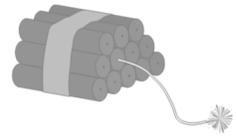


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President's Message...

Hey Members, Guests & Supporters

I hope this message finds you surviving the incredible weather Mother Nature has thrown at us this year. I guess anything's better than the droughts we have suffered over the years. Since my last message, I have a couple of recent events to share with you.

First my wife Donna and I attended the ISEE's 45th annual Conference on Explosives & Blasting techniques in Nashville the week of January 28th, 2019. If you haven't heard, more than 1,800 people from around the world met, setting a new attendance record. I would recommend that members attend this conference. You can sign up for the Scholarship Trap shoot (to hone your skills for our GWC shoot) and then attend the chapter workshop, regulatory summit and blasters training. Most all the vendors of our industry are on display and available to answer questions and become valuable contacts.

As Donna kept busy touring Nashville during the Spouse's program, I started off attending the Chapter workshop. All the chapters were represented. I had a chance to sit with the Western Canadian chapter. They are a huge chapter and they annually put on 3-day workshops in the use of explosives. I was surprised that none of the chapters took advantage of the ISEE offer to pay \$1,000.00 and the fee for attending the conference. I asked the question to the board and they said they had 3 takers last year, but none of them turned in the paperwork for reimbursement. It was designed to be an incentive for members that have never attended a conference and might be interested in being leaders in the chapter. As a representative of the GWC, I was asked to take a few minutes to report on how the GWC has been successful in staying afloat.

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President's Message Continued...

My answer was that it takes a core of individuals members and loyal sponsors. In our case, as is the rule with most chapters, we haven't had a huge turnover in board members or officers. We haven't had the interest in holding workshops, so we developed our Scholarship program. With the help of those loyal sponsors, and returning members, we have been able to keep the chapter going. Included in the workshop was guest speaker Deb Satkowiak, President of the IME (The Institute of Makers of Explosives). To refresh, the Institute of Makers of Explosives is a group of explosives manufacturers, distributors and other companies that provide related products and services. The Institute has promoted safety and security practices for over 100 years to the government by developing best practices for the manufacture and use of explosives. Miss Satkowiak reviewed many of the Safety Library Publications (SLP's) and how they are being updated and revised. The SLP's, numbered from 1 to 23, include how to build a storage magazine to the proper storage, transportation and security of explosives and more. These can be accessed, purchased or downloaded by you at the IME website. The meeting ended with the awards ceremony in which our chapter once again took honors for website & newsletter. Thank you and congrats go to Wes bender and Mike Burneson for all the work they do. I did purchase a flash drive copy of the Papers presented throughout the conference. Mike Burneson will have it available at the GWC Library. I took the opportunity to head to the vendor building to meet and thank some of our loyal sponsors. Ron Mask of InstanTel. Charlie Pollard and Tom Murphy and their team of Nobel Insurance Services. The Tread Truck team, Earl Taylor and Fred Bangs of AGA Explosives Insurance Specialists. I also updated my Training materials with a stop at the IME booth to purchase some excellent training DVD's. Secondly, as was the case with the ISEE conference, our annual business meeting was a record breaker. We set up tables for 80 this year, well above the 40 -50 attendees from years past. A big thanks to Mike Burneson (we truly missed Sue due to illness) for cooking and delivering another great meal, including 300 lbs of crab.

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President's Message Continued...

Thanks to my wife Donna, Gordon Coleman, Ray Hall, Ladd and Maggie Stephenson for helping Mike prepare and get the food on the table.

Once again, my brother-in-law Paul and sister in law Barbara Drake provided the audio, music, table decorations, setup and cleanup of the hall. We wish to thank Lars Johansen, Alpha Explosives, Bill Reid of BoDean Company, Eric Bennett of Erock , Jim Syar of Syar Industries and Ray Hall of Epiroc for bringing their people and thus helping sponsor this event and drive up raffle sales! A big thanks to our Treasurer Jerry Fulghum and Secretary Joe Stack for making the long haul from Carson City Nevada and Newport Beach, respectively. Thanks Gentlemen! Special guests were scholarship winner America Aguilar and her family. A big thanks to our guest speakers Bill Reid of Bodean, Jim Syar of Syar Industries and Eric Bennett and their teams for sharing their stories. We held our annual elections and welcomed a new face to our board. Todd Quigley, a blaster for Alpha Explosives. Thanks to Ladd Stephenson for another run on the board. Mike Burneson chaired the meeting so I will let him fill you in on the details of the other elected officers and what was reviewed and decided at the meeting and the outcome of our very successful scholarship fund raffle. Thanks again to all our members and sponsors. Don't forget, we were able to schedule our annual scholarship shoot for a much cooler Saturday May 11, 2019 at Coon Creek Trap Club in Lincoln.

