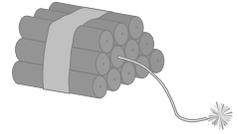


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President's Message...

Hey Members,
And Non-Members that want to become members,

Our January 23rd business meeting was a great success. Head chef & board member Mike Burneson had to scramble to come up with a new menu due to the postponement of the crab season and the price increases that the chapter would incur. The kitchen crew consisted of Sue and Mike Burneson, Maggie and Ladd Stephenson, Donna and Mike Chiurato. Together they pulled off another outstanding feast. The table decorations crew consisted of my wife Donna and Sue Burneson. We missed our Board Member/Web Master Wes Bender who was not able to attend this year's meeting. The cook was very disappointed that our treasurer Jerry Fulghum was not able to attend as he had a nasty cold. The cook had prepared a smoked brisket especially for him. I promise you Jerry we did not let it go to waste. Our current Secretary Danniell Edwards, with the help of Morgan Ocheltree sold raffle tickets and past officer Bruce Townes filled in for Jerry to sign in the members and attendees. Thanks everyone! By the way, Danniell's little girl, Andariel Chel, made her first business meeting appearance and was a big hit with all the Moms & Grandmas! And not to be outdone, Morgan's girls stepped up to call out winning numbers and help deliver raffle prizes to all the winners. Last, but not least, a huge Thank you to all of our raffle sponsors and newsletter sponsors. We couldn't have pulled it off without you.

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Presidents Message Continued...

Finally, the Chapter meeting wouldn't be complete without a guest speaker. We were pleased that representatives from the Mine Safety and Health Administration, (MSHA), Stephen and Dienna Rogers, accepted our invitation. Steve had recently come out of retirement with MSHA and is now working out of the Western District office in Vacaville. We appreciated hearing his take on the 30 CFR regulations and his mining experience spanning three generations and taking and answering our questions.

The following weekend I headed for the ISEE conference in Las Vegas. I was proud to attend the chapter management breakfast and accept on behalf of the chapter, awards for our Newsletter and our Website. Way to go Wes Bender & Mike Burneson! Once again, a huge thank you to the sponsors that help us continue to provide the Newsletter and the Website.

What's next on the calendar? Pencil in July 16th. That's the date of our 4th Annual Scholarship Shoot. See Mike's flyer for the details. All are welcome at this popular event. Get a team of four together or just show up and we will put you on a team to compete or just come out to observe and have a great lunch.

The chapter business meeting wouldn't be a chapter business meeting with out some chapter business. Once again, we held our annual elections. I will continue on as your president, Mike Burneson continues as Board Member, Head Chef, Newsletter Editor and Jerry Fulghum your Treasurer. Wes Bender (Board Member/Web Master) and Danniell (Secretary) will remain at their posts that will be up for elections in 2017.

Until then, be safe!

Your President,
Mike Chiurato

Golden West Chapter 4th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser

When: 8:00 am on Saturday July 16th
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 Lincoln California



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. All of the profit from this event will go into the scholarship fund.

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 will have an early lunch of BBQ Ribs & Chicken after we shoot. We will have raffle prizes and we will hold a 50/50 raffle where you have a chance to win some cash. We will award trophies to the top team, male, female and youth score .The top gun will receive a gift certificate to Bass Pro Shop.

Come on out and support the chapter.

Contact: Mike Chiurato at 916-645-3377 by July 13, 2016 if you plan on attending.

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

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Call for Scholarship application Starting June 1, 2016

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, 2016 applicants will be able to apply via GWC on-line application process at <http://iseegoldenwest.org>.

The deadline for applications is August 31, 2016. The winning applicant will be named by September 30, 2016. 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).

Editor's Notes...

In the president's message Mike Chiurato wrote that our January 23rd business meeting was a great success. I would like to second that statement. I truly enjoyed the evening and appreciated the outstanding time had by everyone in attendance. Let it be known that Mike and Donna Chiurato put a lot of effort into the event that makes me want to keep coming back. I really enjoyed seeing all of our old and new members. The evening was fun and the show we had during the raffle was fantastic. The kids passing out the prizes and pulling the tickets was very entertaining. Some things do get a little old like Joe Stack winning every other prize. Just kidding Joe we really appreciate you supporting our chapter. I won't repeat everything Mike discussed in his message but, Stephen and Diena Rogers of MSHA will always be welcomed at our event. Mr. Rogers gave a very knowledgeable presentation and answered everyone's questions. In the Editor's Notes you will see several pages of photos from the dinner. I would like to thank Mike Chiurato for accepting the Awards that the chapter received at the 42nd Annual Conference on Explosives and Blasting Techniques. The award for the BEST Website and Newsletter were presented to Mike Chiurato by the 2015 president of the ISEE Mike Koehler. The awesome sound system we had at the dinner was provided Paul Drake. We played the game Blasters Challenge that is available at the ISEE website. It was a BLAST. I know that was pretty corny. In this issue we have the flyer for the 4th annual scholarship fundraiser and the scholarship application information. Thank you raffle prize sponsors. Thank you all for supporting the chapter. Just a reminder if you have not renewed your membership or advertisers if you want to renew your ad, now is the time.

