

# KIWANIS CLUB

## of Healdsburg



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**SHARING THE PIN:** Denise Paup accepts the Kiwanis pin from her sponsor Bruce Main at induction ceremonies held Tuesday, April 21 with membership chairman John Bippart officiating. Denise is a realtor with Full Spectrum Properties of Healdsburg. She also is associated with the Robert Young Vineyards and Winery. In accepting the membership Denise said that she wanted to belong to an organization that helped the community.

### It's May and the Club Has a Busy Schedule: Celebrate Healdsburg, Parade, Food Booth

Starting with May 3 in Geyserville and continuing through the Memorial Day weekend the club members will have a very busy May schedule.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> the club has been asked to participate in the annual Geyserville May Day festival with a barbecue cookout. To help with this and to obtain more information contact Dennis Stead.

Ken Scharer reminds us that on May 9 in the Plaza Square, the City of Healdsburg is sponsoring Celebrate Healdsburg from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Kiwanis will have a presence. We will be selling corn dogs and our famous garlic fries under the chairmanship of Ken Scharer and Chirs Metrulas and his crew will be participating in a BBQ cookout. Ken says he needs help to "man" the corn dog-garlic fries booth so sign up at Tuesday's meeting for one of the shifts from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m which is clean up time.

Jerry Strong who has taken on the chairmanship of the Kiwanis' entry in the annual Future Farmers Country Fair Parade – the decorated Bike Brigade – invites all members to participate. Get out your bikes and show up on Thursday, May 21 to take part in the annual Twilight Parade. It's a lot of fun, he says. That night the Kiwanis Food Booth will open at the fairgrounds serving up hot dogs, Polish sausages and fries and remain open during fair hours until Saturday, May 23. Members are expected to sign up for at least one shift during this time. A sign up schedule will be available during May meetings. More help is needed on Thursday night, the opening day of the Fair.

### Calendar

**MAY 3:** Healdsburg Community Band Sousa Concert, 3 p.m., Jackson Theatre, Sonoma Country Day School, Santa Rosa. Contact Carl Elze for tickets.

**MAY 3:** Geyserville Festival, BBQ Cook Off. See Dennis Stead for details.

**MAY 5** Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Program on general plan.

**MAY 9:** Celebrate Healdsburg Festival, Plaza Square, Healdsburg, Kiwanis will participate in BBQ contest and will have a food booth selling corn dogs and fries For information see Dennis Stead and Ken Scharer.

**MAY 10:** Cloverdale Kiwanis Club's Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast \$7. Dennis Stead has tickets.

**MAY 12:** Regular meeting, 12 noon, Villa Annex. Guest speaker Jean Sloane.

**MAY 13:** Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the Healdsburg Police Department's Conference Room, 7 p.m.

**MAY 19:** Regular Meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex. Program: Project Graduation

**MAY 21-23:** Future Farmers Country Fair, Parade, Thursday, 6 p.m., followed by Fair at Recreation Park. Kiwanis Food Booth will feature Polish Sausage, Hot Dogs and Fries. Sign up for Bike Brigade and shifts at Food Booth.

**MAY 26:** Regular meeting, 12 noon at Villa Annex.

The Healdsburg Kiwanis Club meets Tuesday noon at the Villa Chanticleer's Annex. For information about the Healdsburg Kiwanis Club and its meetings please contact Dennis Gary, president at 433-2552 or Phil Luks, secretary at 433-8005.

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**Happy Birthday**

**Steve Metrulas: May 12**

**Jim Silveira: May 12**

**Kiwanis Anniversaries**

Congratulation to the following who  
joined Kiwanis during the month of  
May.

**5-15-79: Lindsay Wurlitzer**

**5-15-87: Carl Elze**

**5-11-99: Temple Smith**

**5-19-02: Lockie Gillies**

**5-16-04: Bruce Main**

**5-25-04: George Diebold**

**5-15-04: Don Marshall**

**5-25-04: Richard Norman**

**5-16-06: Loretta Strong**

**Two Resignations**

The board of directors at its meeting  
April 8 accepted the resignation of 10  
year member Dick Bertapelle and  
Sean Thomas who joined in 2008.  
Sean, we were advised, joined the  
Cloverdale Club.

**Board Approves Expenditures of Over \$25,000 for  
HJH Library, Salvation Army, Scholarships,  
Graduation Celebration, Fireworks, and Bus Trip**

In a flurry of activity, the Kiwanis Club's board of directors approved the donations to various organizations and causes totaling over \$25,000.

