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Howdy all,

February Roop Match

Well the weather wasn't the best, but we had 20 shooters come out to see what Jackpot Jerry had in store for us and we had four shooters shoot clean!! Thanks to all that came early and stayed late to put out, then put up all that steel and a special thanks to Jackpot Jerry for writing the stages for us. A special thanks to one of our newest members, Diamond Dirk Slade for jumping right in and helping on one of the few times we set up six bays!!! Welcome to our range and hope to see you lots in the future!! It was great to meet Redeye Hull the week before as well!! Its great to have new blood join us in the middle of winter and for that matter any time we get new shooters and they leave smiling it make me happy as well!!

March BBR Scheduling

For March we have a cowboy practice scheduled for Saturday March 3rd and Capt. West writing the stages for the HPD monthly match on March 4th. The following weekend we have a campout scheduled. We'll have to see if it warms up a bit before we brave the elements. We have a Long Range event scheduled for Saturday March 10th and Red Shirt Gunfighter for Roop monthly match the next day Sunday March 11th. I'll be in charge of setting up the stages so come on out early and help the broken down stage writer for the day!!

Bay Volunteers

We have gotten volunteers to adopt most of the bays. Please keep in mind that I was still under the weather when I wrote down who gets what bay. If you didn't get the stage of your dreams get a hold of me and we'll do some finagling!! Also, there is still time to adopt a bay if you want. The Board members who have bays would gladly give up their respective bays if our members are interested in taking on this project!!

- Bay #1 - The Livery - Drifter John
- Fire Function Bay - **Not yet adopted**
- Bay #4 - The Brothel - Fallen Grace
- Bay #6 - The Jail - Nevada Starr

- Bay #2 - The Chapel - JJ
- Bay #3 - Not adopted as yet
- Bay #5 - The Restaurant - Nevada Blaze
- Bay #7 - The Saloon - Ike

Bay Volunteers (Continued)

We want to get started with the preliminary work such as pressure washing all of the storefronts so the adopters can paint them a little later in the spring when things warm up a bit. We'll need a little help removing some of the props that are on each bay before we begin the pressure washing. These folks who adopted their respective bays will have creative license on how their bays will be finished, but any changes will have to be approved by the board. Any funds that need to be spent for paint, props, curtains and so forth will have to have board approval before spending any money. The kind folks who have adopted the bays will need the entire clubs help in the projects they deem necessary along with general up keep.

First Scheduled Roop County Days Meeting

We need to have a meeting for our annual match coming up this September. If you are interested in helping please hang around after the March Roop match. We'll be discussing the jobs that need to be filled and how to open up our communication more with the board and entire club.

April's HPD Stages

Slow Thunder and I will be writing the stages for the April HPD monthly match. More info as the date draws closer.

BE ADVISED THAT IT'S APRIL FOOL'S DAY!!!

That's all for now, hope to see you on the range,

JASPER

BBR Members 2018 Winter Range Results

Most of you probably know that last week Winter Range was shot and is now in the books.

As usual Northern Nevada, represented by some BBR Members was represented quite well.

Here are the results of those who attended:

- Fanner Fifty Gunfighter 8th Place in Category
- Nevada Starr Ladies Silver Senior 9th Place in Category
- Nevada Blaze Cowgirl 4th Place in Category
- Dutch Dalton Silver Senior 5th Place in Category
- Wylie Fox Silver Senior 35th Place in Category
- Long Range Pistol 2nd Place
- Long Range Buffalo 2nd Place
- Single Shot
- Long Range Top Gun 2nd Place (Awaiting Confirmation)
- Ogallala Kid Forty Niner 26th Place in Category
- Long Range Buffalo 3rd Place
- Single Shot

Ogallala also has the Honorable Distinction of shooting a '**Clean Match**'

- Jackpot Jerry Gunfighter 17th Place
- Jackpot Jerry also has an Honorable Distinction of shooting the match as a 3rd Generation Participant (i.e. Grandfather, Son, and Grandson)
- Congratulations Jerry !!**

Congratulations to all of you !!

Cowboy Shooting Experience(s) vs IDPA Shooting Experience

What's the difference with the experience(s) you might be wondering? First of all, to most, the difference is quite obvious. Cowboy Shooting: Six guns, lever action rifles, pumped shotguns or SxS's versus the semi-auto pistols and carbines with pistol caliber cartridges.

Today, I went to an IDPA Match to watch, and only watch, my first ever IDPA Match. Sunday morning (2-15-2018) started out clear and very cold. It took a couple of hours after start time before my fingers finally started to warm up. Yes – I am glad I was not shooting cowboy today.

As I came to the match I found a couple of familiar faces. It was nice to see familiar faces so they could explain to me the stages, shooting sequences, and just how this IDPA stuff worked.

The IDPA folks started as the Cowboys do. Posse's are arranged during signup and the stages were explained to the group before shooting and everyone moseyed to their respective bays to enjoy the rest of their day.

What I really wanted explain here is the socialization difference between the two shooting groups. While both shooting groups both get a kick-out-of-shooting their respective shootin' irons, I noted a noticeable difference between the ways new shooters/visitors are treated. When I walked up to group, I was quickly introduced to the 'guy-in-charge' by the guys I knew and then was just as quickly placed aside. During their group get-to-gather, I was not introduced by anyone and was basically treated as a 'Hummmmm'. During the entire match there were small groups' folks talking that were basically impenetrable by myself being an outsider. This went on the entire match.

Over the past couple of years I have had the opportunity to travel up and down the west coast and places east to different cowboy shooting matches. At each and every place I have been, those folks in charge (and most everyone in those clubs) have always gone out of their way to introduce themselves and others to myself both during and after the match and all have gone out of their way to make travelers/visitors feel comfortable. Most notably I see this attitude prevailing during our BBR Matches. As a person who is generally behind the counter it is easy for me to observe how newcomers are treated by cowboy shooters. Trust me, there is absolutely no comparison between the 'cowboy way' and what I have read (and observed) concerning the modern shooting group I attended today.

Perhaps the mornings cold weather, along with cold fingers and toes, had something to do with group attitudes. What I do know that the cold (or heat) does not seem to affect the cowboy attitude at the BBR Range nor any of the places I have attended cowboy matches.

So will I try IDPA shooting later in the summer – probably so - but for how long – well that is the unknown.

In my departing comments, I would have been allowed to shoot the entire match if I desired. Because of the cold weather I chose to not shoot the stages and to just watch. I did help out with target resets when needed and tried not to make myself appear as just an observer and not want to be involved with their shooting.

By the way - the familiar faces I came across at today's match today did give me the opportunity to shoot a stage at the end of the day. After a few hours of watching others shoot I sucked up that chance in a heartbeat. It was a kick!!

Submitted as nothing more than a BBR member wishing to make an observation on the 'Cowboy Way'.

J.J.

Just a few pictures from around



Jerry - Ima thinkin' they might have caught the 'Miss' and 'P' on that stage!!





2018 Winter Range Picture Courtesy of Wylie Fox Exquire

