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Hello from Washoe Zepher

MONTHLY MATCH



The April Match was unique to say the least. Lots of Easter Bonnets (Thanks Grace) and the new "Josey Wales" shoot from Irish Ike. We

LET'S GET THOSE APPLICATIONS IN BOYS AND GIRLS !!

had 30 shooters and the wind held off until about the last two stages before Mother Nature reminded us of what she can do. Great participation in the hat contest. Thanks to all who dressed up their hats. Congrats to Ike! His "Josey Wales" shoot was quite a hit and I think that this may become one of our annual matches.

The winners were Reno Slim in "Real Josey Wales", and Fanner Fifty in "Girly Josey Wales". They received trophies and the appropriate heckling from the crowd.

SHOOTOUT ON THE COMSTOCK

We are progressing with the annual match. I am reviewing the stages from Turtle, JJ is putting together a very interesting shooters book, Winchester is busy on the awards, and Dutch is doing the registration.

If you are coming to the match, **REGISTER AS SOON AS YOU CAN!** We really need to have the numbers in place before the match for awards, food, etc. Get hold of Dutch and he can get you all set up.



Turtle will be teaching an ROI and ROII class on Wednesday during Shootout on the Comstock week. This is a class that everyone should attend. You will learn a lot from it. If you are interested, contact me so I can sign you up.

RANGE OWNERSHIP

We are still in a holding pattern on the new owner. The sale is in escrow and nothing is finalized as of yet. On a positive note, there was some concern about the lead issue at the Range. Jasper has been working on this and it does not seem to be a problem. We even tested one of the bays with a kit and it was in the good range. We will keep you up to date as we get information.

RANGE PROPS

A **HUGE** thank you to all the volunteers that came out over the two weekends to work on the props. We put some concrete in, painted, added signs and other little things that really make the range look good. A special thanks to Winchester for the signs.

There is still some work to be done. We need to move some trash down to the pile on the racetrack and maybe a little more painting.

We have decided not to spend any money to replace more props until we have a new lease in hand with the potential new owner.

BOARD MEETING

After the shoot, we had a Board of Directors meeting. One of the items we approved was the purchase of some more tables and chairs for the annual shoots. We are missing some and if anyone knows where they are, please let us know.

SHOOTERS SCHOOL

Deadeye Dick and Dutch Dalton are planning to put on a shooters school. They will be teaching techniques to make you a better and safer shooter.

This class will be good if you are a new shooter or whether you have been shooting for years. If you have any doubts, look at the monthly score sheets to see where these two are all the time. Yep, right at the top. If you are just shooting to have fun or trying to be the top dog, you would be wise to take the class.

They will let us know the date and time.



LONG RANGE

There will be a long range shoot at Domingo's ranch on April 20th. We will send out an e-mail with the time and directions on how to get there. It is a truly awesome location and Domingo and Brazos have really busted their butts on it. If you have never shot long range or just want to check what goes on, plan on going.

MAY HPD SHOOT

We will be going to summer hours for the May HPD shoot. Shooters meeting will be at 8:30 and the shoot will start at 9:00.

This will also be Fallen Grace's famous "Underwear Shoot" so plan on your best long handles for it. She will give you more details.

That's about all I have for now.

Thanks to all for the participation in the work parties', shoots and contests that we have.

It is appreciated.

WASHOE ZEPHYR

The Outlaw Josey Wales

Not quite a Western but it remains one of the most watched good guy, bad guy movies that Hollywood has ever made.

A classic story of good trying to prevail over well...the supposed good. Anyway Sunday we had our first ever Josey Wales Shoot. We were all to try and emulate our hero, Clint Eastwood.

We were to carry, use, abuse 4 pistols and a big bore rifle. We were to recite lines and carry about with our most I don't give a crap tough guy attitude one could muster up.

Where we went wrong was merging the shoot with Fallen Grace's Easter Bonnets extravaganza. We were supposed to convert our cowboy hats into the moistest, bestest Easter bonnet the cowboy world has ever seen. Moments of wonderment were provided. Brazos went full Josey and was chewing liquorish and doing the Josey spit before beginning shooting.

Longarm walking around with a bunny on top of his head pushing out eggs in a most realistic way. Much to my enjoyment, all of the two handed fast guys shooting dualist. A few remarks about being slow and their thumb being tired. *Welcome to my world!!*



We had two categories. Real Josey for those who shot black powder. And girly Josey for those who shot smokeless powder. There were about 18 Josey shooters in all. And from the remarks during the shoot and after, it seems everyone had a great, fun, bonnet wearing time.

Our winners were, Real Josey, The Mayor of Nevada, Reno Slim. Winning a lovely handmade trophy and a bottle of whiskey. Our Girly Josey winner was Fanner Fifty. He won a handmade trophy with a ballerina on it and a bottle of sparkling wine.

Thanks to everyone who helped set up and take down.

Ike



My Time Has Come:

After 4 years of being HPD's Secretary and Newsletter Publisher, I have decided it is time to step down from my current position at the end of June.

Like the newsletter editor before me (whose shoes I am still attempting to fill), it has been a fun run. I have enjoyed holding in this position, however, it is now time to move along and let someone else with different ideas and administrative skills to step up to this positions plate and assume it's responsibilities.

So - If any cowboy or cowgirl is interested in this position, please contact me.

Don't be shy !!

Respectfully,
J.J.

Some of Dutch Dalton's Words of Wisdom.

***WOMEN AND CATS
WILL DO AS THEY PLEASE.***

***MEN AND DOGS
SHOULD GET USED TO THE IDEA...***



