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## **A Hale and Hearty Hello**

### **July Heat - Oh My !!**

It's July so it can and should be hot. But wait there's more. The HPD shoot was in the high 80's with a light breeze. Nice shooting and Reno's stages were fast and clearly written except for Reno! He had a wobble on one stage. So, we reminded him that the stage writer usually messes up on the stages he wrote.

ROOP County weather did remind us that July can be hot. Around 93 but again a nice breeze and a good day for shooting. As a reminder we are 3 months away from starting to complain about the cold.



### **RCD's Grant Request**

Georgia Blue submitted our annual Grant request to the City of Fernley. BBR was awarded \$2,350, I think that's right. This money, along with the raffle usually keeps us in the black for ROOP County Days and the Wild Bunch Annual.

### **New Wild Bunch Coordinator**

Flannigan Flats has stepped up and volunteered to be our Wild Bunch coordinator. I over embellished the benefits and annual salary he'd receive so he was quick to jump in. We look forward to getting back to having some WB dedicated monthly shoots. Monthly as in not every month but happening during a month.

### **First RCD's Get-to-Gather**

A bunch of us met after the RCD shoot to review where we're at with all the things needing done for the annual match. We added to our volunteers this year, so the work is better distributed. Johnny Reno has got the raffle prizes coming in. We will once again be raffling of a 1911. 52 cards will be used, and each card is \$20.

## What's the Call ??

At the RCD shoot this month we had, "one of those things", happen! Stage calls for the center door to be used, stage all long guns there. One of our tables was placed in the doorway to stage the long guns. It was turned so the narrow width of the table fit inside the door. Leaving a gap between the door jamb and the table. One shooter upon restaging his rifle dropped it between the table and the door jamb. Another one did it with a shotgun. Some were claiming prop failure to avoid giving a SDQ.

I was on another posse and one of the shooters, from the posse this occurred on, came to me. He explained to me what happened. Since it was a monthly, I know yell at me later, I said turn the table to fill the door and give the two shooters a re-shoot. When our posse went over to shoot that stage the other posse was leaving. I found out the PM upheld the SDQ. And then here's the "one of those things". He had the table turned declaring the situation to be a safety hazard. The posse then shot the stage in a modified condition. And our posse would be shooting it in a modified condition.

First, we all know the shooter owns the stage. So, if they drop a gun it's on them. I'll explain the difference between a gun falling and minor safety vs, dropping a gun and SDQ/MDQ at the HPD shoot.

Second, we have all shot those table as a free-standing shooting position. The shooters know when staging or restaging there is nothing to keep the guns on the table. So, look at the tables and make sure you know what's going on.

Third, no stage should ever be modified after the shooting starts unless there's a prop failure, target failure or a clear safety hazard. The shooters re-staging their long guns failed to keep their guns on the table when they released them. That wasn't a safety hazard, it was a shooter error. So, the table shouldn't have been moved or using T-Ball rules rotate the table and give the two SDQ shooters a re-shoot. And technically, everyone who shot the stage that way would be entitled to a reshoot.

Now the argument is, if you earn a safety penalty you keep the penalty even if awarded a re-shoot. But again, applying T-Ball rules, the stage was modified in such a way the potential to drop a gun upon re-staging was impacted. So, it was a new day and a new stage.

Wylie went over and offered the shooters a re-shoot, but they declined.

## ROI/II Certified Only to TO Matches

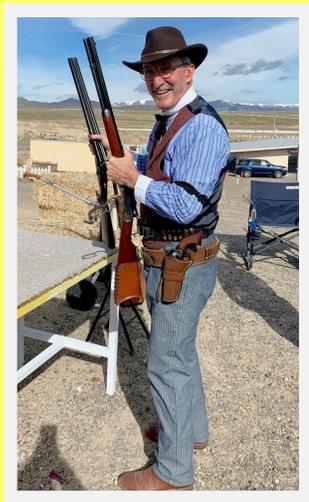
Finally, when signing up at the next monthly shoot we want to update our list of club members who are RO1 and RO2 certified. We'll have a sheet for your name and also list the last time you attended an RO update class. JJ has the list from the class the club sponsored. We want to make sure the people operating the timer are just that, RO updated and certified. And we want to use it for our upcoming annual shoot.

Long winded, but better to go over it here and then ask for comments at the next shoot.

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**Howdy Y'all,**

**7 July, Reno Slim's Mulligan Shoot:**

We had great weather and 28 enthusiastic shooters for the match. Five superb stages, 6 for those who used the mulligan, and a chance to win Root Beer for those who didn't. I don't recall who won the root beer, but Dutch Dalton won the match – again. According to my records, he has won every BBR match in which he has participated this calendar year. Yep, eight matches. Should we notify the Guinness people? JJ came in a very close second and Captain West was third. We also had nine clean shooters. A great match and many thanks to Reno Slim for writing the stages and coming out the day before to do set-up. By the way, take-down was completed very quickly with plenty of help. Thanks to those who pitched -in to help out.

