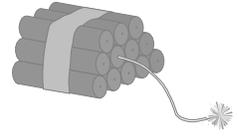


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## ***President's Message...***

Hey Members,

As I write this message I can't help but reflect on the latest tragic events. Two of which were the tornado in Oklahoma and the recent explosion and fire in West, TX. It reminds me of the importance of being prepared for any emergency, especially in our business. In the case of our business we have standard operating procedures in place to prevent an accident such as what took place in West, TX. and be prepared to act, or not act! As you all know we are constantly approached by numerous agencies to make sure we don't deviate from these procedures and that we practice them. Yeah, I know. They can drive us to drink sometimes but the OSHA's, the MSHAS and the BATF folks tend to keep us motivated and on our toes, don't they. For instance, every year I invite our local fire departments out for a tour. In fact, I had made plans with Cal Fire and our local area volunteer fire departments before the West, TX. incident. The reason for the tour is to make sure they know what we store, where we store it and what actions to follow if indeed we have an incident. The most important action of course is to not rush in and fight explosives fires. The ammonium nitrate fire in West, TX. is a perfect example of what can happen when emergency response personal rush in to an incident. At least fourteen lives were lost. Why? The scary part is, this incident has happened before and is well documented. We need to learn from past mistakes and to guard against complacency.

The Golden West Chapter's membership is made up of many knowledgeable and experienced people. If you have questions and concerns in regards to your Emergency Response plans and procedures, give them a call or send them an email. That's what this chapter is all about. As my boss always says, "There is no reason to reinvent the wheel". Utilize the resources that are available to you. Attend our functions and exchange information with your fellow members.

With that said, I hope to see all of you at our next two functions this year. The first annual scholarship fund sporting clays shoot and our annual picnic. Please check out all the details in this newsletter.

**Be Safe!**

Your President,  
Mike Chiurato

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*Members of CalFire and local volunteer fire department attending Alpha plant tour.*

### Editors Notes...

Great job Alpha. Always a good plan to practice emergency response and teach our firemen the hazards associated with our business.

This issue has information on our scholarship application and on the fundraiser we are having at Coon Creek Trap & Skeet.

The Chapter has just received the proceedings from the 39th Annual Conference on Explosives & Blasting Technique. We are very pleased to add this to our Al Colflesh Memorial Library. The papers' are available to all paid members of the international at <http://docs.isee.org/>. This years conference has many extremely interesting papers.

**Call for Scholarship application Starting June 1, 2013**

**Scholarship Eligibility:** Graduating high school seniors or students already enrolled in college who are sons or daughters of an employee of an Explosives or other industry employing explosives may apply for the scholarship.

**Judging Committee:** Scholarship applications will be reviewed and judged by a panel, including the Chapter Officers and Board and the past President of the GWC or their respective designees.

**Application Deadline and Scholarship Presentation:** The scholarship application process will be an Internet-based process. Starting June 1, 2013 applicants will be able to apply via GWC on-line application process at **<http://iseegoldenwest.org>**.

The deadline for applications is August 31, 2013. The winning applicant will be named by September 30, 2013. The Scholarship will be issued to the winner at five hundred dollars per semester provided the student is considered by the institution as a full time student and maintains a grade point average of 3.0.

For more information, contact Gerald Fulghum 916-481-1421 or at

GRFULGHUM@SBCGLOBAL.NET

To apply for the Scholarship please include these four items:

The completed application.

A letter of recommendation from your industry representative.

A 300 to 500 word statement of your plans for a career in the explosives or aggregate industry;

If you have work experience in the aggregate or explosives industry as a summer employee, an intern or through a cooperative work program, please include one or more recommendation letters from your employer(s).

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# Golden West Chapter Summer Scholarship Fundraiser

When: 8:00 am on Saturday July 20th  
Where: The Coon Creek Trap & Skeet Club  
5393 Waltz Rd, Rio Oso, CA 95674

Cost: \$100.00 per person

**Coon Creek Trap & Skeet Club Located in Rio Oso (near Lincoln)**



The cost is \$100.00 per person. For that \$100.00, each participant will get 100 shells, a two and a half hour round of sporting clays and lunch. Those that want to bring RV's can for \$10.00 per night. They get electrical and water. They need to reserve in advance. We can have an early lunch of hot dogs & hamburgers after we shoot. We will hold a 50/50 raffle and give the top gun a gift certificate to Bass Pro Shop. We estimate this function will cost the GWC about \$70.00 per person. That being said we should net \$30.00 per person. Any excess funds will go directly to our scholarship fund.

Come on out and support the chapter.

**"Contact: Mike Chiurato at 916-645-3377 by July 12, 2013 if you plan to attend."**

Coon Creek offers many different shooting disciplines, from Trap, International Trap sometimes called Olympic Trap, Bunker Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays.

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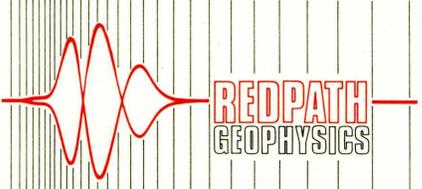
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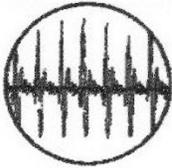
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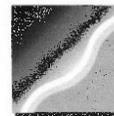
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### **Chapter Activities - 2013**

Summer Scholarship Fundraiser- Coon Creek Trap & Skeet- Lincoln-July 20th

Fall Social Event-Picnic & Horseshoe Tourney- Pioneer Park- September 21st

Annual Winter Business Meeting -Mt Pleasant Hall- Lincoln- January 11, 2014

*Fire in the Hole...*

***HOOK, LINE & STINKERS***

*1. What do fish get if they don't like the bait that fisherman are using?*

*A re-bait*

*2. How do you manage to keep a killer fish behind bars?*

*Strong lox*

*3. What do sea monsters eat ?*

*Fish and ships*

*4. What is a frog's favorite sport ?*

*Fly fishing*

*5. What did the angler take home from the baseball game ?*

*The catch of the day*

*6. Where did the fish go to get it's nose fixed ?*

*To the plastic sturgeon*

*7. Why couldn't Batman go fishing ?*

*Because Robin ate all the worms*

*8. What do Texans call sushi ?*

*Bait*

*9. What fish was a famous actress ?*

*Marlin Monroe*

*10. Where do ghosts fish in North America ?*

*Lake Eerie*