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### A Few From Our President - Irish Ike

#### Hello My Fellow Fernonians:



Western States 2010 is behind us and its only 51 weeks until the next one! Once again Northern Nevada gave us unexpected

weather. It was breezy and cool for the entire event until Sunday's shoot off. Our California friends who came over the hill knew to bring coats, because they have been here before.

Our attendance was down about 30 shooters from last year. In speaking with other clubs who have been putting on shoots their attendance was also down. Everyone thinks is being caused by several things. The economy has people staying home. There are more shoots to go to than ever before. People are going to different events for some variety.

During the event and at dinner Saturday night we got many great comments about the shoot. Most of the comments were in response to some of the changes we made this year.

We bought larger targets and the stages were well written and there were no "P" traps. The times for the stages show it was a fast event.

The Scouts breakfasts and lunches were good and priced right.

Having the side match awards on Friday afternoon shortened the Saturday night dinner and awards by 1½ hours. Many shooters stopped me and said thanks. They liked the format

Dinner Saturday night was prepared and served by the Scouts was great. A lot of great comments on the food and the service. Next year we will figure out how to turn on the evaporative coolers. The Scouts also provided the sound system at no cost and we thank them for that. Jasper observed a large duster going right through the pavilion at the range Saturday just as he was leaving for the dinner. Moving the diner to an indoor location was the right move. I didn't receive any complaints about the parking.

Talking with Dutch Dalton we gave out over 140 awards to the 85 shooters. There were only a few comments about no gold pans for first place.

The Ore Cart was a real hit. Even for those of us who have shoot from it at the other venues. Denio set it up with large, close pistol targets that resulted in the fastest times ever shot from the cart. I was running the cart when Loaden B. Kwik shot it in 14.35 seconds. Grizzly Peak Jake taught a few of us to run the cart and brought it over to the range. *Thanks for doing all of that Jake.*

After last year's speed range-clearing event we got even more people involved this year. We cleared all of the stages and put everything away in a little over an hour. It just proves that when more people get involved things happen faster and there is less work for each person.

We heard back from the Scouts and they cleared \$1,750.00 this year. The amount is down from previous WS. But, they were quick to say thanks to HPD for letting them do this no matter how the weekend turned out. They enjoy helping us and they like all of us cowboys and cowgirls. They also said now that they see how we are such a great bunch we might be able to use the their church hall next year.

So how did we do? Well I think all of us enjoyed the shoot and our guests. Financially after we receive the grant money back from Lyon County we will net around \$1,700.00. This is down from past years but again we had 30 less shooters.

#### **Now for some Thank You's:**

Thanks to our friends who came to the event. Thank you also for helping out as Posse Leaders and timers on the side matches.

Thanks to Dead Eye Dick for the Long Range match. It was well organized and had just the right amount of challenge to it, or in other words the wind made it really hard to get on target.

Thanks to Digger and Jean for getting to the range way early. They did much of the work we needed to do before we got to the range. Digger has asked if he could take on the Quartermaster position for the club. Unless anyone out there thinks otherwise I think he would be great at it. Tim Buchman has been doing it for years. But recognizing the distance he has to travel and other things going on in his life we hope he doesn't mind letting Digger do this for now.

Denio wrote the stages that everyone enjoyed. He also made the trip over the hill to go get the Ore Cart. It was only a 6 hour round trip. And he did this and was the Range officer all the while he also attended his nephew's graduation during the event. Thanks for going above and beyond on that. Jasper was the club representative to the Scouts. We hope they haven't been damaged too much! He worked with them on the meals and what was expected. He ran them around during the event, and he made several trips into town to meet with them. He shot the event, he helped take down the stages, and he taught us about late nigh campfire logic in applying his sage wisdom. He did all of this while having a bad hip causing him some great discomfort.

Thank you Jasper.

Thanks to Phil and Aloha for being our scoring team. Only one small glitch in the software that Wild root got straightened out. You all don't realize how stressful doing this is. Everyone out there is waiting for results and they scrutinize them to no end.

Thanks to Quick Cal for his MC Magic and for providing his thoughts on helping make the event a great one. He did have a moment of panic when someone hollered out they wanted to see me in my Speedo.

Brazos was our non-shooting go to guy throughout the event. He was everywhere doing anything that needed to be done. Although with all the weight he is losing he may just want to show off the trimmer more handsome Brazos. Thanks for running around all week making people happy.

Thanks to CC for the setting up the side matches. All though he won one so.....?

Big Pete got the Wildbunch shooters going and the event went very well. Thanks Pete.

Thanks to Domingo for all the work at the range and for using his Rhino to help out.

Nevada Joe Crow went out to his hay sources and got a load of straw bales that helped keep the lead splatter down. Thanks. Thanks to Miss Rickey for keeping me organized and providing her accounting skills.

JJ, Fanner, Southpaw, Drifter John, Hellfire Preacher, Nevada Joe, Sagebrush Sam, Reno Slim and almost all of the regulars helped out throughout the entire event. If I didn't catch all of the names it was not on purpose, there were just so many people helping out this year for me to remember.

I saved the last of my Thank You's for two members who really took on the hardest task of all.



