



# ROOP COUNTY

ROOP COUNTY COWBOY SHOOTERS  
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Howdy all,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!!

## **Did someone borrow tables from us? We don't remember loaning them out and we are missing a number of our newer plastic tables.**

The weather was a little cool, but it turned out to be a wonderful day. Santa Washoe and his little Elf Ruby did a fantastic job on the stages and the little party afterwards was a great time as well. We had 33 shooters show up with one new face and one we hadn't seen in a while. Welcome Rubicon Don and welcome back Black Rock Bart!!! All that brought out can goods out should pat themselves on the back. The food drive was a rousing success! The back seat of my truck was full to the top with your generosity! Funny thing, when I went to look at Dec scores the top three shooters were all gunfighters!! Congrats to Bobcat Tyler, the match winner, Fanner and Washoe Z. Good shooting guys!! We also had a number of clean shooters Eldorado, Brazos, Reese River Ruby, Tumbleweed Ed, Tahoe Dave, Fanny Seabride and Flannigan Flats all cleaned the match. Good job to you all!!!

You all did a great job on filling out our annual calendar not only with stage writers, but Long Range at Domingo's Ranch and some of our social activities are on it as well. All I have to do now is clean it up and send it to our webmaster. I'll be writing the stages for January **and it will be Big Bore Optional.**

We lost a great Cowboy at the end of November. Diamond Dick lost his fight with leukemia. For those of you who didn't get a chance to meet this great man you missed a wonderful opportunity. He was always quite gregarious and gracious at the same time. As was said at his service. You always knew where Dick was on the range and all that knew him couldn't help but agree with that statement!! Southpaw and Hot Babe, Deadeye Dick, Dutch Dalton, myself and BeeBad all made the trip over in three vehicles and it was the worst drive down a very snowy Hiway 50 that I can remember!

After receiving a phone call from one of our members concerning safety out on the range I polled a few of the folks I consider to be astute on the range and a good cross section of the club. The consensus was we all need to be more aware of what we are doing and how we do it. I was shocked this last summer when a good friend of mine told me he ducked under the table as I was drawing my pistols. My point is no one is perfect and we all make mistakes. Us old hands can do as many and maybe more stupid things than the new folks without even realizing we're doing it. We are all going to be more diligent on safety issues come the new year. More on this next time the next time we're all out on the range.

The Christmas party was a rousing success!! We all had a ball and I know we will be doing it again next year! A special thanks to JJ and Sue for opening up their home and heated RV barn for us. We had 42 people join us for the cold winter night. We all got to meet our Webmaster, Don and his lovely wife Barbara and they are a hoot! They live next door to JJ and Sue. I had Mr. Heater outside the front door to add comfort for my time behind the BBQ and a number of folks joined me to cool off from the warmth of the barn. The clubs bought the entree (Roast Loin of Pork), a case of wine and a few bottles of champagne. The participants brought all kinds of goodies from a green salad to Apple Pie, the liquid kind! I think almost everyone brought a gift for the gift exchange as well. Deadeye Dick brought his banjo and Red Blaze brought his guitar and serenaded us for awhile. Winchester And Mustang Sally provided more entertainment with Victorian etiquette. Deadeye Dick made and presented the first annual Irish Ike Top

Hand Award to none other than our very own Irish Ike!! Congrats buddy, I can't think of anyone more deserving!! This award will be presented annually from here on out.

CC and myself brought our rigs along and I for one was quite comfortable and slept in a bit for me. Miss Sue and JJ opened up their home and motor home for anyone wanting to stay the night and no one took advantage of their generosity. We decided to get together for Breakfast in the morning and had a blast, it seemed like the party just kept going! We got a call at 9:21a.m. asking where breakfast was and I was just finishing making coffee for BeeBad and myself. We went up to the main house with breakfast food in hand. By the time the bacon was cooked Dutch and Desert Rose showed up, I think she smelled the bacon cooking. After Breakfast we wondered down to the barn and helped JJ and Sue clean up. If you didn't make it you really should plan on attending next year, it was a hoot!!

See you on the range,

Jasper

P.S. Next social event is Washoe's trip to the Berlin Ichthysaur State Park on the 29<sup>th</sup> of dec. More info to follow