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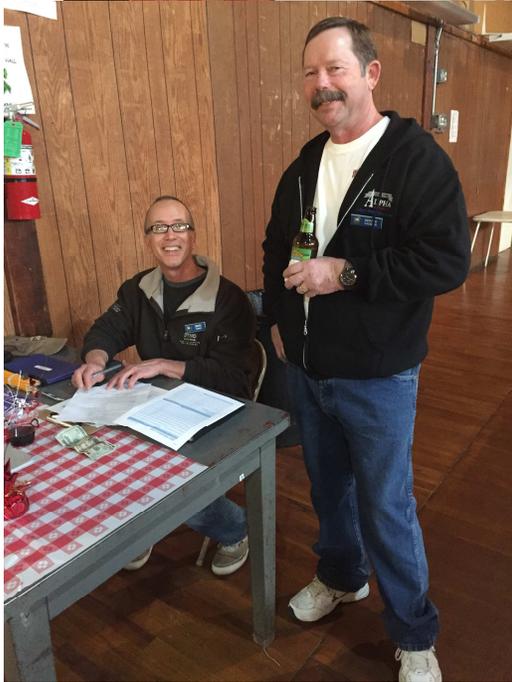


Mike Chiurato receiving chapter award from Mike Koehler the 2015 ISEE President at the 42nd Annual Conference on Explosives and Blasting Techniques held in Las Vegas



From left to right, Mike Chiurato's mother-in-law, Pat Stamper, sister-in-law, Barbera Drake (Her husband Paul set up the Sound System), my niece and her husband, Niko & Danielle Wright and Donna Chiurato

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*Top photo: Our Secretary Danniell Edwards with the look of surprise
Bottom Left: Bruce Towns filling in for our Treasure Gerald Fulghum and Gerald Hackler
Bottom Right: The crew that gets the work done*

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Raffle Winner



The President has our full attention



New member Robert Austin



Maggie Stephenson Pasta Queen

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Joe stack with his stack of winnings



My wife Sue with the star of the night

Chapter Activities - 2016

4th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser
July 16, 2016 Coon Creek
Annual Winter Business Meeting
Mt Pleasant Hall- Lincoln- January 28, 2017

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Danniell Edwards-Secretary
Gerald Fulghum-Treasurer
Wes Bender-Board Member, Web Master
Mike Burneson-Board Member, Editor

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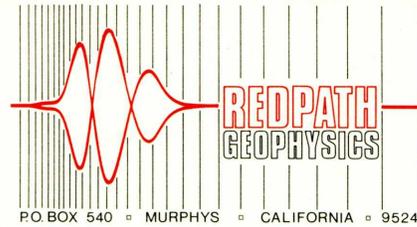
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Fire in the Hole...

A young Naval Officer was in a terrible car accident, but due to the heroics of the hospital staff the only permanent injury was the loss of one ear. Since he wasn't physically impaired he remained in the military and eventually became an Admiral. However, during his career he was always sensitive about his appearance. One day the Admiral was interviewing two Navy Master Chiefs and a Marine Gunnery Sergeant for his personal staff. The first Master Chief was a Surface Navy type and it was a great interview. At the end of the interview the Admiral asked him, "Do you notice anything different about me?" The Master Chief answered, "Why yes. I couldn't help but notice you are missing your starboard ear, so I don't know whether this impacts your hearing on that side." The Admiral got very angry at this lack of tact and threw him out of his office. The next candidate, an Aviation Master Chief, when asked this same question, answered, "Well yes, you seem to be short one ear." The Admiral threw him out also. The third interview was with the Marine Gunnery Sergeant. He was articulate, extremely sharp, and seemed to know more than the two Master Chiefs put together. The Admiral wanted this guy, but went ahead with the same question. "Do you notice anything different about me?" To his surprise the Gunnery Sergeant said, "Yes. You wear contact lenses." The Admiral was impressed and thought to himself, what an incredibly tactful Marine. "And how do you know that?" the Admiral asked. The Gunny replied, "Well sir, it's pretty hard to wear glasses with only one ear."