

## **SHERIFF'S BLOTTER**

By Jasper Agate

Howdy all,  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, BeeBad and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season, we did!!! I'm already receiving emails and phone calls about our plans for next year. Ike and I are going to get together real soon and make a calendar of events for the year. We didn't have as many events as years past and I'm hoping that a group calendar will help us plan and put on more fun events. We've started the schedule for stage writers for next year. It's not full yet; if you want to give it a try and don't feel you have the experience to complete the task by yourself ask someone with more time writing stages to join you! It's a blast and you will have all the help to set up your match if you ask for it. I would be happy to review your ideas to see that they "flow" and are safe. Ask some of our new writers how much fun it is to bring something different to our range. The shooters love it!  
Washoe Zephyr and Reese River Ruby did an outstanding job on Dec's stages. We didn't even have too much trouble ciphering all those bonuses. We had 26 shooters come out and brave the elements. We had Ed Johnson, who I spoke to at Roop County Days join us to watch and thanks to Dead Eye Dick ended up shooting the entire match with us.  
Cripple Jimmy was back and did a fine job. I think that if he could coordinate his "Driver" his times would be pretty darn good! Be sure to ask him about his NV sheep hunt! We finished the match with a fine get together with hot drinks, cookies and gifts for all. Be sure to thank Washoe Zephyr and RRR for all their hard work and thanks to all of you who came out early to help set up and then stuck around to see that everything was put up. Those of you who always show up and help are the backbone (literarily in my case) of our club and we

can't thank you enough!!!!!!  
As for our first match for the year, South Paw told me that it's going to be BIG BORE OPTIONAL. I'm thrilled and can't wait to send some big old bullets down range!!!  
CC Dollar, Denio, Russ T and I are changing the format for Roop County Days this year. It will still be on the second weekend in Sept, but if we want the match to grow we need to make a

days. Basically we will be starting the event one day earlier and not shooting any main match stuff on Sunday. We are really looking for someone to take the Sunday's events, whatever that might be from our already busy schedule. It's truly a gratifying feeling to pull off a major match, so please consider joining our team! We are always looking for people to step up and take some part of the match off of the shoulders of those



few changes. We will limit the shoot to 75 shooters, that's all I want to cook for! As you know I asked for feedback after our last match and received a number of positive criticisms. The biggest problem was stopping for lunch on main match

who do the bulk of the planning. Please don't misunderstand my meaning here, we have a great group of folks who go out of their way to see that we have a world class shoot and I wasn't trying to slight your wonderful efforts. I'm trying

to motivate some other folks to step up so we don't have to work as hard! To everyone who has helped, let it be known that your contributions are greatly appreciated!! If you want to be part of the planning process just let me know!

We still haven't heard anything about the range. I'm thinking that no news is good news as far as that goes.

See you on the Range!

## ***THE DEPUTY'S DESK***

By Toni 2 Bits

Hello shooters:

In case anyone cares, here are the voting results on the 5 agenda items at the Convention last week. Remember, everything is for State, Regional and above championships. Each club Match Director has the ability to have whatever categories they want depending on the number of people who sign for for the match.

There were 284 clubs represented at the Convention - some in attendance and some by proxies. At the moment, no other word about when or if there will be another convention, so TG's will be notified at large matches (i.e., EOT, Winter Range, etc) about getting together and discussing/voting on other issues. These items will probably will sent out to all TG's before the big matches so they can discuss the items with their individual clubs.

I'm not going to type the whole item, but will paraphrase...

#1 had to do with people getting awards if they miss 2 or more stages at a match (i.e., STQ's, DNF's, etc)...The SASS scoring program (used by some clubs, but not others) lets fast shooters score higher than slower shooters even though they might only finish 10 of the 12 stages. Don't know the SASS scoring program, but HPD uses it (or did), but Roop does not, so this is possibly a moot point for Roop. Anyway, it was voted a YES by the TG's. This means that any club that uses the SASS scoring program will be changed so that any shooter who does not finish 2 or more stages in a match cannot be placed ahead of competitors who actually finish the match.

#2 should shooters in age based categories be changed from the current way, (i.e., a 65-year old competitor currently has the option to sign up in FIVE age-based categories, Silver

Senior, Senior, 49er, Wrangler or Cowboy; a 26-year old shooter has only one option, Cowboy). This is what we've had for quite a while....a shooter can "go backwards" in an age-based category, but not "forward. A 40-year old cannot sign up and shoot in a senior category....this was voted NO, so everything stays the same as above. The oldsters can beat the youngsters, but not vice versa.

