

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

By Jasper Agate

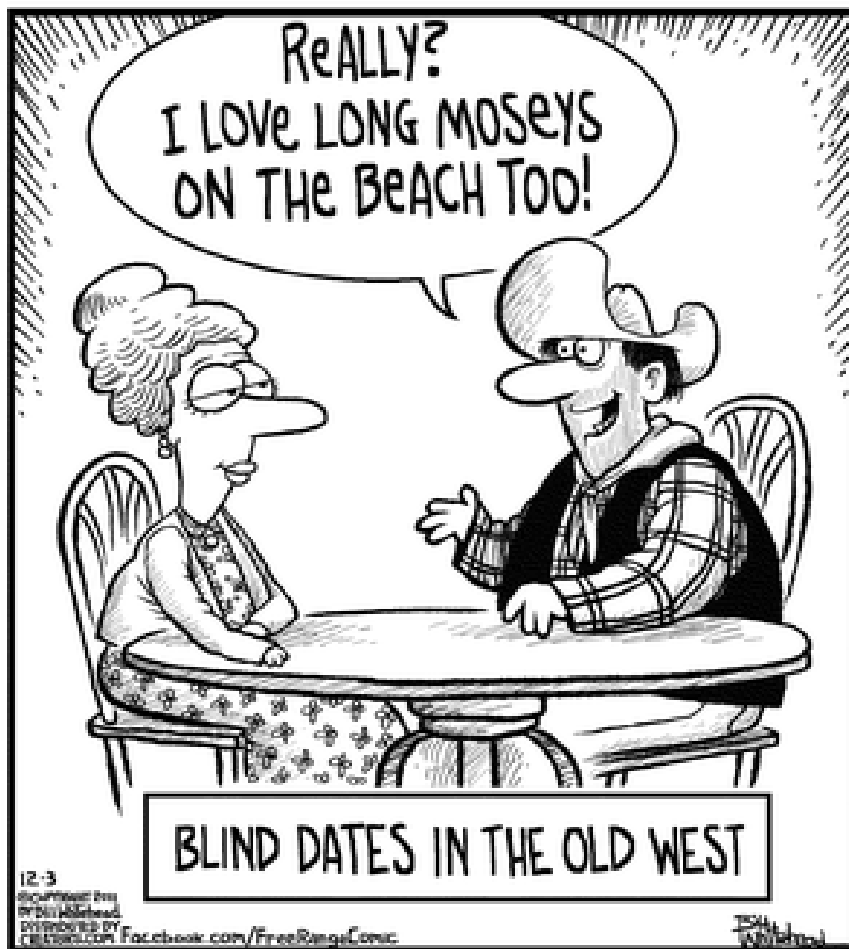
Howdy all,

All I can say is WOW, what a weekend!!!! I was Eggxhausted when I got home on Sunday afternoon!!! BeeBad and I spent a very quiet Friday night at the range. She also got her Fernley potluck at the Chinese Buffet. Saturday morning was quite pleasant. Ike was the first to show up and we got a plan going for the day. A handful of us spent the day cleaning up around the containers and it looked great when we were done. We cut up a bunch of old lumber for firewood and even resurrected the old gallows that some of you old timers with us might remember. A special thanks to Dutch for making a dump run and BeeBad for a great lunch! Washoe and Brazos set up the match for the next day. All we had to do was paint the steel in fine pastel colors for our Easter Egg EGGstravaganza! We had an enjoyable afternoon of shooting before it was time to settle into the pavilion and have one of our world famous potlucks, followed by libations and a nice campfire. We all went to bed early after a day of hard work.

We had 26 shooters show up to see what Ruby And Washoe had up their sleeves and as usual they didn't let us down! We also had three NEW shooters join us. BeeBad, El Rod and Toni 2 Bits came out to play after a long hiatus. The stages were a little different, but nothing too far out of the ordinary. I personally liked having to put the colored Easter Eggs in the basket and take it with you as you shot. I had a couple of train wrecks with my rifle not feeding the ammo I had made for it and one of my handguns breaking a bolt spring. Which brought my tally of misses up to 18 for the day. HHMMM, last month clean and this month.... Oh well!!!! BeeBad had a clean match going until the last stage. I asked her if she wanted to try my handgun that wasn't broken. She said NO, she was shooting clean, OOPS the

