

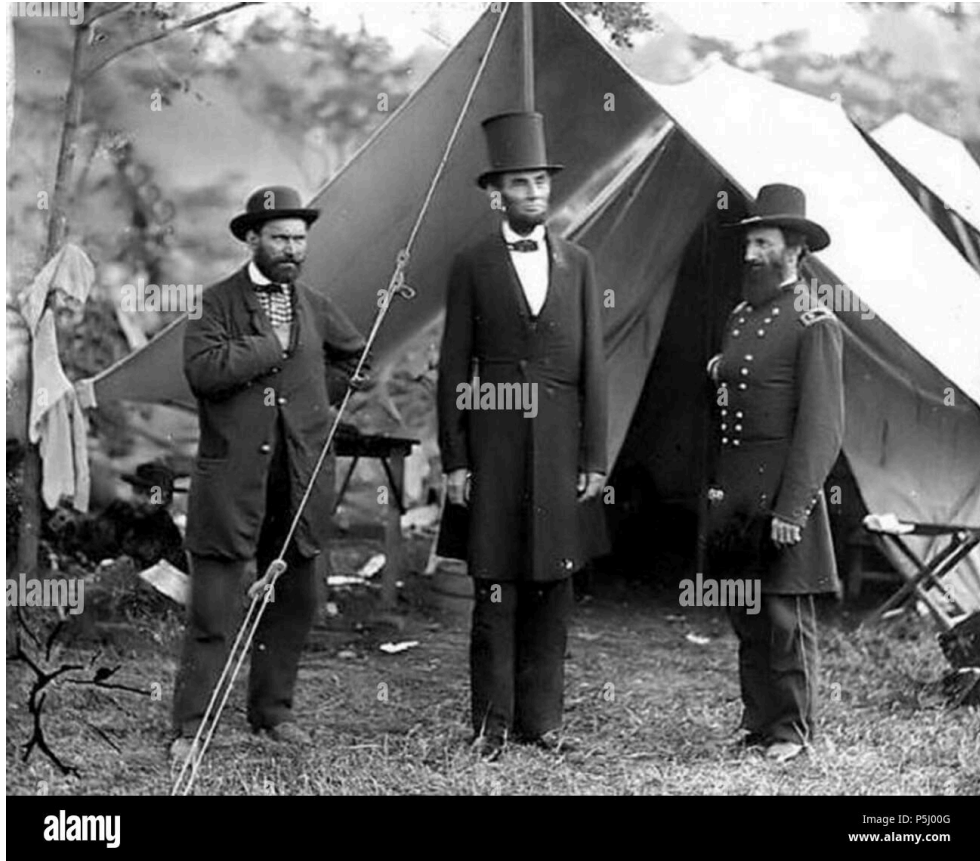
The Bullet Hole



August – 2025

MONTHLY SHOOT IS ON AUGUST 17TH 2025

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



From our President;



The July match was attended by 15 shooters and a few spectators. It was a beautiful day in the Gulch for the match. The temperatures were mild, it was sunny, and there was little wind.

Fanner Fifty, Make your Mark X, Deadeye Dick, Comstock, and Tumbleweed Ed all had clean matches.

We used the birds again and while they worked better this match, they still need work. Jackpot Jerry tracked down the manufacturer of the targets in Caldwell Idaho and it turns out that they sell factory replacement parts for the throwing pads. New pads have been purchased and will be installed prior to using the targets again.

Thanks to everyone that showed up to help get the targets moved out and then stayed after to put them away. We cannot have a match without all of your support.

The PractiScore system was successfully used for the match and a number of our members helped Jackpot input the scores. Thank you, Derringer Dan, Blackjack Slim, and Fanner Fifty for helping with the input. It turns out to be fairly simple to learn. It went well with little or no problems. The output was sent to Wylie Fox and he was able to do his magic with the raw scoring report prior to it being posted on the Website and FaceBook.

A number of club members have inquired about having two matches a month in the Gulch. Mark made an informal show of hands and 9 of the fifteen shooters indicated that they would like two matches a month in the Gulch. Your board will discuss this.

The straw and splatter is another matter that the board will discuss at our next meeting. The range is being used by others and the straw is being moved around and much of it is old and needs to be replaced.

Our next match is August 17, 2025. Again, we will have setup starting at 7:45 and plan for a shooter meeting right after and shooting beginning at 9:00 AM. There will not be any bird bonus targets at this match but there will be a challenging bonus on a few stages so bring your sharpshooting guns and eyeballs.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE PHOTO ABOVE? WHO WAS PINKERTON?

What do you know about [Allan Pinkerton](#)? This Scottish immigrant founded America's first detective agency. He was a [friend and defender of Abraham Lincoln](#), an avid abolitionist, and operated a group of spies and scouts to smuggle military information during the Civil War.

Pinkerton was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1819. When he was young, his father, a police officer, was killed in the line of duty. An impoverish Pinkerton later fled to the United States, settling first in Chicago and then in Dundee, Kane County, Illinois. As early as 1844, Pinkerton, who was opposed to slavery, offered his home as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Though employed as a cooper, Pinkerton had a sharp eye for details and a knack for solving crimes. When a gang of counterfeiters passed bogus bills in the area, Pinkerton, acting as an amateur sleuth, followed a suspect and unearthed a major counterfeiting operation. He soon developed a reputation as a great detective. He became the deputy sheriff, capturing horse thieves, train robbers, and other criminals.

In 1850, Pinkerton left local law enforcement and organized the nation's first private detective agency. Their motto was, "[We never sleep](#)." The agency's logo was an eye,

leading to the term “private eye.” Pinkerton and his detectives thwarted major crime rings and solved crimes.



Allan Pinkerton with President Abraham Lincoln

When newly elected President Abraham Lincoln traveled through Baltimore to Washington for his 1861 inauguration, Pinkerton, who had been hired to protect the Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad, [foiled an assassination attempt](#). The plot to kill Lincoln was largely unknown until after the Civil War.

Pinkerton, who went by the alias [Major E. J. Allen](#), organized a group of spies during the war. He and his team [gathered military intelligence](#) as part of the secret service division of the Union Army.

Following the war, Pinkerton grew his detective agency. He sometimes faced criticism over his involvement in labor

disputes and strikes. Though he tried, Pinkerton was never able to apprehend [Jesse](#) and [Frank James](#) after they robbed a train in Missouri. One of his detectives was murdered, and Pinkerton finally gave up the chase.

Allan Pinkerton [died of malaria in 1884](#), but his sons William and Robert took over the Pinkerton agency. The Pinkerton company still operates a global business focusing on security services.