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Hello my fellow Fernonian's



Long Range Match

This was the second match at the newly created Long Range. The range is at Domingo's

ranch up in the mountains. Whether you shoot or not the view is worth the price of admission. The range overlooks all of Washoe Valley.

Domingo and Brazos have been working since last fall to create another range for our long-range matches. The range at Fernley works well for 300 to 500 yd's. Closer than that and the berms at bay's 8 & 9 get in the way.

This range has targets from 50 yards to 600 yards. And they can all be reached on foot or by using a vehicle. This allows us to paint targets between rounds. We couldn't do that at the Fernley range.

The actual match was on Sunday but they had shooters out there sighting in since Wednesday. A number of shooters just

wanted to come out and try shooting long range now that the range covers all distances with good sight lines.

For the actual match we had 7 shooters shooting only one rifle to everything they owned. And just like Fernley the wind plays into the match. We had light winds but like Fernley depending on where you were shooting the wind was different as you progressed out to longer distances

Observations and Ponderings

CC Dollar tried the sympathy card with 'that 30-30 really kicks my ass!' I think he was trying to build an excuse for his shooting since this was his first long-range match. We didn't buy into it and he did very well anyway.

If Tumbleweed Ed ever walks up to you with a supposed new rifle and says, 'I haven't shot this yet, so I don't know what it's going to do', call BS and walk away. He shows up to the match with a genuine Schuetzen in 32-40. Or as Ed said, 'it's not really a 32-40 it's a 8.76345 something or other but 32-40 is kind of the same thing'!!! He gives us this line about only being able to shoot 100 yards but doesn't know about further than that. Anyway he sets his sights at the 100 yards and proceeds to show us how to shoot a 1" group!!! And let's see at 200 yards by golly it hits that. Hummmmmmm. And at 300 yards it hits that. So whatever you do, do not bet with Ed when he shows up with a "NEW" untried rifle.

Military rifles were shot at 400 to 600 yards. The lesson here was that on the sight in day you can hit any thing at any distance. On match day you can't hit a thing. I thought it was me, but Brazos and Domingo couldn't hit any thing either. We held a quick meeting and we all agreed to blame the wind.

I tried shooting prone. And while it made me more accurate it also taught me why everyone wears shoulder pads for the recoil. I suddenly realized that the rifle is in a different position on your shoulder when I sent one downrange and owwwwwwww.

El Rod came to the match also. I hadn't shot with him in a long time. He has been shooting a lot of BPCR and silhouette matches and it

shows in his shooting. No matter what rifle he shot he got on the target and stayed there. CC Dollar was spotting for us and he is new to the whole calling out where the bullet hit and what you need to do to correct it. So when he says to El Rod 'you missed a little bit to the right' El Rod asked him to convert that to inches. It was funny and as CC usually does, he caught on to the process.

22 rifles and long range were tested Sunday. CC and Domingo brought out their 22's and had a challenge shoot. As a spotter it's hard enough to see where a 38 hits but 22's with little or no clang when they hit is just plain hard to do. At 100 yards they were dead on. 200 yards things started getting a little harder. At 300 yards we were giving them corrections like 'miss, come right 4 '.

Domingo and Brazos have put many hours into getting the range set up. They have installed a port a john. And they are in the process of building a shed to store all of the range equipment in for the winter. They are already working on ways to get the targets out to 700 or 800 yards. I may be wrong but that might be a bit much for 22's.

So thank you Domingo and Brazos for all of your hard work and materials. The result has given us a nice long range in a great location. Now all we need to do is go out and use it.

HPD Monthly Match

As the group gathered for the Sunday shoot we held a quick meeting. With 19 ayes and 1 nay we agreed it was to bleeping hot!!!

After 4 weekends of applied skills and lamenting we now have 3 new storefronts. They aren't done yet. They need to be trimmed out and painted. I believe we have used up our free labor pool. Many of the HPD and ROOP club members have shown up to help out. But the consistent thread has been Washoe Zephyr and Drifter John each weekend. Let's just say they are built stout. Saturday night we had some "Fernley" winds and come morning they were still up.

It looks like the concrete was the right way to go. No more stepping in holes and loosing brass.

I went to the post office last weekend. Our check from the City of Fernley for our annual event was there. So it looks like we cleared right at \$3,500. And it appears that after we get all done with the new storefronts we will have invested about that amount. That's a good thing.

