



ROOP COUNTY

ROOP COUNTY COWBOY SHOOTERS
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Howdy all,

I hope you all had a wonderful New Year!

Washoe's trip to the Berlin State park was a hit! 11 intrepid souls made the journey and I think everyone had a blast. It was cold and snowy and everyone was dressed appropriately. Had the wind been blowing it would have been really cold, but that was not the case. Our tour guide, Jeff did a great job and we were given a world class tour of the Ichthyosaur's dig site. Washoe gave us a tour of the mine and it seemed like he might have done that before! Fallen Grace made lunch for everyone and it was great as usual, Thanks Gracie!! There was talk of a follow up trip in the summer. Jeff the man in charge of the facility said they are ATV friendly and if we let them know we are coming and he would "reserve" some space for us. The park is at 7000 feet and there is a huge mountain range behind the park for our entertainment.

Our January Match was a cold one and we had 13 brave (crazy) souls join us. When I left the house to pick up Brazos the temperature gauge on my truck said minus5 degrees and when we got back in the truck that afternoon it said 10 degrees! OK, the truck was parked in the shade, but it was still REAL COLD!! We set up one bay with plenty of steel and moved a burn barrel under the shade cover. We also had two "Mr. Heaters" roaring away. One tucked away under the shade cover and the other at the loading table. Snake Oil Charlies wind screen worked like a champ and kept that cold biting wind blowing from the north at bay. We shot four stages with the group making up the scenarios as we went. Only three of us shot big bore which isn't too bad for only having 13 shooters. We welcomed Winchester as the newest member of our club and he bought one of the last badges. This is your official welcome to our group, amigo.

Washoe checked with the powers that be in Lyon County and we can't burn our trash pile. We are talking about a couple of range clean up days. We have two dump trailers at our disposal and the landfill is right up the road. We also need to paint the pavilion before Shoot- a -com. More info to follow after we thaw out a little. Washoe has a goal to build the rest of the prop fronts before HPD's annual match this year. Unfortunately the wind played one of its nasty tricks and blew over the new prop on bay seven. It tore the concrete footing out of the ground and ripped the metal 4x4 hanger in half. I know that he, Winchester and Drifter John are putting their heads together to fix the prop and beef up the construction in the future.

We got some money from the Fernley Convention and Tourism board and I want to spend some of it on a 22 gallery for both clubs to use. I've been researching the options and with CC Dollar and Denio's help we will have some new fun for our Saturday beach chair 22 matches. I'm going to apply for more funding this year as well. The money is for advertizing for our annual match Roop County Days in Sept. With this extra advertizing we're expecting to sell out this year. If you want to shoot the match you should get your applications in soon. We don't need the cash right now just get your app in.

We have changed the locks on all the conex's if you have a key to the old locks please turn it in to me. We also bought some shot. Its 7 1/2 & 8 that's washed and graphited. It's stored out on the range and were selling it for \$30.00 a 25 lb bag. We have enough for everybody!

We celebrated Gun Appreciation Day Jan 19th out on the range with a free day for all and had a ball! I didn't count the number of shooters. but we used five bays and the long range targets as well. Mr Wood brought out his 50 Beowulf and got a surprise. You need to ask him about that! Jackpot Jerry brought out a very cool dueling tree that was the hit of the day. We've got to get one of those!!! We fixed up a little hot lunch with left overs from the Christmas party and went back to shooting.

See you on the range,
Jasper