



The Bullet Hole

November - 2011

Next business meeting December 12th at 7:30 p.m. - December Shoot is on the 18th.

Shooter's meeting at 10:00 a.m.

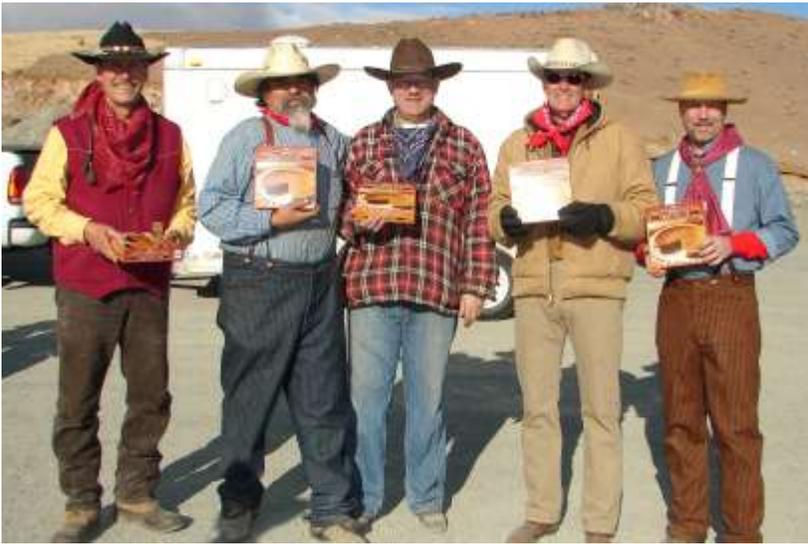


November's Posse (16 shooters)

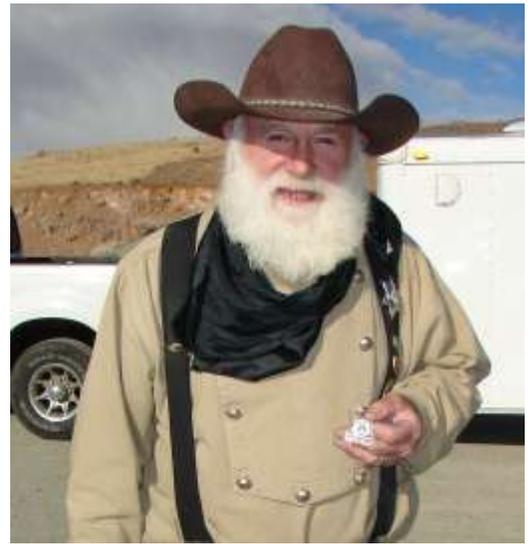
Ten Birds & Five Pies Were Given Out



Irish Ike (*far left, standing*) won the biggest turkey...the other "posse turkeys" are: (*from left to right in back row*) **Longarm, Shotgun Marshal, Stark Wilson, Smithy, Tumbleweed Ed**, (*from left to right in front row*) **El Dorado, Cal-Tex, Sagebrush Sam & Tahoe Dave.**



The pie winners were (from left to right) Minnesota Buckshot, Ok Corral, Scurvy Kid, Lonesome Luke & the Carson Valley Kid.



Sagebrush Sam cleaned (shot the whole match without missing a single target) the match and received the coveted "Clean Match Pin".



Tales from Winchester

I don't know where Sam keeps coming up with these stages, but I believe fun was had by all. The weather cooperated and the turnout was good. The top ten shooters received Turkeys and the bottom five shooters received Pumpkin Pies. As always, I want to thank all who helped set up and take down. It makes shooting all the better when everyone helps out.

It's that time of year again to come celebrate the Christmas holidays. Please join your fellow shooters for a wonderful buffet at Fandangos, December 3rd at 6:00 pm. \$20.00 gives you full run of the buffet and great company to eat with. There will be a raffle, gift exchange (bring one wrapped gift per person), pictures to keep, and entertainment. Plan to join us!

Mustang Sally and I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!



From a "Thankful" Match Director:

Howdy. . . .

Thanks to everyone that showed up at the Turkey Shoot. Hope you all had fun. Didn't think the weather was too bad, somewhat cold but very little wind.

Congratulations to all the Turkey and Pie winners. Thanks Ike for coming over and winning the biggest turkey.

Special thanks to everyone who picked up the turkey's and pies for us. Especially thanks to TJ and Bonnie Blue Bonnet for donating 3 turkey's. Heard that he donated last year also, thanks.

Thanks to Carson Kate for bringing pie and whip cream to eat after the shoot.

El Dorado and Cal-Tex drove all the way down in the snow, a thanks to both of you.

