Cathcart	Bob Pomeroy
Bob Hancock	Scottie Southerland
Bob Howard	Skip Worsham
Arnold Jones	

"Taters"

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters."

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters."

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters."

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Adgie Taters."

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters."

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters."

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters."

If you know any other "Sweet Taters", send them this!!



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Meat Shoot March 16th & 17th

"Neither rain, sleet, nor snow would stop these dedicated trap shooters from showing on Saturday." Due to weather on Saturday, there were only 6 dedicated trap shooters. Even with six shooters we shot 5 events. Between rain showers, we all stayed close to the fire, and told stories.

Light showers on Sunday did not stop 12 shooters from showing up. We shot 12 events. The events consisted of: Custers, doo da, bushwhacker, big chip, and 16, 21, & 27 yards high gun. The weather made these events more of a challenge than usual. That didn't stop the shooters from having fun.

I appreciate all of the dedicated shooters for showing up and making the event successful in spite of the weather. I also appreciate the volunteers that help (Gary Coan, Larry Carston, Floyd Hughes, Norbert Korp, and my wife Nora), on Saturday and Sunday. We need more volunteers like them! — **Bill Pease**

Check your calendar for upcoming Trap Shoots, about one every month! All shoots start at 9 am. If you need further information please contact Bill Pease after 5pm at (530) 622-8036.

CMP/DCM Shoot

We had two hardy club members and one non-member brave the cold and snow to shoot the match on March 17. Hope to have more shooters and better weather at the next shoot on April 21. — **Bob Pomeroy**

Defensive Shotgun Seminar

Ken Greenwood will host a Defensive shotgun seminar on May 5 (not on the second Sunday as that is Mother's Day) from 9–noon. Bring your "home and garden" shotgun and practice some basic drills. Bring at least a box of birdshot and 5 rounds of both buckshot and slugs. See how your gun handles these loads (you may be surprised). Call 647-2456 for more information.

Placerville Gun Show

The next Code of the West Gun Show in Placerville will be at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, May 11–12, 2002.

There is also a Code of the West Gun Show scheduled for Placerville, November 11–12, 2002.

There will also be Code of the West Gun shows at the Roseville Fairgrounds, March 20–21 and July 11–12, 2002.

Friends of NRA

The Friends of NRA Dinner/Fund Raiser was a great success. Preliminary results indicate that somewhere in the area of \$15,000 was earned for the Foundation. Next year should be even better. Volunteers are needed for next years committee, so if you are available to support this worthy cause please contact Ken Greenwood at 530-647-2456.

This year our Council donated \$100.00 to underwrite prizes for the Fund Raiser. Unfortunately our donation was too late to be included on the list of donors. Next year we will have to get our donation in earlier.

Attention Members

2002 Membership dues are now overdue, please make sure you send in your membership application and dues as soon as possible. *Thank You.*

Mountain Democrat Article

An article appearing in the March 16 Mountain Democrat reveals that the US Forest Service used faked spotted owl data to shut down timber harvest and close the forest to public use. This is just another example of Forest Service Biologists improper conduct to accomplish environmentalist agenda. Junk science must be revealed and prevented. The American public has been held hostage to this kind of abhorrent behavior by false data all too long.

Report any improperly locked gates to the Forest Service. Please express forest concerns to: John Berry, Forest Supervisor; 100 Forni Road; Placerville, Ca 95667.

In addition, comments and suggestions may be submitted to:

Georgetown Ranger District, Jon Jue-Resource Officer, 7600 Wentworth Springs Road, Georgetown, Ca 95634, Phone 295-4251.

Pacific Ranger District, Dave Boyer-Resource Assistant, Pacific Ranger Station, Pollock Pines, Ca 95726, Phone 644-2324.

Placerville Ranger District, Ron Hancock-Recreation Assistant, 4260 Eight Mile Road, Camino, Ca 95709, Phone 644-2324.

Please Leave it NRA Kleen (PLINK)

There are no Please Leave it NRA Kleen (PLINK) outings currently scheduled due to weather conditions. Call Steve Morgan at 530-620-3946, or e-mail steve.morgan-plink@worldnet.att.com for information on forest issues and PLINK.

April 18

April 18 is the 60th Anniversary of the daring Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. This was a subtle reminder that we were down, *but not out!*

April 19, 1775

April brings many dates to remember, but April 19 is the most important for gun owners and all freedom loving individuals! That day in 1775, the British army marched on Concord Massachusetts to "seize powder and ball" from the local civilian storehouse. Along the way, they were breaking down doors and seizing guns from private citizens.