**Roop County Days and the Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship:**

There's barely another month until we hold our big annual match this year from 9-14 September. Activities will kick-off with the first-ever Nevada State Wild Bunch Championship on Monday and Tuesday, long-range and side matches on Wednesday & Thursday and Cowboy main match on Friday and Saturday with the awards banquet Saturday evening. Get your application in ASAP and take advantage of the discount.

**SSS Virginia City Shoot on 21 July:**

The Silver State Shootists had a great first shoot at their new location just outside of Virginia City on 16 June. The club is currently planning another shoot at that location on 21 July. Put that date on your calendar and support Silver State in their new location. After match social is TBA.

**4 August, Winter Range match:**

This should be a real challenge and a chance to practice for the famous Winter Range match. The stages should be set-up to closely simulate what is shot in the first half of Winter Range. The other half will be shot at the Roop match the following Sunday. Come on out and enjoy the day. I don't have a forecast for the weather yet, but I can safely guarantee you it won't be too cold.

Til' we meet again,

**Georgia Blue**



**Howdy all,**

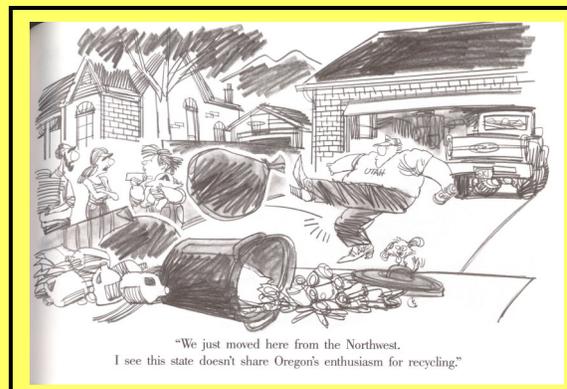


### **How I spent my summer vacation**

We had a marvelous trip with many adventures. We started out with a breakdown 45 minutes east of Fallon. 49er Preacher lost the serpentine belt on his truck on the loneliest road in America. We had at least a half dozen people stop to see if we needed help. One of the folks who stopped was the guy who owns the Cold Springs station RV park. He is a heck of a nice guy. By the time he left us we had trailer spaces on his property and he had an account at the Napa store in Fallon and the part was ordered and to be delivered the next morning. I drove up to the camp and lo and behold they not only had a restaurant but they also had a well stocked bar!! I met the rest of the family and dropped our trailer with BeeBad and the cat taking refuge in the trailer while I returned to the breakdown. I arrived just in time to see the tow truck driver hooking up 49er Preachers truck. They helped me hook up the trailer to my truck and away we went. The owner told us his son

would be happy to install the offending belt after it arrived. All three of us went to the bar for a cocktail and met the rest of the family. After I cooked dinner we went back to the bar for a nightcap and met more of the family. Perched at the end of the bar were their uncle and aunt!! The part arrived early the next morning and I caught the driver as he was going into the restaurant and asked if he had the belt. He gave me a quick smile and said he had brought two different belts just in case the one ordered wasn't right. It was a couple of hours later we were on the road. Those folks were the absolute best!! I can't recommend their facility enough and the family feeling they project!! We had plenty of time to make our first destination Ely, NV for the train museum. 49er Preacher had already acquired tickets for a steam engine train ride. We sat on an outside seating car and had a ball!! The experience was amazing. The train whistle and the sounds of the engine were inspiring and the cinders coming back and beating us up is an experience I won't soon forget. It was 7 pm by the time we pulled back into the station and I asked our tour guide if there was a place we could pull our trailers into for the night and he said "sure, go park down by the construction area" and we did!!! The next morning we were off to Moab UT. The drive through Nevada was beautiful I had no idea our state was as picturesque as it is. There were little mountain ranges that we traversed and were in awe at its majestic beauty!! We had to stop in Austin for fuel at the only fuel station. A small rundown place with a dozen or so cars, trucks, RV's and campers trying to negotiate the tricky hill that it sat upon. After being cut off by a couple of turds I had to muscle in to position to get fuel. I had to put it in four-wheel drive to get up the drive. I did manage to block access for a couple of those turds who were trying to push their way in front of me and that put a smile on my face!! (Note to self, don't buy fuel in Austin!!!!)

In Moab we spent two nights there in a funky little trailer park and that place turned out to be pretty cool. We toured the park the next day and ended up at a cool brewery for a late lunch and some really good beer!! The next morning it was off for our real destination Raton New Mexico and the NRA Whittington center. We had a stop for the night in a small town in Colorado which name I can't even remember. We got up the next morning and went up the most hellacious grade I've ever been on. I was running up the hill in third gear at 35 mph, 2500 rpm and the exhaust temp running 1250 degrees with no problems, but 49er Preacher said he had his truck in low gear and his foot in the carburetor going 25 miles per hour!! We made it over the top to find out how good our brakes were!! We made it safely off the mountains and it was smooth sailing to Raton.

