



EL DORADO *Rod & Gun Club*



The Powder Keg (July 2002)

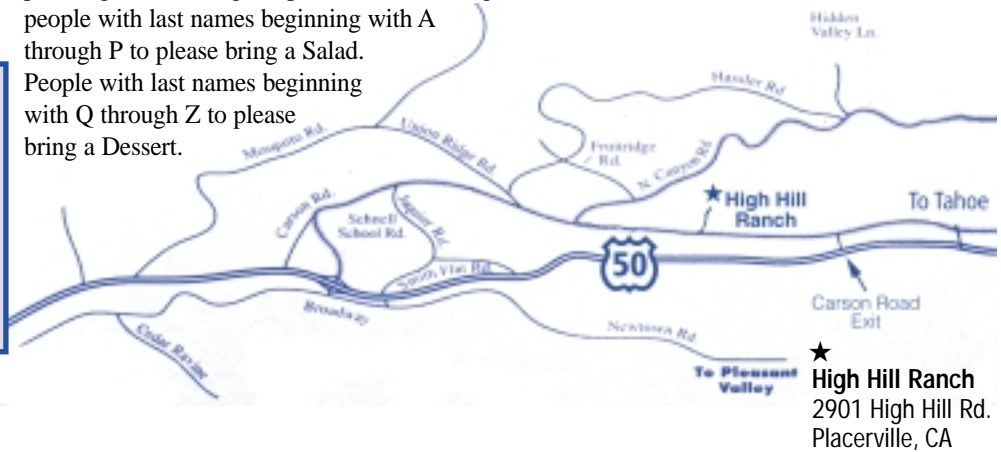


HIGH HILL PICNIC

The time is near for our annual Picnic at High Hill Ranch—Sunday August 18, at High Hill Ranch. Noon to 4pm. The price for the epicurean delight is just \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, collected at the picnic. We have an outstanding group of prizes for the raffle and you will find a book of raffle tickets included in this newsletter (1 book—12 tickets per book for \$10.00). Raffle tickets sold may be turned in at the General Meeting—August 5, 2002, or turned in at Big Horn Gun Shop, or at the picnic, or by mail to P.O. Box 99, Placerville, CA 95667. We must receive all tickets for the raffle no later than the day of the picnic and you need not be present to win. Additional tickets may also be purchased at Big Horn Gun Shop. If you are planning on attending the picnic we are asking people with last names beginning with A through P to please bring a Salad. People with last names beginning with Q through Z to please bring a Dessert.

Raffle Prizes:

- 1st PLACE: M1 Garand .30-06
- 2nd PLACE: Range Finder
- 3rd PLACE: Snake Charmer .410 Shotgun
- 4th PLACE: Framed print of Wolves that the club won at the Friends of NRA Dinner.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day, July 4, celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the 13 colonies, formally severing their ties to Great Britain.

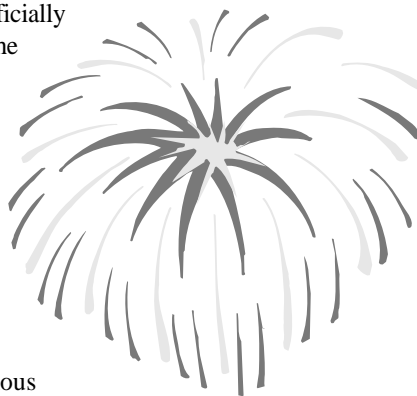
The stage was set by a resolution adopted on July 2 by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, stating that “these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, and that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown...”

The Declaration was drafted by Thomas Jefferson, with substantial edits made by other members of the Congress in the months leading up to the historic date in 1776.

Later in July, an officially inscribed version of the

incendiary document was signed by 56 members of the Continental Congress, many of who suffered at the hands of the British for their actions. Five were captured and tortured as traitors by the British army. Nine died from wounds or hardships of the battles, and a few lost sons to the war. Still others had their homes pillaged and burned.

Celebration of the Fourth of July began during the American Revolution with fireworks and parades, traditions that continue today. The most famous observance takes place in the nation’s capital and includes a parade, concerts and a spectacular fireworks display on the Mall. In addition to celebrating America’s birthday, many citizens on this day to pay their respects to loved ones who lost their lives upholding the principles of the Declaration.



