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MONTHLY MATCH

We had 26 shooters for the first match of 2014. The weather was actually very nice. A little cool in the morning, but by the last 2 stages people were shedding their coats. Longarm wrote this months stages and there were some mixed reactions. Had some reloads, vertical staging and even some downrange to play with. I think everyone had some fun with it. However, I don't think that Rowdy Robin or Reese

River Ruby would vote for him if he were running for President after one stage with 10 shotgun targets.

Tumbleweed Ed, aka "Tupperware Ed" had an interesting strategy on the stage with 4 reloads. He didn't bother to load his rifle at all. After some good-natured kidding and a five-dollar bill, he got to shoot it again with the rifle loaded. It went much better. Irish Ike found out that 32-20 ammo DOES NOT fit in a 45 Colt. Always learning.....

MEMBERSHIP/DUES

We would like to welcome the 2 newest Life Members to HPD. Longarm and Washoe Monte. We would also like to welcome our newest member, Tahoe Dave.

Please see RRR at the next shoot and get current on your dues if you have not already.

TARGET REPAIR

Deadeye Dick took several targets home for repairs after the match. If you see ANY targets that need repair or just don't look right, please bring it to Dick's attention so we can get them

taken care of. And no, if you miss a target while shooting, it does not mean there is anything wrong with it.

ACES SCORING SYSTEM

Still some bugs to be worked but it appears to be coming along. Jackpot Jerry had the score totals and read off the top 10 before everyone left. Seems to be a few issues though. I don't think that Tumbleweed Ed signed up as a "Grande Dame" but we'll get it figured out. All kidding aside, I really appreciate the work of Jackpot Jerry and JJ on this.

SHOOTOUT ON THE COMSTOCK

Yes it is January. Yes we are talking Shootout on the Comstock here. Jasper attended the Fernley Commission meeting and we came away with some money for this years shoot. BIG THANKS TO JASPER! Dutch is just about ready with the apps. Make sure to get signed up please volunteer to help out. It is A LOT of work but a lot of fun too.

BERLIN TRIP

We had to cancel the trip to Berlin in December. There were a whole lot of people down with the flu and bronchitis. Slow Thunder got to spend a couple of days in the hospital with it. Can you just picture him in one of those little hospital gowns? We will reschedule for the spring when everyone is feeling better.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hope everyone who came to the party had a good time. There was a ton of food, some fun and strange things going on and lots of laughs. A huge thank you to Sue and JJ for the use of their lovely facility. and another huge thank you to Chef Jasper and all those that contributed.

ROOP SHOOT

ROOP will be holding their monthly match this Sunday the 12th. Shooter's meeting at 9:00 am. We will be doing breakfast at the Wig-Wam at 7:30 am then going out to help set up.

That's about it for now. Hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year's. See you at the Range!

Washoe Zephyr



Howdy all and Happy January,

I was surprised to see such a good turnout for the match considering the temperature. It was too cold for this shooter!!

I really don't have much to say except.....that our own Washoe Zephyr came up with a fun idea for next years December HPD match. An Ugly Sweater Match!! He's even agreed to write the stages. Now you might wonder why I bring this up a whole eleven months early?? Because, you might want to take advantage of any "end of season sales" to prepare for the December match. So...put on your thinking caps and keep an eye out for that perfect sweater.

Here's to warmer weather for the February match, which happens to fall on Ground Hog's Day. I hope to see you all there. You never know what fun we might come up with :)

