



ROOP COUNTY SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

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Howdy all,

I missed the January shoot. BeeBad made plans to hang out with our dear friends Sand Dab Sam and Hicks Mountain Honey and we had a blast!! We got to visit with the Possum Hollow folks on Friday night and the rest of the time we spent at Sand Dab's cabin. It was great to see our other cowboy family. Wil Cooner has the group over to his garage every Friday evening. They call it the cave! We saw an old friend, Sheriff O'Brian from our time

in Eureka, CA. He drove down over 200 miles to lube some bullets that Cooner made for him. Cooner showed me his casting set up and he had a very large pot made that sits atop of a rocket ship like burner for making batches of alloy and cleaning up wheel weights. It honestly looked like he could melt three or four hundred pounds of lead at a time!! After our evening with the "Rockin 4" we headed towards the coast and holed up in the cabin for the rest of the weekend. It started to rain on our drive to the cabin and I can't remember being in so much rain since we left Nevada City so many years ago now. There was a rain gauge on the bridge that leads to Sand Dab's place and it said three and one half inches on Sunday afternoon when we headed home.

I understand that you all had a pretty nice match despite the chance of foul weather. You had twenty-three shooters with four cowboys shooting clean. OOP's did I say cowboys, there were three cowgirls in the mix with one of them shooting clean once more.

Congrats to Rowdy Robin for shooting clean again. Ya' know, we'd better keep an eye on her because she's been shooting a number of matches clean!!!! A big thanks to Drifter John for writing the stages and running the match and all that came out and shot and helped with the match in my stead.

January weather seems to have kept us indoors for the most part and I know I got quite a bit of casting done. Now all I have to do is get them bullets lubed and into cases. Hopefully February will allow us more time outside. We have a few things planned to do before the shooting season takes off. We are building a couple of new targets stands and repairing and making useful some that have been on the range since I've been going out that are in various states of disrepair. Our new long range that we didn't use last year except for our annual matches had the shade covers over turned and crushed the old pipe and tarp shade cover in one of our huge wind storms in January. Rudy and the racetrack crew got them upright and hopefully we can get them secured down before we have any more damage to them. We want to create some berms at various distances and hopefully a road or trail to each of them as well. More on long range as things start to dry out and warm up.

Roop County Days is looming off in the distance and you need to save the dates. This will be our 20th annual match and we should make it a dozy! The dates are as usual the second weekend in Sept 8th – 11th. We will be announcing a planning meeting real soon and ALL are welcome and encouraged to participate.

The Joint club calendar is up on our website and the stage writers for all the matches are on it. We also have all the campout weekends and fun activities on there as well. We are going to host the second annual Cops & Cowboys match in Oct and we are co-hosting the Nevada State Wild Bunch Championships the Nevada Day Shootout with HPD in Oct as well.

We still need a Judge (Range Master) for us. See me if you have any interest in helping out the club.

Slow Thunder is writing the stages for our Feb match and I'm looking forward to see what he has come up with this time. You can always count on the Long Arm boys to come up with something fun and inventive.

That's enough of my gibberish for another month. Looking forward to seeing you all on the range,

Jasper







Bob suddenly realized his wife had fallen off her horse, which was quite a relief to him as just an hour earlier he thought he'd gone deaf.

We ride, never worry
'bout the fall
I guess that's just the
Cowboy in us all

