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MONTHLY MATCH

Well, the first match of the New Year was a bit cool to say the least! Cloudy skies and pretty darn cold. We had 24 shooters and a few spectators come out. After one or two of the stages, we decided to just shoot 4 and everyone seemed pretty good with that. Thanks to Brazos for writing the stages and thanks to those that helped set up and tear down the steel.

DOMINGO

A large group of Cowboys dressed up for and attended Domingo's service in Washoe Valley in December. Olivia and the boys wanted to make sure that I told everyone how appreciative they were for the turnout.

Domingo will be missed by the entire Cowboy community.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Now that it is the New Year, we will be moving forward with some more Range improvements. These include a new slab in the Pavilion, weed abatement, possibly a new water line and spigot *at* the Pavilion and various other projects. We will call for volunteers when needed. (Mostly on nice weather days, trust me.) If you can help out it will really be appreciated.

2014

2014 was a good year for the club. We completed some projects to improve our facility, gained new members and lost some others. Our Annual Match was a success and we made a bit of a profit. New people stepped forward to help out and it made a difference. JJ and Jackpot Jerry have done a great job with the new ACES scoring system that we are using now. Believe me, I am NOT a big techno guy and even I can see how well it works. Our social events went pretty well too. The Picnic and Christmas Dinner were both very well attended and I can't wait to see what Mustang Sally has up her sleeve for this year! As they say, we will strive to endeavor to persevere and make the club even better this year.

LONG RANGE

The Long Range Committee will be meeting soon and coming up with some ideas. Hopefully, they can put together some stand-alone matches for this year. One of our Range improvement projects will be a new cover for the shooting area. We will see what they come up with.

On that note, Jasper, Brazos, May Day and myself went up to Domingo's a couple of weeks ago and took down all of the club's targets and materials and returned them to the Range in Fernley.

Olivia plans on selling the property so we will no longer be able to use it.

SHOOT OUT ON THE COMSTOCK 2015

The apps are out so get signed up! It will be here in a few short months and there is a lot to do. JJ already has stages written and we are fine-tuning as needed. The dinner this year will be at the Pavilion and will be a potluck. HPD will provide tri-tips, chicken and maybe ribs. Fanner Fifty and his "barrel boys" will be doing the cooking and I am pretty sure no one will go hungry!

WILD BUNCH

After the Match on Sunday, a few of us stayed around to play with some Wild Bunch. I was surprised to see 15 people there either shooting or wanting to check it out! Reno Slim wrote 2 stages and gave some great instructions to those of us who had not shot it before. It was a lot of fun and laughs and a great learning process for us. We may do this again as a stand-alone match sometime in the future if there is enough interest.

STAMPEDES

Once the weather warms a bit, we may also have some Stampedes (practice) here and there. They are a great way to work on your game in a way you can't do at a regular monthly match. I will keep you up to date.

ROOP

The first shoot of the New Year for ROOP will be this Sunday the 11th.
Shooter's meeting at 9:00. Shooting starts right after.
Dress for the weather. Last weekend was just downright cold!

That's about all I have for now. I hope that 2015 will be a successful year for us as a club and that we have a lot of fun along the way!

Washoe Zephyr

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST WINNER
LONGARM



“ Don’t know what’s uglier, the sweater or the wearer!”

CHRISTMAS PARTY





HPD's First WB Match

What a Hoot !!!

HPD's First 'Official' Wild Bunch Match was initiated by our own Reno Slim. Reno Slim is no stranger to this WB Stuff. He has been shooting those pesky (and sometimes finicky) 45acp's since I first met him. Last year he and Cal Tex obtained their RO Badges for WB and were able to finally put them to use here locally.

Before the match Reno gave all of the 7 registered shooters (and interest onlookers) some lessons on shooting WB. As everyone quickly found out, shooting WB is much different than shooting cowboy. While still shooting some of our cowboy guns, WB rules are frequently different. 20 rounds in multiple magazines, stocked 97's or Model 12's, and 40 caliber and above cowboy rifles. Though somewhere I seem to remember reading 38-40's (or something like that are also fine to use in WB. You can pick up magazines dropped on the ground and reuse them if they still have rounds left in them - but careful with the 170 rule. Finger out of the trigger while loading magazines were just a few of the rules along with the special magazine loaded with the 'Barney Fife' single round for those 'just in case' situations.

After some discussion the match progressed for 2 stages from a single bay. As I believe I can attest, fun was had by all who participated. While no safety issues were dismissed and since it was our first match, some of Reno's rules were overlooked because of our unfamiliarity with WB shooting.

One of the better parts of the match was the dozen or so by standers who also helped out with the match. We found them helping out with the counting, picking brass, and generally observing the matches administration. In the future when the two clubs place on our venue a WB match, I suspect that match will have more than 7 shooters.

To familiarize yourself with the WB rules, I would suggest you go to SASS's website and download the WB booklets. The rules are simple to read, easy to understand, and quite informative. So next time this WB stuff is offered, undust those 45acp's along with the other unused equipment most of us have and use them. I am sure you will enjoy it.



January HPD Match



