



# ROOP COUNTY SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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Howdy all,

We had a busy October. We had our first annual Cops & Cowboys match on Saturday and JJ wrote the stages for THINK PINK BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH on Sunday. The weather was perfect for both days and both events were pretty well attended. We had thirty-seven shooters with just three

clean shooters for the Cops & Cowboys match with three times as many cowboys than cops. Sunday brought thirty-two cowboys out to play with eight clean shooters. Congrats to my dear friend 49er Preacher, who has been shooting cowboy as long as I have, for his first clean match ever!!!

The Cops & Cowboys match was a hit!! The clubs, both clubs, participation was great. A big thanks to all of you who helped and participated!!! As most of you know the NHP folks who are very involved with Special Olympics contacted me last year with the possibility of setting up a match. Some how they found out that I had a downs syndrome brother and set the hook in me by saying they wanted to name it after my deceased brother. Well it worked! I had the entire match setup with the help of some dear friends within a couple of weeks. I never heard back from them until a few weeks before Roop County Days. We scrambled to get everything in place in a very short period of time. There is no way I could have pulled it off without the help of the very hard working Dutch Dalton. He was my rock. He kept putting me in line when I really needed it!!!! We managed to get everything together and had four stages to shoot. Two were cowboy and the other two were 3 gun. One of the 'Cops' John Hitch from the Carson City Sheriffs dept. was instrumental in giving me insight into the strange world of 3 gun. We

talked about the down falls each group would have shooting the others discipline. I wrote the cowboy stages and John wrote the cops stages. We sent them to each other to iron out any foreseeable problems there might be. The cops had trouble with some of the simple sweeps we use regularly and we had to contend with the 3 gun's "runnin' and gunnin'".

At the safety meeting before the match I told the cowboys to do what they felt comfortable with as far as runnin' and gunnin' goes. Every cowboy I spoke with had a huge grin on his face after having the opportunity to run and gun instead of the basketball rule we use and enforce. With the scores tallied JJ came out on top with an amazing almost twenty-three second lead over everyone else!!! Congrats on some fine shooting amigo!! Washoe Z was right behind him and the cops were astounded that a guy with a gun in each hand could shoot so well. The top cop was John Hitch and he was just a second behind Washoe. After the main match we had a man on man top shooters shoot off. JJ and John Hitch faced off in what was to be the highlight of the day. They had to shoot it three times because of a gun malfunction on Johns rifle on the first run. I think he didn't seat his magazine properly. By the time I could stop JJ he had shot his rifle and moved on to his first pistol. The second run had a miss on one side and a "p" on the other. The third time had them running so close that JJ missed wining with a very slight bobble with his shotgun. We probably could have stayed at it all day with the win bouncing back and forth between the two competitors!!!! I think that both competitors did an outstanding job and were total gentleman about the out come. My hat is off to both of you!!! The cops were amazed at how fast we, as a group, could use our firearms and were astounded by the likes of JJ, Washoe Z and Dutch!! We had an impromptu auction that make \$71.00 and with the all the shooters fees going to the charity along with a couple of sizeable donation we gave Special O \$2116.00 for our little benefit. We asked the cops if they would like to do it again and the response was a resounding YES, with a couple of the cops wanting to do it quarterly. It turned out to be a truly astounding day!!!! With the inaugural match under our belts I think we can fill up the match next year. That would mean thirty-five cops and the same number of cowboys. Thanks to all that stayed around after the match and helped JJ set up the match for Sunday and pick up the remnants from the Cops & Cowboys match. Sunday brought us a fine match set up by JJ. It was fun and fast. I liked the fact that some of the targets weren't so close you could reach out and touch them while others were close. 8 clean shooters are a testament on how to write a good match. I really liked the mulligan that could be used any time the competitor wanted. It seems that on my posse it was used heavily on the first stage we shot. Personally I used mine on the last stage because I missed one pistol! I re-shot the stage and finished shooting my pistols with two hands. I cleaned it but there were a few cowboys who had never seen me shoot with two hands on one gun and thought I deserved a "p" for that.

We ALL need to see that our range is picked up after the match. These two clubs are YOUR clubs and its all of our responsibility to see that the range, the whole range, is locked up and squared away before we sight in that new rifle or talk to your buddies while there are a few people out doing the heavy lifting. Some of us aren't capable of doing the heavy lifting, but there is always something you can do to lighten the load. It seems like there is always something left to do after the folks have helped put up the steel. Look around, see if the flags are still up or the chairs under the pavilion are still spread about. We are all paying the same amount for shooters fees and we, ALL OF US, are responsible to see that we leave the range in good shape and everything is locked up. I have received complaints from the folks who are always there to help with the clean up that the help seems to be dwindling while there is still work to do. **THE RANGE BELONGS TO ALL OF US AND IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT ALL THE WORK IS DONE BEFORE YOU HEAD HOME!!!!**

I'll be writing the stages for our Nov. match and it will be big bore optional so break out those rifle caliber rifles and join in on the fun!!

