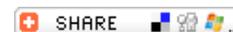


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## Three Placer County High Schools Receive \$10K Endowments

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Pictured from left to right, David Coleman and Coach Jon Coleman-Roseville HS, Coach Fred Jenson and Clay Thomas-Del Oro HS, and Coach Scott Braly and Chris Beck-Granite Bay HS

tournaments throughout the state.

SACRAMENTO, CA.—Three Placer County High Schools each received a \$10,000 endowment to support their trap shooting team. The endowment was given to Granite Bay, Del Oro, and Roseville High Schools through a partnership between the Midway USA Foundation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF).

The endowment will generate a minimum of \$500 per year in perpetuity. The teams may use the funds for ammunition, targets or any equipment needed for shooting sports programs.

Combined, the three schools have close to 150 students participating in the unconventional sport of trap shooting, which has become one of the fastest growing high school sports in the country. The teams, along with 13 other high schools in California, participate in the California Youth Shooting Sports Association (CYSSA) Clay Target Program, competing in

Presentation of the endowment checks were made at the RMEF Sacramento Chapter's Big Game Banquet held on February 18, 2012. Among the 500 attendees at the banquet were 80 students, family members, and friends from local high school shooting teams, as well as staff members from CYSSA. "We loved the commitment, enthusiasm and passion of the RMEF committee and members, and enjoyed learning more about the conservation efforts of the organization to help protect our wildlife habitat," said Dennis Barnes of Granite Bay. "Receiving a \$10k endowment is a great honor to the team and will go a long way to encourage youth development in the sport."

Endowments are generated through support from the Midway USA Foundation and local fundraisers hosted by RMEF. RMEF staff and volunteers nominate organized shooting teams, including high school, college and university shooting programs as candidates for future gifts. New endowments are awarded quarterly. A managing entity, the Scholastic Shooting Trust Fund, administers the endowments and disburses funds annually to recipient schools.

"Conservation depends on strong participation in hunting and shooting sports, which together generate most of the revenue for wildlife habitat, management, law enforcement and research in America. We're proud to support this heritage through endowments to encourage and support students with a budding interest in sporting lifestyles," said David Allen, RMEF president and CEO.

Allen thanked Larry and Brenda Potterfield of Midway USA and the Midway USA Foundation for their support of RMEF and scholastic shooting programs nationwide.

To make a tax deductible contribution to Granite Bay, Del Oro, or Roseville High School's Trap Shooting Team endowment, visit [www.scholasticshootingtrust.org](http://www.scholasticshootingtrust.org) and select the school to receive the contribution.

For more information about starting a CYSSA High School shooting team, visit [www.shootcyssa.com](http://www.shootcyssa.com).

About the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation:

Snowy peaks, dark timber basins and grassy meadows. RMEF is leading an elk country initiative that has conserved or enhanced habitat on over 5.9 million acres—a land area equivalent to a swath three miles wide and stretching along the entire Continental Divide from Canada to Mexico. RMEF also works to open, secure and improve public access for hunting, fishing and other recreation. Get involved at [www.rmef.org](http://www.rmef.org) or 800-CALL ELK.