kiss of death; never tell anyone you have a clean run going on your last stage. She dropped one shot with her last handgun and started cussing like a sailor. I did threaten to give her a sprit of the game penalty, but thought better of it!!! Eldorado ordered us (HPD and ROOP) a new flagpole and Drifter John graciously offered to bring it down from El Dorado's business up at Lake Tahoe. It's going to be neat when Drifter John

rocky start. I got a call from Red Blaze late on Friday night informing me that because of the way the dates fell on the calendar that if we shot the following day it would actually be the second Saturday instead of the scheduled third Saturday. I said Oh Well, because I had sent out an email note reminding people of the match the following day. We met for Breakfast the next morning and it snowed most of the drive from Washoe



gets it put up. Thanks again John!!! Our friend Ed Johnson surprised us with his new cowboy name. Even though you have been with us for a while, welcome aboard Wiley Fox!! Our Saturday Stampede got off to a

Valley to the Black Bear diner in Fernley. We had breakfast and a great time with those who showed up. For those of you that missed it, I have to tell you that breakfast for all was on Washoe!! Thanks Amigo!!! After

breakfast we all drove out to the range and determined that it was way to cold and windy to spend the morning shooting. Everyone decided to try again on Sunday. I wasn't going to come back out and wished them well.

May is a very busy month for BeeBad and myself. We figured we would be home for nine days for the entire month. Get your applications in for Western Sates/ Shootout on the Comstock and get in touch with Dutch, Ike or myself with something cool to put in our raffle!!!! See you on the range,

NEW SHOOTERS ORIENTATION

By Drifter John

Hello fellow Cowboys and Cowgirls

A few weeks ago I mentioned at one of the shoots that I am going to have a new shooters orientation on June 2nd. The idea IS to get new shooters interested in CAS and hopefully join our clubs thereby increasing our revenue a little. I am going to put out flyers at all the sporting goods stores and gun shops and in the RGJ around the end of this month. There is a sample on the bulletin board in the pavilion. The orientation will start at 9:00 and I intend to go over all our safety rules, loading procedures and basic shooting skills then shoot three or four stages. In a perfect world I would like to have a Cowboy/Cowgirl for each new shooter to walk them through loading and unloading and to insure safe gun handling. In the flyer I stated that it was open to the first thirty shooters but obviously I have no idea how many we will get. I will know more as the 2nd gets closer as I am going to have them register with me prior to the shoot. Washoe and Longarm have graciously offered their services but I will need more help depending on the turn out. We will be camping out that weekend so many of our loyal, enthusiastic, charismatic and all around great club members will be on hand anyway. Any suggestions or comments will be greatly appreciated. Thanks Drifter John 530 570-8004 drifterjohn@ymail.com

CHINESE BORAX WORKS

**Next in a series from Harold's Club
Pioneer Nevada
Supplied by Slow Eddy**

As you drive along the highway, some 25 miles south of Mina, you pass the old Columbia Marsh, an area which was

extremely active and colorful in the '60's and '70's. Here in 1865 started the town of Columbus, providing salt and water for the mills working the silver, and later those from booming Candelaria.

Activity at the salt marshes had started in 1864, and during the Candelaria boom the rich silver ore was freighted down to the mills on the backs of Mexican pack trains. In 1871 a former Comstock miner arrived on the scene. He believed the marsh contained borax and succeeded in refining some in a wash boiler. A year later William T. Coleman entered the borax business, but soon sold out to Borax Smith of Twenty Mule Team fame who continued there through the '70's.

Columbus was as wild and woolly as most pioneer Nevada boom towns. A man was lynched at the old slaughterhouse a mile west of town and there were numerous shootings. But Columbus got most of its color from the Chinese laborers who were brought in to work the borax.

At one time there were more than a thousand coolies working on the marsh. The heat had proved too great for white laborers, and the work was almost entirely done by Chinese. They spread out over the vast marshes in little groups, wearing wide straw coolie hats, long "pig-tails," shirts outside their pants, trousers rolled up out of the mud, and light sandals. They worked seven main boilers, scattered out in the brush. The boilers were fired by sagebrush, and Chinese gangs stripped the desert for this fuel as far south as the old Dyer Ranch in Fish Lake Valley. The marsh water, containing soda, was boiled in these crude vats, the Chinese stirring it with long handled shovels until it was syphoned off into galvanized tanks and crystalized.