Our Christmas party is on the Calendar for Dec 19th at JJ and Miss Sues home. Our social directors will have sign ups for what to bring at the November match.

. It's getting to be the time of the year that we need to write our calendar of events for 2016. We need stages writers for both clubs. We'll be asking for stage writers at the November match

We will be having a short meeting after the Roop November match to discuss the 2015 Roop County Days and all are welcome to join us. If you have any ideas or constructive criticism for us, please join us. As I said earlier this is your club step up and join us for the 20th annual Roop County Days.

Turtle is going to represent us at the SASS convention this year, which means we will have two cowboys voicing our opinions at the TG meeting. The agenda that Irish Ike took the time to write will be posted at the end of this newsletter. Be prepared to discuss them at our next match.

**CLARIFICATIONS FROM the ROC:**

1) Definition of "Designer Jeans" (Outlawed item) - "Designer Jeans" refers to those modern jeans that have slogans or logos embroidered, silk screened and such, saying things like "PINK" or "BABY". (Jeans with fancy or flashy adornments are acceptable)

2) Welding the firing pin in the bolt of a rifle so as to cause a "slam-fire" situation when levering the action (without the need to manipulate the trigger or hammer) is an **ILLEGAL**

**MODIFICATION** subject to **DISQUALIFICATION PENALTIES**. REF: SHB p.4

3) Definition of "short sleeve shirt" for men's clothing:

A shirt with sleeves that do NOT extend to the wrist.

Note: Rolling up a long sleeve shirt is acceptable, but fastening a rolled up shirt sleeve in place is the same as short sleeve; either of which are Outlawed/Prohibited and subject

to DQ penalties.

4) Regarding the CRO/TO's command of "CEASE FIRE" or "STOP", and a failure of the shooter to comply with this command, the language will be changed to read "... the shooter WILL receive a MDQ .....". Should the voting item be passed the shooter WILL receive a SDQ for not complying with the CRO/TO "cease fire" or "stop command".

The Range Command of "Cease Fire" or "Stop" as given by the CRO/TO must be followed by the shooter, as it may have serious safety consequences.

5) The point at which the "failure to adhere to loading/unloading procedure" SDQ applies is as follows: "Once control of the firearm(s) is relinquished, be it in a rack on the stage or at the shooter's gun cart. (i.e. leaves the shooter's hands)"

6) The only ammunition you can use on the stage is ammunition you initially bring to the line – you can't run to your cart for ammunition or even to get another firearm. In other words, you can't leave the "firing line" (as defined in the RO1 "Glossary of Terms") once you start the stage, and until all firearms have been verified as clear.

7) The action of a CRO/TO saving a long gun from falling over, still results in a penalty for the shooter. Basically if the CRO/TO had not been present to save the shooter from a penalty such as this, and the long gun would have fallen over regardless, then the penalty would still apply. The CRO/TO was just there to save the firearm from getting dirt on it!

Note: This is the only way to apply a penalty such as this, as some TOs may not be able to save the rifle from falling, and it would not be fair for those shooters who receive the penalty purely because of the action / inaction of their particular TO.

8) Revolvers (loaded or empty) that fall to the ground while holstered (e.g. gun belt buckle breaks) is a NO CALL, provided they remain holstered. The SHB and RO Manuals will be revised to read: "A dropped unloaded firearm on the firing line (from the loading table to the unloading table) results in the shooter's disqualification from the stage. A dropped loaded firearm results in a match disqualification. A shooter may not pick up a dropped firearm. The Range Officer will recover the firearm, examine it, clear it, and return it to the shooter. This does NOT apply to holstered revolvers that remain "in leather" in the event of an equipment failure (e.g. broken belt buckle) causing the gun/ammo belt to fall.

Shooters may safely recover a fallen gun/ammo belt and continue finishing the stage without penalty. SHB p.25/RO1 p.18"

9) All rounds (live or empty) from the firearm in question MUST be cleared before the next gun of the stage is fired (or before leaving the shooter's hands if it's the last gun of the stage). This applies to all types of long guns. The language of the rule as written, "...of the gun in which it was loaded..." gives the clarification regarding a rifle round falling into the shotgun, which would be a NO CALL. In a different situation, if a shotgun hull comes out of a 97 but falls back in the port as the shotgun is put down and

then not cleared before then next firearm is cleared, it IS still a MSV (this includes empty rifle case falling off hat into open rifle action after being set down).  
Not bringing enough ammo to the line is NOT a “P” (just misses for un-fired rounds).  
The “P” in this case would only apply to ammo (like firearms) when not correctly staged on the line (e.g. on/in a prop), and not corrected by the shooter on the clock.



**1<sup>st</sup>. Annual**  
**TOMMY GALLIGAN JR.**  
**(Slim Eagle)**  
**Cops and Cowboys match**





# *ROOP October Match*

