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## **UNITE, INFORM AND MOBILIZE TO KEEP OUR DUNES OPEN**

### ***WHAT IS THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND HOW WAS IT USED TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF GLAMIS?***

***BY NICOLE HESTER***

In March 2000, the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), Sierra Club and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) filed a lawsuit against the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) claiming that the BLM failed to initiate and complete consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as required by section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) is a very broadly written federal law that was enacted in 1973. Due to its broad nature, the ESA is ripe for abuse by special interest groups like the CBD, Sierra Club, and PEER.

The Endangered Species Act specifically states that the term "species" includes any subspecies of fish, wildlife, or plants. Without this broad definition, the Peirson's milk vetch would have never been listed to begin with because the species as a whole is intact and thriving. Without the listing of this subspecies, the closures would not have been possible.

The ESA allows anyone to petition the Fish and Wildlife Service to have a species listed or reclassified as endangered or threatened. Unfortunately, the ESA allows these petitions to be based solely on "best available science" rather than requiring science that stands up to critical peer review.

Of all the listed species, only 23 have been "delisted" since 1973. Of these 23 species, 12 have been delisted due to errors in the original data. Simply stated, it was proven that those 12 species should have never been listed in the first place.

The Peirson's milk vetch (PMV) was listed in 1998 by comparing data from a 1977 study to data in a 1990 study because that was the "best available science" rather than requiring the group filing the petition to conduct new studies.

In the 2000 Dunes monitoring report, done by the BLM, the 1990 study is declared flawed due to the methodology used. The ASA believes, based on biological surveys of the PMV that were recently completed on our behalf, that the PMV is one of those species which should have never been listed.

### **WHAT IS PEIRSON'S MILK VETCH?**

Peirson's milk vetch (PMV) is the plant that the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), Sierra Club, and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) used to close 49,310 acres of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. The Peirson's milk vetch is one of 400 varieties in the milk vetch family. It is currently listed as endangered on the California endangered species list and is listed by the Federal Government as threatened.

The only science used to list the PMV was the flawed 1990 study.

### **WHAT IS SECTION 7 VIOLATION?**

When the CBD, Sierra Club, and PEER sued the BLM, the main thrust of their lawsuit was that the BLM was in violation of section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Section 7 of the ESA requires federal agencies to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that the actions they authorize, fund, or carry out do not adversely affect listed species. The plaintiffs in the lawsuit maintained that consultation was required because the BLM created and implemented the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for the California Desert Conservation Area. They consider the Plan to be an agency action, therefore requiring consultation under the ESA.

# NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE IMPERIAL SAND DUNES

## As represented in a recent BLM Newsletter

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is in the process of updating the management plan for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA). The primary purpose of the update is to expand the scope of the existing Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP). The resulting Resource Management Plan (RMP) will address wilderness issues as well as threatened and endangered species issues that were not included in the previous management plan, while continuing to provide public recreation opportunities and other management needs for the ISDRA.

The ISDRA RMP will guide future BLM activities and provide for the continued enjoyment and protection of the Imperial Sand Dunes. The ISDRA RMP will be developed with the participation and assistance of interested members of the public.

A Recreation Area Management Plan first designated the ISDRA in 1972. The RAMP was most recently updated in 1987. Since 1987, several projects identified in the plan have been implemented. Other projects that were not implemented may no longer be feasible. In addition, new information is available about threatened and endangered species that inhabit the ISDRA, including the Peirson's milk vetch.

The ISDRA RMP will be tiered to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980 as amended. Once finalized, the ISDRA RMP will replace the ISDRA management approach currently identified in the CDCA Plan. All relevant aspects of the CDCA Plan such as monitoring standards will continue to apply to the ISDRA.

## Environmental Compliance

Preparation of the ISDRA RMP requires coordination with federal environmental regulations. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the ISDRA RMP in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Consultation will also occur with federal and state agencies due to the presence of federally and state listed plant and wildlife species. A Biological Assessment will be prepared in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The BLM is serving as the federal lead agency under NEPA.

## Public Scoping Process

Input regarding the scope of the RMP and EIS, including potential environmental impacts, the significance of impacts, and the range of project alternatives, is being solicited from interested stakeholders. The public is encouraged to participate.

