



# NEWSLETTER

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## RANGER TEAM TOPS

### D.P.R. Takes Top Honors at Nationals

Four DPR personnel came back from the National Police Revolver Championships in Des Moines, Iowa with the weary grin of hard-won achievement on their faces. The four-man pistol team representing California State Parks and Recreation came away the nation's number one team representing a Conservation agency. Vermont Fish and Game, last year's winners, were far behind us. Craig Burke (SPR II, Angel Island), Bob Todd (SPR III, Diablo), John Hillerman (SPM I, La Purisima), and Steve Michel (SPR II, Gaviota) spent four gruelling days in Des Moines competing against the best shots in the country. Weather conditions varied radically, from wiping sweat in 90 degree heat to scraping ice off the windshield. Gusting winds over 20 mph blew dust and mold spores onto our sights.

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## Sign-Up Started

### Signatures & Dollars Needed To Reduce Litter

As you may already know, signature gathering for the California Can and Bottle Initiative is well underway. Californians Against Waste, (CAW), has gathered over 40,000 signatures, but over 350,000 are needed by March to qualify the initiative for the '82 ballot. In November, voters instead of lobbyists may finally decide if a 5¢ deposit will be implemented to eliminate non returnable containers that litter our parks, injure visitors and waste enormous amounts of money, natural resources and energy.

You (WHO ME?) are needed to make the initiative ideas a reality!

"What may I do to help?" Gather as many signatures as possible and get your

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## LOST & FOUND

### MISSING ADDRESSES

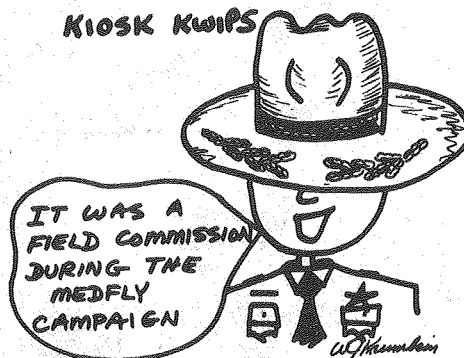
If you have moved and not advised Doug Bryce of your new address, you will not receive Bulk Rate CSPRA mailings and we won't get them returned. We mailed the October Newsletter First Class and are getting many back.

If you know new addresses for the following members please get them to Doug at PO Box 28366 Sacramento 95828 ...

Basura, Robert      Mincks, Glenn  
Berry, Bill

Cherney, Charles      Patton, Ray  
Cummings, Victoria      Sterling, Nora  
Gomez, Pedro      VanRillaer, A.  
Hart, Vern      Wisehart, W.L.  
Howard, Gary      Wells, M. & D.

KIOSK KWIPS



### CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AMMENDED

(1) Shall CSPRA dues be reduced to \$2.00 per month; (2) shall the four Board Members be elected statewide, the VP being chosen from those elected?

YES	273	90%
NO	30	10%

Controllers Office notified to reduce dues from \$4 to \$2 effective with the pay checks for the January pay period.

from pg.1 Litter

friends involved. Make sure that petition circulators/signers are registered voters as required. Remember 95% of all initiatives fail die to lack of valid signatures.

"But I can't afford the time to gather signatures." No problem, how about making a personal donation to CAW. Initiative opponents are expected to spend 5 to 10 million to try and defeat the initiative. CAW is stretching it's \$200,000 budget as much as possible and donations are needed.

You and the other 550 members of CSPRA will have a tremendous impact. I am already receiving many requests for more petitions. So please take the time to quickly circulate the enclosed petition with each of your greeting and Thank you cards this Holiday Season.

If your time budget is strained, a contribution of \$15 (or whatever you can afford) will be put to good use.

Whether you can give time, money or both, you will see the results..... for a long time to come.

(checks should be payable to Californians Against Waste)

Editors Note: Initiative petition enclosed.

John Mott, Chairman  
Environmental Issues Committee



State Park Pistol Team receives top Conservation entry honors in National Police Revolver Championships at Des Moines, Iowa. Shown accepting awards from official are Bob Todd, Craig Burke, Steve Michel and John Hillerman.

from pg.1 Pistol Team

The National Police Revolver Championships is held annually and sponsored by the National Rifle Association. It is open to all full time peace officers who have competed for and earned a ranking in NRA-sponsored events. From all over the country nearly 900 individuals and 85 teams compete over the four-day period. Twelve different matches are fired. Some are at close range, some at long range, some rapid-fire, some all three of the above. Most matches are fired with competition-modified police guns and low-powered wadcutter ammunition. The 'Distinguished' match, fired on the last day, uses only pure stock revolvers with service ammunition. The President's match is a combination of two matches; one match shot with a competition gun, plus the Distinguished match. The Service Revolver match uses fixed-sight stock revolvers, barrel-length 4 or less inches, with service ammunition.