Registration, advertising, award selection and ordering, coordinating the preparation of our video and all of the TV advertising work, answering phone calls about the event, chasing down raffle prizes, organizing the awards for presentation, handling the I'm going, I'm not going calls and keeping up with them, running around pulling all of this together, being willing to make changes and add categories up to the last minute, and so much more. They kept it all together, it was well done, and I hope they know greatly appreciated. So Dutch Dalton and Desert Rose (Ron and Mary Mueller) on behalf of all of the High Plains Drifters and our guests, "Thank you for doing all that you did." You really made the event a good one and you helped all of us be confident that the event would go off well. We all understand there were moments of why in the hell are we doing

this, but in the end you both made it happen. Thank you everything you did. After seeing what Dutch and Desert Rose went through I feel we should also thank Fernley and Tad Bit for doing it all the years prior to this.

Well, again I went on and on. I hope you all enjoyed the event. And most of all I hope you are all out there wanting jump right in and take on tasks for nest. One can dream can't they?

***Don't forget Fernleystock "2" scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend.***

El Heffe Supremo

*Irish Ike*

**Question to all HPD and Roop Club members:**

I'm conducting a little survey to see if there's enough interest in having a "Joint Club Christmas Party" this year.

I'd like your input and ideas for a Christmas Party Dinner with both clubs attending. We could utilize either a restaurant or casino.....everyone could purchase their own dinner off of the menu.....bring an exchange gift if you'd like a gift in return...would you prefer a week night or a weekend evening.....and so on and so forth.

What are your thoughts on this?

What location would you like to see? We could choose a town that's a good "middle point" for the club members.

Please email me with your suggestions. If you are not interested in attending a party...please let me know that as well.

Thanks for your help. Email Fallen Grace at [fallengrace@hdiss.net](mailto:fallengrace@hdiss.net)

**And now another member  
update from the HPD Field  
Reporters -  
Fallen Grace  
& Hellfire Preacher**



**Drifter John** was born in San Jose, CA and currently resides in Truckee. He became interested in CAS shooting after he joined the Railroad Regulators, a reenactment group based in Truckee, CA. John had read about CAS from a SASS Cowboy Chronicle he got from one of the Railroad Regulators. What he read sparked an interest, and he came out to watch a match at HPD. Unbeknownst to him, he picked Western States 2009! Obviously, he couldn't participate in the annual match, but, with the urging of Rascal Rick, he was able to shoot a stage after the match was over. He was hooked!

The single biggest thing that Drifter John says "got" him was the friendliness of the other shooters/club members. He recalls, while shooting that stage after WS 2009, that a lot of cowboys were offering him guns and ammo to try out. He says that he still appreciates the friendliness he was shown that day, and what he likes best about our sport is how nice everyone is; that there is a genuine camaraderie in the sport.

Although new to CAS/SASS shooting, Drifter John has been involved in shooting sports since he was 12 years old. He has always enjoyed hunting, as well as handgun target practice. In addition to shooting and hunting, Drifter John enjoys horseback riding. Being a general contractor, he also dabbles in woodworking.

Drifter John is a cowboy at heart. His two favorite movies are *Open Range* and *The Shootist*. You can't get much more cowboy than Robert Duvall and John Wayne! Continued proof of Drifter John's cowboy heart were the trappings of his recent wedding to his wife Robin. They were hitched at the famous Gold Hill Hotel (where we enjoy Fannie's brunch every Spring) in full cowboy dress. Robin's brother even gave her away at shotgun point!

One final thought that Drifter John wanted to convey is that he really appreciates everyone's help, acceptance and the general feeling of friendship he feels at HPD matches. Now, we just have to start picking on him so he REALLY feels our love!



*Fallen Grace & Hellfire Preacher*

**A few Short Words From the  
HPD Territorial Governor:**

Howdy the Campfire,



Well, another Western States has come and gone. It's been 2 years since Toni and I shot the last one and, as usual, the stages were great. I really had

some brain cells going on a couple since I've started shooting the Gunfighter category. Had a couple of misses and one procedural in the 12 stages, so think I'm getting the hang of what I'm supposed to do. I keep a close watch on Fanner Fifty who is my Gunfighter hero.

As usual, though, the weather was windy. Everyone was bundled up in jackets and coats because it was cold, too, which was surprising. Mid-June in Nevada is supposed to be hot. I know there were several "drive in" shooters without RV's available that didn't have coats with them, so other cowboys (and cowgirls) were lending warm jackets. Our sport is about sharing (guns, leather or jackets), so kudos to everyone who shared.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who designed, set up and tore down all the stages as well as registration, parking and score keeping. The ore cart was fun, and I wanted to do it again (and have more practice). Thanks to everyone who ran a side match stage and were posse marshals, too.

Talk to you later. *EL Rod*

**Just a few pictures from Western States**



I am smiling !!!



Now was 3 on the left target or 3 on the right target?



Think this picture will turn out?



Should we tell him  
his suspenders are  
undone?



It seems to me that the thingy bob  
should be attached to the do hicky.







*As a Parting Thought:  
If you haven't got a smile on your face  
Then you are just a sour old fart!!*