Three public scoping meetings were held during the month of September to solicit input from the public on the various issues and extent of analyses that should be addressed (both written and oral comments will be accepted). These public meetings are intended to supplement prior public meetings held in January and February 2000. Comments received at these meetings will be used in this planning process.

In accordance with NEPA guidelines, the BLM will prepare and submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, other key agencies, private organizations and individuals to announce preparation of the EIS and to solicit comments. The NOI will be published in the Federal Register and will be available by contacting the BLM.

The formal comment period for the scoping process will close 30 days after the NOI is published in the Federal Register. The ASA took part in the comment process by notifying every member possible via our web site and email. However, the BLM will continue to accept informal comments with respect to development of project alternatives and the draft EIS. Comments should be directed to:

## **Bureau of Land Management**

**1661 South 4th Street**

**El Centro, CA 92243**

**Attn: Roxie Trost**

**To get on the BLM mailing list, call 760-337-4400**

## Project Schedule

9/2001	Issue Notice of Intent (NOI)
9/6 – 9/27/01	Scoping meetings (Phx, San Diego, El Centro)
10/20/01	NOI Comment Period closed
10/01 thru 1/02	Management Alternatives (options) Development
Early 2002	Issue Draft RMP and EIS – start of 30 day comment period
Early 2002	Close of comment period
Fall 2002	Issue final EIS and RMP
Fall 2002	Issue Record of Decision (ROD)

**The ASA will keep you informed when the next comment period requires our input and what that input should be. Without us speaking out, we give up the right to influence how the dunes are to be managed. Make no mistake: the Environmentalists will make sure their views are well represented and so must we.**

### **HOW DID THIS RESULT IN THE GLAMIS CLOSURES?**

In the lawsuit against the BLM, the plaintiffs requested that the entire 9 million acres of land that the BLM manages in the California Desert Conservation Area be closed until the BLM completed consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Rather than go to court, the BLM agreed to settle out of court and the Glamis closures were part of the settlement agreement.

### **IS THE PEIRSON'S MILK VETCH REALLY ENDANGERED?**

In the spring of 2001, the ASA hired an environmental consulting firm to count the number of PMV in the dunes. In the open areas alone, 71,926 individual PMV plants were counted. It was impossible to count the plants in the closed area because the team was not allowed to enter the closed area with motorized vehicles. In an aerial survey of the closed area, a large number of plants were observed however.

This study shows that the PMV is affected by rainfall, not by OHV use. Of all the plants counted, less than 1% had been affected by OHV's

**The biology report that was written based on the "plant count" is one that will stand up to intensive peer review. The ASA feels it clearly shows that the Peirson's milk vetch is not endangered.**

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### ***SAND SPORT SUPER SHOW A SUPER SUCCESS***

The SSSS was held in Sept at the Orange County Fair Grounds. Don Murphy the show promoter and Shawn Parker the show manager are to be commended for providing the ASA with this excellent opportunity to tell it's story to several thousand sand sport enthusiasts. The ASA success at the show can be measured in several ways;

- NEW MEMBERS——4000 PLUS
- FUNCO OPPORTUNITY——ALL 2000 TICKETS SOLD
- DUNER'S SURVIVAL KIT—20,000 BAGS DISTRIBUTED
- CALIF GREEN STICKER GRANT——NEW OPPORTUNITY
- NEW BUSINESS SIGN UP--NO TOTAL YET
- DONATIONS——OVER \$100,000
- VIP PROGRAM——50 NEW CONTACTS

The last ticket was purchased by three ASA members and given back to be auctioned off the last day of the show. The proceeds were for the American Red Cross. What an exciting time we had when the bidding went from 200-500-600-1000 and then \$3,000 and was purchased by Mark Harms and handed to a lady in the audience to possibly win the Funco buggy.

The benefits of the show are continuing to surface every day. Without the support of many ASA volunteers none of this would have occurred. Thanks to everyone who helped and attended the show.

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### **A MESSAGE FROM THE ASA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR-----by Jeff Taylor**

I would like to explain the membership organizational structure that has been set up. The idea of the structure is to allow for a timely and accurate flow of information. The structure starts with the ASA board. From there is the membership director. Each state has a state director. The state directors have divided their states into regions. Each region has a regional coordinator. The regional coordinators have further divided their region into areas that are covered by an area rep. The area rep can further divide the area as needed and enlist helpers to cover the shops in the area. The formal positions stop at the area rep level.

