



# STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **BLUE NOTES**

**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2008**

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### **THANKS!!**

**Blue Notes** Would like to extend many thanks and best wishes to Chief Tom Morris who retired at the end of October. His unwavering support for our Department's historical efforts has been much appreciated.

We also need to say many thanks to Barbara Chavez, Executive Assistant who will also be retiring mid-December. Barbara has been very patient and helpful in getting this publication up and running.

### **Over the Internet.....**

In order to speed up delivery and widen the circulation of **Blue Notes**, we have set up an internet address dedicated to Stockton Police History. Any retirees who would like to receive this newsletter via the internet, send us your internet address and the **Blue Notes** will be sent to you electronically. We are still working on compatibility issues, trying to insure that this newsletter will be compatible with most computer formats, so it may be a short while before things are running 100%.

In the meantime, you will also be able to use this address to communicate directly with the Editor!

Please be assured addresses collected will be kept confidential and will not be shared, sold or otherwise abused! Our address is..... **SPDHistory@ AOL.com**

### **Retirees Please Note .....**

SPOA Office Manager Christine Pires has been away for a few weeks for medical leave. That delayed our mailing out the October edition, which you will find included with this month's issue.

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### A Small Fortune

Back in mid June of this year, the well known auction firm, Greg Martin Auctions of San Francisco had a special auction dedicated to some pretty high end collectables. Included were law enforcement badges belonging to Pat Garrett – the lawman who ended “Billy the Kid’s” career in 1881, and the famous “Buck Garrett” another old west personality.

Also included was the badge of Stockton Police Chief Benjamin Rogers who oversaw the Department from 1884 to 1887. Rogers’ badge was a circle surrounding a five pointed star executed in solid gold. Pre-auction estimates on the value of this badge were from \$10,000 to \$15,000. When all was done the auction gavel closed on a bid of \$32,000.

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### A SPECIAL VISIT:

Pioneer Pistol Team Shooter Henry Perez recently stopped by the Police Range. Perez, who was appointed to the SPD in 1951, had been a competition shooter before joining the SPD and helped launch the Stockton Team and establish our department in the front ranks of National Police Shooting Competitions. Perez retired in 1971, and began a second career as the west coast distributor for Smith & Wesson. Perez now resides in Azusa, CA.



Assistant Range Master Virgil Lowe, Retired Officer Perez and Retired Deputy Chief Novaresi discuss target shooting.