When it was determined that the stipulation that the previously approved \$10,000 matching funds for the Healdsburg Junior High School's Library Laptop Program was reached by a donation from the Burke Family, the approved funds – two \$5,000 donations from the club – were released to the Healdsburg Education Foundation for use on the HJH Library Laptop program. Also approved for the Junior High Library was \$1404 to continue with the Library's Book Club which was funded by the Kiwanis Club last year. With this book club program the Junior High Library each month receives 9 new books, approved at the state level. These are not text books but fiction and non-fiction books suitable for Junior High School students. It is an enrichment program.

Because of the tremendous help the men of the Salvation Army at Lytton gave to the club during the Christmas Tree sales and the annual Pancake Breakfast, \$3,000 was donated to the Lytton facility for use in refurbishing some of the rooms in the main building. The request for the donation was made by Kiwanian Joe Engler who serves as the president of the Salvation Army ARC's Advisory Council. The donation was accepted at the club's April 21 meeting by Rodger Swan, the Business Director of the Salvation Army ARC at Lytton.

Also approved was a donation of \$1,000 to the 2009 Healdsburg High School Graduation Night Celebration and \$1500 to the American Legion's annual Fourth of July Fireworks display. Accepting the donation for the Legion was Robert Taylor on behalf of Legion Commander Lorraine Plass.

The board also agreed to donate \$500 to the Healdsburg High School Athletic Boosters Club to underwrite the cost of a bus for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Healdsburg 's Night with the San Francisco Giants at A T & T Park set for Monday, June 15 at 7:15 p.m. The game – the Giants vs the LA Angels – is a fund raiser for the Boosters who receive a percentage of the ticket sales.

In addition, the board approved funding from the Project Fund, \$8,000, for the annual Kiwanis Scholarships awarded to graduating Healdsburg High School seniors. Because of the downturn in the economy the club's Memorial Scholarship Fund did not generate enough income to sponsor the scholarships. This year the Scholarship Selection Committee chose to award five \$1600 scholarships. Previous years the committee awarded four scholarships worth \$2000 each.

Also approved was a grant of \$5,000 to the Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County project to be used to help construct two new homes on University Street across from Recreation Park on land donated for these sweat equity homes. Construction is scheduled to start this year. The money was presented to Diane Estrin by past president George Diebold at the April 28 meeting. At George's suggestion the contribution would be made up of last year's President's fund amounting to \$2700 with the remainder coming from unallocated project funds. This contribution would take the place of any further fundraising for the project. However, it doesn't mean that members of the club could not volunteer to help in the construction of the two homes.

to) the role of the president in attending Division Committee Meetings and other district, regional, state and national functions; the office of second vice president should be eliminated with the end of Dick Bugarske's term on September 30, 2010; an executive committee should be established, consisting of the president, the past president and the president-elect to meet monthly; further, the responsibility for organizing programs and chairing the pancake breakfast should be assigned to standing committees.

Incorporated into the revised bylaws, to be presented to the board by the secretary, will include the provisions that the president's term will be for one year and that the office of the second vice president will be eliminated. **(Secretary Phil Luks Contributed to this article).**

## Board Approves The Donation of \$25,000 to Grandstand Renovation

President Loretta Strong advised the members at the April 20 and 27 meetings that the governing board had approved a donation of \$25,000 to help with the renovation of the grandstand at Recreation Park.

She said that the funds will be distributed in two installments -- \$12,500 in June and another payment in January.

Ray Holley, a member of the Grandstand Renovation Committee laid out the plans for the renovation at the club's first Tuesday evening meeting on February 23. The committee is made up of many old time Healdsburg residents who played sports and attended fairs at Recreation Park over the years.

The committee is seeking donations from organizations, businesses and individuals. The cost to renovate the historic grandstand has been estimated at between \$300,000 to \$400,000. The Edgar and Judy Deas family has donated \$50,000 to the project.

## Letters of Appreciation for Club's Generous Donations Received

In acknowledging the Kiwanis Club's willingness to offer monetary assistance, the organizations more often than not send letters of appreciation and thanks.

Recently received were letters from Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools Carl Wong who thanked the club for our participation in the annual County schools science fair in which a number of local youth took part.