Another improvement to the range has been made. Last month Bee Bad and Claudia contributed some hard labor on the cemetery. They carried rocks and more rocks and then some more rocks to create rock covered graves. Our Boot Hill is coming along nicely. They want to build a Pickett fence around to make it complete.

We finalized the Board for 2012/13 at the match. Fallen Grace will be our Social Director. JJ continues on as our Secretary/newsletter Director. Brazos will continue as Match Director (come on people write some stages for him). Jasper Agate continues as the Board representative for ROOP. We sit on their board also.

And now for the position of El Heffe Supremo. Washoe was nominated for President. But because of his other commitments he couldn't fill the position until after the first of next year. So I will continue as President bringing Washoe along and teaching him the ropes. After he first of the year we'll continue the transition and by Shootout on the Comstock he will be the new President. When I became President there was no one to show me the ropes. So this should provide a better transition. The other part of this is Miss Rickey will do the same with Reese River Ruby for the Treasurer position.

I also have signed on as our Territorial Governor for the club. You didn't think you were rid of me did you?

We had 20 people for the shoot. Some members stayed home because working on the storefronts wore them out. Others were at shoots. With 10 people per posse' things went fast and everybody worked.

The unrealized benefit of having a number of our regulars away was.....I was second overall. But only 60 seconds out of first place! Bobcat Tyler took the fastest overall. It sure is nice to have him around. He is a great shooter but also in the middle of everything helping wherever he can. Ahhhhhhhh to be young again.

One last reminder of the picnic coming up. ROOP and HPD will be providing the meat. Everyone needs to bring a side dish and their own beverages. It is on August 18th at the Mormon Fort Park in Genoa.

It is important that everyone attend. We will be having some special moments that will be remembered long after the picnic is over.

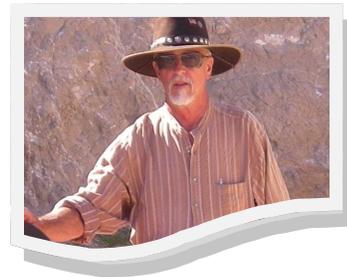
Don't forget ROOP County Days is just a few weeks away. Yet another opportunity to shoot and make fun of the person standing next to you. And just my personal opinion but the two guys who do the grilling for diner are two of Nevada's finest meat flippers in the State.

So try to stay cool with our record heat, be kind to your neighbor, and finally remember to pet your dog every chance you get.

YOUR LAME DUCK PRESIDENT

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Some deep thoughts from Reno Slim:



Origin of Left & Right

I have often wondered why it is that Conservatives are called the "right" and Liberals are called the "left."

By chance I stumbled upon this verse in the Bible:

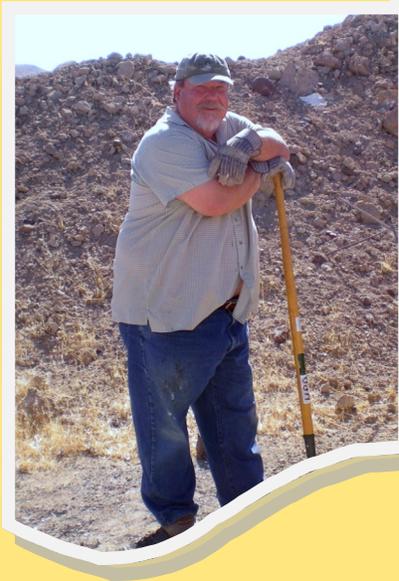
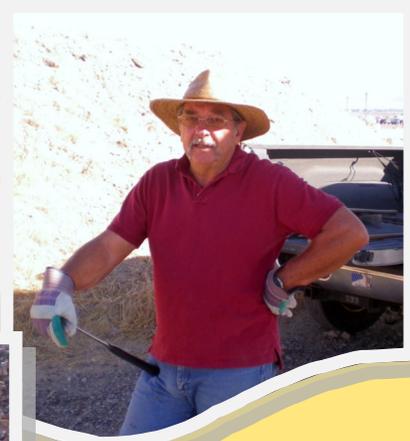
"The heart of the wise inclines to the right,
but the heart of the fool to the left."
Ecclesiastes 10:2 (NIV)

Thus sayeth the Lord. Amen.

Can't get any simpler than that.

Just a few pictures from around . . .











**Questions, Comments, Con-
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