

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

By Jasper Agate

Howdy all,

What a great day on the range!!! I came out the night before and spent a quiet evening with Irish Ike and Miss Ricki. It was wonderful hanging out under the pavilion with a nice fire and a good cigar and libation! The following morning was 44 degrees inside the trailer. I jumped out of bed and fired up the heater, jumped back in the nice warm bed and waited for the trailer to heat up a little. We had 29 shooters show up for what started out as a cool morning then turning into a perfect spring like day with just a breath of wind. I thought that was a respectable number for the week before western States / Shootout on the Comstock. Long Arm did his usual great job with the stages. I didn't hear one complaint about the stages. I did suggest that he use the same sweep for both pistol and rifle and he was quick to tell me that if I didn't like the stages that I could write them next time which is the same line I have used more than once! We had our new friend Bad Dog shoot the match clean and he did that with borrowed guns to boot. I overheard the guys who lent him the guns jokingly say that it's time for him to buy his own toys.

I was lucky enough to shoot with the Long Arm family. It was great to see Lady Thunder shooting with us again and to have Mr. Wood's wife Katy keeping score for us. Tahoe Dave brought out two friends, Don Berry and John Brooks I hope their ready to shoot next time we see them! I'm not sure why the other posse finished so much faster than us. We had some pretty good shooters on our posse as well!!

We had a visit from the infamous western Nevada winds sometime in the week between HPD's match and ours. When Ike arrived on Friday afternoon the outhouse was in the middle of the parking lot and the store front on bay 6 was blown over. Domingo and Brazos

got the bulk of the mess cleaned up thanks to Domingo bringing out his tractor. If it wasn't for his magnanimous help we would still be cleaning up that mess. Also the guys that stopped shooting to help move the roof out of the way have my deepest gratitude. Turtle, who wrote the stages for Shootout on the Comstock took it all in stride saying that he could work around the lack of props. With Ike's awesome help, I went to the

handy. I'll have more info before we meet again in July.

I got the attending board members together and proposed a couple of changes to our bylaws. We had already voted on making constables voting board members, but we needed to amend the bylaws saying such and the second item was something that as a club member I didn't know. The only people who had any say on any changes to the club were



Fernley tourism board to see if we couldn't get some funding for our Roop County Days this Sept. We receive \$1800.00 in cash to use for the match. I still need to see how it needs to be spent, but I know the extra cash will come in

the board. The general membership had no vote in what we do. We (the board) who were present chose to change the bylaws to say the majority of the general membership has a say in what we do as a club. The exact wording will be coming

out soon for the board review and vote on.

The Fourth of July will be upon us before we know it and we are going to have an extended great time out at the range. Sunday, July 1st brings us HPD's monthly and Irish Ike's nefarious Outlaw Josey Wales Match. The actual 4th of July falls on a Wednesday and I know I'll be out at the range celebrating the holiday; in fact I'll be out for the whole week!! CC Dollar is the stage writer for us in July and I know that will be fast and furious! As for the fun and frivolity for the rest of the week we will set a schedule of events and get that out to you. We will have lots of potlucks and BBQ's during the week and I've asked Fallen Grace to coordinate some of the potlucks.

We need to start thinking hard about Rook County Days. Denio has the stages written, CC has the awards well under control and I'm working on the food. We are going to have BeeBad's world famous raffle once again, so think of something cool to add to the table!! We are keeping all the neat things we have done in the past, but changing the format to make it a little more shooter friendly. The schedule is posted at our website:

<http://www.northernnevadacas.com/rccsa/docs/RCD2012.pdf>

That's all for now see you on the range!

THE 601

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

Lawlessness had reached a peak in Virginia City during 1871! Cold blooded killings became the rule rather than the exception. Knives and guns were commonly used to settle the smallest disputes, and the Comstock was rapidly gaining a tough reputation! Seemingly from nowhere there sprang into being a secret organization known as the Six Hundred and One, a masked group of vigilantes, whose rapid dispensation of fatal justice was accomplished in the dead of night without benefit of court and jury trial.

Decent citizens had nothing to fear from the 601, but the seamy side of Virginia City soon learned respect for the organization which methodically terrorized desperadoes and killers. No one knew exactly who belonged to the

601, but it was presumed that the organization's membership was composed of the mining town's leading citizens.

Near midnight on March 24, 1871, at least a few Comstock citizens witnessed the 601 in action. To their knowledge, it was the first concerted effort of the secret group, and it served to notify the entire mining community that lawlessness would no longer go unheeded.

Late stragglers, homeward bound from Virginia City's night spots, were surprised as they approached the jail to see that building surrounded by a large group of armed, masked men. The stragglers who sought to approach picket lines were warned to "go back!" With the exception of that curt warning, not another word was spoken by the masked men who fingered their rifles as if they meant business. Meanwhile, well inside the picket lines, a group of some thirty 601 members had entered the jail, aroused the sheriff and jailer, taken possession of their weapons and proceeded on to the cell occupied by Arthur Perkins Heffernan, who a few days before had shot and killed another man in cold blood. Opening the cell door by the light of torches, the vigilantes told Heffernan, "Come out, we want you!" With no more ceremony than that, and with one boot missing, Heffernan was escorted out the back way to a shaft near the Ophir works. The noose suspended from a hoist frame cross-bar, was placed about his neck, and he was made to stand upon an old timber placed over the gaping shaft. When the signal

was given the plank was yanked from under his feet, but Heffernan had anticipated the action, and just as the word was given he leaped high into the air in order that the force of his fall would bring quick death.

In the morning the coroner who went to the Ophir works to cut down Heffernan's body, found a note attached to the dead man's shirt. It was a small card upon which were scrawled the numerals "601."

This first example of swift justice was enough to prove that the vigilantes were serious, and the necessity for such fatal action steadily declined. Undesirables were presented with "tickets of leave" which meant that they were to stay away from the Comstock region. One man, served with such a notice, decided to

return after a short absence. It was pure folly. The morning following his arrival his body was found dangling from the end of a noose which was swung from a mine flume. Pinned to his shirt was the 601 card.

HEADS UP FOR OUR PICNIC

By Fanny Seabride

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