



EL DORADO *Rod & Gun Club*

The Powder Keg

(June 2002)



Presidents Message

The Directors of the El Dorado Rod & Gun Club unanimously approved the appointment of Ray Engler to fill the open Director position with the term ending in 2002. Welcome back Ray, it's like old times! Ray and I spent many years together on the board and I look forward to working with Ray again.

Due to health concerns our membership secretary Greg Laurel has resigned his position and Bill George has taken over the full duties of secretary. I want to thank Greg and his wife Sharon for all of their hard work and effort. We wish the best to you and get well soon. Another big "thank you" goes to Bill George for taking on the Herculean effort of club secretary. This is one of those jobs that takes a lot of effort and time and anyone willing to take on this responsibility should have their head examined, but I can't tell you how much the club appreciates you doing this.

In the "if there was ever someone working hard to bring a shooting venue to the club category" it goes to Frank Herzog. Frank is working very diligently to bring a form of cowboy action shooting to our club. We'll keep you updated on this as we move forward and set a date for the shoots.

From the NRA Members Council: Kaiser Attacks Gun-Rights...AGAIN!

A few years ago Kaiser Permanente, the California-based HMO with facilities in nine states and the District of Columbia, got involved in supporting gun control. Now Kaiser is at it again. This time Kaiser is putting their anti-gun message right into their customers'/patients' faces, by putting up anti-gun posters in their doctor's offices. Of course, these posters display the usual prejudiced and misleading propaganda about guns and gun owners.

More Legislation: SB682 and AB496

These bills seek to repeal part of the Civil Code that deals with product liability. They were redrafted and gutted/amended from bills that were initially introduced to do other things. The bills were changed after the anti-gun advocates lost their "101 California Street lawsuit" against the firearms industry in the California State Supreme Court.

The repeal of current law would only open the door of litigation to the manufacturers of lawful and legal consumer products. Manufacturers of lawful products should not be held responsible for the actions of criminals or any person who uses the product in a negligent manner. We need to keep an eye on these bills.

"The California Wild Heritage Act of 2002"

Senator Barbara Boxer has submitted legislation called "The California Wild Heritage Act of 2002" that would, without doubt, be among the biggest wilderness land grab in California State history. Part of the proposal includes Caples Creek watershed, and the Meiss Meadows area in El Dorado County, but the proposal is much larger than that. The proposals shown on the map look like a Sierra Club

wish list. Forest management would be seriously curtailed by this legislation, and recreational use by other than hikers and horsemen would virtually be eliminated if this were to become law. I suggest that you log on to the Wilderness Coalition website (<http://www.calwild.org>) to view the map of the proposed areas. Thank you to Bob Hancock for submitting this to our newsletter.

2002 Officers & Directors

President:	Rob Charny
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Doug Becker	Arnold Jones
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Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944

Operation Overlord took place on the beaches of Normandy in the early morning hours as the Allied forces invaded Europe to defeat Germany, leading to the end of World War II.

U.S. Army Celebrates 227th Anniversary

The United States Army was established as the country's first military service by a Congressional Resolution passed on June 14, 1775.

Flag Day

Flag Day is celebrated June 14 of each year to commemorate the formal adoption of the Stars and Stripes in 1777 as a symbol of America's freedom and liberties.

The original design of 13 white stars in a blue field and 13 stripes, alternately red and white, was adopted by the Second Continental Congress to replace the disparate array of flags that had been embraced by the different colonies. The resolution did not, however, specify the pattern of the stars, so that early flags differed in their interpretation of the design. The admission of two new states in 1791 and 1792 prompted a revision to include 15 stars and stripes, the version that inspired the "Star Spangled Banner." It soon became obvious that the flag would grow unwieldy if a stripe were added for each new state, so the number of stripes was scaled back to the original 13. Each state is represented by a star. The current design was adopted in 1960, following the admission of Hawaii into the United States.

Flag Day was designated by a joint resolution of Congress on Aug. 13, 1949. Beginning in 1966, the President has proclaimed the week in which June 14 falls as "National Flag Week," during which citizens are asked to display "Old Glory."