#3 should an OPEN category be established with NO restrictions on gender, age, shooting style or propellant...lot of discussion on this one, but it was voted NO. It was felt there would be too much confusion with types of firearms, etc., and shooters changing categories at the last minute to shoot against someone with a 410 single-shot shotgun (as an example) if they were in an OPEN category.

#4 this had to do with "B" Western dress code for ladies....confusing, since I've seen every type of costume there is and didn't know there were problems just for "B" Western ladies. Seems, like the "B" Western for men, it was mentioned there weren't enough options available. No "saloon ladies" nor moccasins, but then those aren't allowed in the men's "B" Western either, This was voted NO...don't think this has much meaning to our clubs.

#5 this was the biggie of the agenda items....revamping the categories (again)...about half-dozen categories don't have a women's option, i.e., senior gunfighter, cattle baron). At State-and-above Championships, there are 20 "Official" men's categories and only 12 women's. As mentioned at the top of this epistle, the Match Director's have the option to offer all or some for those categories at matches that aren't State and above, especially combining some if there are only one or two people signed up in the category. This was voted NO, so everything stays the same with no new categories, although if a Match Director so wishes at any match, he/she can add something "wacky" like OPEN category, just to make things interesting. After the agenda items were voted on, the RO Committee had some clarifications to the RO Handbook:

1. De-cocking may not be done to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time, position or location once a round has gone down range. Clarification of this is the Timer Operator must give the

shooter a "positive" indication to the shooter before the shooter de-cocks the weapon.

2. Navy Pepperbox revolver which is assembled on a "Colt Navy" frame qualifies as a MAIN match revolver and thus is DISqualified as a pocket pistol.

3. .38 S&W spl is Legal for Plainsman sidematch (blackpowder).

4. Long Range - Receiver mounted sights are not allowed...OPTICAL sights are only allowed in that category.

5. NO to the use of a 12 ga/.70 cal slug gun in Long Range rifle sidematches. Shotguns using slugs are NOT legal as a rifle.

6. DURING a long range rifle match, no mobile item (i.e., range finder with includes temps, humidity, elevation, etc.) is NOT allowed....the key word is "during" the match....seems that some "spotters" for the shooter on the line, punches in data on one of these items, and then tells the shooter the adjustment. Spotters can tell the shooters what adjustments to make but cannot use a computer-type adjustment machine.

7. add single shot shotguns to Plainsmen events

I Know this will be sent out after the Christmas holiday, but we wish you all happy holidays and a great 2012.

## ***Peace On Earth***

by Larry Maurice

Snow blows through the little crack in the line shack wall

Like a snake it hisses, spits and slips  
Little grains of cold diamond sand on the shelf

It piles, melts, puddles and drips  
But mostly it's warm and dry inside  
You've chinked the holes and patched the rugged door

The stove draws good and there's dry  
Pinion wood.

Both dogs curled up on the floor  
There's coffee boiling and the smell fills the room

Along with hot biskits and "Dinty  
Moore" stew

It's Christmas Eve and you still believe  
This is what "Peace on Earth" means to you

Lamplight and firelight and Owen  
Wister's, "The Virginian"

For the ninth (and you swear the last time)

No one to talk to but memories and shadows

But somehow you like it just fine

You're not anti-social but at times like these  
 Conversation can just get in your way  
 There's a big difference between alone and lonely  
 Maybe that's why most who try it don't stay  
 The boss will be down at the end of the week  
 Maybe sooner if his wife gets to fussin'  
 But he has let you work it out for the last nine seasons  
 So it's not worth the time of discussin'  
 And you suspect (just maybe) he's figured it out  
 That your here because that's the way you want it to be  
 And that you just might know how to take care of a couple of cows  
 keep 'em from freezin' and it's your way of bein' a little bit free  
 He knows you like spendin' Christmas alone  
 He never would press you for the why? but it makes it easier on the married guys  
 So he just leaves you here to get by  
 The cows are on the hay piles built from falls' hard work  
 The creeks runnin' strong and hard like a plow  
 They'll hide in the quakes 'til this here blizzard breaks  
 You've done all that you can do for now  
 The horses are safe in the lee canyon corral  
 Good grain and hay in the box and dry straw  
 And you know that this small spot of peace  
 Is the off-side of the beast  
 That you've fought many times, to a win, a lose and a draw  
 You've been on your own since you were a pup  
 Never askin', never takin' more than your rightful share  
 And in all that has passed  
 And in the questions you've asked  
 Something else was always right there?

