



EL DORADO *Rod & Gun Club*

The Powder Keg

(May 2002)



President's Message

Printed in the Mountain Democrat April 15, 2002 "Heard over the back fence" by Bob Billingsley. "For next years NRA resolution, maybe we need to say, Intimate Friends of the NRA instead of Friends of the NRA."

Can you believe this one! Every round of ammunition sold in California would carry a 5-cent tax under legislation that has been introduced by Oakland lawmaker State Senator Don Perata. The tax would be levied on cartridges or bullets. Perata has offered the tax as a new revenue source for the state's emergency rooms and trauma centers. "Many gun-shot victims don't have medical insurance," stated Perata. Perata has been a leader in the gun-control movement. He carried legislation that strengthened and expanded the state's ban on new assault weapons and has another pending bill to repeal the industry's legal immunity from product liability suits. "If he wants an issue to motivate every gun owner in the state, this is it," Ed Worley of the National Rifle Association said. "Every hunter, every duck hunter out there who hasn't really gotten involved, when I tell them they are going to tax their ammunition....." There appear to be more than enough Republicans and moderate Democrats to block the measure in either the Assembly or Senate.

Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday in May — this year May 27. A Presidential Proclamation calls on Americans to reserve this day for prayer and ceremonies showing respect for American war veterans, especially those who died in the conflicts. The observance dates back to the Civil War, with the first documented celebration taking place at Waterloo, N.Y., on May 5, 1865. Today, Memorial Day is a federal holiday during which flags are traditionally flown at half-staff until noon.

Don't forget Mother's Day! More than 46 countries have official days to honor mothers, although the dates of the observances vary. The U.S. and Canada, as well as Denmark, Italy and Australia, share the second Sunday of May, this year May 12. Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the ancient Greeks who feted Rhea, the mother of the gods and goddesses. During the 17th century, the English observed "Mothering Sunday" to honor the country's mums. A national Mother's Day was established at the beginning of this century at the urging of Anna Jarvis, a Philadelphia school teacher. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed a national observance to be held each year on the second Sunday of May.

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.

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

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.

On a personal note I want to thank Skip Worsham for all his years of service to the club. Skip decided that due to personal commitments that he could no longer act as a Director and resigned recently. Thank You Skip! The Directors will be voting to fill the open Director position at the next Board of Directors meeting May 20, 2002. If you know someone or are interested in the position please send an Email to: president@eldoradorodandgun.com.

"Soldiers generally win battles; generals get credit for them." — Napoleon

Stay Strong, Stay Vigilant, God Bless America.

2002 Officers & Directors

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Club Objectives

- ▶ To provide information and education to members and interested citizens regarding the safe and responsible use of firearms
- ▶ To promote conservation of fish and wildlife, habitat, and related resources
- ▶ To provide a safe, controlled environment for the recreational use of firearms



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CAMP MAK-A-DREAM

Please join the El Dorado Rod and Gun Club in supporting member Larry Ward as he and four other trap shooters converge on Hamilton Trap Club in Montana on June 28 and 29 to attempt to set a world record of breaking over 30,000 clay birds in 24 hours! This is to support Camp Mak-A-Dream, a 501(c)(3) Corporation that provides cost free camping services to children and young adults with cancer in a beautiful location far from the pain and suffering that is a part of their daily lives.

Larry is once again donating his time to another deserving organization. The Board of Directors voted to support this effort with a \$500 donation. You too can help this effort by contacting Larry at 530-622-8585 evenings, and 530-626-5588 during the day, or mail a check to Camp Mak-A-Dream via the Hamilton Trap Club, PO Box 672, Hamilton MT 59840 (tax ID # 81-0472959).

Good Luck Larry, and thanks for your positive representation of the shooting sports and the El Dorado Rod and Gun Club!

4-H SHOOT

The 4-H kids were treated to a demonstration of the awesome power of the .375 H & H Magnum by Club member Robert Deitz at their April 14th meeting. Robert gave a talk on big bore ballistics and then sighted-in his new rifle for an upcoming African Safari. Once it was dialed-in, he and volunteer shooters performed penetration/expansion tests on water filled milk jugs at 50 yards. The results were spectacular and all slugs were recovered with excellent weight retention. Thanks to Robert for his dedication to sport hunting and the shooting sports.

ATTENTION RSO's

Ken Greenwood is seeking input from all RSO's and members for the "Standard Operating Procedures" handbook to define day to day operations for the range facilities. The desire is to provide clear and consistent guidelines for a safe and enjoyable atmosphere at all Club range events. If you have ideas on any facet of the range operation, contact Ken at 647-2456 or krg@d-web.com.

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.

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.

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, July 11–12, 2002.

MEAT SHOOT APRIL 13TH

"Fair weather on Sunday," there were 18 trap shooters who showed up to shoot. In our beginners and intermediate group there were 7 shooters, we would like to invite more to show up. So come out to join in the fun and prizes! The more we have the more events for the group.

We had 3 shooters from Sacramento Valley Trap Club join us for our meat shoot. It would be nice if more of our members would go to their club. They shoot on the first Sunday of every month (Meat Shoot). It's a good idea for all clubs to participate together in each others events, this helps each club grow and make new friends.