Awards for individuals are given only to the top 20% of the shooters in their respective rank. Awards for the President's match are given to the top 15% overall (no ranks) and awards for the Service Revolver match are given to the top 10% overall. Thus, if 500 people shot the Service Revolver match, then anyone who 'trophy' would have out-shot at least 450 of the nation's best shooters.

Area Manager John Hillerman bested his teammates and several hundred others to trophy in the Service Revolver match. Bob Todd bested his teammates and trophyed in Match #5 with a score we'd all be proud of. He missed the 'President's 100' (the best 15% of shooters participating in the President's match) by a single point out of the 1200 point match. Bob was Top Gun on our team effort and a major contributor to our win of Top Conservation Team title. Craig Burke trophyed first place in his class in four out of six individual matches and was the only DPR team member to 'clean' (no points lost) any match at the Championships. (I am sad to say I was the bottom man on the team effort - CTB.) Probably the best overall performance came from Steve Michel.

Steve had consistently high scores throughout the four-day event when others rose and fell. His personal aggregate beat all his teammates and his high score in the Distinguished match put him in the prestigious 'President's 100' - the top 100 shooters in the entire United States!!

Our four-man team is rated in the nest-to-highest class in NRA-style competition (we're in the highest category in California-style competition). In this 'Master' class, we took seventh out of thirty teams - respectable but not enough to trophy. Of all teams competing we placed a respectable 22nd out of 85 overall. In the race for Top Conservation Team, the nearest rival was the Iowa Conservation Commission, some twenty points behind us out of a total of 2400. Our eligibility as a 'team representing a Conservation department' was protested and disputed until we submitted a job description to the Chief Referee.

The actual trophy is several feet tall and has the names of the yearly winners inscribed on a brass plate. "1981 Californis State Parks" will be engraved on the trophy for future competitors to contemplate. A plaque with a photograph of the trophy was awarded to each team member and an extra plaque was given to our Department for display at our Mott Training Center.

I know I speak for my teammates when I express my deepest gratitude for the moral and financial support of the California State Park Rangers Association and Mr. William Penn Mott, Jr. I can state unequivocally that withour their support we would have sent no team at all.

Craig Burke, Captain  
DPR Pistol Team

JoAnn Lynn Ellison-LeFlore  
Cambria

WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS

Jeffrey Brian Lewis  
Tiburon

John Alan Kelso-Shelton  
North Shore

Richard Frank LeFlore  
Cambria

# Retired Update

Executive Secretary, Doug Bryce, sends annual dues reminders to all retired members. In it he also asks for news on their activities. A sampling follows.

We are really enjoying my retirement. Purchased a good used R.V. in September so we have been doing a little traveling here in Calif. Will spend Thanksgiving and a few more days at Pismo Beach. Tell the gang hello for me.

Fred Spicer  
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I don't have a great deal of news to report. Dorothy and I have been very close to home since last February when I had a congestive heart failure. But I am coming along really well if I watch my diet and so salt, no booze, no this and no that.

If we can get a house sitter we plan on

Arizona in Jan. and February, and then if everything holds together we plan on Alaska around May 1st for a few months. Go up by boat and back by Alcan Hiway.

We are gradually getting out act together.

Clyde Newlin  
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Outside of my aches and pains, I have slowed to a crawl. 10 days in the Vets. Hospital at La Jolla, with a bad case of Vertigo. 1 week in San Clem. Gen Hospital in October with a Coronary and 1 week in the same hospital in Nov. for an operation on my jaw. I had two wisdom teeth that decided never to appear. One became impacted and infected my jaw bone, so now that it was removed, I am a half wit.

Best wishes to you for a happy, healthy year.

Gene Velzy

## ELECTION RESULTS

PRESIDENT:

John Mott 240 : Write ins 12

DIRECTOR:

R. Parmer	<u>69</u>	H. Doyle	<u>91</u>
B. Beat	<u>199*</u>	C. Wade	<u>180*</u>
J. McCall	<u>105</u>	M. Kania	<u>113*</u>
J. Carle	<u>134*</u>	A. Weiss	<u>105</u>
L. Beutler	<u>44</u>	*ELECTED	
TOTAL BALLOTS 289			



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