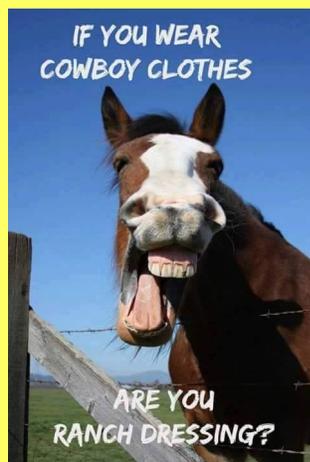


After taking it easy for the rest of the evening it was off and running for our grand shooting experience at the Whittington center. We had sign in, gun and shooting stick checks and we were off to the range and boy what a range!! While checking in we meet a nice young man who was setting behind a computer. He had some questions for us and it was obvious he was a NRA employee. We spent the next few days chit-chatting with him as he was shooting in the games we were playing for the next six days. Towards the end of those six days I asked him if he was an employee of the Whittington center. He said no he was out of Fairfax Virginia. It turns out he is the executive vice director of competitive shooting for the NRA, the number two man at the NRA for all competitive shooting!! For the Black Powder Cartridge rifle match there were 16 positions for each animal. We got our sight settings and then took a few shots at the "white buffalo up on the hill" at 1023 yards. With 49er Preachers help I managed to center punch that target on the second try. To get the whole story ask 49er Preacher about it some time. It was his turn next and we put in what we thought would be the right "dope" into his 38/50 and couldn't see any bullet strikes. We ended up lowering the setting by about 20 minutes and low and behold we saw the bullet strike in the dirt. We made sight corrections and he hit it three times in a row or at least we think he did!! That little 38-caliber bullet didn't ring or even move any steel!! Too be fair my 40/65 didn't make any appreciable sound, but 49er Preacher said he could see the black center of the target shake in the spotting scope when I hit it.

The next four days were filled with 4 matches of BPCR fun with 2 days of iron sights followed by two days of scoped. We did OK and didn't break any records, but shot with in our classes. The next two days brought us 22BPCRA and that was a blast. We shot two matches a day both scoped and irons and were reclassified for the second day. 49er Preacher shot OK, but I had one heck of a day and was put into AAA on the first match I've ever shot of that game!! The match director, who was a hell of a nice guy, welcomed me to the "black hole" of AAA with a score of 39/60. The next day both of us had a pretty good day shooting a respectable 35/ 60 each. The next matches were the lever gun matches. We started with 22's and then pistol caliber. Those were 2- 40 round matches each day and were sooooo much fun. The following two days were rifle caliber with a 40 round match each day. I really think that were both on over load with so much shooting at least until the next time!! I know we both learned a lot and hopefully will put it to good use down the road. We've met so many really nice people over the last couple of weeks and it turns out we already knew a bunch of people. There are people from all over the country with a hand full from Mexico and a delightful couple from Australia. During the lever gun match we were squaded with a couple of guys from Pennsylvania and it turns out that they are some top seated shooters and really nice gentlemen!! They were quite gracious and encouraging to us neophytes!! Most everyone we have been in contact with from the match officials to the friendly competitors have been wonderful!! There are people we've met that have been coming here since they were little children and everyone knows everybody else, but that doesn't mean that we excluded from their conversations and joking around!! We even met and befriended some folks from Minden who live off of Stephanie lane!! I can't recommend this trip to the Whittington center with any more enthusiasm.

Next month the rest of the trip,

**Jasper**



# Letter to the Editor

## Observations of a 'tenderfoot'

Well I think I started in Summer of 2015. I would not be shooting with ya'll if not for 2 people that hot summer day when I just came out just to see. The lesson here is when somebody first appears, first impressions may be a binary juncture. Won't name names but an individual took an interest in me and I truly felt I can be with these people. Another gent also took an interest and offered me use of gun and ammo to get a feel for what this is all about. He mentored me every step of the loading process. The RO took over and was kind and considerate to my first attempt at being a cowboy. I still have vivid thoughts of this first encounter and they are all good. For my part, I did not attempt to impress anyone with my prior experience with guns as I realized right off the bat that I knew nothing about this game and wanted to learn. I was smart enough to know 'these guys are pros'.

Fortunately there was a new shooter class the following Saturday. I listened with an open mind and still put to action those tidbits and wealth of info that was presented. I might add about 18-20 people attended that class and I listened to much bravado about big city firearms and exploits having nothing to do with the spirit of the game. I was here to learn and not to impress anyone. Incidentally only one person is still here from that class.

I guess these musings are suggestions for anyone wanting to cowboy shoot. Old hands may consider what their role is when a new person shows up. Do I want them to feel welcome? Growth is only achieved through each member reaching out to the new person. I would not be here today if not for those two individuals who cared enough to take an interest in me.

Lastly. For the new shooter, leave the BS at the gate and just ask questions and listen.

You will do just fine.

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## *Just a few pictures from around*



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