



## **Eastern Platte Muzzleloaders More Wind from the High Plains March 2010**

**Thought For Today:**

**Here's to eyes in your heads and none in  
your spuds.**

**Irish Toast**



**Hello my little leprechauns!**

**Great news! There's land under all that snow and we're beginning to get a glimpse of it. I can tell its feeling like Spring outside the windows because the Mr. Ed is starting to shed layers of clothing which causes our dogs to watch him very closely. Now I can start complaining about rain and mud just to spice up the newsletter a little bit. (I did promise...) The February Meat Shoot had to be postponed until the March club shoot because the road conditions into the range were not fit for werewolf or man. The only bonus to happen out of that situation was the invention of the mountain man car wash by Cal Griffiths and Jim Klinger. (Ask them!) At least three sets of your various mountain folk ventured to home on the range and all of them were forced to turn back to their respective cities in a whirl of disgust and obscenities. Mother Nature really needs to let up on these cabin-fevered sacks o' humanity and allow them to go shoot at something...**



**The meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> was attended by 10 members with very little in the way of business to discuss. Nothing has been going on folks since the world froze up about 3 months ago! The Meat Shoot agenda was discussed a little more---when you can't actually**



have the event, you yak about it... President Sean informs us blackjack is needed for the shooting range and Cal Griffiths will be in charge of pursuing it. The pot luck will fill bellies as usual with whatever bounty the participants bring. There is real concern now that all the looked-for rain may cause swampy road conditions for us and yet another postponement. Any change in plans will be announced on our website so check in here and there for up-to-the-minute reports. (Or just lots of swearing...)

☘ The EPM auction is on again this year and will take place at the Fall Shoot evening council fire. Last year the auction was a great success especially when it is considered that there wasn't exactly a multitude at the event. We are hoping to do at least as well this year and fatten the bank account a little. (Mama wants a laptop!) Donations will be taken through the year and if pictures of the items are available they'll be placed in the photo gallery of our website. Donations can be given to your nearest officer, brought to club events, or added to the auction table on the very evening said auction commences. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and maintain EPM's existence for 1 more year so let the eagerness of giving begin! (There being a few exceptions; please hang onto your loin-of-cloth and any mountain man jammies worn for 2 winters or more.)

☘ Well my not-Patty's, with a final reminder that membership dues is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>, that's all I've got for this month. We need to do something pretty quick---the newsletter gets any more boring---I'm having myself reassigned. With any luck, the Meat Shoot/Club Shoot will have you people really flaunting your true colors and there will be some fine racy reporting next month. Someone did ask at the meeting if anyone was ready for the B-word (Butch!) famous horn shoot in the Spring...that's how sad our event horizon has become. Our shooters are now looking forward to blowing up their very supplies. Ker-boom and someone bring a camera!

'Til Next Month,

Ed





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### **Meetings:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month/ Perkins 3529 S. 72<sup>nd</sup> St.**

**6:00 P.M. to eat, 7:00 to meet**

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## **EPM CALENDAR**

**March 27-28.....Meat Shoot/Club Monthly Shoot**

**April 1.....Membership Dues**

**April 13.....NEXT MEETING!!**

**April 25.....Club Monthly Shoot/Work Party**



## **Irish Parsnip Topped Shepherd's Pie**

**\*\*Dutch Oven Style**

**3 1/2 cups roast beef - cooked and cut into bite sized pieces**

**1/2 cabbage - shredded**

**6 ounces baby carrots - chunked**

**3 stalks celery - sliced**

**1 onion - diced**

**4 beef bouillon cubes dissolved in 4 cups water- divided**

**4 potatoes - large, peeled and cubed**

**4 parsnips - peeled and diced**

**2 tablespoons butter or margarine**

**1/4 cup heavy whipping cream**

**1 cup Swiss cheese - shredded**

**In a Dutch oven, cook the roast in 2 cups of beef broth with the vegetables for 2 hours on medium low heat. You can also use a slow cooker for this and cook on low for 4-6 hours. Skip this step if you are using leftovers from a previous meal.**

**Cut beef into bite sized pieces.**

**Place the beef in a baking dish along with the vegetables and the remaining 2 cups of beef broth.**

**Meanwhile, boil potatoes and parsnips 12-15 minutes just until tender.**

**Drain the water off and put back on the burner with the heat turned off, just to allow them to dry out for one minutes.**

**Add butter, heavy whipping cream and 1/2 cup of cheese.**

**Mash until smooth and season with salt and pepper.**

**Spread the potatoes and parsnips over the beef filling in the baking dish.**

**Place in a 375°F oven for 15 minutes, top with the rest of the cheese and return to the oven for an additional 15 minutes or until bubbly and the top is browned.**

**Serve warm.**



**Five frogs are sitting on a log. Four decide to jump off. How many are left? Answer: five.**

**Why? Because there's a difference between deciding & doing.**



**"Both your friend and your enemy think you will never die."**

**There are many good reasons for drinking;**

**One has just entered my head.**

**If a man doesn't drink when he's living,**

**How in the hell can he drink when he's dead?**



**May the best day of your past**

**Be the worst day of your future.**



**For each petal on the shamrock**

**This brings a wish your way-**

**Good health, good luck, and happiness**

**For today and every day.**