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MONTHLY MATCH

We had 33 VERY hardy souls show up for the February HPD Match. It was Super Bowl Sunday, it was STUPID COLD, and still they came and shot. Hats off to a great bunch of tough cowboys and cowgirls! Had some new faces such as Bad Dad and his son Jessie James. Jessie shot Buckaroo category and looked to have had a good time. Onya Case was there with her husband Justin. Onya just had some surgery on her foot and was shooting the match in a walking cast! Now that's tough! Preacher 49er, Dakota Blaze and Bordello Fellow joined us. Bordello Fellow stepped up and helped out on our posse with the new ACES scoring system. Big thanks for the help!

Brazos wrote some quick and fun stages so everybody could get home in time for the big game. Thank you Brazos!

ACES SYSTEM

Still going through some growing pains with the system. JJ is working his butt off to get it right and the effort is appreciated. We will however, continue with paper scoring as a very

strong back up just in case. Hopefully, it will all be good to go by the time we get to Shoot Out on the Comstock.

SPEAKING OF.....

Shoot Out on the Comstock is only **4 months** away. Sounds like a long time but it isn't we have some plans in the works I will address a bit later on. Dutch has the app out so make sure to sign up early. I would really like to encourage ALL of our members to participate. It is our very own match and your attendance is appreciated. If you are a newer member, get signed up! Ya gotta start somewhere and it's a lot of fun.

We have reserved the room at the Fernley Golf Course for this year's dinner. We are currently working on a caterer so we can just hand out awards and have a good time. As always, we need volunteers to help out. If you can help, please let me know. Some of us will be camping out starting on Tuesday the 10th thru Sunday the 15th. There is a lot to do, but it really goes pretty smoothly with enough help.

RANGE NEWS

Okay, this is the biggie. We have met with Dan Simpson on a new long-range location and our status at the Range. Thumbs up on both counts! We are going ahead with our plans to make improvements at the Range. This includes rebuilding bays 2 and 4, putting a cover on bay 1, repainting and adding concrete in the pavilion, and putting in an area for cooking/fee collection/ etc. We are shooting to have this done before Shoot a Com. We can do it if we can get some work crews together when needed.

The second part of this is that we now have a new location for the long range shoots. It is where the old paint ball range was. There is already a shade cover in place with the ability to shoot out to 700 yards and stay on the property.

This new location will take some development and cleaning to make it work. I have appointed Irish Ike and Brazos from HPD to the new "Long Range Committee" to work with Jasper and Deadeye Dick from ROOP. The committee will come up with a plan of how to put all of this together. They will develop a set of rules that can be used at the new location, Domingo's and at the Annual Matches. They are also charged with coming up with a cost to the clubs to make this happen. There is the potential for the new area to be used for stand-alone long-range matches in the future. This is something they will also address.

The other item the committee will deal with is using the rifle bays just South of our bays for Cowboy Silhouette. This is pretty popular and might make a good draw for the clubs. This will be separate from the long range but part of both clubs.

Dan Simpson is a pretty savvy business guy. He is also a shooter. When he took us around the property, he showed us where he had taken his 308 out to shoot to see what the distances were that we could work with. We all agreed the new location fits the bill. Some

improvements already in place, and we can shoot even while he is hosting a road course race with no conflicts.

Dan also told us that he likes the fact that we are ORGANIZED, CLEAN and have honored his requests regarding the GATE. We need to remain diligent on the gate and stay good neighbors with the folks at the track.

STAMPEDE

We will be hosting a Stampede (practice) on Sunday February 16th. This is for the folks going down to Winter Range in Phoenix.

Slim has 6 stages written and Gil T. Azell will bring some of the older stages from past Winter Ranges to work with. We will also have a bay set up for just practicing with a particular gun or whatever you need to do. 22's are welcome.

Breakfast at 8:00 am at the Wig-Wam, shooting at 10:00 am. Cost is \$10.00. All range and safety rules apply.

ROOP MONTHLY MATCH

ROOP will hold their monthly match on Sunday, February 9th. Sign ups at 8:30 am, Shooter's meeting at 9:00 am. Shooting right after.

FINAL THOUGHTS

At last Sunday's match, Justin and Onya Case's daughter was in attendance. Her name is Leia, and I hope I spelled that right. At a younger age, she had a bad experience dealing with firearms. Her folks convinced her to come to the shoot and see that guns really are not evil. I convinced her to do a little shooting after the last stage was done. She really had fun and told me so. She said she was scared to shoot the gun at first, but after a couple of shots, realized that it wasn't as scary as it looked. She said that she was impressed with how all of us interacted during the stages and that we all seemed to be having fun while shooting and teasing each other. I told her to come back and try again anytime she wanted to and that there was no shortage of coaches, equipment or nice people to help her out. She was smiling when she left. I did tell her that she better pick an alias for when she comes back because we would be more than happy to do it for her.....CrankCase?

I've said it before, we have a great group of people and that's what makes this such a fun thing to do.

Thanks to everyone for the help and participation as always.

Washoe Zephyr



Howdy all and Happy February,

Today's match was cold (I didn't stay to shoot) and happened to fall on Groundhog's Day. Since I'm native to that part of the country, I take an interest in the day.

Groundhog's Day was started in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, in 1887. Tradition says that if the groundhog, **Punxsutawney Phil**, comes out of his hole after a long winter sleep and sees his shadow, it is six more weeks of bad weather; if it is a shadow-less day, spring is near. As is customary (usually) with Phil, it looks like we can expect more winter. I keep telling everyone that I have a surefire way of keeping Phil from going back into his hole (it involves a 22 rifle and a scope) but no one ever listens to me!! OK....OK.....I hope you all know that I'm only kidding about the 22 rifle part :)

I hope you all had a good day, between a brisk match and football game to occupy your time. I'm looking forward to the March match and a little bit warmer temperature. Hope to see you there.

Till then,

Fallen Grace

A little more information about.....Rubicon



Rubicon, otherwise known as Don Berry, is originally from the state of Arkansas. He and his lovely wife, Sandy, settled in the Carson Valley about four years ago, now residing in Gardnerville. He was given his alias by his good friend Tahoe Dave. Rubicon tells me that he has spent many years four wheeling in the mountains and particularly enjoyed spending time on the Rubicon Trail located west of

Emerald Bay on Tahoe. So that's where Tahoe Dave got his inspiration for Don's alias!

Before retiring, Rubicon was a Police Sergeant for the Richmond Police Department in California. He tells me that prior to that he was "a jack of all trades, master of none". His career spanned over thirty years during which time he was a policeman as a street officer, a robbery investigator, homicide investigator and completed numerous other assignments as well. The last five years of his career was spent as the department Budget Manager, managing a \$24 million dollar budget for the department.

Rubicon and Tahoe Dave have spent many years working together as well as shooting PPC while employed by the Richmond Police Department. We can thank Tahoe Dave for introducing Rubicon to the sport of cowboy action shooting. Rubicon's been at it about two years so far and really enjoys the sport. His current interests include bass fishing, photography and Photoshop. Older hobbies included 4-wheeling and Harley riding. He says that his last good trip was a 6000 mile adventure in 2009 taking nineteen days. WOW, now that's a motorcycle ride!

Something surprising about Rubicon....he says he LOVES to play poker! With all of that budget experience under his belt....you fellow cowboy poker players might want to be pretty careful when you play cards with Rubicon.

HPD February Match

Think it was cold Sunday!!!?



“ A picture speaks a thousands words”







The "DUKE"