The coverage is not 100% complete but we are getting closer. At last count we have 60 people in the structure from myself down to the various area reps. The area reps and their helpers are the front line people and have the most contact with the public. The system has the potential to work very well for getting information out to the public at large that does not have the time or the access to get on the ASA website. Coordinating the effort of volunteers is vital to ensuring an efficient use of the limited manpower available.

That being said, I would like to reiterate the importance of anyone who has adopted a shop, or is taking information to a shop to coordinate with the local area rep. The reasons for this are to ensure timely and accurate information, and ensure good coverage in an area. Doing so will go a long way toward making the ASA into a well-respected and top-notch organization.

Additionally, if you have any problems with getting information, or anything else that falls under the scope of the structured membership organization, please feel free to contact any one of us in the chain. The information for where your area is in the structure and who to contact can be found at <http://www.geocities.com/pathfinder90706/REGIONAL.html>

If your area has no area rep, contact the regional or state coordinator. If they cannot answer your questions, then email me at [jet400ex@socal.rr.com](mailto:jet400ex@socal.rr.com) or call me at (714) 634-3382 and I will try to answer your questions or address your concerns. If I can't, I will direct the question to the board. I will not ignore any legitimate concern.

Thank you and good riding.

Jeff E. Taylor  
ASA Membership Director

## **FUNDRAISING UPDATE:**

As many of you are aware, Funco gave away a brand new Gen 3 Big 5 buggy and donated the proceeds to the ASA – that netted the ASA \$200,000 – every penny goes to preserve duning. The proud winner is Brent Whillock of El Cajon. Be sure to look for Brent in the dunes in his new yellow buggy with the ASA logo on the side.

And of course, ***a mega THANK YOU to the George family that owns and operates Funco.*** Only with support like this from sand sport businesses will we be able to keep our dunes open.

## **Now On To Next Year's Fund Raiser:**



Thanks to the generous donation of the California and Nevada Yamaha Dealers in cooperation with Yamaha Motor Corporation, we have a 2002 Yamaha Raptor to giveaway.

***This will not be a stock bike. We already have donations from the following companies...***



***White Brothers -***  
Exhaust, Air Cleaner,  
and ALL labor



***ATV Racing - Extended***  
A-arms



***Quad Tech - Wheels***



***Lazer Star - Lights***

### **And Others:**

***Racers Edge - Cam & Piston++++***

***Hinson Racing - Clutch Pack++++***

***PEP Shocks - Shocks++++***

***RIS Designs - Billet Grille, Pegs, cooler rack, and accessories covers++++***



***Sand Tires Unlimited -***  
Tires

***THERE WILL BE MANY MORE, THIS IS SURE TO BE ONE HOT BIKE!***

**Here are some of the details...**

Since everything is donated and the ASA has no dollars invested, 100% of ticket sales go to help us fight to keep our dunes open.

**Only with support like this from sand sport businesses and duners alike will we be able to keep our dunes open.**

- Tickets will be \$5 each and if you buy 4 you get the 5th free.
- No limit on number of tickets sold.
- Tickets went on sale Saturday October 6th at the Off-Road Expo at the LA Fairgrounds.
- ASA board members and principals of participating donating companies are not eligible.
- You must be at least 18 years of age to win. Void where prohibited.

***GIVEAWAY TO BE AT 3RD ANNUAL GORDON WELLS AND BUTTERCUP AREA CLEAN UP SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2002 AT PAIR-A- DICE.---WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.***

Look for the ASA trailer at various events to get you tickets or to get your tickets by mail send a check or money order for \$5 for each ticket (every \$20 gets you 5 tickets) and a Self-Addressed-Stamped-Envelope to:

**ASA Raptor Giveaway**  
3403 E. 69th Street  
Long Beach, CA 90805

## **OCEANO UPDATE-----by Jim Suty, President – Friends of Oceano Dunes**

Oceano Dunes (formerly known as Pismo Beach) is about to be closed. Since January, the park has nearly closed 4 times. A good example is the Friday before Memorial Day weekend when the Governor had to intervene to keep the beach open to the public. Friends of Oceano Dunes is currently asking public land activists to help. In February, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) will determine the fate of the Oceano Dunes State Vehicle Recreation Area (ODSVRA). The permit to operate the ODSVRA is up for review, and we have been promised a tough fight ahead. We are currently working several key issues, but we will need your help to be successful. We will need to issue press releases, have legal documents prepared, consult biologists, and meet with legislators, CCC members, and local politicians. All of these activities, along with others that we will not disclose in public, will require sufficient funding in order to be completed successfully.