Transportation on the soft marsh was limited to very light wagons, drawn by two horses, and handled by Chinese drivers and swamper. The finished product was freighted to Wadsworth and loaded on the Central Pacific during the '70's and later in the '80's it was hauled to Candelaria instead, usually in 100-pound sacks.

Old-timers told how the Chinese and their wagons crawled up the steep grade into Candelaria, emptied their load, and returned to Columbus by an even more precipitous shortcut. There were no brakes on the little wagons, and as they

bounced down the grade, the wagons crowded the teams, the teams would begin to bolt, and the Chinese drivers would get panicky. They always entered Columbus' Main street at a terrific speed, hanging on for dear life and shouting and screaming at the horses at the top of their lungs in Chinese. The coolies never learned to return to town in any different manner, and it became a daily feature of life at Columbus.

The thousand Chinese lived in adobe huts for the most part. Many had cellars for opium dens underneath but these were ignored by the white employers whose main policy was to "keep John Chinaman at work."

Columbus produced borax until about 1890, but the main interest withdrew in 1875, marking the start of the downgrade which sooner or later comes to every mining camp.

OPHIR

Quarter-mile east of US 395 at a point 20 miles south of Reno.

Ophir derived its name from the mythical land from whence came all gold. After the Ophir Mining Co. of Virginia City erected a large \$500,000 72-stamp quartz mill complex in 1861, the camp of Ophir grew around the operation and acquired a few hundred residents. The mill building covered over an acre of ground and employed 165 men. Its superintendent earned a salary of \$30,000 and a furnished house. The camp grew to almost 300 residents in 1862-63, and construction of a railroad from Virginia City west to Ophir was planned but not started. Instead, ore-laden wagons came bumping down from the Comstock over a toll road, reaching Ophir by way of a \$75,000 mile-long wooden causeway across marshes at the north end of Washoe Lake. Besides milling, the camp thrived due to the extensive shipping of cordwood.

Accidents in the mills, people falling under wagons, and teamsters taking swings at each other kept many doctors busy. Businesses included saloons, lawyers, the post office, first called Washoe, which opened in November 1861, and several blacksmith and wagon shops to repair wagons damaged on the grueling journey from the Comstock. The quick decline of lumbering and mill activity in the mid-1860s led to the end of Ophir, and only 41 voters remained in

1871 when the post office was removed. During the next year the big mill was dismantled. Its walls remain in a private field; ask owner's permission to visit.

HEADS UP FOR OUR PICNIC

By Fanny Seabride

Mark 'yer calendars!

Fanny's second annual "PicNic in the Park" at Mormon Station in Genoa, NV will be held on August 18, 2012!

There will be more details as the date gets closer.