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Summer

Summer officially begins in the Northern Hemisphere with the summer solstice on June 21 at 10:03 a.m., EDT. The first day of summer marks the longest day of the year, meaning that in the area between the equator and the Arctic Circle, the sun rises and sets farthest north on the horizon for the year. Daylight hours last from 12 hours, eight minutes at the equator to 24 hours at the Arctic Circle. The summer season lasts until 1:37 a.m. on Sept. 23.

Father's Day

Father's Day is observed annually on the third Sunday in June. This year June 16 is the day for fathers. The idea for the celebration dates back to the early 1900s, when Louise Smart Dodd of Spokane, Wash., set out to find some way to pay tribute to her dad. William Smart raised Dodd and her six siblings single-handedly after their mother died in childbirth. The first documented "Father's Day" was celebrated in Spokane on June 19, 1910, on Dodd's father's birthday. The idea soon spread across the country and into Canada. Vancouver set aside a special day for fathers in 1912. Four years later, President Woodrow Wilson officially recognized the holiday in the U.S., but it wasn't until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation which established a permanent national observance.

Newsletter Articles Needed

Articles can be submitted to me by Email to president@eldorado.rodandgun.com or by mailing to the club at P.O. Box 99, Placerville, CA. 95667.

Frank Huber 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.

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.

*"Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless,
and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful."*

—Samuel Johnson

Stay Strong, Stay Vigilant, God Bless America

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAY 19, 2002: CMP/DCM SHOOT

Only had a few shooters for our May shoot. Top shooter was Robert Thomas with a 447 out of 500. There won't be a shoot in June, hope to have more shooters in July.

Look forward to seeing you there...*Bob Pomeroy*

DEFENSIVE SHOTGUN SEMINAR

The May "Defensive Shotgun Seminar" was very well attended with 11 shooters. The "load five, shoot five" drill was a booming success! Ken Greenwood wonders if people would like another to be held in July or as a quarterly offering. Contact him at 647-2456.

Remain booming...*Ken Greenwood*

DEFENSIVE PISTOL

Fourth Saturday of the month

This is a cold range! No loaded firearms on the range! Firearms will only be Loaded when the Range Safety Officer tells the shooter to "load and make ready".

Shooters should arrive at the range with their unloaded pistol, holster and magazine holders in one container. Ammunition should be in another separate container. Once at the range the only place that the

firearm can be handled is at the designated 'SAFE AREA' or when the Range Safety Officer tells the shooter to do so.

No ammunition is allowed to be handled at the 'SAFE AREA'. Sign up and range fee collection starts at 8:30 am. Walk through is at 9:00 am. This includes safety issues, range rules and gun handling. Please be on time! Late arrivals may not be allowed to participate! This is because the Safety Briefing, Safety Issues, Range Rules and Gun Handling are discussed at 9:00 am!

IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association) rules will be the guidelines for the Courses of Fire. The Courses of Fire will be 18 round maximum, revolver friendly and concealed carry. Shooting (engaging targets) will be done from in the open, behind cover and on the move. Shooting from behind cover/ barricades will be done from both right and left sides. Strong hand only and weak hand only shooting will be utilized.

IDPA paper targets along with metal and metal knock down (Pepper Poppers) targets will be used. The shoot will typically start with a warm up activity. Revolver shooters, bring at least three speed loaders. Semi-auto shooters bring at least three magazines. Shooters should bring at last 100 rounds of ammunition.

Respectfully yours in shooting...*John L. Lustig (RSO)*



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NRA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The 2002 NRA Annual Meeting was a truly inspiring success! The motto for the event was: **I'll fight for freedom!** An estimated 34,000 people toured the events held at the Reno Convention Center and the Reno Hilton.

One thousand attended the National Friends of NRA Dinner on Friday night and approximately \$100,000 net went to the NRA Foundation for educational and safety programs. On Saturday night, two thousand attended the member's banquet to hear an inspirational speech by US Senator Zell Miller, a Democrat from Georgia (not to worry, he's rated A+ and is definitely on our side!). The speech was followed by comedian "T-Bubba" and Country star Vince Gill. Then there was dancing to the wee hours in the ballroom.

The El Dorado Rod and Gun Club was well represented. Bob and Marcia Conover and Ken Greenwood worked the FONRA dinner. They got to meet the FONRA national staff, as well as volunteers from all over the US. Bill George worked the registration booth greeting many a lost traveler. Bob Hancock, Robert Deitz, Past President Hal Pringle (now a Nevada resident) and Don Morgan were also seen during the weekend.

