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The best little shoot in Nevada

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The 20th annual Roop County Days put on by the Roop County Cowboy Shooters was the best ever and I've been to most of them!! The weather was outstanding for the whole

affair. I think Hell Fire Preacher put in a good word for us from up above. We had no wind and high temperatures in the 80''s. Did I mention there was little to no wind? That's a rare occurrence for us in the high desert. We had just under 70 shooters join us from as far away as North Carolina. Cardiac Kate sass## 82150 is a traveling nurse working in our area for a few months and just happened to have the time off to join us. We had Rexx T. Dog sass#25598 drive all the way down from Oregon to join us as well. As well as some new and old friends joined us from Utah and we hope you had a ball with us.

We started the match with the obligatory side matches. Drifter John sass#85254 ran the speed matches including Rifle Caliber speed rifle, 22 challenge, Lucas McCain, which is both a pistol caliber, and rifle caliber shoot, four rounds each and new this year was a trap shoot. Brazos sass# L804 with the help of his lovely wife May Day sass# 8888 did an outstanding job handling long range. We have just finished setting up our long range and we have targets with berms out to 750 yards. We had Irish Ike sass# L43615 write and our friend Marlin Schofield sass# 50182 ran the plainsmen event. Bordello Fellow sass# 88988 did an outstanding

job ramrodding our largest group to date of 15 shooters for Wild bunch. We can't forget to mention our fun and challenging BB Gun Shoot held under the pavilion that could be shot at any time. We had 10 suckers at about 25 feet. Ten shots for score, but you could shoot it all weekend for fun and practice. There were a couple of guys that thought it might be fun to blaze away at the suckers with air soft Thompson submachine guns and YES, THAT WAS A BLAST!!!!!!! We also had five brave souls compete in our BP night shoot. The targets were lit with a few flares and that was it!!

We had the pleasure of having the Napa's come up and keep us straight with the scores. They're not locals yet, but were working on it!! Napa Belle sass# 89185 and Napa Sidewinder sass# 89184 were instrumental in keeping all those stats correct. Ogallala Kid, recently retired, wrote and implemented the stages again this year and as usual he did an outstanding job!! He based this year on westerns from 1966. The shooters handbook had all kinds of references to the films and historic events. Once more an outstanding job! We had 12 stages with 8 of them rifle caliber friendly. What's that you ask? We have the freedom and ability to use big bore targets on a portion of our bays and we take full advantage of that. We have a Tom Horn category, which was our largest category, where you can blaze away with you rifle caliber rifles. We have a number of sub categories for just about any rifle you might want to shoot, but the largest group is 40 caliber or larger pistol and pistol caliber and rifle caliber rifles shot entirely with Black Powder!! Possum Hollow put up a challenge for the biggest boomers and a number of us followed suit. I think I just might have edged them out with my '87 in 10 gauge, 50/110 '86, 50/70 roller and 45 colt pistols with 250 grain bullets loaded with a bunch of Swiss FFFG. All went BOOM!! If you can't shoot fast might as well make as much smoke and noise as possible!! If you would like to know more about or Tom Horn category feel free to email me at tgalligan4090@charter.net. All the stages were all fast and fun without having to do too much thinking.

On Friday after the match we held Bee Bad's sass# 25307 (retired) world famous Ice Cream Social and as usual she did a delightful job. A little later, with the help of Possum Hollow, we BBQed a case of oysters that had just come in the day before and man were they ever good!!! We BBQed a little of this and that until dark and we were then treated to movie the Magnificent Seven. Saturday after the match the scores were tallied, guns were cleaned and the rest of us set up to prepare the night fixin's. Fanner Fifty sass#59504 cooked the Tri tip to perfection and the ribs were out of this world. Meanwhile I was at the BBQ cooking some homemade chicken Italian sausage along with brined smoked chicken finished with a peach BBQ sauce.

Actually I was called away from the Q and once more Possum Hollow stepped up and took over for me. I can't thank Fanner, Imus Ofen sass# 104081 and the Possum Hollow boys for your help with dinner. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! We had our annual raffle after dinner along with passing out awards.

Our raffle made us over \$1650.00. This is our biggest moneymaker for the entire year and we want to send out a hardy thanks to all that donated and participated. With the help of the Fernley Convention and Authority we had spent lots of money on awards and went deep into each category. We had Belt buckles for first place and homemade plaques for the others. Were really quite proud of our overall plaques with an engraved pocket watch for each. The overalls went to two of the finest cow persons you would ever want to meet. Both had infectious smiles, a positive attitude, they exemplified the cowboy way and they were blazingly fast. It was my honor and privilege to help award Molly Magoo sass# L74540 and Quickly Down Under sass# 99856 the top man and woman awards. That was wonderful, but my personal favorite award is the top hand award. This year we surprised a well-deserved cowgirl with that honor and Nevada Blaze got a standing ovation from the crowd.

As far as I'm concerned this was the best Roop County Day yet and it was all because we had a bunch of hard working people who stepped up and did everything that needed to be done without so much as a little complaint. Once more I'm bustin' with pride to be associated with such a fine group of cowboys and cowgirls. My hat is off to you and THANK YOU once more!!!

Back to our dedication- we lost one hell of a man, father, husband and friend. He lost his long battle with cancer the day our match started and his presence was felt though out the weekend. One of the fronts to our building on the range is Hell Fire Preacher's church and it brought tears to my eyes watching some our group stop in front of the church remove their hats, bow their heads and say a little something to Preacher.

We love and miss you Rick!!!!!!

Jasper Agate

ROOP COUNTY DAYS WINNERS





OVERALL WINNERS
QUICKLY DOWN UNDER and MOLLY MAGOO



END OF A LONG DAY

