

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

By Jasper Agate

Howdy all,

It was a hot one for those of us who braved the heat and spent Saturday night on the range. It was worth it because we celebrated three birthdays in style!! Happy Birthday to wild Bill Berry, Brazos and my dear wife BeeBad!! We had 27 shooters come out to play with us on Sunday with the return of our old friend Washoe and his wife Mountain lady. These guys were instrumental in getting the club started many years ago and it was great seeing them again. Washoe has decided to come out and shoot Roop County Days with us. If you don't know him or Mountain Lady be sure to introduce yourself and say hi! We got to shoot on the new bays and they are great!! I happen to write the stages and I didn't hear too many complaints. We were missing a few of our regulars. Reno Slim, Wincheste and Big Dave all high tailed for the coast to shoot the Chorro Valley shoot. Slim did give me a call to rub in the fact that it was 72 degrees and sunny. Thanks a lot buddy!!!

Washoe Zephyr came to our aid once more, we had another piece of roofing about to tear loose and he got up there and fixed it for us. THANKS A MILLION BUDDY!!!!!!! Speaking of Washoe Z. he, Winchester and Drifter John are doing an outstanding job on our new props.

We also had Domingo come out with his tractor, and with Brazos's help, do some clean up on the berms and put dirt around the new concrete slabs.

Our annual is upon us and we think it's going to be the best one yet!! We have more shooters than I can remember!! If you

the best crew help me with the plaques. A big thanks to Snake Oil Charlie, Justice Cold Steel and my old friend Red Blaze, thanks again guys you made my life a lot easier!! It looks like the awards are going to be better than last year!

I'm busy with food preparation



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law. Thanks. Our CC boys will
your category and join us!! Denio
has the stages done, CC is
working on the awards and I had

have their assignments. Drifter
John is going to Ram Rod the
Sunday event and we have
decided on a team shoot. Be sure

to check it out!! New for this year will be Denio and Jasper's BB Gun Match. We will have awards for the top man and woman. Be sure to bring your favorite BB Gun along. If you don't have one fear not we will have a couple for you to use. Don't forget to bring something for BeeBad's raffle.

We had our second annual joint HPD/ Roop picnic and it was a blast!! The weather kind of cooperated. We had light showers which didn't hamper the affair in the least. It was rather enjoyable cooking under the pavilion with the rain coming through the hole in the middle to vent the BBQ. I think Dead Eye Dick and Bodie Kid were totally shocked when Ike and I presented them with their Regulators badges. The dessert contest was a real hoot. Gracie did a bang up job on that!! Congrats to Reese River Ruby for the outstanding Blueberry cheese cake!

I got a phone call from a guy that has a gun blog and they meet in Reno for a convention the same time as Roop County Days. They want to come out to the range on Sunday to see us shoot and find out what Cowboy Action shooting is all about. I can't imagine that they know nothing about our sport if they are so deeply entrenched in the gun world, but this is a great opportunity to show them what Roop is all about and how we do things. Be sure to put on your Sunday Best and come out to the Team Soot we are planning for that day.

That's all for now. See you at Roop county Days!

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Tax paying has always been a serious business, but in 1886 in the rugged desert State of Nevada it often had melodramatic overtones. When Aaron Winters reached old age, he quit his mining and borax activities in the area around Death Valley and "retired" to the comparative ease and quiet of running a ranch in Pahrump Valley. But once a year the old man had to drive from Pahrump, in the extreme Southern end of Nye County, to Belmont in the northern tip, to pay his taxes.

It was a grim trip of three to four days each way, through some of the roughest, most arid desert on the continent. He drove his team by way of natural watering places, and his route included stops at Silver Peak and the old San Antone Station (northwest of Tonopah in the San Antone Desert). This station and a mill had been built in 1865 and camels were used to haul salt there from the marshes at Rhodes and Columbus. It was a busy and colorful spot when old man Winters spent the night there in 1886 to feed and water, and rest his team on his way to Belmont to pay his annual taxes.

Winters was a tough old rooster and had already killed a man or two before his famous borax discovery in Death Valley. This morning at San Antone he rose early, took his tax money bag of golden eagles from his pillow, stuck his revolver in the holster, and went outside to his team. He threw the money sack in the jockey box of the buckboard wagon, where he could drive and keep an eye on it at all times, left his team a few moments to get a bite of breakfast and to pay the station keeper. Naturally light on his feet, he stepped noiselessly to the door and found a large, red haired tough going through the jockey box and in the act of lifting out the sack of gold! Winters beat him to the draw, firing once and killing the bandit instantly. The body lay covered with a blanket on the board walk for another day until the coroner arrived from Belmont and ruled the killing "self-defense." A so-called "Black Bart," who had been an accomplice of the dead thief was jailed in connection with the attempted robbery, but escaped and left the country.

The inquest over, Winters again hitched up his team and drove on across the

desert to Belmont, where he turned his golden eagles over to the treasurer without incident, and started again on his return journey back to Pahrump. To him, it was all in the course of a trip to pay his taxes.

Later the incident was retold, and in the telling it became embellished until several versions are in circulation. The most widely told account (but not supported by sufficient facts), has it that Winters expected to be robbed and he resorted to stratagem. He was said to have strapped a worthless gun in holster to the dashboard of his wagon, and hidden a very fine Navy revolver under the seat cushion. Near Belmont he was held up by two robbers who made him hand over his cash and dismount. Putting on a show of fear, Winters made his captors jeer and laugh. One of them seized the worthless gun and turned to show it to his partner. In that instant the old man snatched up the good revolver and killed the nearest robber. The other begged for mercy, and walked in front of the wagon into Belmont. He was said to have worked on Winter's ranch later in Pahrump. Few known facts support this latter version.

