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A Hale and Hearty Hello

January decided to allow us to shoot both weekends. But the cold weather must have caused a few shooters to stay home. HPD had 20 shooters. So, 2-10-person posse's meant everyone worked the entire time. No time to sit and talk about how good looking and how fast you were when you were young.

ROOP had even fewer shooters. 16 of us in one posse. This meant shooters could actually take a break. The stages were written by Pascoe Trace and were a bit different, but not complicated.

We are seeing the new owner of the oval course starting to make a few changes. He's building a new motocross course north of the entry drive. We hear escrow is closing and Dan 1, the original owner, will still be involved at the property. Good news for us. We may have to come up with an actual lease agreement with the new owner. But for now, it's still a wait in see for us.

Last month I sent out an email and put the same info in the newsletter about the RO 1 & 2 classes we're offering. The RO 1 course is April 25th from 9 to 3 pm at the range. The RO 2 class is May 16 from 9 to 5 pm at the range. I'll reiterate, the club is paying for the classes, we don't have enough qualified RO 1 & 2 shooters in our club. Meaning we need more. The classes also include refresher elements for those of us who are RO 1 & 2 certified. So far, we have 3 current RO's and only 1 full class attendee. **While it's a bit away, if we don't get a better turn out by the end of March, we will cancel the classes!**

That's it for now. Let's hope February lets us shoot.

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Howdy all,

Our January Roop Monthly Match was met with a cold and blustery day. We had 17 brave souls come out for the fun. Pasco wrote some interesting and fast stages although we only had two clean shooters. With the number of shooters we had we could only run one posse. I was surprised how fast it went with everyone pitching in. I much prefer one larger posse to two small posses under these circumstances although I have to admit that I could have done more work within the posse!! Thanks to all that stepped up and helped out on a cold day!!

Next month our very own Jackpot Jerry will be writing the stages for both the HPD and Roop with his Winter Range Warm-up Stages. We will need extra help because there is a lot of set up and just as important the tear down to be done. We'll put out a reminder and the dates for these matches grow closer.

We would like to finalize our Stage Writer's Schedule, but we have two spaces open still. The remaining dates are for the Roop Match on March 8th and the HPD match on Dec 6th. Please respond to this newsletter if you can help us out.

It's with a heavy heart that I have to inform you all of the passing of a great lady and dear friend of our club. Nana, the beloved wife of Blackjack Slim passed after a short bout with cancer. Her infectious smile and positive attitude will be sorrowly missed. Our heart felt sympathy goes out to our dear friend and the family of Blackjack Slim. I have already put the name badges she so artfully crafted for us on my many cowboy hats!!

Safety - I witnessed something at the January HPD match that needs to be brought to the attention of all of us. A shooter had a gun malfunction and while repairing the problem lost a part behind the unloading table. There was another shooter searching for the part behind the unloading table with guns on the table. I know the guns were unloaded but that still doesn't make it right. We all need to follow the rules. If someone outside our group had seen this they just might think that safety isn't a concern of ours and we can't have that. The unloading table officer should have stopped that from happening and the shooter with the malfunction should have done the same!! Were all safety officers and as you all know it's the unloaded gun that kills people!!!! On a positive note our very own Eagle Eyed Georgia Blue found it after the guns were removed from the unloading table. Good job buddy!!!!

I have some good news for those of you who wish to follow the new Nevada State Gun Laws. Kristy at Battle Born Ammo is doing person to person transfers for free. Give her a call and make sure you mention our club, the Battle Born Rangers.

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That's all for now and I'm sure a bunch of you are doing the same thing I am doing on these cold and short winter days that's making a stink pot full of ammo for the up coming shooting season!!

*See you on the range,
Jasper*

Creatures of Habits

I suspect that I am not all that much different than others reading this. We are all creatures of habit.