Currently we are not receiving financial assistance from the various off-road groups and therefore we will depend on your generous donations. Do not let the last beach where you can camp, Jet Ski, ride horses, fish, and OHV in the dunes be closed. We can win with your help! A special thank you goes out to all who have assisted in writing letters, getting petitions signed, attending meetings, clerical work, talking to businesses and walking the beach. The volunteers have made us successful and we have achieved a great deal in a short time period but we have more to do.

I encourage you to visit our website at [www.oceanodunes.org](http://www.oceanodunes.org) for status, direction and information on how to donate your time and tax-deductible contribution.

**The California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division is working with the ASA in developing a Duner's Survival Kit for Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area.**

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## **FRIENDS OF SAND MOUNTAIN (NV) -----by Jon Crowley**

The Friends of Sand Mountain is an organization that is comprised of citizens and business representatives who enjoy the benefits of public access and usage of the Sand Mountain Recreation Area.

The Objective: To unite, inform and mobilize the many people who enjoy Sand Mountain in a cohesive organization that can promote and reinforce responsible recreation.

We will work closely with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the American Sand Association (ASA) to ensure continued access to the Sand Mountain Recreation Area.

**Annual Cleanup:** Our second annual cleanup will be on **Saturday, August 31, 2002 (Labor Day Weekend).**

More information at [www.SandMountain-NV.org](http://www.SandMountain-NV.org)

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY---HOW CAN YOU HELP----GET INVOLVED--- GET A FLAG—GET A BAG! BLM MUST ACT NOW**

The ASA board of directors has informed BLM management that they MUST ACT NOW to curtail unsafe and unlawful activities at the ISDRA. BLM must decide the appropriate course of action. The 2001-02 dune season has begun and BLM continues to condone unsafe and unlawful activities at COMP HILL, GECKO and GORDONS WELL. ASA leadership has asked BLM to enforce existing BLM rules, state and local statutes and the California Motor Vehicle Code at the ISDRA. BLM has also been asked to expedite the NEW COMP HILL rules which are awaiting approval in Washington, DC. BLM has been told that if it requires a NIGHT CURFEW at Comp Hill and NO PARKING signs at the drags the ASA Board will support their action.

Public safety must be the #1 concern of all responsible sand sport enthusiasts. Safety is as important as closure compliance. The ASA and BLM have both endorsed the DUNER'S CHECKERED FLAG PLEDGE. The ASA has initiated the DUNER'S SURVIVAL KIT. "THE BAG", is another step in ASA's PUBLIC SAFETY AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.

"THE BAG", resembling a checkered flag, includes the latest safety info and will be distributed by ASA and BLM at several sand sport recreation areas. The BLM has obtained 45,000 bags, which will be distributed by El Centro and Barstow staff members to dune visitors in their area. The California State Parks will also use THE BAG at Oceano.

### **GET A BAG — BE INFORMED---KNOW THE RULES — FOLLOW THE RULES**

The California BLM State office has recently approved new rules intended to enhance ISDRA public safety. The new rules, pending approval by the Dept. of Interior in Wash, DC., prohibit riding in pickup truck beds and unauthorized group activities.

### **GET A BAG FOR A FRIEND---PASS THE WORD---FOCUS ON SAFETY---BE RESPONSIBLE — BE SAFE**

You can help by not participating in unsafe and unlawful activities. Read the rules and avoid such activities as the Gecko Road and the Gordon's Well Drags. Do not participate in the Comp Hill activities. These activities may cost us the dunes. UNITE AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DISAPPROVAL OF THE ROWDY ELEMENT BY FLYING A CHECKERED FLAG ON YOUR WHIP. CHECKERED FLAG PLEDGE: WE fly it and live by it TRASH: WE pack it in and WE pack it out

ENFORCEMENT: WE live by the rules---WE support all law enforcement at the dunes---WE report major infractions.