Until then, enjoy the newsletter, and Be Safe!

Your President,
Mike Chiurato

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Editors Notes:

Mike Chiurato, President of the Golden West Chapter of the International Society of Explosives Engineers, gave the opening address at our annual dinner business meeting at 5PM. He then introduced current officers and board members, spouses and life members. Mike thanked our sponsors and raffle donors. He congratulated the scholarship recipients on receiving their scholarships. He then welcomed our guest speakers: Bodean Heroes presented by Bill Reid of BoDean Company, Jim Syar of Syar Industries and Eric Bennett of EROCK. We had a fantastic meal thanks to all of the help I received in the kitchen and my grilling partner Ladd Stephenson. The President called the Business meeting to order at 6pm. The minutes of the last business meeting were read by Secretary Joe Stack. There was a motion to approve the minutes as read. The minutes were approved. Treasurer Jerry Fulghum gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved. Mike Chiurato announced that the Golden West Chapter received awards for our Website and Newsletter at the ISEE Conference held in Nashville. Elections were held. Mike Chiurato was re-elected to serve as President, Secretary Joe Stack was re-elected to serve a two year term and Todd Quigley was elected to serve a two year term as a Board of Director. After ten members signed a petition to the Secretary to make a change to the By-Laws. A vote was held to change Article B-IV Section 1 and Article B-VI Section 2 of the Bylaws. The changes were approved. The Bylaws now allow the Annual Business Meeting to be held prior to the end of February of the following year, rather than by the third Saturday in January. The second Bylaws change was to have the Secretary mail dues invoices rather than the Treasurer. Scholarship Trap Shoot event was discussed and a motion was made and voted on to hold event earlier in year to avoid the heat. The scholarship fundraiser will be held on May 11th 2019. Scholarship finances were discussed and the officers and Board of Directors approved another Scholarship to be awarded in 2019. The Business meeting was completed at 6:30pm. Our first speaker was provided by our past president Bill Reid of BoDean Company. Several of BoDean's employees played a very important role in saving lives and property in the recent Santa Rosa Fire Storm. Thank you Northern California Engineering Association for allowing us to run the video that was produced chronicling our local heros. Our next speaker was Jim Syar of Syar Industries. Mr. Syar shared with us the recent Golden Beaver Award he received at this year's awards ceremony in Los Angeles at the J.E. Marriot. The program was attended by over 2,500 people. We played a video introduction that the Beavers produced. Our last presentation was narrated by one of our members that attended the very first meeting of the Golden West Chapter Eric Bennett. Eric's company, EROCK, is a blasting consultant and seismic monitoring company that uses drones to profile blast sites. EROCK provided some incredible video clips from blasting on the Orville Dam spillway repair and the retrofit of the Perris Dam project.

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Editors Notes:

After the three speakers completed the presentation, we held three separate raffles. We held the general raffle that had a collection of items valued at over \$700 dollars. The general raffle is a tool to help us cover the cost of subsidizing the dinner. You don't really think we can provide a crab feed with all of the fixings, adult beverages and the cost of the hall with insurance for \$45 dollars do you ? The second raffle we held was our fifty fifty raffle with half of the money going directly into our scholarship fund and the other half raffled back to those that purchased a fifty fifty raffle ticket. The final raffle that was held was the Presidents raffle and this year Mike and Donna Chiurato donated a smoker as the prize. We truly had a fantastic evening and an amazing turnout and I am already excited for next year's dinner trying to make it even better. I would like to thank everyone for attending. On the following pages you will see photos from the International Conference that Mike and Donna attended and photos from our business dinner at Mt. Pleasant Hall.



Presidents opening address at this years conference in Nashville.

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AGA Insurance
left to right Earl Taylor
Mike Chiurato and Fred Bangs.



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left to right Mike Chuirato and Ron
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Nobel Insurance
left to right Charlie Pollard and Mike
Chiurato.



Tread Corporation
left to right Neevisha Deshpande, Mike
Chiurato and Michael Austin.

The Golden West Chapter would like to thank these sponsors for supporting the chapter by their advertising in the Primer.