Til then,

Fallen Grace

“ Ever wonder why prostitution didn't last in the old west? “



“ This could be the answer !!! “

January HPD Monthly Shoot





A little more info about.....Gil T. Azell

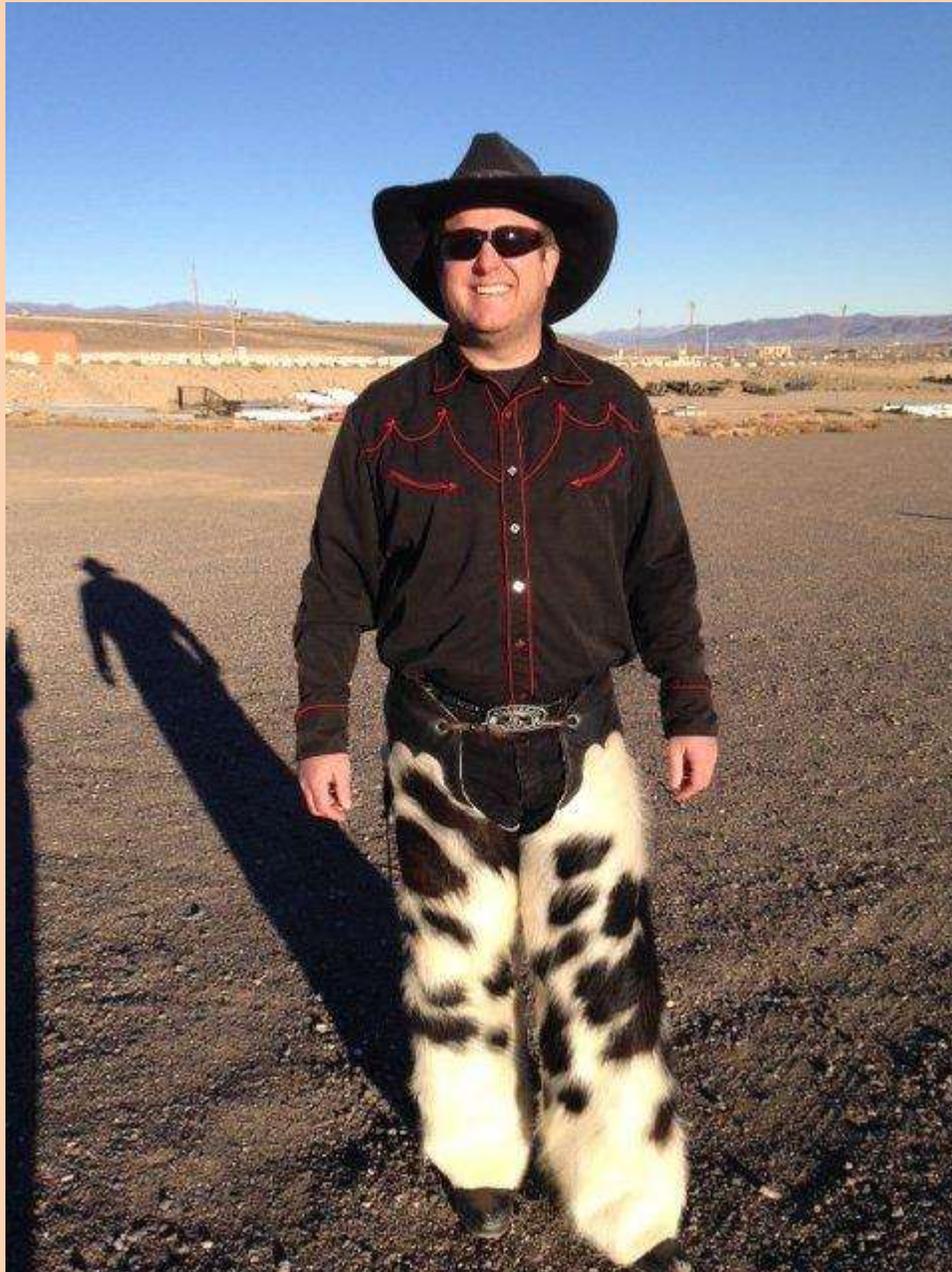
Gil T. Azell is a new cowboy shooter....sort of. That is to say that he's relatively new to our area of the country. He was born in Casa Grande, AZ and was originally named Dave Stutenroth. He tells me that he comes from German stock and his surname means Red Horse. When I asked him about his alias choice he quickly quipped that "a man doesn't pick the alias...rather...the alias picks the man".

Gil has been a shooter all of his life but never in a competitive discipline. As to the question of how he got started in SASS, he told me that his boss, at the time, walked up to him one day and handed him a pair of Ruger Vaqueros. Gil looked up the information about them online and that lead to his discovery of SASS. He quickly registered with SASS, and proceeded to enter a large annual match in less than two months time. He was fortunate to posse with about eight or ten of the top names that we all have heard of including the likes of Evil Roy, Longhunter and so on. That was about nine years ago and I'm pretty sure that he's still "hooked" on the sport :)

When he's not shooting, Gil spends his time working. He runs a manufacturing facility in Reno that produces traffic signal equipment. He was originally transferred to the Reno area about a year ago for what he thought was a temporary assignment. When he found out the assignment was to be permanent, he hightailed it down to Arizona to retrieve his cowboy equipment so he could come out and play with us.

Gil is not married but he does have a devoted companion. He's the proud owner of a blonde lab that sports the name of Tombstone. Thanks in part to the SASS influence.

Now here is where the interview got really interesting. I always ask everyone to tell us something about themselves that we would all be surprised to know. Well, Gil T. Azell



has one heck of a story. It seems that in or around 2009 he entered and won the chance to participate in a television pilot show that was being produced to be a western themed reality TV series, The Ultimate Gunfighter. Unfortunately the show was never picked up by a network and thus never made it past the pilot stage. However, Gil gave me the web site address, ultimategunfighter.com, and you can go there to see a short video starring our one and only Gil T. Azell. If you'd like a short cut to the video, just click on this link <http://vimeo.com/8202377>

It was a lot of fun to find out more about this cowboy shooter. It seems that his story and

background are every bit as colorful as his shooting attire. Welcome Gil T. Azell, we look forward to shooting with you.