**RESPECT FOR OTHER PEOPLE, SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT:**

**WE act in a responsible manner**

## **RESIGNING PROJECT**

## **ASA VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT BLM STAFF --- BY BOB MONSON**

For us to keep the remainder of our dunes open, and in an effort to regain the space we have already lost, we must stay out of the closed areas. The BLM does weekly land, and air surveys to monitor compliance. So far we have done an excellent job of staying only in those areas that remain open. But it is hard to stay out of closed areas if they are not properly marked. In an obvious sign of support for the ASA and the checkered flag program, the BLM recently called on the ASA to help put up closure signs in the ISDRA.

Neil Hamada, Manager of the ISDRA, put together a proposal asking the ASA for volunteers to help with the sign reposting. The BLM was in need of support as they have a limited number of vehicles that can traverse the dunes. These vehicles are also needed for EMS. Neil presented the plan to the ASA at the "Sand Sports Super Show" in Orange County CA. The proposal was accepted, Bob Mason called on ASA chapters to help with the project. The BLM recently added temporary staff consisting of emergency medical personnel, and law enforcement personnel. Some of these personnel worked in the project.

On Saturday October 13 the ASA joined the BLM, headed up by Neil Hamada, in re-setting the dune closure signs on the south end of the dunes. The BLM had requested we keep the number of volunteers to a manageable number to insure success of the project. They achieved their intended objective. Re-signing of the south-east/west boundary of the large closure. The small "bubble" just south of Patton Valley, and the small "bubble" at Buttercup were all reposted. For the south end project, chapters from Yuma AZ were called on. The organizer from Yuma was Ryan Conrad from the "Yuma Scorpions" chapter. The volunteers were: Ryan Conrad, Dave Merino and Godson Jeremy Munoz (age 8), Roy Hollingsworth, (Dave and Jeremy did the Buttercup closure by themselves with John from the BLM) Sandaholics Chapter: Julio Perea, Ray Aviles SR., and son Ray Aviles JR., Ely Mayoral, Lupe Sandoval.

The work force for the BLM consisted: Neil Hamada, Tom Sharkey, Chris Lazano, Emmitt Fried, John Johnson. At the end of the day the BLM bought dinner for the volunteers at "Pair-A-Dice". Lynne and Connie (owners) not only served up some great food, they also donated some conference space for meetings with "U-Park" and the BLM. This meeting was about the new "Duner Survival Kit" bags that will be passed out this season. A great day, and much accomplished!

On Saturday October 20, the north end of the dune closures were assaulted by the BLM and the "Sandslinger" chapter from Chandler AZ. Tom Sharkey, Assistant Manager of the ISDRA was the man in charge of the north end project. A few able "lieutenants" from the BLM accompanied Tom. They were joined by ASA volunteers: Bryan Warren, Chris Warren, Jason Chapplear, Jeff Taylor, Rick Koester, Jeff Peterman, Derrick Schultis, Rob Cohen, Chris Jones, Jake Mckernan, Mark Gardner, Mark Cain, Jason Garcia, Nick Semmens, Jon Boyd, Alex Cervantes, Joey Eichten, Mike Martinez, Marcus Martinez. They split into two groups, one tackling the north footprint, the other group handled the north end of the large closure area. They put up a total of 750 posts in about 2 and a half hours. Everyone survived and had fun despite the heat, and hard work of walking up and down dunes. In the evening the BLM joined the ASA at their campsite, and cooked up a feast of carne asada for the volunteers!

*Great teamwork keeping the dunes safe, legal, and fun.*

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **ISDRA-November 17- Comp Hill Cleanup**

### **December 7-8, 2001, 8:00 a.m., Desert Advisory Council Meeting**

The California Desert Advisory Council tour is on December 7th and the meeting is on December 8th at the El Centro BLM office. Attending these meetings shows our dedication to our chosen sport. For more information write to Vicki Warren at [GlamisFlyers@yahoo.com](mailto:GlamisFlyers@yahoo.com) or call (909) 738-9047.

### **ISDRA-December 28 – Olds Hill Cleanup**

### **January 5-6, 2002, San Diego Off Road Exposition**

San Diego Off Road Exposition at the Cajon Speedway, El Cajon, California. Last year was a first for this event and it was a huge success. For more information on the 2002 Exposition, contact Janette McGarvie at (619) 561-3877 or via e-mail at [expo@sdorc.org](mailto:expo@sdorc.org).

