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Hello the Wire!!



Well, it happened again. Ike 'skipped' out of a monthly match, so I decided to help Mr. El Heffe Supremo by again writing this month's newsletter. I can only hope to fill his shoes. As I mentioned last time I wrote the newsletter for Ike, I now better appreciate the time and effort that our President places into his responsibilities as President of HPD.

So as I was trying to think of what to write in this month's newsletter my mind I wondered if I might be able to plagiarize some of Ike's writing from either June of 2011 or 2010. As I placed on my 'Think' 'Think' hat I looked at both of those newsletters. I quickly realized those docu-

ments would not be much help since they were both written after years Western States Match had been completed. I determined I would be on my own.

At the match Sunday morning I did ask Miss Ricky where Ike was. She told me "He called in sick this morning."

"OK" was my quick response as I quickly thought of what I would say at the mornings Shooters Meeting. I did ask Miss Ricky if Ike was again traveling this week. As she quickly rattled off something to me it dawned upon me that perhaps he really does have some 20 something stashed in some foreign land. All kidding aside, how Ike travels as much as he does and keeps up with his job and its associated stress and then the regular household chores when he finally makes it back home,

I am surprised he does not have ulcers like our friend Deadeye Dick has.

Deadeye Dick

Speaking of Deadeye Dick, it appears that our shooting buddy is slowly pulling himself out of being sick. Dutch Dalton gave a short update on his progress.

After being very sick for over 6 weeks, Deadeye's doctors may finally have stumbled upon what is wrong with him. Apparently he has a stomach ulcer that is 'leaking' and still

suffers from some form of colitis. However - he is on the mend. On last report he has gained over 10 pounds back from the 50+ pounds that he lost. He has even felt good enough to spend a few hours out in the shop. When he came back into the house after being in the shop, he

was very, very tired because he had not been on his feet for weeks.

This writer (and I am sure the rest of the HPD and ROOP Members as well) wish Deadeye 'God Speed' and a steady recovery.

New Shooters Orientation Last Weekend

Drifter John placed on a symposium last weekend for new shooters. While it was not well attended it was a VERY good start to a brand new program. I believe Drifter John stated that there were 3 persons in attendance of which one of the attendees' came back to shoot with the posse on Sunday Morning.

The person who returned for the Sunday match gave himself the name of 'Bad Dog'. When I spoke to him after the match he was helping put away steel. I asked him if he had a good time and he did. I asked him if he thought he would return to shoot again

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and he thought he would. He said he had a good time shooting with the posse but had a real case of 'fumble fingers'.

"So do I" I quickly commented back and I thanked him for his participation and

asked to come back again.

I suspect the shooters that were in attendance had a good time and perhaps found out that shooting at steel targets placed closely in front of you are still hard to consistently hit with two six shooters, a lever gun, and a scattergun loaded with buckshot.

The talk around the morning campfire was that this event will again take place before the snow flies. As mentioned, the next time the event is planned, even more advertising will take place and will be followed up on the morning of the event by one-on-one

WS/Shootout on the Comstock

Each and EVERY time I attempt to say 'Shootout on the Comstock' my mind says "that phrase is cumbersome" and quickly tells my mouth so spurt out 'Western States'. I know it is wrong as it happens, but at this point I just cannot seem to help myself. I know it time I will get it. Contrary to popular belief, through persistence it is possible to teach old dogs new tricks.

As I was getting ready to leave the range Sunday afternoon, C.C. Dollar came and talked to me about how he also was having the same problem with the 'Shootout on the Comstock' name. Fortunately as only C.C. would, he had a solution to our problem. He did, however, tell me that the solution he came up with unfortunately was not his idea.

This solution actually comes from Miss Dollar. Her solution to 'our' little dilemma is something very simple. It is '**Shoo da Com**'. What a simple solution to my complex problem I thought! In the future my mind should always be able to spit out '**Shoo da**

Com' with very little effort. Thanks Miss Dollar for helping me out with my problem.

All kidding aside, *Shootout on the Comstock* is approaching very quickly. At this point our application level is in the mid-70's level. After some shuffling around the shooting categories have been decided and the trophies/medals have been either produced or are on the next mule train into town.

Dutch Dalton and Desert Rose have again placed considerable effort in organizing this year applicant register. Irish Ike, with what little free time he has, has arranged the Saturday evening banquet at the golf course in Fernley. Sherriff Winchester was volunteered to organize this year's presentations for awards. He and Mustang Sally have spent many evenings working this out. Nevada Turtle wrote the stages for this year's event, using some shooting sequences he has seen used while on his winter snowbird trips. I believe Jasper Agate (probably more

of Bee Bad) will be organizing this year's raffles. C.C. Dollar is again prepared with the side matches. Brazos, along with an army of yet to be determined volunteers, will run the long range events. I have absolutely no idea who is running the Plainsman event. I am sure that I have left out many others and for that you have my deepest apologies. It takes a good deal of volunteers to put on any event and even more to make it function positively.

With that, volunteer lists were placed out last weekend. They will again be placed out at the ROOP match for your consideration. Work details start on Tuesday June 12th and will these details will not cease until everything is cleaned up on Sunday June 17th. If you have not volunteered your time to help out, please do so. It really does take more than the 10% that

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This newsletter is my first attempt at using a new program for desktop publishing this newsletter. Please forgive the formatting errors. I wanted to get it out as quickly as possible. There are errors. It is not like my old PageMaker Desktop Publishing program was.

As the months progress so will my knowledge of this program. Until then please bare with me.

Last - but not least -

I would like to entertain a thought from the three or four cowpokes that process the score sheets for both clubs that shoot at the Fernley Shooting Range.

If you have never attempted to key in the scores you should try to learn how. More volunteers are needed to fill in when the few of us that do the keying cannot be present. To key in the scores it does take some knowledge of Microsoft Excel or Access. It also take good eyes to read everyone's handwriting

and sometimes a good mind to decipher just what in the heck the person completing the score sheet meant. Please everyone who handles the monthly score sheets, keep this in mind. Since the monthly score sheets cannot be filled out in an Arial 14 point font, please write the numbers in the little boxes so that the person doing the keying can read them without having to decipher what you did. It makes the keying go so much easier - Thank you !!

Without volunteers both HPD and ROOP will fall apart and fall apart quickly.

So if you have not volunteered for anything lately, please get off the sidelines and do so. Your help is needed.

Until next time -
for El Heffe Supremo

J.J.

Just a few pictures from around . . .