Let me cite a few examples:

- If you are right-handed, in all probability, brush your teeth starting on your upper left molars.
- If you are right-handed, while dressing in the morning, in all probability, dress by standing (assuming you can still stand while doing this) on your left foot and slipping your tight leg into your pants.
- If you are right-handed, while brushing your hair, in all probability, comb/brush your hair starting on the left side of your head.

These examples can go on and on and on.

Let me give you a few examples of my habits:

When I was working, I saved the annual calendars that the company print shop did for years and years. They were always placed on the upper left pull out flat drawer of my desk. My desk changed over the years but the calendars location did not. The day that I retired an old friend flew in to say 'good-bye' to me. As we reminisced over the past, he asked me if I still had all the calendars from my first year of work. I pulled out the drawer and there they were. We both had a good chuckle over my eccentricity.

Another example:

I have always been a Diet Pepsi fan. Every now and again, in the absence of a Diet Pepsi, I have been known to prostrate myself to drink a Diet Coke. What makes this different is each and every time I was done with the soda, I pulled off the 'pull tab' and threw it in the middle left drawer of my desk. This went on for years and years. Then one day, an email can across my desk from a fellow co-worker who I had worked with since my first day. Her email stated that her father had been diagnosed with lung cancer. Her email also stated that her father had no health insurance to pay for the treatments. Surprisingly enough her email was not soliciting funds to help pay for her father's cancer treatments. She was soliciting 'pull tabs' from the tops of soda/beer/juice cans. She had heard that some company would convert those 'pull tabs' into dollars.

As I read her email I thought "What a great way to help out a fellow co-worker with one of my eccentricities". The next day I came to work with a bunch of one gallon size Zip Lock Bags and cleaned out my desk drawer of pull tabs. I filled up four bags of soda pull tabs. My desk drawer was now empty. As I gathered up the bags, I walked over to my co-workers desk and laid the bags on her desk. As she looked at me, she quickly burst into tears. As I type this, I can still remember the look on her face as I said, 'Here yah go, hope these can help you out with your dad.' A few weeks later, she came into my office with all four bags of pull tabs and told me the reimbursement for pull tabs was a 'hoax'. As she sat in front of my desk, we discussed her dad and how he was feeling. As she got up, I gave her all I had in my wallet and for the next year I monthly gave her the same amount to help out with expenses for her father.

After our retirement we moved to the Carson Valley. Within just a few days of moving in I had 'Big Blue' set up and running for the weekends match. As I dumped out a box of large pistol primers, I threw the box into the bottom of the drawer of the workbench. Yes - old habits die hard. You are probably thinking the big dummy is at it again. Over the years the workbench drawer filled up again and again with empty boxes. Eventually I had to start cutting off the tops to keep the drawer from overflowing. Fourteen and a half years later the workbench drawer finally filled up with just the tops of the primer boxes.

On New Years Day of 2020, I decided to count all of those primer box tops. Here are to totals of all of those primers loaded, but not necessarily shot, over the fourteen and a half years.



Yes - this really is an entire five gallon bucket completely full of Primer Package tops.

Primers Loaded in the Past 14.5 Years but not necessarily shot:

Small Pistol	Boxes of 100	Extension
Wolf	452	45,200
Tula	231	23,100
Winchester	325	32,500
S&B	39	3,900
CCI	8	800
Federal	31	3,100
	Total	108,600
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Large Pistol		
Wolf	40	4,000
Tula	25	2,500
Winchester	217	21,700
CCI	1	100
Federal	15	1,500
	Total	29,800
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Large Rifle		
Winchester	20	2,000
Federal	2	200
	Total	2,200
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Small Rifle		
Winchester	5	500
CCI	24	2,400
	Total	2,900
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Shotgun		
Winchester	85	8,500
Federal	2	200
CCI	18	1,800
NSI	20	2,000
RIO	7	700
	Total	13,200
	Totals	156,700

Here is what have I learned here after counting all of these primer boxes:

- It takes a long time to count an entire workbench drawer full of primer boxes.
- It cost a large amount of funds to purchase those primers over the years, not including the bullets, shot and powder.
- It took a large volume of time to load all of those primers into ‘whatever’.
- ***And the most important thing I learned while counting the primer box tops was this:***

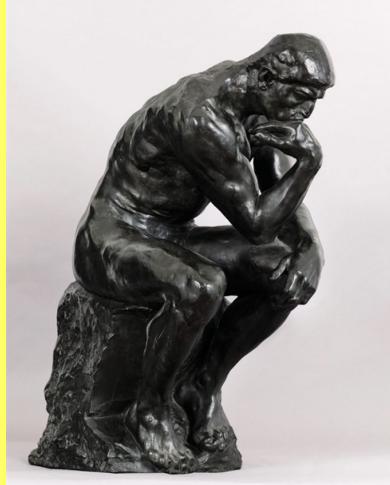
Never, ever, never count something like this while your spouse is around so that that person can wonder ‘what is he doing and how much did all of this cost.”

*And I am
Mr. Ed*



What's

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Call

At a recent match one of the shooters had a problem with his rifle during the match.

During the rifle string the rifle was reloaded because ‘I thought I jacked out a round’. When the stage was over the shooter was asked to check his rifle for rounds. A round was discovered in the rifle but not on the carrier. Apparently, somehow, one of rounds did not make it out of the tube and onto the carrier because of a malfunction within the rifle.

What's the call?

This is a real situation. If, as an ROI or ROII (or just someone who wants to know), and you know the answer - GREAT!!

If you do **NOT** know the answer, it just might be time to take the Initial ROI/ROII or Refresher Courses being offered by BBR.

Answer to ‘What's the Call’ on the last page.

Yah Gotta Check out the Equipment Every now and again

As the title states, every now and again, all of us must check out the equipment that we use (and abuse) for the obvious and not-so-obvious.

At a recent match, while loading the handguns and then spinning the cylinders to assure myself that there were no 'high primers' I found one of them that completely stopped the cylinder rotation while at the loading bench. As we all do, when this happens, we either attempt to get the problem round out while turning the cylinder in the handgun or attempt to drop out the cylinder to 'finger feel' for the problem child.

On this occasion I struggled to remove the cylinder. When the cylinder finally came out I looked for the tell-tale scratching of the primer heads but could find none. "No problem I tell myself I'll just go back to the cart, get five different hand gun cartridges and reload the gun." After retrieving the new cartridges, I placed the cylinder back into the handgun and attempted to again spin the cylinder. Low and behold, the cylinder locked up again. 'What are the odds,' I think to myself. I again struggle to remove the cylinder. When it finally falls on the reloading bench, I again look for the 'high primer' but again could not find one with that type of problem.

I again placed the cylinder back into the handgun and attempted to spin the empty cylinder. It would not spin freely. I than attempted to 'dry fire' the empty handgun at the reloading table. The gun would work once, then struggle with itself for a couple of cylinders and then work freely for a couple of pulls before struggling again. At that point I picked up the gear, placed the equipment in the gun cart and proceeded to run the timer for rest of the day to help out an already short posse.

When I came home, I completely disassembled the problem handgun. My first observation was that I should clean the inside of the frame just a little more often. Notwithstanding that issue, I placed the cylinder back into the handgun and attempted to spin the cylinder. Again, it would not spin freely. It would bind on three of the six cylinders. So I think, 'Now what's the problem?' I now take out the cylinder of my other handgun, place it into the 'broken' handgun and attempt to spin the cylinder. To my chagrin that cylinder spins freely. I have now determined that there is something wrong with the original cylinder.

I now pickup the problem cylinder to 'inspect' it. While looking at the back of the cylinder I notice some issues with the cylinder turning lugs. They are dimpled!!



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format, expand the
document large
enough to see the
dimples**

So how will I 'fix' this problem? I had absolutely no idea.

