



The Bullet Hole

 November – 2025 

MONTHLY SHOOT IS ON NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025

Setup at 7:45 and Shooters' meeting at 8:45 A.M.



PASS !!

FROM OUR PRESIDENT;



The October match was the first time we used the Texas Star in the gulch. Now with the berms and the new conex, we decided it was time to break it out. We had ten shooters for the weekend since a number of our regulars were at Railroad Flats after crossing over the Carson Pass. Tumbleweed Ed was the only one to get a clean match.

Thanks to everyone that helped setup and tear-down. It was more of a challenge with the star so all of the help was greatly appreciated.

NOVEMBER TURKEY SHOOT

For our November match we will be hosting our annual Turkey Shoot !!! This year, we will have four stages then we will use a Caldwell ClayCopter to determine the winners of the Turkey Shoot. This shootout will be a challenging shotgun stage so bring plenty of shotgun shells.

DIG OUT, DUST OF, YOUR FAVORITY “NEVER MISS SHOTGUN” AND PLENTY OF SHOTGUN SHELLS TO WIN THE TURKEY !!!

First prize will be a **Turkey**, second prize a **Ham**, and for third you get the **Bacon**.

After the match, we will be having Pumpkin and Apple pies and time to visit with each other.

FROM ELDORADO;

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DECEMBER 5, 2023 AT THE CARSON VALLEY INN

The clubs will be subsidizing the cost of the party again this year. The cost to attend will be \$50 per person with a early RSVP and payment. This year Gold Rush Allie will be handling the reservations and payments for the party. To contact Allie, you can see her at the shoots to RSVP and pay, or make other arrangements with her. You can also mail or email her. The address to send funds and RSVP is, Alissa Haley 18294 Goose Lake Drive, Reno, NV. 89508 or call her at 775-771-7241.

We have a good menu selected with three entrees, salads, and sides. The “no host bar” will be set up in our dinning room as it was last year. This year we have Sliced Roast Beef with horse radish sauce, Sautéed Breast of Chicken with cranberry and rosemary butter, and Atlantic Salomon with lemon caper butter.

I have blocked a number of rooms for the night of **December 5th** for those that want to stay at the Inn after the party. The rate for a King – non-smoking room is just \$79.00 a night. Many of the rooms are already reserved so call ASAP to reserve.

Reservations are to be made on an individual basis by calling the Inn’s reservation line at **775-783-6629 and Group Number 5025**

CARSON PASS

Many of us have taken this route to Railroad Flats or Cowboy Town in Ione for matches. It is one of the most beautiful drives in the Sierra Nevada range.

The Carson Pass route was opened by members of the Mormon Battalion in 1848 and quickly became one of the most popular routes to the goldfields.

In the 1850s, pack trains used pack mules to transport goods over the challenging, rocky Carson Pass, especially through sections that were impassable for wagons. The Carson Trail, opened in 1848, became a popular route to the California goldfields, with pack trains following the route even where wagon trains had to divert, such as bypassing the "Narrows" by following the Carson River. The journey was difficult and often required rope and other improvised methods to lower wagons down steep, rocky sections.

The Carson Pass route was popular, but certain sections were too rough for wagons. **"The Narrows"** was a section of the trail along the Carson River was impassable for wagons but could be navigated by pack trains. The descent from the pass was particularly difficult, with steep, rocky sections that sometimes required wagons to be lowered by ropes and the use of heavy teams of oxen.

In the 1850's, Joseph Stacy Murdock would take two pack trains per month, weather permitting from his ranches in Genoa and Fredericksburg to the gold country for provision the miners. He had a good relationship with the local Indians who allowed him safe passage. Pack trains primarily used mules to carry supplies, freight, and gold to mining camps and towns in the Sierra Nevada and the California goldfields.

"Snowshoe" Thompson, was a Norwegian immigrant who was a legendary mail carrier for the Sierra Nevada from 1856 to 1876. He delivered mail, often a 100-pound bag, twice a month between Placerville, California, and Genoa, Nevada, traveling alone on skis during the harsh winters. He is also considered a pioneer of skiing in the United States and is celebrated for his resilience, honesty, and acts of kindness. Thompson delivered mail, and frequently other goods like medicine, between Placerville and Genoa, a route of about 90 miles over the treacherous Sierra Nevada mountains.

Thompson's mail carrying duties ended when the Pony Express was established and followed his trail over the Carson Pass. They established stations every 5 to 20 miles when the riders would remount fresh horses.

Sourced from the Nevada Historical Society and Genoa Museum.