A heartfelt thank you came from Yvonne Milligan, executive manager of the North County Community Services, for our donation to the non-profit organization which provides temporary emergency, overnight shelter and transitional housing to those in need as well as a holiday food basket program.

The club donated \$508 for the purchase of soaps and shampoos and other toiletries to be used by the beneficiaries using the NCCS Spare Room Shower Facilities located in St. Paul's Episcopal Church's Hall.

The programs and facilities managed by NCCS are a ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The Westside School thanked us for a donation of \$100 which is to be used to help defray the cost of a trip to Yosemite by the Sixth grade class

## Final Pancake Day Results

Treasurer Pete Peterson reported at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting that the 54<sup>th</sup> annual Pancake Day – one of the club's major fund raiser but also a popular community event – brought in a net profit of \$10,200 for the club's project fund. He revised the figure following contributions donated by club members at the request and urging of Pancake Day chairman Robert Taylor. This figure includes the \$5100 in advertising sold by the advertising sales committee headed by Richard Iverson.



## Happy 94<sup>th</sup> To Bob Meyer

Michael Laird, left, greets Bob Meyer who celebrated his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday at the club's April 6 meeting. Bob followed what has become a tradition of donating the same number of dollars as your birthday to the Healdsburg Memorial Scholarship Fund. Bob has been a member of the Kiwanis club for 24 years joining on June 17, 1986.

## By-Laws and Banking, “Celebrate Healdsburg” Under Discussion by Board of Directors at April 15 Meet

A number of items including the proposed changes in the club's by-laws was on the agenda for the board of directors meeting held April 15 at the Healdsburg Police Station Conference Room.

Phil Luks presented a form of proposed club by-laws. It was noted that the most significant issue was the president's term of office which it was agreed at the April 8 special meeting that the term should be one year. (The other proviso was the elimination of the office of second vice-president). Since there was no pressing reason to amend the by-laws before the start of the October 1 fiscal year, it was decided that the new by-laws with the appropriate changes would be presented for a vote of the full club members before October 1.

In other business Cynthia Brown, a new member of the club, made a presentation on behalf of the North Coast Bank, to transfer the club's accounts from the Bank of America and Bank of the West. The benefits, it was pointed out, would include no maintenance fees and a money market account that pays higher rates than the current BofA CD. Treasurer Pete Peterson reminded the board that there were no substantive non-monetary benefits associated with the club's banking relationship with existing banks and further suggested that moving the accounts was in the best interest of the club. The board approved the transfer and agreed that the accounts would have two signatures - Pete Peterson and Phil Luks .

The board also agreed that a finance committee, consisting of Pete Peterson, Cynthia Brown and a third person to be named would review the club's accounts. The board agreed that the review should be completed as of October 31 of each year, based on the club's accounts for the fiscal year ending September 30.

The board approved an expenditure of up to \$500 for participation in the Geysersville May Day Rib Cook-Off to be chaired by Bob Santucci.

President Loretta Strong advised the board that the Villa Annex will not be available for the May 25<sup>th</sup> evening meeting. It was decided to still hold the meeting at a location to be announced.

The board considered a request from Devon Dericco to support her environmental conservation project in Thailand. The cost of the project is \$6,000 of which \$4,800 still needs to be raised. The board asked that she make a full presentation to the membership at a luncheon meeting.

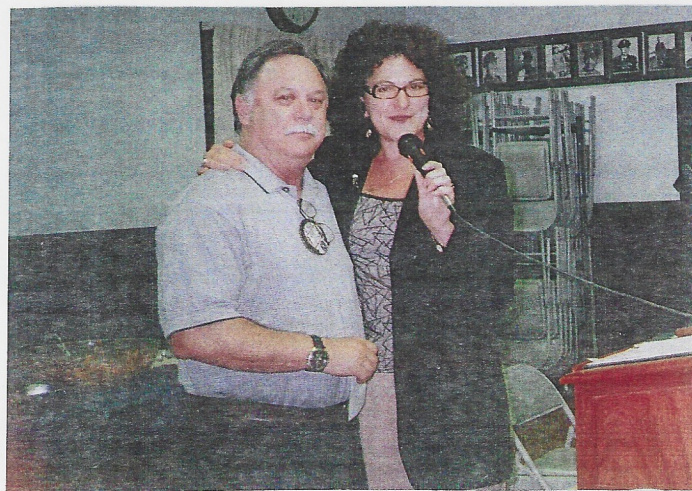
The board, after full discussion, approved the donation of \$25,000 to the renovation project of the

grandstand at Recreation Park. Since the expenditure is so large, the board decided to pay in two installments, \$12,500 now and \$12,500 in January after the club's Christmas Tree sale. Treasurer Pete Peterson told the board that other grantors had bifurcated their grants, with half currently and half in 2011 since the construction program would extend more than a year. It was noted that there will be a celebration on June 15 and Kiwanian Clarence Ruonavaara would be honored at that time. Club members will be asked to help at a breakfast at the celebration.