Editors Notes:



**Mount Pleasant Hall
Lincoln, CA.**



**bottom left Our scholarship
recipient America Aguiar-
Andrade with her family.**



**A table of satisfied
customers.**



**left to right
Past President Bill Reid
and our Secretary Gerald
(Jerry) Fulhum.**

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Editors Notes:



More satisfied customers in above photos. bottom left just a few of the awesome raffle prizes. bottom right Mike Churiato and Mike Burneson with the Chapters Newsletter Award. The chapter also received a Website Award.

Golden West Chapter 7th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser

When: 8:00 am on Saturday May 11th
Where: The Coon Creek Trap & Skeet Club
5393 Waltz Rd, Lincoln, CA 95648

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.

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 after we shoot. We will hold a 50/50 raffle and we will hold a raffle where you could win a gift certificate to Bass Pro Shop. All revenue from this event will go directly to our scholarship fund. We will issue trophies to several different categories. Team Awards, Top Gun Men, Top Gun Women and Top Gun Youth.

Come on out and support the chapter.

Contact: Mike Chiurato at 916-719-4507 or Mike Burneson at 707-486-2211 by May 6th, 2019 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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The Wesley L. Bender Scholarship Fund

A scholarship of \$1000 per semester will be awarded to a qualifying individual who is relative to an employee in the explosives industry or related field and who wishes to pursue collegiate studies.

Scholarship Eligibility: Graduating high school seniors or students already enrolled in college that are related to an employee in the explosives industry or another industry that uses explosives may apply for the scholarship.

Judging Committee: All received scholarship applications will be reviewed and judged by a panel consisting of the Chapter Officers and Board, including the Past President of the GWC or their respective designees.

Scholarship Disbursement: The winning applicant will be issued the scholarship on an annual basis, totaling one thousand dollars per semester.

Academic Requirement: The winning applicant must maintain at least a grade point average of 3.0 in order to remain eligible for the scholarship.

Deadline for Submission: To be considered, applications must be submitted to the Chapter by June 15th. Selection of the successful applicant will be made by July 15th. The successful applicant will be notified by August 1st with the first scholarship check sent to the recipient by August 15th.

Application Process: Please complete the following:

1. The Scholarship Application Form
2. A letter of recommendation
3. A 300 to 500 word statement of your past scholastic and personal accomplishments, including your plans for a career

Mail the above three items to:

The Golden West Chapter – ISEE
Joseph R. Stack, Secretary
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Newport Beach, CA 92663

For more information, contact Gerald Fulghum at (916) 481-1421
or by e-mail to: GRFULGHUM@SBCGLOBAL.NET



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The Wesley L. Bender Scholarship Application Form



Please type or print legibly. Please include with your application:

A letter of recommendation

A 300 to 500 word statement of your past scholastic and personal accomplishments and your plans for a career.

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

City, State and Zip: _____ Birth Date: _____

College Information:

Educational institution where you have been accepted as a student: _____

Institution address: _____ Current GPA: _____

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Educational objective (Check One):

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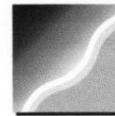
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Board member/ Newsletter Editor Mike Burneson

Website Master Wes Bender

Chapter Activities 2019

Clay Shoot Fundraiser Saturday May 11th 2019

Crab Feed Business Dinner

Saturday February 23rd 2020

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Fire in the Hole...

The following questions were set in last year's GED examination.
These are genuine answers (from 16 year olds).

Q. Name the four seasons.

A.. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q. How is dew formed?

A.. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What guarantees may a mortgage company insist on?

A.. If you are buying a house they will insist that you are well endowed.

Q. In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A.. Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q. What are steroids?

A.. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs ..
(Shoot yourself now, there is little hope.)

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A.. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A.. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.
(So true.)

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A.. Premature death.

Q. What is artificial insemination?

A.. When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A.. Keep it in the cow.
(Simple, but brilliant.)

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Fire in the Hole...

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized? (e.g. The abdomen)

A.. The body is consisted into 3 parts — the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity.

The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A, E, I, O, U.

Q. What is the fibula?

A.. A small lie.

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?

A.. Nearby.

Q. What is the most common form of birth control?

A.. Most people prevent contraception by wearing a condominium.
(That would work.)

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Cesarean section.'

A.. The Cesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q. What is a seizure?

A.. A Roman Emperor.
(Julius Seizure, I came, I saw, I had a fit.)

Q. What is a terminal illness?

A.. When you are sick at the airport.
(Irrefutable.)

Q. What does the word 'benign' mean?

A.. Benign is what you will be after you be eight.
(Brilliant.)

Q. What is a turbine?

A.. Something an Arab or Sheik wears on his head. Once an Arab boy reaches puberty, he removes his diaper and wraps it around his head.