Thanks to everyone who helped set up and take down the stages, we do it as a club, and it sure makes it nice, and appreciated.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party Dec. 3rd. Bring others along for a great time, and good company. Remember \$20.00 per person, and a wrapped gift for exchange. Also if you have something for the raffle table, please bring it and place it on the table. Your pictures will be taken when you arrive, fun will be had by all. . . .

Hope to see you all next month. . . Keep your powder dry. . . .Sam



A History Lesson:

Joseph Isaac (**Ike**) **Clanton** (1847 – June 1, 1887) was born in Callaway County, Missouri. He is best known for being a member of group of outlaw Cowboys that had ongoing conflicts with lawmen Wyatt, Virgil, Morgan Earp and Wyatt's friend Doc Holliday. The Clantons repeatedly threatened the Earps because they interfered with the Cowboys' illegal activities. On October 26, 1881, Ike was present at the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral in the boomtown of Tombstone, Arizona Territory, but was unarmed and ran from the gunfight. His 19 year old brother Billy was killed in the gunfight. Ike filed murder charges against the Earps but after a 30-day preliminary hearing, Justice Wells Spicer ruled that there was not enough evidence to indict the Earps. Ike died in the saddle six years later when he was shot by a lawman pursuing him on cattle-rustling charges.

Early life

Ike Clanton was one of seven children born to Newman Haynes Clanton, (1816–1881) and his wife Maria Sexton (Kelso) Clanton. His father worked at times as a day laborer, a gold miner, a farmer, and by the late 1870s, a cattleman in Arizona Territory.

Clanton's mother died in 1866. Ike stayed with the family when they moved to Tombstone, Arizona Territory, about 1877 (before Tombstone became a town or even a mining center). At that time, Newman Clanton was living with his sons Phineas ("Fin"), Ike, and Billy. By 1878 Ike was running a small "lunch counter" at the Tombstone Mill site (now Millville on the San Pedro River—not in modern Tombstone). By 1881, however, he was working on his father's ranch at Lewis Springs, about 12 miles (19 km) west of Tombstone and 5 miles from Charleston.

The Clantons and their ranch hands and associates were known as the "Cowboys", and they had a reputation for reckless behavior. They were accused of cattle rustling from across the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as other acts of banditry and murder.

Notoriety, clashes with the Earp lawmen

Ike Clanton's notoriety is based largely on his conflict with Wyatt Earp and Wyatt's friend Doc Holliday. The Earps and the Clantons had political, personal, and legal differences and the animosity between them grew throughout 1881. Ike Clanton repeatedly boasted in public, drank heavily, and had a quick temper. He was well known for talking too much.

In November 1879, shortly after arriving in Tombstone, Wyatt Earp had a horse stolen. More than a year later, probably sometime in December 1880, Wyatt was told the horse was being used near Charleston, and Wyatt and Holliday were forced to ride to the Clanton's ranch near Charleston to await ownership papers in order to legally recover it. According to Wyatt's testimony later, 18 year-old Billy Clanton asked him insolently if he had any more horses to "lose," but he gave the horse up without first being shown the ownership papers,

demonstrating to Wyatt that Billy knew to whom the horse belonged. Sheriff Johnny Behan later testified that the incident had angered Ike Clanton. It also angered Wyatt Earp.

In October 1880, outlaw Cowboy "Curly Bill" Brocius was arrested for murdering Tombstone Marshal Fred White. Cowboys had been firing into the air late at night on a dark lot on Toughnut Street in Tombstone. White was attempting to disarm Brocius when Brocius' gun discharged. Wyatt, who saw the shooting, pistol-whipped Brocius, knocking him unconscious, and arrested him. Wyatt later told his biographer John Flood that he thought Brocius was still armed at the time and didn't notice that Brocius' pistol was on the ground. Wyatt testified at the preliminary hearing for Brocius that he thought the shooting was accidental. Fred White also left a statement before he died that the shooting was not intentional, and Brocius was acquitted. However, Brocius bore a grudge against Wyatt for the pistol-whipping, which Brocius felt was unnecessary.

Benson stage robbery

On the evening of March 15, 1881, three Cowboys attempted to rob a Kinnear & Company stagecoach carrying \$26,000 in silver bullion (about \$589,752 in 2010 dollars) enroute from Tombstone to Benson, Arizona, the nearest freight terminal. A popular and well-known stage coach driver named Eli 'Budd' Philpot was shot and killed as well as a passenger named Peter Roerig riding in the rear dickey seat. The horses bolted, leaving the robbers with nothing. Robert H. Paul, who later became Sheriff, said he thought the first shot killing Philpot in the shotgun messenger seat had been meant for him as he would normally have been seated there.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Virgil Earp and his temporary deputies Wyatt and Morgan Earp, along with Bat Masterson, Wells Fargo agent Marshall Williams, and County Sheriff Johnny Behan set out to find the bandits. They tracked down Luther King, who confessed to holding the reins of the robbers' horses, and identified Bill Leonard, Harry "The Kid" Head and Jim Crane as the robbers.

