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MONTHLY MATCH

Another addition of "FernleyStock" is in the books. Several folks camped out and some others came out to play over the 4th of July weekend. There was some stages, long range, fun shoots and a swap meet.

36 shooters came out on Sunday for the monthly match. Slow Thunder devised the stages and they were a lot of fun. To be honest, I don't think we had that much steel up for Shootout on the Comstock! The weather was VERY hot, but everyone was drinking water and keeping an eye on their fellow shooters so it went well.

Thanks to Slow Thunder for the stages, and congrats to Jasper for *finally* being able to get out to the long range and shoot.

SHOOTOUT ON THE COMSTOCK - 2014

Our annual match was a success. We made a profit, which is good, but more importantly, we attracted more shooters this year. A 10% increase over last year and every bit helps. We will be learning from what we did this year and make adjustments and improvements to make it better for next year. One of the bright spots was that the ACES program worked very well. JJ had everything done about an hour after the shoot. As much as I hate to admit it, technology is here to stay.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS

We held nominations for Club Officers at the shooter's meeting. There were no new nominations except for our Social Director. Fallen Grace nominated Mustang Sally (Sheriff Winchester's wife) for the position. Grace needs to take care of some things and needs the extra time. She did say that she will continue to provide us with her wonderful baked goods. If you want to nominate anyone for any position, please call or e-mail me before the August shoot.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A Board meeting was held right after the shoot on Sunday. A number of issues were discussed, primarily Shootout on the Comstock.

The biggest issue is getting people to help put on the shoot. We really need our members to STEP UP and help. There is a lot to do and if everyone just does a little, it goes a long way. Another item was improvements in the pavilion. Primarily, putting down a concrete slab the rest of the way. I am working with the company that did the work earlier in the year for us to get a price. The floor would make a huge difference in there. We are also going to hang some sliding door panels on each end that can be closed if the wind is blowing.

Another item approved by the Board was the purchase of up to 30 new chairs for events. Some of ours are in pretty bad shape and need to be replaced.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, gripes, etc., get hold of one of the Board members and let us know. After all, it is *your* club.

SASS RULES

Here we go again! As of this last weekend, we are now back to the original rule regarding "open and empty" on the long guns. This is a giant can of worms that someone just had to open. So, for HPD, we will be going with the gun must be open and empty when restaged. Please look in your Shooter's handbook for guidance if you need to. Just remember that from now on, the T.O.'s *will* be watching this carefully.

END OF TRAIL

Several of our shooter's attended this years World Championship in New Mexico at End of Trail. Here's how they did.

Bobcat Tyler - 2nd in Gunfighter, 16th overall.

Dutch Dalton - 5th in Frontier Cartridge.

Denio - 8th in Frontier Cartridge.

Fanner Fifty - 7th in Senior Gunfighter.

Wylie Fox - World Champion, Long Range Single Shot Black powder.

I would say that these Cowboys represented us VERY well at EOT.

Well done to all!

BOTTLED WATER

We are just about out of our supply of bottled water for shoots. Both HPD and ROOP will need water so we will do like we did last year. If you bring an equal value in bottled water, you shoot free. This really worked out well and got our stockpile up to where we needed it. So if you can, bring water.

HPD/ROOP ANNUAL PICNIC

The annual picnic will again be at Mill's Park in Carson City this year. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th. We have both pavilions from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

I will let Fallen Grace elaborate on it.

LONG RANGE AT DOMINGO'S

There will be a long range match at Domingo's ranch in Washoe Valley on Saturday and Sunday, July 26th and 27th. Domingo says that if there are 10 or more shooter's, he will host a BBQ on Saturday after the shoot.

For more info, call Domingo at 721-1200.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's a long way off, but JJ and Sue will be hosting the annual Christmas Party at their house again in December. More info to follow.

ROOP MONTHLY MATCH

ROOP will be shooting on Sunday the 13th. Sheriff Winchester is providing the stages for the match.