Charlton Heston was of there and proudly proclaimed "I am your president for another year!" Unfortunately, he was stricken with the flu and had to bow out of many of his scheduled appearances. Rocker Ted Nugent was signing his new book, "God, Guns and Rock and Roll" and imparting his rare humor to the crowd. Wayne LaPierre was everywhere and was quite approachable (much to the chagrin of his bodyguard). General Joe Foss (WWII Navy flying Ace and NRA Past President) spoke at the FONRA dinner and he even won a gun.

You couldn't help but come away completely recharged and rarin' to go after three days with such inspirational people!

All in all, it was a great weekend with wonderful people and a fantastic organization that had to make all proud to say:

I'm the NRA! and... I'll fight for freedom!

EAGLE MEETS 240 KIDS AT GOLD OAK SCHOOL

On May 16, Ken Greenwood made an Eddie Eagle presentation to 240 third through fifth graders at Gold Oak Elementary School. The teachers and administrators were very impressed with the program and welcomed Ken back to give another assembly next year. They were excited about the NRA Foundation grant to implement the program next fall to K-5 students in public schools county wide.

Comments included: "This is long overdue!" — "This could have saved that kid who was shot by a playmate 15 years ago." — "Please give me more information." (Each teacher was given a video, a poster, an interactive CD ROM, stickers and workbooks!)

Ken presented Principal Kathleen Hancock with a stuffed Eddie Eagle that was later seen in the window of her office for all to see!

Remember: Eddie Eagle teaches kids that see a gun when away from adults to: **STOP! Don't Touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult.**

YOU can help this succeed by contacting your local school district principals and superintendents this summer to request they take advantage of this life saving program at no cost to them! Calls of support and encouragement to Vicki Barber at the County Office of education would be helpful also. Contact Ken Greenwood at 647-2456 for more information.

JOIN THE 50 MILLION ROUND MARCH AT THE "FREEDOM RIFLE MATCH"

Sunday June 30, 2002, 9A.M. to NOON

Celebrate our nation's birthday and proclaim your freedom!

Get your rifles and come on out for a day of shooting sports fun and show the world you care about your gun rights! This is an opportunity to participate in the "50 Million Round March," a response to the Million (Misguided) Moms March. Check out the "50 Million Round March" web site to see what this is all about: <<http://www.50mrmarch.com/>>

Remember, our handguns keep us safe, but it is our rifles that keep us free!

- Any centerfire or rimfire rifle, any sights, 25 to 100 yards.
- Separate classes for bolt, semi auto, lever, scope, etc.
- Three stages with reactive targets (steel plates, milk jugs, clay targets) for time from field shooting positions.
- Club members \$5.00, non-members \$10.00
- prizes for all shooters

Youth/Parent .22 and Big Bore shoot to follow, 1-4 P.M.

We'll let the kids have some fun with various targets! \$2.00 per kid! \$2.00 for parents. Ken will have an SKS and an 8mm Mauser for the kids to shoot for a dime a round. If you need to borrow a .22 rifle for the kids, let him know. 647-2456.

Remain well regulated!...*Ken Greenwood*

WANTED

Ken Greenwood is celebrating his 47th Birthday on June 24th. He is looking to buy, beg, borrow or steal a .470 Nitro Express cartridge, (or at least a picture of one) for an icon for the annual "All Species BBQ." If you can help, contact him at 647-2456 as soon as possible. Thank you.



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COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING AT THE EL DORADO ROD AND GUN CLUB

The El Dorado Rod and Gun club is evaluating the feasibility of starting regularly scheduled monthly Cowboy Action *Style* Shooting matches—tentatively on the 4th Sunday of each month. The use of the word *style* is deliberate and will be explained later. These matches would be similar to the Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) matches now conducted in many northern California locations and throughout the world. Most California CAS clubs are affiliated with the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) and conduct their matches in accordance with SASS rules.

