



ROOP COUNTY SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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Howdy all,

It was another great day on the range. The weather was darn near perfect. Fanny's Mothers Day Shoot was a big hit with 32 shooters joining us. Fanny's stages were fast and fun with six cowboys managing to shoot clean. It was great to see Bella Coola joining her sister, our very own Nevada Blaze. Too bad mom didn't join them this year. We had the "NEW" shooter join

us and the youngster kicked our collective behinds. He said something about not being able to get into his safe for a long time and wouldn't you know that Bobcat Tyler still beat our speedsters!!! We had Mugshot join us and by the smiles he had I think we will see him again.

Next month Pasco Trace will be up as our monthly stage writer. Make sure you plan on joining us and it will be your last warm up before Shootout on the Comstock. If you haven't signed up for our sister clubs match there is still time. Get a hold of Dutch and get your application in.

You can reach Dutch by email: mmuel65744@aol.com or phone: 775 873 8638

Sign up and show your support for our sister club!!!

It's that time of the year again for our annual members to pay their dues. \$24.00 for individual, \$36.00 for the whole family and if you're feeling flush \$200.00 will buy you a life membership. Speaking of which our very own Tumbleweed Ed became a lifer at the last match. Thanks a lot Amigo!!! If you haven't paid by the end of June you will have to pay non-member fees, which is \$20.00 instead of the \$15.00 that members pay. Drifter John has set up a new shooters clinic for the first weekend in June. He is going to

need your support, as some of us will be busy with the scouts who are coming out to do range cleanup. Others will be putting the final touches on the range for Shootout on the Comstock. Please contact Drifter John to coordinate helping him. Drifter John's email: drifterjohn@ymail.com and phone: 530 570 8004 I'll be hauling out the trailer on Friday to get ready for an early start with the scouts on Saturday morning.

I scheduled a meeting after the Mothers Day match to discuss Roop County Days without thinking about all you dads and sons who had to get home for the days celebration. We kept the meeting short and didn't get everything accomplished that I had hoped, but that was my fault for scheduling a meeting on Mothers Day! Lets have another meeting after our June monthly match to finalize some things that we need to get started on. In the last few years we have had the match put together like a well-oiled machine and didn't have much to do until the match was almost upon us. This year with some changes in management we need to start earlier. Dutch Dalton has taken on the monumental job of registration and all applications will go to him. Ogallala Kid has written the first draft of the stages and they look great! Southpaw has committed to having a crew to set up and move steel. Longarm will be running the side matches on Thursday. Blackjack Slim and Pasco Trace have stepped up and are going to take over some of the registration and raffle work under the pavilion. We will be soliciting items for the raffle again this year. This is where we make most of our profit at the match. All that you have donated in the past is greatly appreciated. When you find or make that something special bring it out to the range and give it to Blackjack so he can record who brought out what. Remember that this is your club and your support is crucial in having a great annual match. None of us are getting any younger and we need your physical presence to help with the "heavy lifting". Many hands make for light work and We need all the help we can get!! I'll have the volunteer sign up sheet with me until the match is upon us.

See you all on the range,
Jasper

P.S. I'm having trouble with my cell phone at home in the Washoe Valley. Sometimes it rings in the call and other times I don't get a message that anyone has called. If I don't return to your call in a timely manner please try the home phone. It has a recorder on it and always seems to work. 775 849 7679

ROOP MONTHLY MATCH





The Sundance Kid

1867 – 6 November 1908?



The Sundance Kid (Henry Longabaugh) earned his nickname when he was caught and convicted of horse thievery in Sundance, Wyoming. Despite his reputation as a gunfighter, he is not certain to have actually killed anyone. After his release from jail in 1896, he and Robert LeRoy Parker aka “Butch Cassidy” formed the gang known as the Wild Bunch. They were responsible for the longest string of successful train and bank robberies in American history. Due to the pressure of the Pinkerton Detective Agency on their trail, Sundance, Butch, and Etta Place left the United States for Argentina to let things cool down. He is believed to have been killed in a shootout in Bolivia, but several family members claim he actually returned to the states, changed his name to William Henry Long, and lived in the small town of Duchesne, Utah until 1936. As of this writing, Long’s body has been exhumed and is undergoing DNA testing to determine the truth.

Butch Cassidy

13 April 1866 – circa November 1908



In 1879, at the age of 13, Robert LeRoy Parker (Butch Cassidy) lived and worked with his family on the ranch of Jim Marshall in Circleville, Utah. It was there that he met his friend and mentor, Mike Cassidy who gave Bob his first gun and taught him how to shoot. Years later, Bob would take his last name, Cassidy, as a tribute. His first run-in with the law occurred when he rode into town to buy a new pair of overalls. The general store was closed, so Bob let himself in, found a pair that fit, and left a note promising that he would be back to pay later. The merchant reported him to the Sherriff, but he was acquitted of any crime. On June 24, 1889, he and three others robbed the San Miguel Valley Bank in Telluride, netting \$21,000. With this money, he bought a ranch near the infamous “Hole-in-the-Wall” outlaw hideout. Parker, by this time “Butch Cassidy”, was never a very good rancher, and it is believed to have simply been a cover for his illegal activities. In 1896, he became the leader of the infamous group of criminals known as the Wild Bunch that included some of the most well-known outlaws of the Wild West. As with the Sundance Kid, it is unknown if he really died in Bolivia, or if, as some relatives claim, he returned to America.



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"No cowboy's tough enough to handle
Cookie's grub. Just ask Wild Bill Hiccup
and Wyatt Burp!"