The board approved the expenditure of \$150 each for the two Distinguished Service Awards that will be presented to two club members at the Governor's Dinner set for Sunday, May 2 in Cloverdale.

A discussion, lead by the president about the Key Club, noting that the club needed to make a concerted effort to assist Andy Smith, the Kiwanis representative for the Key Club, in invigorating the club. She told the board that Sue Cummins of the Cloverdale Club, who is responsible for the Division 32 Key Clubs, will help in that effort.

Dick Bugarske brought up the fact that the city had mentioned the possibility of the club sponsoring the “Celebrate Healdsburg” event in the Plaza in the summer. It was noted that the event brought in between 6 and 7 thousand dollars to the city last year and that the city wanted someone to invigorate the event. It could possibly generate to \$20,000 with a well-run event. The key is to find someone to head up the committee to run the program. Dick will continue to pursue the effort focusing on creating a group of club members who could manage the event successfully. **(Secretary Phil Luks contributed to this article).**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY GARY:** At his request, president Loretta sang the happy birthday song to Gary Plass on his 57<sup>th</sup>. He happily donated that amount to the Scholarship Fund.

## Club Membership Continues To Grow 13 Have Joined So Far

Only one more to go to reach the membership goal envisioned by president Loretta Strong. When she took over office in October she said that one of her main goals during her administration was to increase the membership by at least 20 percent.

With thirteen new members inducted so far by membership chairman Rick Norman since October, Loretta needs only one more to have made good on her program. And, we understand, there is another new member "waiting in the wings".

At the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting Martin Silge presented his two inductees – Brian Wells and Richard Yates and Ken Scharer presented his son, David as a member.

Brian is self employed and lives with his wife ,Kitty, on Redwood Drive. Richard Yates is retired and also lives on Redwood Drive with his wife, Louisa. Both are neighbors of Martin and Ellen Silge. Martin said that he was proud to share his K with two such fine men.

David Scharer, son of Ken and Linda Scharer, lives in Windsor with his wife Rebecca and is employed by Max Machinery of Healdsburg. So far he is our youngest member inducted this year.

Kelly Pafford, sponsored by Jan Gianni who became a member in October, was brought into the club Tuesday evening, April 27 with the traditional ceremony. Kelly lives in Santa Rosa and has had 16 years in the wine business. Presently she is the Wine Club manager for the Robert Young Winery.

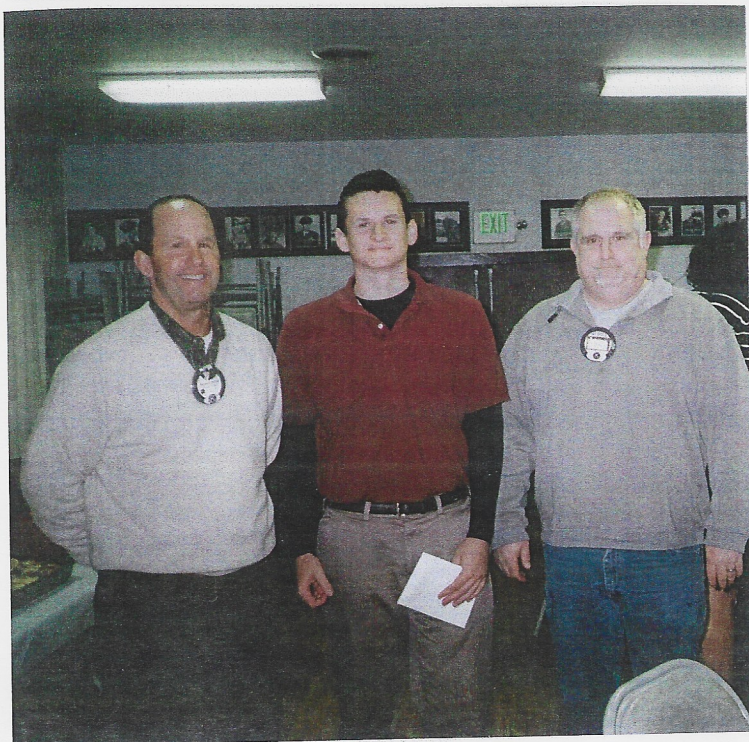
Creating an associate membership has allowed a number of new members to join since that designation only requires attending the evening meeting on the last Tuesday of the month. It has also allowed some regular members to stay on who, because of business or personal reasons could not attend noon meetings. Denise Paup and Don Marshall were both granted associate memberships and thus were able to continue as members of the club.



