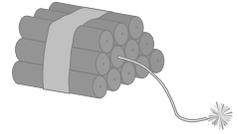


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President's Message...

Hey Members,

This president's message comes to you from New Orleans. The site of the 2015 Society Of Exploration Geophysicists International Exposition and 85th Annual Meeting. Whew! A mouthful I know. The short version is The SEG Conference. They couldn't have picked a more beautiful week to have it. Cool weather has been the norm so far. After attending the conference for the last two days I can confirm the news we have been hearing for the last three weeks. Coal and Seismic exploration is at an all time low. To put an exclamation point on it, attendance at the conference did not come near the forecasted attendance. Expected attendance was to be 12,000. The last time I checked, attendance had topped out at 4,000. Not good news. The good news is that the Golden West Chapter is doing just fine. Thanks to a long list of awesome sponsors and an awesome group of shooters that attended, our annual Scholarship Sporting Clays Shoot was a great success. After last year's luncheon that we had catered, our long time board member and Master Chef Mike Burneson would have nothing of it. Mike fired up the barbeque and once again, no one went home hungry. Thanks Mike. A special treat for us was to have Wes Bender come all the way from Arizona to give his support. I want to thank Danniell Edwards, our secretary, for being there on a very warm day to organize the shooters and keeping me on task, all while expecting a baby. Congratulations to Danniell. She welcomed a baby girl to the world a couple of weeks ago. I need to add one more thing. See the information Mike Burneson has included in this newsletter regarding our upcoming business meeting. I hope to see you all there. Thanks again for your participation in our chapter.

Be Safe!

Your President,

Mike Chiurato

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Editor's Notes...

The Golden West Chapter Summer Scholarship Fundraiser held on Saturday July 18th at The Coon Creek Trap & Skeet Club Located in Lincoln California was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work of Mike Chiurato and Danniell Edwards. What a great day. I really enjoyed seeing everyone having a good time. I was the lucky one because I got to spend the day with my good friend and colleague Wes Bender. Wes you certainly can tell a good story and have experienced some really awesome adventures in the explosives industry. We truly have a gifted group of explosives engineers. The day started off with Norm Goldsmith giving everyone an overview of sporting clays.

It was the Do's and Don'ts great job Norm.

The Top Gun Team - Team # 8 - Norm Goldsmith, Denise Ding, Graci and Jimmy Dobbs came as no surprise with a score of 231. I am pretty sure Norm could shoot the wings off of a fly.

The Sun was in my eyes award - was given to Team # 5 Dan Reeves, Chuck Reeves, Ryan Staggs and Todd Quiggley with a score of 177.

The Save the Clay Bird Foundation was awarded to Team # 4 - Jesse Thompson, David Schwedler, Todd Harris and Kevin G. with a score of 114.

The Youth awards for Top Gun were awarded to Graci with a score of 53 and Michael B with a score of 31 great job.

The Women's awards for Top Gun were awarded to Denise Ding with a score of 53 and Heather Gilder with a score of 48 very impressive shooting ladies.

The Men's Top Gun awards were Norm Goldsmith with a score of 75. Chuck Reeves with a score of 70 and Jon Zebroski with a score of 62.

I have a lot of photos from the event to share with you in this issue.

I am extremely disappointed to report that we did not receive any response during our scholarship application period that was open from June 1, 2015 until August 31, 2015. I am looking forward to our January 23, 2016 Business Dinner. We promise to make it a great event. The Winter issue of the Primer will be on our website about the middle of December. If you are reading this issue give the Mikes a call if you would like to bring items for the Raffle at the dinner and think about becoming an officer or a board member we need some new participation.

Enjoy the photos.



Norm is praying that the powder boys don't shoot someone.

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Top Gun Team # 8



The Sun was in my eyes Team # 5



Save the Clay Bird Team # 4



Youth Top Gun

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Women's Top Gun



Men's Top Gun

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These guys hit more ribs and chicken than clays



Nice trophies above and to the right is our Webmaster , Past President and to many other titles to list Wes Bender with our Secretary Danniell Edwards and First Lady Donna Chiurato

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Hope you all had a great time. Looking forward to seeing you all at the business dinner and next year at Coon Creek.



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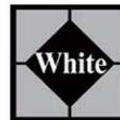
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Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor was invited on a fishing trip by a male friend. When they arrived at the lake, the friend suggested they rent a rowboat. “No, let’s just use our wading boots and cast from the shore, “ said O’Conner.

He argued about the merits of having a day in the rowboat together. At one point, she responded emphatically, “No, I’m going to use my wading boots - end of discussion. “

“ What do you have against the rowboat? “ her friend asked.

O’Conner replied, “ Look I think it’s long past the time to put the Roe vs. Wade argument behind us. “

Chapter Activities - 2016

Annual Winter Business Meeting
Mt Pleasant Hall- Lincoln- January 23, 2016

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