TAXPAYER'S JOURNEY

Next in a series from Harold's Club

ALIAS	CLASS	PLACE	OVERALL	STAGE 1			STAGE 2			STAGE 3			STAGE 4			STAGE 5			STAGE 6								
				RAW	M	P	B	TOTAL	RAW	M	P	B	TOTAL	RAW	M	P	B	TOTAL	RAW	M	P	B	TOTAL				
FANNER FIFTY	GF	1	159.46	20.46	0		20.46	23.17	0		23.17	28.54	2		38.54	25.94	0		25.94	26.49	0		26.49	24.86	0		24.86
C. C. DOLLAR	M49	2	171.69	21.96	0		21.96	25.01	0	1	35.01	28.18	1		33.18	16.93	2		26.93	20.43	0		20.43	29.18	1		34.18
DRIFTER JOHN	M49	3	199.29	30.13	0		30.13	28.33	0		28.33	40.00	1		45.00	29.49	0		29.49	29.41	0		29.41	31.93	1		36.93
VERDI VERN		4	220.96	29.10	0		29.10	38.78	0		38.78	44.43	0		44.43	34.13	0		34.13	30.98	0		30.98	38.54	1		43.54
OGALLA KID	M49	5	226.36	23.50	1	1	38.50	27.05	1		32.05	33.96	1		38.96	50.62	1		55.62	25.71	2		35.71	25.52	0		25.52
JUSTICE COLDSTEEL		6	234.27	31.62	0		31.62	31.71	0		31.71	55.00	1		60.00	37.32	0		37.32	30.63	0		30.63	37.99	1		42.99
NEVADA TURTLE	SS	7	235.94	26.65	0		26.65	30.84	1		35.84	30.20	1		35.20	45.36	0		45.36	40.04	4		60.04	32.85	0		32.85
TUMBLEWEED ED	D	8	236.89	37.87	0		37.87	37.60	0	1	47.60	37.10	0		37.10	51.05	0		51.05	31.88	0		31.88	31.39	0		31.39
WILEY FOX	S	9	249.88	31.20	1		36.20	30.04	2		40.04	37.69	3		52.69	49.49	1		54.49	29.11	1		34.11	27.35	1		32.35
LONGARM	SS	10	250.38	39.42	0		39.42	36.89	1		41.89	42.04	0		42.04	52.22	0		52.22	35.14	0		35.14	39.67	0		39.67
HAPPY HUNTER		11	256.19	28.45	0		28.45	33.17	0		33.17	64.18	2		74.18	40.56	2		50.56	30.08	0		30.08	39.75	0		39.75
TAHOE DAVE	SS	12	259.36	37.34	0		37.34	41.25	0		41.25	56.21	1		61.21	44.35	0		44.35	37.25	0		37.25	37.96	0		37.96
REESE RIVER RUBY	L49	13	277.87	34.03	1		39.03	38.64	1		43.64	38.61	1		43.61	54.51	1		59.51	43.60	1		48.60	43.48	0		43.48
BAR NONE		14	293.92	40.49	0		40.49	51.70	0		51.70	61.30	2		71.30	46.71	1		51.71	37.05	0		37.05	41.67	0		41.67
OL EPHRAIM	M49	15	309.69	44.39	0		44.39	41.60	4		61.60	47.00	1		52.00	60.36	0		60.36	37.44	1		42.44	48.90	0		48.90
SCURVY KID	D	16	311.37	57.47	1		62.47	45.66	1		50.66	58.54	1		63.54	40.14	0		40.14	50.89	0		50.89	43.67	0		43.67
BLACKJACK SLIM	ES	17	321.75	46.40	0		46.40	47.83	0		47.83	44.73	1		49.73	66.97	2		76.97	38.88	2		48.88	36.94	3		51.94
WASHOE ZEPHYR	GF	18	322.39	21.99	2		31.99	27.86	2		37.86	30.01	0		30.01	30.11	2		40.11	27.42	7		62.42	120.00	0		120.00
SOUTHPAW	FCGF	19	330.43	60.67	0		60.67	55.16	0		55.16	50.23	2		60.23	57.04	0		57.04	38.99	1		43.99	53.34	0		53.34
JACKPOT JERRY	SS	20	330.48	50.82	0		50.82	49.99	0		49.99	64.37	2		74.37	50.77	3		65.77	45.25	0		45.25	44.28	0		44.28
OLLE OFFDA	SS	21	336.00	48.82	0		48.82	52.43	1		57.43	55.05	1		60.05	70.15	1		75.15	51.06	0		51.06	43.49	0		43.49
WILD BILL BERRY		22	343.16	60.81	1		65.81	56.65	0		56.65	82.14	0		82.14	47.23	0		47.23	41.40	0		41.40	44.93	1		49.93
SNAKE OIL CHARLIE	M49	23	348.93	57.92	0		57.92	53.37	1		58.37	49.56	1		54.56	70.93	0		70.93	51.80	0		51.80	55.35	0		55.35
JASPER AGATE		24	355.11	41.83	0		41.83	48.14	0		48.14	59.52	0		59.52	41.96	1		46.96	120.00	0		120.00	38.66	0		38.66
FLANIGAN FLATS		25	357.20	60.34	0		60.34	54.03	0		54.03	72.29	0		72.29	55.43	1		60.43	54.14	1		59.14	50.97	0		50.97
HOT BABE	FC	26	399.96	47.87	2		57.87	67.74	0		67.74	55.13	3		70.13	71.56	3		86.56	50.10	0		50.10	67.56	0		67.56
ROWDY ROBIN	L49	27	535.70	81.50	0		81.50	89.81	0	1	99.81	106.26	2		116.26	69.44	2		79.44	87.60	1		92.60	66.09	0		66.09

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