### **January 19, 2002, 9:00 a.m., 5th Annual Glamis Dunes Cleanup**

The 5th Annual Glamis Dunes Cleanup begins at the Gecko Road Ranger Station. Food and drinks, t-shirts, raffle prizes, bigger and better than ever. It's just one more way to help keep Glamis open. For more information contact Jennifer Whyte, 986 N. Center Street, Orange, CA 92867, (714) 633-8763, e-mail [info@projectsand.org](mailto:info@projectsand.org).

### **ISDRA-February 15- Sand Drags Cleanup**

### **ISDRA-Saturday March 2, 2002 at Pair-A- Dice 3rd Annual Gordon's Well and Buttercup Area Clean Up** **ASA RAPTOR GIVEAWAY – DRAWINGS FOR OTHER PRIZES.**

### **ISDRA-March 16- Comp Hill Cleanup**

### **ISDRA-March 29- Olds Hill Cleanup**

### **Sand Mountain-Saturday, August 31, 2002 (Labor Day Weekend)**

## **LEGAL UPDATE** -----By Mark Harms, Vicki Warren, and Vince Brunasso

A lot has happened recently with regard to ASA's legal and biological issues. Let's talk about our biological direction first. The results from the Thomas Olsen biological study, headed by Grant George last season, showed more than 71,000 individual plants in the open areas alone. When you consider the fact that our biological team was denied motorized access to the closed areas, it is reasonable to assume that the Peirson's Milk Vetch (PMV) count exceeded well over 100,000. Obviously, this plant is neither endangered nor threatened, as some would have us believe.

Armed with this evidence, the law firm representing the ASA filed a petition on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2001 with the Department of Interior to have the PMV delisted. Specifically, we are petitioning Gail Norton's office as well as some of the BLM and Fish and Wildlife offices throughout the state. The ASA filed this petition in collaboration with the San Diego Off Road Coalition (SDORC) and the Off Road Business Association (ORBA). We will refer to this delisting coalition in the future as the ASA group. Most of the closures in the Imperial Sand Dune Recreational Area (ISDRA) are based on the threatened status of the PMV. If the ASA Group is successful in our attempt, present and future closures based on this plant have no supporting arguments.

Now for the legal side of issues —We will keep this short and sweet, however there are many twists and turns in this battle to regain our dunes and lots more to come. As you all know, because of the lawsuit filed by the ASA, CORVA, and AMA District 37, the BLM rescinded their original closure orders and has now re-closed the areas, attempting to follow proper procedures this time around. The recently completed Environmental Assessment for the ISDRA, is as poor a job as one agency could do and still get credit (in our humble opinion). However, they fulfilled the NEPA requirements, effectively bringing our lawsuit to a standstill. This is no less than expected.

What is exciting is now that the BLM has completed the EA, the Thomas Olsen study will be made part of the record. Without going into a lot of detail, it is a MAJOR accomplishment and advantage that we may not have had without the lawsuit and the motion for clarification brought by the SDORC. With our report being a part of the record, we can appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), which we will do as part of the administrative process. In our appeal, we will ask for a stay of the decision to enact the revised closures. If the IBLA grants our appeal, the signage will come down. While we are not overly optimistic that our appeal will be granted in its entirety, it is only one step toward our goal. Unfortunately, those other steps cannot be discussed just yet.

Just know this, we believe every one of you that has fought this battle to regain our dunes has a right to know the whole story. As soon as we are permitted to share more of this with you, we will. Sometimes it might look like we're going backwards but don't let looks deceive you; it's all about perception and we are continuing to move forward through the legal maze.

**See next news letter about seed bed count sponsored by ASA,SDORC and CORVA and will cost \$40,000. We will need transport for our bio team in the dunes. Contact Grant George at 909-421-2558**

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## **FIRST ANNUAL GLAMIS POKER RUN A SUCCESS**-----by Jim Colln

First of all, **Thank You** to all that braved the **HEAT** (97degrees) and participated in the **1st Annual Glamis Poker Run**. Sorry, we had no control of the weather!!!---We had a good turnout with 304 registered players. But we were prepared for MANY more.As it was our first attempt as a club to put on an event, boy did we learn many things. For those of you that said you were coming and couldn't make it, (and there were alot..) you can still send in your check for \$20.00 to the **ASA** and put **Glamis Poker Run** in the comment section and I will mail you a participant sticker.