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OTHER NOTABLE DATES IN JULY:

July 3

Dog Days of Summer begin. Marking the period between early July and early September when the sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the Northern Hemisphere.

July 7

Bonza Bottler Day. An excuse to celebrate. This happens every month when the day and the number of the month are the same. So they finally gave it a name...

July 14

Bastille Day. Commemorates the storming of the Bastille, a French prison, in 1789. This was the start of the French Revolution.

July 15

Workaholic Day. Take the day off...

July 20

First Man on the Moon. Honors the landing on the moon of the Apollo 11 spacecraft and the moon walk of Neil Armstrong in 1969.

July 24

National Amelia Earhart Day. Commemorates the career of the legendary aviator whose plane disappeared on a transatlantic flight in July 1937.

July 29

NASA's Anniversary. To celebrate the 1958 creation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT FIND THIS INTERESTING....

How often do we find ourselves reasoning that we'll accomplish this or do that when the time is right? While we wait for some ideal condition to act, we can lose opportunities that could cost us in the future.

Gen. George Patton knew the value of balancing timing against less than ideal resources in The Battle of the Bulge, the last major German offensive of World War II. During the battle, which caught Allied Forces off guard and saw several key U.S. troops completely surrounded, Patton was asked to attack the southern flank of the Bulge. Patton said he could do it with three divisions of soldiers.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told Patton to wait for at least six divisions before attacking. The Allies viewed the Germans as essentially defeated, but Patton knew that if the German offensive succeeded, it would prolong the war at great cost. He argued that forces needed to make their move with three divisions instead of waiting for more men.

This decision—to not wait for “perfect” conditions—was pivotal in winning the war.

—adapted from *Patton on Leadership*,
by Alan Axelrod (Prentice Hall Press)

***“Freedom is fragile and must be protected. To sacrifice it,
even as a temporary measure is to betray it.”***

— Germaine Greer

P.L.I.N.K. (PLEASE LEAVE IT NRA KLEAN) UPDATE

The Saturday June 15 PLINK show me tour cleaned up the three main shooting areas, two pig pen campsites, and fixed the target wires on Bonetti Road.

We had lunch in the shade paid for by our U.S. Forest Service mileage reimbursements, then went out the dirt left marked by the letter “F” on a post that goes along the new fuel break on Baltic Ridge over to where the two loggers tires are laying on North South Road near milepost 4. The big cull decks are all burned. The firewood pickings are slim but there is a little oak down. There are a hundred shady places in there where it is open enough to set up your targets (this is probably Road 10N61 on your USFS map). Then we cleaned up the 100 yard range at Van Horn Pit at milepost 6, then came out on the pavement to the hard to find crummy 3/4 mile road to the Blue Gouge Mill site where there is a good 50 yard berm.

Thanks to Mike Eribes de Flores, Jerry Newton, Austin Eaton, Dianna Rosen, Lane Therrill, Bill George, Al Barbaria, Kent Larson, Pat Couch, Glenn, and Nancy Cochrane—we sent Pat to the dump loaded to the gunwales.

They and all the other fine folks who have helped keep our National Forest open for shooting in the past 7 years will have something to tell their grandchildren when the ask “What did you volunteer for during the war against terrorists?”. I was a conservationist, a volunteer member of P.L.I.N.K. (Please Leave It NRA Klean) wisely using our National Forest to practice safe shooting. —*Steve Morgan*

Next Free P.L.I.N.K. cleanup trip: Sunday July 14, 9 a.m. at the USFS Information Center. Call Steve Morgan, phone 530-620-3900, or 3946 for more information.

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.

Randall Norton *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.**

Volunteers needed: July 8—Work Party at the rifle/pistol range, bring shovels, wheelbarrows and paint brushes. 9am–Noon, call Steve Morgan 620-3946

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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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 (\$3.00/\$5.00)
3rd Sunday of the month (Bob: 622-8584)
- **Sight-In Days:** All August & September rifle events

PISTOL/SMALLBORE

25 yard pistol/smallbore range 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 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) (Bob: 677-8826; Floyd: 676-9567)
- **Thanksgiving, Christmas & Spring Prize Shoots:**
(\$3.50/event) (Bill: 622-8036)
- **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 January

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.