The idea on how to correct this problem came to me during the middle of the night. The solution was simple. I have two sets of micro files. One set is a set of micro regular files, the other set is a set of micro diamond coated files.

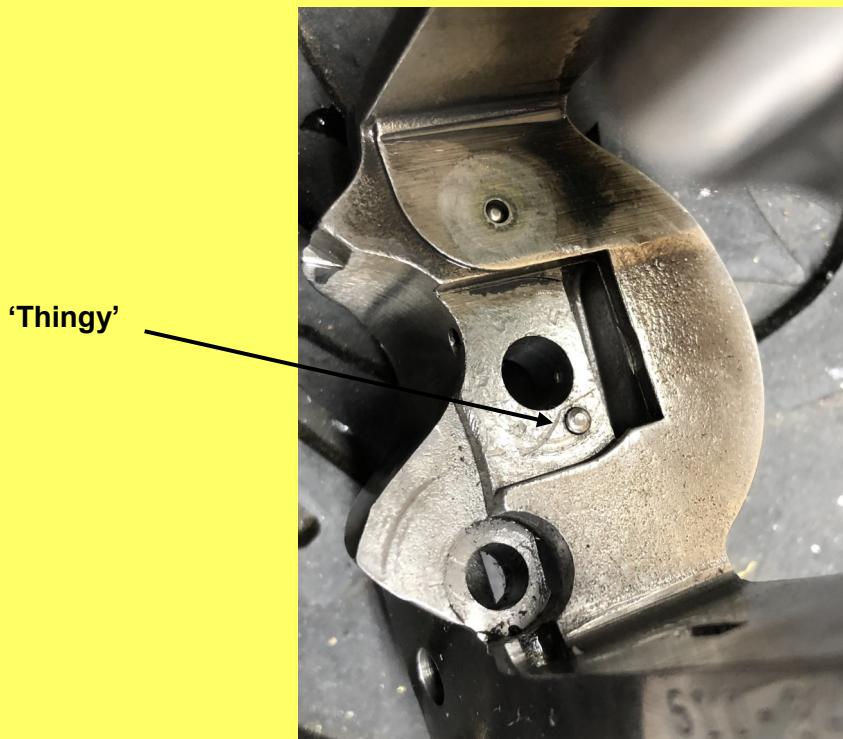
The next morning I placed the cylinder into my vice and 'GENTLY', using the diamond files, filed off the dimples. The end result was this:



No more dimples

After filing and reinserting the cylinder back into the gun, the cylinder again spins freely.

I still have no idea how this happened or when the problem started to happen. My suspicion is that these dimples started from this little 'thingy'.

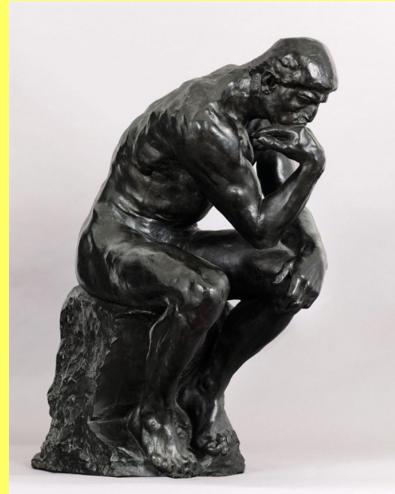


The lesson learned here is not all problems are obvious. One must be diligent in caring for our equipment. This could have been a real disaster if it had happened after traveling 500 or more miles to a major match.

And I am
Mr Ed



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Answer:

The answer is: **No Call**

Reason: The round was discovered UNDER the carrier and not 'On' the carrier.

The explanation is found in the Shooters Handbook on page 18 and states the following:

"Should an empty casing/hull be ejected or found in the action or chamber, or a live round **on the carrier** of an open action, a Minor Safety Violation (MSV) will be assessed. However, if the action is opened and a live/unfired round is ejected, a Stage DQ (SDQ) will be assessed for a long gun with a "live round under a cocked hammer having left the shooter's hands".