### Sharing the K

Inducted into the club on April 20 with membership chairman Rick Norman , shown on extreme right, officiating at the services, in top photo, were Brian Wells, second from left, Richard Yates, and David Scharer, shown with their sponsors, left, Martin Silge and second from right, Ken Scharer Bottom photo, Kelly Pafford, left, is "pinned" by her sponsor Jan Gianni at the April 27 Tuesday evening meeting. Photo on left, another father-son duo for the club, Ken and David Scharer.





### Student of the Month

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**PANCAKE DAY:** Top photo, left, Jack Brandt and Phil Luks, waiting for the crowd to arrive at the annual Pancake Day, Sunday April 5. Bottom photo, Randy Collins, left and Rick Norman, mixing the pancake batter.

## **The Club's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast Was a Successful One**

Loretta Strong, in charge of the club's annual Pancake Breakfast fund raiser, reported that it was a success bringing to the Project Fund a net of \$12,875, just short of last year's net.

She praised the work of the club members who took part in this year's event and signaled out a number of individuals for their special efforts – Roger Dormire for helping all day Saturday and Sunday, Richard Norgrove who supplied the sausages which everyone said were delicious, The Flying Goat Coffee Company for supplying the coffee this year, Sean Thomas for working three shifts preparing the scrambled eggs and the club members who volunteered to be sponsors to the tune of \$2290

She also thanked Richard Iverson, chairman of the advertising committee and his crew, for bringing in \$5,000 to help swell the coffers.

## **2009-2010 Officers Will be Elected This Month ,Take Office in October**

Lee Gunnerson, chairman of the Nominating Committee, advised that his committee will present the nominees for the 2009-2010 slate of officers in May with an election slated before the end of the month.

There will be openings for president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary , treasurer, and four seats on the board of directors for two year terms. The present two year term members - James Colgan, Ron Doble, David Jones, Doug Newton- will remain on the board for another year.

Loretta Strong, the present first vice president and Bob Taylor, the present second vice president, have indicated they will seek re-election, Loretta as president and Bob as first vice president. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the board or any other office should contact Lee Gunnerson.

## **Five High School Graduates Will Receive Kiwanis Scholarship Awards**

Thirty four applications from Healdsburg High School graduating seniors were received by the Kiwanis Scholarship Selection Committee this year seeking one of the scholarships offered by our club.

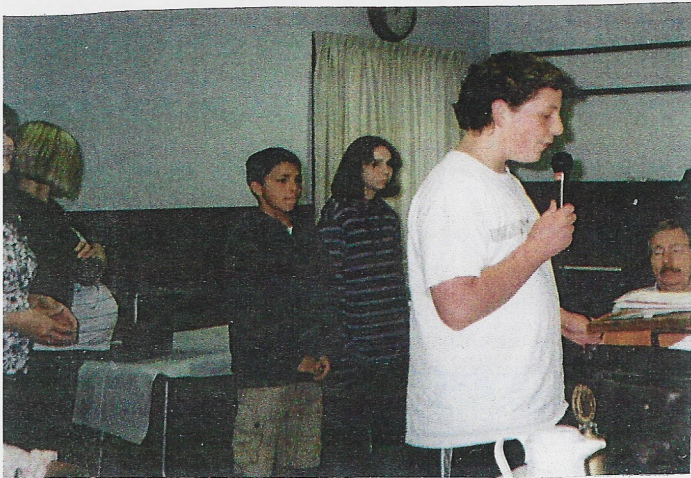
All but nine of the thirty four application were eliminated by the committee who checked the applications for the criteria set by the club. The applicant must have a 3.0 grade point average to be considered. Other factors considered include participation in sports, extra curriculum activities, community involvement, travel and work experience. Committee members who read over the applications included Loretta Strong, chair, Pete Peterson, Lee Gunnerson, Jerry Strong and Arnold Santucci.