The main difference between what is now being considered for El Dorado Rod and Gun Club matches and regulation SASS matches would be deviation from SASS rules so as to allow use of guns that aren't now allowable under SASS rules. For instance, SASS doesn't allow the use of .410 shotguns, single-shot shotguns, .22 caliber guns, or double action revolvers. These and other "non-SASS legal" guns would be allowed—more about that later. There are several reasons for this relaxation. First, it would allow many folks to get into CAS shooting while using guns they now have. Second, it would permit use of smaller caliber guns to help new shooters get started into shooting—especially cowboy action shooting. Third, it would allow experienced SASS shooters to have fun using guns that are safe but aren't SASS legal. And, all of this can be done while allowing folks who are totally "SASS legal" to compete and be scored using standard SASS rules and scoring.

There are several ways to learn about CAS. One way is to visit a CAS match and see what is going on and ask questions of the shooters. There are four "nearby" CAS clubs. They welcome visitors. There is no fee for visitors. Eye and ear protection are mandatory and children must be supervised. Another way is to visit Sauerkraut's Camp Fire, the web site for Sacramento/San Joaquin Region Cowboy Action Shooting at www.innercite.com/~fherzog. This web site includes directions and maps to the four local CAS clubs and a discussion entitled *What is Cowboy Action Shooting*. It also includes recent match scores, discussion of match scoring methods, photographs taken at recent matches, guns and ammo used, target types, courses of fire, shooter attire (costuming), safety orientation for folks new to CAS, and links to several web sites of interest to CAS shooters. Folks interested in CAS should also visit the SASS web site, www.SASSnet.com, and download the Shooter's Handbook for a complete definition of SASS rules.

Examination of web site match photographs shows that some local clubs use permanent "props" (e.g. false building fronts) and others don't. Permanent props, as used at the River City Regulators range, make the game more fun. However, they aren't possible at some ranges because other shooting disciplines also use the same facilities. For now, permanent props would not be used for CAS shooting at the El Dorado Rod and Gun Club range. Removable props, such as used by the Murieta Posse, could be used if prop storage facilities can be devised. And, of course, fun matches can be had using no props as is now done by the California Rangers.

As previously mentioned, the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) is the predominant international rules making body for CAS. Our vision of cowboy "*style*" action shooting at the El Dorado Rod and Gun Club would be similar to "SASS legal" cowboy action shooting as practiced at other clubs. For now:

1. We would continue to insist on appropriate western wear. It doesn't need to be expensive. However, ball caps, sneakers, short sleeve shirts, tee shirts, and military style clothing would be prohibited as they now are at all SASS, WASA, and NCOWS matches.
2. We would allow non-SASS legal rifles, shotguns, and six-guns so long as SASS ammunition requirements are satisfied (e.g., only lead bullets and shot, 1400 fps maximum for rifles, and 1000 fps maximum for six-guns, no gas checks, maximum shot size – #4 bird shot)
3. We would allow use of .22s and .410s, double action revolvers and modern double barrel and pump action shotguns.
4. We would allow some semi-automatic pistols and rifles (.22s and others) after we make a determination about which ones can be safely allowed. Semi-automatic pistols or .22 rifles would have to be staged at the firing point open and empty and their magazines would be inserted "on the clock".
5. We would require CAS type gun leather. If shooters don't have what's required they could stage their handguns at the firing points. No nylon or non-traditional belts, holsters, etc.
6. Our shooting scenarios (courses of fire) would be designed for SASS shooters. Folks who aren't SASS legal, e.g., not enough guns or wrong type guns, would go through the course of fire like everyone else and take misses as appropriate if they don't have enough guns.
7. Match scoring for folks who aren't totally SASS legal would be done separately from SASS legal folks. To minimize the workload for folks who do the scoring and reporting we would make no distinction or notations in our match reports about how they differed from SASS legal.

We have the computer software for scoring, making score sheets and reporting match results by e-mail or on a web site. We need a count of folks interested in participating in cowboy style action shooting as described above and a count of folks who might be interested in participating if we made other changes to accommodate their shooting desires. Then, we will need a list of folks who would be willing to help set up, conduct, and tear down after a match, make score sheets (Microsoft Word), do match scoring (Microsoft Excel), and help make/procure additional targets and target stands. Please direct your comments, questions and responses to:

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A report of feasibility findings will be presented at the next El Dorado Rod and Gun Club monthly meeting.