You could feel it in the bite of the winter wind  
 In the sweet sweat of a hot desert day  
 In the blood pounding heart of a good working horse  
 It would touch you and never move too far away  
 You could see it in the fold of the mountains  
 Where the shadows give up to granite gray

In the flash of lightning on a sweet summer night  
 In a Buckskin, a Roan or a Bay  
 You can smell it in the campfire smoke  
 In the feel of new boots (right out of the box)  
 In the wild roses blush  
 And the yellow Rabbit Brush  
 In the sound of fast water over a polished rock  
 It moves with the seasons and it comes and it goes  
 It lives in the leather of every saddle (old or new)  
 It crawls the feedlot lanes  
 And the bunch grass plains  
 It's always there and it comforts you  
 You hear it in the coyotes wail  
 Or in the bawlin' of a new born calf  
 The meter of the pines  
 And in the Cedars soft rhymes  
 In the cry of a mothers laugh  
 You taste it in the sweet milk of spring  
 And in the dust of the desert winds blast  
 In the nothing times of empty rhymes  
 And in all this  
 The past is only, the past  
 In all of this there is no lonely  
 For it is all there to watch and make you grow  
 And the more that you see  
 The more you agree  
 There's less that you really know  
 So here it is Christmas Eve  
 And you are once again glad of the trail that you took  
 By choice, not chance, you have this special time  
 To check you personal "Tally Book"  
 Tomorrow you'll be back into the life  
 Hard at it in the drifts and blow  
 But tonight it's time to rest and respect and remember  
 All the good things that this time of peace brings  
 They warm you and calm you,  
 Like a slow burning ember  
 You'll give a little thanks for the special gifts  
 that keep you tied to this life and this land  
 Allow yourself the gentle gift of "Peace"  
 (Try not to forget)  
 How that was the original plan  
 Here in this quiet line shack  
 with that darn little drip  
 Not alone  
 But with all that you have come to understand  
 "Merry Christmas" is what you carry in your heart

"Peace on Earth"  
 was the real plan  
 The peace has to start with you  
 It is there that the seed must be sown  
 For "Peace on Earth, Good will to all men"  
 Starts with one man,  
 Alone.

### ***MOB JUSTICE AT EUREKA***

Next in a series from Harold's Club

Pioneer Nevada

Supplied by Slow Eddy

The winter of 1888 found the mining town of Eureka seething with excitement! For ten months the camp had been seeking to identify a man guilty of an alleged rape, but evidence of any kind had been skimpy. Phil Paroni, a local merchant, had been singled out and subjected to two trials and a Grand Jury investigation, and some folks refused to accept the decisions of innocence. A masked mob seized Paroni at his home one night, marched him to the lime kiln west of town, stripped him to the waist and poured hot tar and shreds of paper over him. For a time the mob debated firing the tar and burning him to death, but finally tied his hands behind him and sent him on his way to the railroad tracks and out of town on pain of death. He later freed his hands but saw so much activity and excitement in town it seemed possible they might really kill him, so he made his way up the tracks. He had only one shoe, his bare foot was badly cut and swollen, and the night was far below freezing. A bitter wind swept across the desert, and out in the blackness howled a circle of coyotes. He tried to find the smooth ties in the dark for his cut foot, but the starlight was too dim to see anything but the reflection on the rails. Staggering along, he soon realized he no longer felt the bite of the cold wind and so must be freezing himself. So he ran, until exhausted, to keep warm. Alternately walking, stumbling and running, he covered twelve miles before he made out the warm yellow windows of the little section houses at Diamond Station, heard the barking of the dogs and saw the door swing open. Barney McCook, section boss, stood with lantern in hand for a moment, trying to make out the nature of the strange creature standing half frozen in the tracks in the dead of night. Then



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**UPDATE**

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**2010**

**3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

**May 15th** we will have a bar-b-que after the Shoot

**July 19th**

**July 24th**

**August 20th** Robbers Roost Vigilantes will join us. After the shoot there will be a bar-bq hosted by Bridgeport Vigilantes

**September 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th** 3 day Bridgeport Vigilantes Eastern High Sierra shoot out

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