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A Few From Our President - Irish Ike

Hello the Wire !!!



Ike is gone this month, so I will attempt to fill his shoes since there is now way on God's green earth that I can fill his pants by the end of the week. I did ask Ricky where Ike

was this month and she muttered something like, South America, Bolivia or Peru or something like that.

April Fool's Match

Holly molly, what a difference a month can make. The last couple of matches have been almost somewhat balmy during the day, but not this day. This April's Fools match sure make a fool out of me (and others) in more ways than one. As I listened to the weather forecast on Saturday night, the prediction was cloudy in the morning, with intermittent snow showers until 11:00am and then clearing with the afternoon high of 51. Well - they got part of the snow showers correct but I don't think I saw 51 degrees until I left and turned the heater on in the truck. It was cold!! It was windy!! Combining the two, made one bitter day. Last year in January while shooting in 10 inches of fresh fallen snow it was warmer. At the beginning of stage 4, I was standing my by riding partner watching him attempt to load this guns with fingers that had already turned blue while shivering from head to toe. Of course he was one of the misguided contestants who thought it would be a good day to

come out and shoot while wearing only their long johns. Middle of winter, wearing only long johns, with the wind blowing a steady 15 - 20, and temperatures in the mid 40's - go figure!! Believe it or not there was a bunch of crazies who came out to shoot wearing only their long johns!!

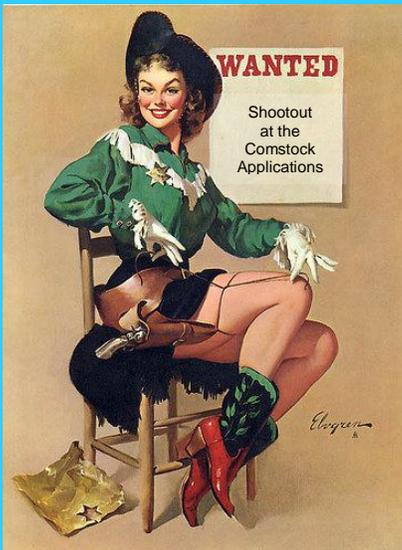
I would like to thank Fallen Grace for providing the 'Union Suit' Challenge. At the start and also by the end of the day there were 8 shooters that met her challenge and came out to shoot wearing their Union Suits. Check out the group picture in the Picture Section of this newsletter to see how many of these crazy people you can recognize.

By the way - check out the picture of Hot Babe opening up and displaying what she won for wearing her underwear at the match.

Not to be outdone, Reno Slim issued some sort of a 'whimsy' counter challenge sometime during the month of March for those shooters who did not want to shoot the match in their underwear to dress in black for the April Fool's match. Fortunately I did not have a Union Suit to wear (and apparently neither did many others) so I was forced to don my black shirt with multiple layers of Under Armor and Helly Tech cold weather gear to stay warm. *If only the cowboys riding the ranges in the late 1800's could have been so lucky.*

By the end of the match, no matter what was being worn, everyone was happy for the match to have finally come to an end.

WS - Shootout at the Comstock



HPD's annual match is quickly approaching. Before we know, June will be upon us. As of today (April 2, 2012) 36 contents have registered. As I looked though the updated listing of participants I noted that a large percentage of those

registered were from lands far away. It is now time for the locals to start filling out their applications (myself included) so we can step up and be counted. By next month's match, listings will be out for everyone to help volunteer your time. Without a great deal of help, this match cannot be properly administrated.

If you cannot wait until next month's HPD match to sign up on the 'Volunteers Listings' please email Dutch Dalton at: mmuel65744@aol.com with a list of what you would like to help out with.

This year's match is has been written by our own Nevada Turtle. A couple of months ago Turtle volunteered to write the stages based on some different shooting sequences he has encountered during his travels. At the April Fool's Match, Turtle publically and proudly pronounced that the stages have been written and approved by El Rod and Denio. Time will tell if these three guys should be praised, strung up and hanged, or just plain skinned alive for what they came up with.

Next Weekend (April 6 - 8 ROOP Match)

Jasper Agate mentioned that the following weekend will again be a camping weekend, starting on Friday, for those willing to brave the elements with their traveling teepee's that perhaps include heat, refrigerators, carpet and TV's. Don't forget the gate is usually locked, but a cell phone number is located on a sign at the gate for you to call to get in if the gate is locked.

Saturday is scheduled to be a short work day. Apparently the wood and scrap metal pile needs some sort of straightening up. Now I suspect after about 30 minutes of work details there will be 2.5 hours of some sort of shooting going on. If you think you can help out, bring your gloves and guns for a fun filled day.

Easter Day's Match is scheduled to be run by Washoe Zepher and Reese River Ruby. If any of you were at the last match these two placed together, everyone who can attend is in store for a real treat.

Finally

I am about out of things to write about. I now better appreciate the time that Ike has spent over the last few years, coming up with article after article for each months newsletter. Between his travel and woodworking while at home during the few days he is not traveling, I do not understand how he finds the time.

Thanks Ike.

Until next time - J.J. *(for)*

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Irish Ike

Hello fellow Cowboys and Cowgirls

A few weeks ago I mentioned at one of the shoots that I am going to have a new shooters orientation on June 2nd. The idea get new shooters interested in CAS and hopefully join our clubs thereby increasing our membership a little. I am going to put out flyers at all the sporting goods stores and gun shops and in the RGJ around the end of this month. There is a sample on the bulletin board in the pavilion.

The orientation will start at 9:00 and I intend to go over all our safety rules, loading procedures and basic shooting skills then shoot three or four stages. In a perfect world I would like to have a Cowboy/Cowgirl for each new shooter to walk them through loading and unloading and to insure safe gun handling. In the flyer I stated that it was open to the first thirty shooters but obviously I have no idea how many we will get. I will know more as the 2nd gets closer as I am going to have them register with me prior to the shoot. Washoe and Longarm have graciously offered their services but I will need more help depending on the turn out.

We will be camping out that weekend so many of our loyal, enthusiastic, charismatic and all around great club members will be on hand anyway. Any suggestions or comments will be greatly appreciated. Thanks Drifter John 530 570-8004 or email: drifterjohn@ymail.com

Just a few pictures from the April Match