ALIAS	CLASS	PLACE	OVERALL	STAGE 1			STAGE 2			STAGE 3			STAGE 4			STAGE 5			STAGE 6		
				BERM #	RAW	M P B	BERM #	RAW	M P B	BERM #	RAW	M P B	BERM #	RAW	M P B	BERM #	RAW	M P B	BERM #	RAW	M P B
MR. WOOD	C	1	162.98	27.23	0	27.23	24.25	0	24.25	27.53	0	27.53	27.66	0	27.66	25.18	0	25.18	31.13	0	31.13
FANNER FIFTY	GF	2	175.34	27.03	1	32.03	24.57	0	24.57	29.48	0	29.48	27.53	0	27.53	24.38	0	24.38	37.35	0	37.35
RENO SLIM	SS	3	180.97	30.85	0	30.85	23.20	0	23.20	25.31	0	25.31	27.68	0	27.68	28.14	0	28.14	35.79	0	35.79
BOBCAT TYLER	B	4	192.73	25.35	2	35.35	27.55	0	27.55	23.92	1	28.92	26.66	0	26.66	26.07	0	26.07	48.18	0	48.18
DRIFTER JOHN	M49	5	206.64	33.09	0	33.09	28.81	0	28.81	30.80	1	35.80	35.92	2	45.92	26.28	0	26.28	36.74	0	36.74
TURTLE	SS	6	223.93	33.98	0	33.98	27.34	2	37.34	34.24	0	34.24	38.93	1	43.93	27.33	0	27.33	47.11	0	47.11
SLOW THUNDER	FCD	7	224.59	36.58	0	36.58	33.13	1	38.13	38.63	0	38.63	33.24	0	33.24	32.57	1	37.57	40.44	0	40.44
WASHOE ZEPHYR	GF	8	240.34	40.40	0	40.40	29.58	1	34.58	33.68	0	33.68	43.15	3	56.15	35.00	0	35.00	38.53	0	38.53
TONI 2 BITS	LS	9	249.92	39.49	0	39.49	40.54	0	40.54	42.22	0	42.22	44.31	0	44.31	36.81	0	36.81	46.55	0	46.55
BRAZOS	SS	10	261.23	38.22	0	38.22	32.88	0	32.88	53.95	1	68.95	43.09	0	43.09	29.03	0	29.03	49.06	0	49.06
IRISH LIKE	FCD	11	278.24	36.15	0	36.15	29.13	0	29.13	33.27	0	33.27	43.68	1	58.68	35.93	0	35.93	55.08	4	85.08
WILEY FOX	SS	12	286.22	25.35	0	25.35	37.66	3	52.66	41.61	0	41.61	47.82	2	57.82	36.60	0	36.60	52.18	0	52.18
LONGARM	SS	13	286.44	47.43	0	47.43	38.47	0	38.47	51.04	1	56.04	46.90	0	46.90	42.30	0	42.30	55.30	0	55.30
VERDI VERN	SS	14	292.14	45.44	0	45.44	53.36	0	53.36	40.49	3	65.49	41.55	1	46.55	30.90	0	30.90	50.40	0	50.40
EL DORADO	SS	15	293.74	39.38	0	39.38	32.60	0	32.60	42.55	2	52.55	36.11	0	36.11	36.75	0	36.75	96.35	0	96.35
TUMBLEWEED ED	D	16	299.49	57.79	0	57.79	41.32	0	41.32	51.96	0	51.96	52.98	0	52.98	42.77	0	42.77	52.67	0	52.67
EL ROD	GF	17	303.88	47.33	0	47.33	37.03	0	37.03	46.45	1	51.45	45.99	0	45.99	37.23	1	42.23	64.85	1	79.85
SCURRY KID	D	18	316.50	43.50	1	48.50	41.60	0	41.60	50.43	0	50.43	51.94	2	61.94	53.21	0	53.21	60.82	0	60.82
FANNY SEABRIDE	LS	19	323.79	56.55	0	56.55	42.13	0	42.13	52.91	0	52.91	52.34	0	52.34	48.01	0	48.01	71.85	0	71.85
BIG PETE	M49	20	327.39	56.33	0	66.33	45.84	0	45.84	51.26	0	51.26	51.16	0	51.16	44.26	0	44.26	68.54	0	68.54
REESE RIVER RUBY	L49	21	338.37	59.02	0	69.02	42.24	1	47.24	48.42	1	63.42	52.26	0	52.26	52.95	0	52.95	53.48	0	53.48
BLACKJACK SLIM		22	343.86	51.15	0	51.15	43.33	0	43.33	49.18	0	49.18	51.72	0	51.72	43.79	1	58.79	74.69	1	79.69
WILD BILL BERRY	P	23	397.70	67.11	0	67.11	60.63	0	60.63	68.14	1	73.14	73.14	0	73.14	51.89	0	51.89	71.79	0	71.79
JASPER AGATE	FCG	24	474.54	75.30	0	75.30	54.97	2	64.97	66.18	5	91.18	57.16	5	82.16	52.66	8	92.66	63.27	1	68.27
BEEBAD	F	25	511.64	79.33	0	79.33	84.67	0	84.67	78.82	0	78.82	78.82	1	83.82	87.50	0	87.50	97.50	0	97.50
LUMPY		26	622.62	97.72	3	122.72	76.26	3	91.26	63.98	6	93.98	54.66	4	74.66	120.00	0	120.00	120.00	0	120.00
SOUTHPAW	FCG	27	695.05	120.00	0	120.00	120.00	0	120.00	120.00	0	120.00	120.00	0	120.00	79.76	15	154.76	60.29	0	60.29

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