Bring some bottled water if you can.

Shooter's meeting at 9:00 am. shooting right after.

ROOP COUNTY DAYS

ROOP County Days is only **2 MONTHS** away. Make sure you get hold of Jasper and get signed up. While you're at it, volunteer to help with something at the shoot. It will surely be appreciated!

That's all for now. It is going to be HOT for the next couple of months. Plan accordingly with what you wear and make sure to drink lots of water.

Washoe Zephyr

Future of Annual Side Matches



Some of the events I really enjoy participating in at the Annual club matches are the side matches, speed rifle, speed pistol, speed pocket pistol, speed derringer, and others.

In the past each event had only one category, Male, Female and Age all lumped together. In my opinion, and some others, making the events categorized by age and gender would level the playing field, and interest more shooters in participating in these events.

For instance three age groups, 0 to 45 (Shootist), 46 to 65 (Bounty Hunter) and 66 plus (Lawman), and a male-female category for each. These are just a suggestion and any input or suggestions are encouraged, so don't hesitate to jump in!

This would also allow more people to win awards, and everybody likes to win something at the Annual matches. I have found one of the best places to have fun is at the side matches, everyone who runs these matches are the best and make it an enjoyable, fun experience, and will bend over backward to help all newcomers feel comfortable and have a good time.

BlackJack Slim



Howdy all and Happy July!!,

It's hard to believe that the longest day of the year is passed and the days are starting to get shorter again. We had a good turnout for the July potlucks and match...in spite of the hot weather. If you were out to the range, I'm sure that you noticed the pool.

Complete with flamingos. Thank you, thank you to whoever provided that pleasure. It was splendid to relax by the pool with your feet in the water after dining on a fantastic potluck meal :)

Before the match got started we had nominations for the club offices. There were no new nominations for any of the positions with the exception of the Social Director. Mustang Sally had agreed to accept the nomination and I was very pleased to be able to nominate her for that position. I know she will do an excellent job for us. Thank you Mustang Sally!!

Be sure to mark your calendar for the HPD/ROOP Annual Picnic. Saturday, August 16th, at Mills Park in Carson City. I believe the times are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Don't forget to bring a potluck item to share. It's a great way to spend some time with your family as well as your shooting friends. You can have an afternoon of fun, some great food, a few laughs....and there won't be any guns to clean when you get home :) I hope to see all of you there.

Til then,

Fallen Grace

A little more information on...Captain James West

Come on out to any of our monthly matches and you are bound to see a cowboy shooter that is dressed to impress! That shooter would be Ray Joakimson aka Captain James West. Ray says that his alias choice was inspired by his older brother, whom he lost in an accident in the mid seventies. His brother was a big fan of the television show, Wild Wild West, and so he chose his alias in memorium to his brother.

Captain James West was born in San Francisco, CA, and is currently residing in the Sparks area. He got started in Cowboy Action shooting while looking for a custom holster to go along with the pistols and rifle that he already had. He said that he wasn't sure exactly what he was going to do with these cowboy firearms and discovered SASS while searching for the holsters to complete the outfit.....Problem Solved! He has been shooting Cowboy Action for fifteen years but has only taken it seriously for the past two years.

Captain James West is currently working as a wealth advisor but in his spare time he pursues other hobbies such as baseball, history, reading books, traveling and even dancing with his wife Debbie!! We'll have to be sure to invite them up to Virginia City for the Governor's Ball in October :) Ray and Debbie have three grown children with the oldest one already married off. Their family also includes two cats and a Jack Russell Terrier.

Now for my favorite question.....in 1982 he participated in the first airborne operation by the US Army in Europe since WWII. He also planned, executed and lead an airborne operation into Honduras in 1986. He said that he "jumped into some serious s*** " on that jump. It was a combination of horse, cow and human.....but it was soft :)



Captain James West

July HPD Monthly Match







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