

# High Desert Pod News Letter



## Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc.

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### John Johnson Wins the Four Corner's Regional Championship!

Congratulations to John Johnson! The chili winners are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – John Johnson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Pat Rau

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Denise Cabello

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Bernie Kowalski

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Dick Seehusen

6<sup>th</sup> Place – Susan Seehusen

7<sup>th</sup> Place – Norm Dunn

8<sup>th</sup> Place – Pam Diffin

9<sup>th</sup> Place – Larry Rau

10<sup>th</sup> Place – Jay McCleery

### People's Choice Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Sandy Garner

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Julie Forney

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Walt Redden

### Showmanship Winner's

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Travis Tonzi

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tina Crutchfield

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Julie Forney

### Salsa Winner

1<sup>st</sup>- Place - Penny Dunn

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jay McClerry

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Julie Forney

### **Fourth of July Cook-off Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Larry Rau – Hereford
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Felix Hahn – Stuttgart, Germany
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kim Dunn – Sierra Vista
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunny Fichtl – Sierra Vista
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Russ Hite – Sierra Vista
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Pat Rau – Sierra Vista
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Penny Dunn – Sierra Vista
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Craig Harris – Sierra Vista
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Ken Brown – Gold Canyon
- 10<sup>th</sup> – John Johnson – Sierra Vista

### **Show Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ben Berry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3 “Beaches”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Anne Strack

### **Vigilante Day’s Cook-off Results**

- 1st – Elaine Charteris – Tucson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carson Smith – Tucson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kalen Halter - Tucson
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Larry Rau – Hereford
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Greg Monger - Sierra Vista
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Lorraine Ruiz - Casa Grande
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunny Fichtl – Sierra Vista
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Pat Robertson – Sierra Vista
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Roy Fisher – Sierra Vista
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Val Velitschkowski – Apache Junction

### **Show Results**

- 1st- Firecracker Chili, Carol Olelerton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Los Tres Pendajos, Ben Berry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - None

**\*\*\*\* No Photos were taken\*\*\*\***

### **Butterfield Day Cook-off Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Ben Berry – Sierra Vista
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Leo Lemelson – Sierra Vista
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Russ Hite – Sierra Vista
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Pat Robertson – Sierra Vista
- 5<sup>th</sup> – John Johnson – Sierra Vista
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Ruly Amado – Benson
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Don Romine – Benson
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Bob Myers – Sierra Vista
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Greg Monger – Sierra Vista
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Paula Amado – Benson

### **Show Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Johnson – Sierra Vista
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Berry – Sierra Vista
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jerry Kuc – Benson

### **Elk's Lodge Cook-off Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Wayne Jolliffe - Tucson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kim Dunn – Sierra Vista
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Genne Jolliffe - Tucson
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Larry Rau - Hereford
- 5<sup>th</sup> – John Johnson – Sierra Vista
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Bob Myers – Sierra Vista
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Norm Dunn – Sierra Vista
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Pat Rau - Hereford
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Don Johnson – Casa Grande
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Pat Roberson – Sierra Vista

### **Show Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Johnson – Sierra Vista
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Kunstman – Sierra Vista
- 3<sup>rd</sup> None

\*\*\*Once Again No photos were taken! Anyone want to be the Photographer? We might need two because we can't all make all the cook-offs! Let me know!!!\*\*\*\*\*



**Mike Strack**

On Monday night, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, the High Desert Pod not only lost its Great Pepper, it lost a great guy. Mike Strack was taken from us after a much too brief encounter with ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease. I first met Mike at a chili cookoff at a place called Fred's Arena near Three Points outside of Tucson. We cooked together. I can't remember if either of us scored in chili, but I know I scored big in having met my new-found friend. We spent the last twenty some years trying to out cook and out lie each other, going to TICC together and sharing war stories. My heart has been temporarily broken but the great times we had will, in time, overshadow the remaining sorrow of our loss. I have never had the privilege of being "maid of honor" to a better guy.

Goodbye my friend. See you on the "Trail" sometime down the road, Ben Berry

We will all Miss you Mike!

A quick apology, I have many excuses for being so behind on this newsletter but I will spare all of you from them. I will try to be more efficient in the future and will try to get photos so the newsletter will have better! Kim

Upcoming – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 – Christmas Parade Cook-off at K-Mart parking lot turn-in 4pm

Visit our website at [www.highdesertpod.org](http://www.highdesertpod.org)

**\*\*\*Next Meeting November 23, 2009 at the Elk's Lodge in  
Sierra Vista at 7:00 pm – We will be discussing the Christmas Cook-  
off! Please Come!!!\*\*\***