Our next meat/prize shoot will be on May 19th (Sunday) at 9:00 am. Please come out and join in on the fun! Prizes will include Rib Eye Steaks, Tri-Tip Roast and Coleman Camp Chairs.

Thanks to those of you who help out with the events on Sunday your help is appreciated. If anyone needs directions to Sac Valley Shooting Center please call me at 622-8036.

Sincerely, Bill Peace

GVCC SPORTSMEN'S GROUP

Sunday April 7, the Green Valley Community Church Sportsmen's Group held its' first shooting event.

Bill Pease and Bob Conover graciously consented to being our RSO's so that our people could shoot pistols, rifles, and shotguns!

About 25 members got to shoot—2 for the very first time! Everyone had a 'blast,' and spoke very enthusiastically about our future with the El Dorado Rod & Gun Club!

We hope to have some regularly scheduled events in the near future, and hope many Gun Club members participate with us.

Remain vigilant, Dan Moore



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FRIENDS OF NRA DINNER UPDATE

The 2002 Friends of NRA dinner was a HUGE success! We don't know the exact numbers, but everything went for record amounts, all the drawing games for guns went well, drawing ticket sales were strong and we had 250 people for dinner! We will easily top our "10% more than last year" goal. We gave away and auctioned \$10,000 worth of prizes, including 24 guns. A big thank you to all involved who made it such a success.

We have begun planning for next year and hope to make it better than ever. There were several suggestions to make it run smoother and we hope to incorporate them for 2003. Any ideas or omissions from this article should be directed to Ken Greenwood at 647-2456 or krg@d-web.com.

Ken will serve as chairman for a fourth and final year ONLY IF there is a bigger core that includes a PRIZE CHAIRMAN to keep better track of donations and to coordinate prize solicitation. Not so sure about the others returning as they have done this for a long time and there are grumblings of burnout!! We are all tired, but hopefully we can get some new blood to help lighten the very important pre-dinner work! Most of us are ready to do it again, but there must be a bigger core!! As always, we will need help the night of the dinner. The treasurer always needs help processing credit card orders.

Thanks to the core of the committee: Treasurer Bob Conover, Recording Secretary Bob Hancock, Ticket Chairman Bob Gilmore, Correspondence Secretary Jim Bowls, and John L. Lustig.

Thanks to the people who helped at the dinner and sold tickets: Harry Cavaiani, Carolyn Hancock, Carolyn Gilmore, Marcia Conover, Ken Pence, Cherokee de Rose, Jack Farley, Lori Worsham, Gary Saich, and Steve Morgan.

And of course, thanks to NRA Field Rep. Dave Bundesen for keeping us focused and relatively "earth based" during the year and especially at the dinner.

HUGE thanks to Flynn Fahlbusch and all the staff at Big Horn Gun Shop for being our ticket outlet, gun transfer station and all around nice guys. That is five years now! We could not do it without you!

Thanks to all the "Liberty" Sponsors: Bob & Marcia Conover, Cliff Walker, Dale Shely, David C. Drum, Dennis Collingwood, Dennis Griffin, Dennis Myrick, Doug Veerkamp, El Dorado Rod and Gun Club, Hal Barker, Hangtown Harley, Hayhurst Consulting, Jack Spelts, Ken Greenwood, Ken Pence, Larry Hennick, Nor-Cal Beverage, Ray and Letty Baumgardner, Robert Dietz II, Robert Hancock, Sabot Technologies, Skip Worsham, Jim Bowls and Tom Mahach. You make it go over the top!

Thanks to all the Donors: Phil Weidman, Thompson's Auto and Truck Center*, David Rogers*, Wards Automotive*, Shawn McDonald O.D., Bob & Marcia Conover, Nor Cal Beverage, El Dorado Rod and Gun Club, EN2 Resources. Inc., Tony Zepczyk, Doug Veerkamp General Engineering, Placerville Midas, Sierra at Tahoe, Daryle Lebin, Tea in the Garden, Joe's Barber Shop, McIntire & Tubes, Hangtown Express Lube, Placerville K-Mart, Kinetico Pure Water Co., Spanky's Pizza, Pleasant Valley Ace, Diamond Cuts, and Diamond Springs Ace.

(*Indicates a cash donation of \$250 or more. Thank YOU!)

Thanks and sorry to those Donors not mentioned in the program: Front Sight Training Institute, Diamond Pacific Lumber, Hangtown Brewery, Pamela Bowls at Hey Good Lookin' Hair Salon, and the El Dorado NRA Member's Council.

A big thanks goes to Betty Franklin at Rescue Catering. She is wonderful to work with, very reasonable, and the food is great! (Apple pie for dessert is so nice!)

Our savior was Gerry Fredette from Zebra Club in Sacramento who saved the whole affair after our designated bar person got very ill. He was at the site ready to serve within 5 hours of an initial phone call! We were looking at total disaster until he came along!

Thanks to all of 250 people who attended!

Also, please contact the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (621-5390 or <http://co.el-dorado.ca.us/bos/>) and thank them for their support of our fundraising efforts.

Remain vigilant
Ken Greenwood
El Dorado Friends of NRA Chairman