**1st** place trophy and YAMAHA Generator donated by **Long Beach Motorsports** went to Jeff Meek the grand prize winner with the best full house. (there were **9** full houses!!!) **2nd** place trophy and **Transmissions West** gift certificate went to Denise Whittle. **3rd** place trophy and **Webb USA** Beverage Containment System went to Toni Lawrence. The 50/50 money winner was Steve Brooks (Mr. Obsessed) with a cool \$390.00. Auction winner on the 2 custom embroidered ASA Glamis Poker Run shirts was Pat Scott of **Weekend Concepts**, thanks for both donations Pat.

Total money raised was over **\$6000.00!!!** And the dunes are much cleaner and people are more educated about the issues.

There are SO many people to thank besides the **R & R Duners Club**. Here are a **FEW** of them that made this all possible. First to **Boardmanville** for the location and hospitality, thanks Jeanne **Long Beach Motorsports** that provided us the Yamaha Portable Generator as the grand prize. And other great raffle prizes, thanks Bob, Dean and Moe.

**Project Sand** for the trash bags, thanks Jennifer & Rob.

**Need4Stickers** for the participant stickers for everyone. Thanks Lisa.

**Innovated Designs Concepts** for the use of the generator (man is that quiet) and the GPS mounting system raffle prize, thanks Glen.

**"ASARick"** for the use of his flatbed and PA system, thanks Rick.

**"ProGlamis"** for transporting the ASA Trailer to Boardmanville, thanks Craig.

**Ron Scott** for having the new **2002 Yamaha Raptor** giveaway on display and selling the raffle tickets, and the **Lazer Star** Banshee light kit for the raffle, thanks Ron.

**Flo Haynes** for selling all the **ASA merchandise** at the trailer, thanks Flo.

**Funrunner**, for the great raffle prizes and helping Flo all day at the ASA trailer, thanks Roger and Linda.

These are **only a few** of the many people that helped. Please go to <http://www.geocities.com/GLAMISPOKERRUN/>

**SPONSORS.html** and see the over 50 sponsors that made this event possible and a great success. **THANKS EVERYONE.....**

The **R & R Duners Club**

### THIS YEAR'S ASA CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

One of the ways you can help raise funds for the ASA is by purchasing an ASA calendar. Featured are your favorite sand riding areas. These great shots give you that all-important between trip sand fix – especially during the summer months. Take care of your sand craving while helping raise funds to keep our dunes open. Order before they are all gone – only \$10 each. Makes a great Christmas present.---**Contact:**

Checked flags are available for \$5 and serve 2 valuable purposes: uniting lawful duners and a fundraiser. **Contact:** Flo

Flo Haynes  
11419 Daybreak Trail  
Moreno Valley CA 92557----e-mail: [MVFloMo@aol.com](mailto:MVFloMo@aol.com)

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### HAVE YOU SEEN THE ASA VIDEO?

The ASA video is being distributed to public officials, the media, and politicians to explain the ASA position regarding the temporary closure. **Get your copy by sending \$5.00 (our cost) to:**

Deliveries will take about a week. The video will be available on our site shortly.

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### ASA VOLUNTEERS GET IT DONE

**ASA IS YOU.** Membership has grown to more than 15,000 members and over 200 business supporters. This has happened because of the very nature of the SAND SPORT. Duners are highly motivated and have volunteered to **GET IT DONE.** The list of volunteer accomplishments is impressive and long. Among them are:

- CHECKERED FLAG PROGRAM
- MEMBERSHIP SIGNUPS
- CHAPTER FUND RAISERS
- RE-SIGNING THE CLOSURE
- DUNE INFO MEETINGS
- BUSINESS SUPPORTER CONTACTS
- DUNER'S SURVIVAL KIT PREP

#### YOU TOO CAN HELP!

Contact your area rep to become part of the team. Go to <http://www.geocities.com/pathfinder90706/REGIONAL.html> or Call Jeff Taylor to find out who your rep is - (714) 634-3382

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This is your newsletter. Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome at [AmSandAssoc@Earthlink.net](mailto:AmSandAssoc@Earthlink.net) or call Vince Brunasso at 909-596-3147 *Dune onto others as you would have them dune onto you.*

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