\$8000 was allocated for the scholarships from the Project Fund because the Kiwanis Memorial Scholarship Fund which usually supplies the majority of the funding was unable to participate because of the ongoing economic problems of financial institutions.

Last year the committee opted to give four scholarships worth \$2000 each. However, this year the committee made the decision to honor five graduating seniors with scholarships worth \$1600 each. Of the five students one is pursuing a vocational career and one is of a minority race. Interviewing and selecting the awardees were Loretta Strong, Dick Bugarske and Jerry Strong.

The scholarships will be presented at the Healdsburg High School's Award Ceremonies, Monday evening, May 18 . Loretta will present the awards on behalf of the Kiwanis Club.

Laurie Nimmo, of the high school's Career Development Department, works closely with the Kiwanis Selection Committee,



**SAFE SCHOOLS AMBASSADORS:** Nelson Deas, Healdsburg Junior High School eighth grade student explains the Safe Schools Ambassador program at the club's April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The program, funded last year by the Kiwanis Club, trains adults and students and particularly teaches students to monitor the behavior of their classmates helping to alleviate bullying and other forms of harassment. Nelson is the son of Paul Deas, longtime school board member and grandson of Kiwanian Edgar Deas. Three other members of the Safe Schools program also spoke of their positive involvement during the past three years.

## Fitch Mountain Foot Race June 7 Needs Our Support and Sponsorship

Vince Ciolino who is in charge of obtaining sponsors for the annual Fitch Mountain Foot Race scheduled for Sunday, June 7 reminded the membership that this year more than ever we need sponsors for this fund raiser.

Last year 16 sponsors donated \$5,250--- one at \$1,000 (platinum level), 2 at \$500 (gold level) and 13 at \$250 (silver level)

Vince said that he hoped he would receive the same cooperation especially from club members. Contact him if you know of a business firm or organization that would be willing to be a sponsor.

David Jones, chairman, advised that he is putting all the information about the race on the club's web site ([www-healdsburgkiwanis.org](http://www-healdsburgkiwanis.org)). Club members will be assigned intersection monitor duties as well as duties at the Plaza Square before and after the race.

The race features a 3K and 10K run starting at the Plaza Square at 8 a.m. You can register on line or by contacting Jerry Strong.

All registered runners will receive a commemorative T-Shirt.

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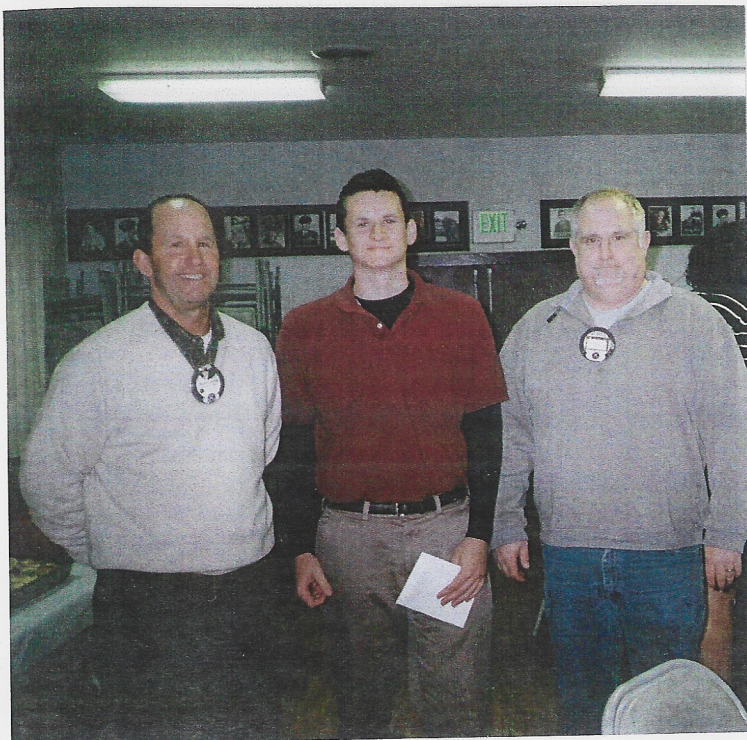
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