Doc Holliday and his on-again, off-again mistress Big Nose Kate had a particularly nasty, drunken argument, and Holliday kicked her out. Behan and Milt Joyce plied Big Nose Kate with more booze and suggested to her a way to get even with Holliday. She signed an affidavit implicating Holliday in the attempted stagecoach robbery and murders. Holliday was a good friend of Bill Leonard, a former watchmaker from New York, one of three men implicated in the robbery. Judge Wells Spicer issued an arrest warrant for Holliday. The Earps found witnesses who could attest to Holliday's location at the time of the murders and Kate sobered up, revealing that Behan and Joyce had influenced her to sign a document she didn't understand. With the Cowboy plot revealed, Spicer freed Holliday. The district attorney threw out the charges, labeling them "ridiculous." Doc gave Kate some money and put her on a stage out of town.

Wyatt offers Ike reward money

After he was passed over by Johnny Behan for the position of undersheriff, Wyatt thought he might beat him in the next Cochise County election. He thought catching the robbers would help him win the sheriff's office. Wyatt later said that on June 2, 1881 he offered the Wells, Fargo & Co. reward money and more to Ike Clanton if he would provide information leading to the capture or death of the stage robbers. According to Wyatt, the plan was foiled when the three suspects, Leonard, Head and Crane, were killed in unrelated incidents.

In the summer of 1881, Clanton got into an argument with gambler "Denny" McCann. On the morning of June 9, 1881, they were drinking in an Allen Street saloon when Clanton insulted McCann. McCann slapped Clanton, who left and fetched his pistol. McCann did the same and the two met on the street in front of the Wells, Fargo's and Co. office. They drew their weapons when acting Tombstone Marshal Virgil Earp stepped between them, preventing a shooting.

Clanton rustling and ranching

The Clanton Ranch grew into a successful enterprise. During his testimony after the shootout at the O.K. Corral, Ike Clanton claimed to have raised and purchased about 700 head of cattle during the past year, and the Clanton ranch was one of the most profitable cattle ranches in that part of the country. However, the Clantons never registered a brand in either Cochise County or Pima County which was required to legally raise cattle. The

Clantons were reputed to be among a group of outlaw Cowboys who crossed the border into Mexico where they stole cattle and re-sold them to the hungry miners in Cochise County. Curly Bill Brocius, Tom and Frank McLaury bought and sold stolen cattle to Old Man Clanton, among others. The Mexican government at the time placed high tariffs on goods transported across the border, making smuggling a profitable enterprise.

The outlaw Cowboys in Cochise County were not organized, and their acts of violence, rustling or robbery were usually committed by independent groups of Cowboys. Old Man Clanton, Ike's father, ran a ranch near the Mexican border that served as a waystation for much of the smuggling carried out by the outlaws.

On August 12, 1881, Old Man Clanton and six other men were herding stolen cattle sold to him by Curly Bill through Gualadupe Canyon near the Mexican border. Around dawn, they were ambushed by Mexicans dispatched by Commandant Felipe Neri in what became known as the Guadalupe Canyon Massacre. Old Man Clanton and five other men were killed in the ambush.

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Up-Coming Events:

- December 3rd - SSS Christmas Party - 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm at the Fandango Casino. **Further information will appear as that date gets closer. Contact Shotgun Marshal at marshallgoldy@frontier.com or (775) 265-0267 for more information.**
- December 12th - SSS monthly business meeting - 7:30 pm at the Carson City Firehouse (Stewart Street).
- December 17 & 18 - Crossroads Of The West gun show at the Reno Convention Center.
- December 18th - monthly shoot - 10:00 am shooters meeting.

If you know of a coming CAS (Cowboy Action Shooting) event, please send us the information and we'll put it this here newsletter!



Happy Birthday Cowboy!

The following cowboys had their birthdays this month:

- Sergeant Neil (Neil Geiger) November 12th
- OK Corral (Santos Corral) November 16th
- Carson Valley Kid (Loren McKimmey) November 16th
- Tahoe Dave (David Kannisto) November 17th
- Will Call (Dale Lindberg) November 26th
- Annie Gunsinger (Anne Goldy) November 30th



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