The citizens were warned of their approach by Paul Revere and others, "To arms! to arms! The British are coming!" Armed and ready they were, and when the British closed in on Concord and tried to cross the bridge to the armory, they met the "militia" composed of private citizens protecting their rights, their homes and most important, their guns! The "shot heard 'round the world" rang out, and in the battle that followed, the British were chased away and our never ending battle for freedom began! (As illustrated by the continued onslaught of "common sense gun control," the battle for our guns still rages!)

There are those who suggest that the second amendment does not guarantee the individual the right to own a gun. Remind them of the simple lesson of April 19, 1775! Those were not soldiers that defended their guns on that day, those were citizens! All of our rights we take for granted came from that experience!

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance!



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FACILITIES AND MONTHLY EVENTS INCLUDE:

9 am until noon unless noted (member/nonmember range fee)

RIFLE

50 and 100 yard rifle range with 13 position covered bench and chronograph stand

- **Open Rifle Range:** (\$3.00/\$5.00)
1st Saturday of the month (Bill: 622-7478)
3rd Friday: 1-4pm (Roy: 333-0303)
Every Thursday (Kirby: 745-9588/Bill: 622-7478)
- **Informal Benchrest w/Rimfire and Centerfire Rifle:**
(\$3.00/\$5.00)
2nd Saturday of the month (Bill: 622-7478)
- **DCM (CMP):** Quarterly Qualifications (CALL!) (\$5.00, or \$25.00 w/M-1 gun & ammo); or open rifle (\$2.00/\$4.00)
3rd Sunday of the month (Bob: 622-8584)
- **Sight-In Days:** All August & September rifle events

PISTOL/SMALLBORE

Two 25+ yard pistol/smallbore ranges with steel and paper targets

- **Open Pistol Range:** (\$3.00/\$5.00)
Every Monday (Gary: 620-3946)
2nd Friday (Mark: 621-5795/622-5994, *call first!*)
1st Friday (Dick: 672-2044)
1st & 3rd Thursday (Kirby: 745-9588)
2nd Sun (Ken: 647-2456) *Call ahead to confirm.*
- **Defensive Pistol:** International Defensive Pistol Assn.
(\$5.00/\$10.00) Self-Defense Practice
4th Saturday of the month (John: 676-1199)

TRAP

Two 16–27 yard trap ranges (Trap Range #1 throws doubles & wobblers)

- Every Sunday: 9–12; Wednesday: 5pm – Dark (daylight savings)
(Trap: \$3.50/\$4.50)
- **Thanksgiving, Christmas & Spring Turkey Shoots:**
(\$3.50/event) (Bob: 677-8826; Floyd: 676-9567)
- **Novice Trap:**
Last Sunday of the Month: 9am-noon (Bob: 677-8826)

YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS

- **4-H:** Oct.-May (June-Sept., all kids) (Free to 4-H,
\$2.00 for walk-ins)
2nd Sunday: 1-4pm (Ken: 647-2456)
- **Junior Rifle Training:** (\$2.00 for 100 rds ammo
+ target gun)
4th Saturday of the Month: 1pm
(Scottie: 644-6163)

OTHER EVENTS

- **“Practical” rifle, pistol and/or shotgun:** (Most often,
“Handgun Familiarization” for novices): (\$3.00/\$5.00 if practice,
\$5.00/\$10.00 if formal match) *Call ahead to confirm event.*
2nd Sunday of the Month (Ken: 647-2456)
- **Muzzle Loaders/Black Powder:** Fun Shoots (\$3.00/\$5.00)
3rd Saturday of the month (Scott: 621-2442)
- **Hunter Safety:** Conservation and safety
All year (Bob Hancock: 295-9385)
- **Annual Picnic and “Buck Stew”:**
Good food and prizes
August and December

Basic Rules for using our range include:

1. NO alcoholic beverages or narcotics or anyone under the influence permitted on range premises
2. ALL firearm actions shall be open at all times when not on the firing line.
3. Only ONE firearm and ammunition therefore on the firing line in any shooting stall or position.
4. Muzzles are to be pointed down range at all times or firearms will be stored in the designated locations
5. INSTANTLY obey the commands of the Range Officer or Range Safety officer
6. Fire only at your designated target
7. Eye and ear protection shall be worn at all times when in firing area.
8. Unattended or unsupervised juveniles are not permitted on Range.

NOTE: Each discipline has specific rules, which are available from the Range Safety Officers.