



# The Bullet Hole

January – 2017

Monthly Shoot is on January 15th - Shooters' meeting at 9:30 a.m.



*GETTING TO THE CARSON RANGE ??*



## From our President;

Greetings one and all from the high lonesome or should I say, the big snow pile.

I'll tell ya in my 20 years up here I've seen some storms but a three week snow storm w/blizzard conditions three day in a row? Seems every time I get to thinkin that I've seen it all ole Mother Nature turns around and says you ain't seen nothin yet. So, it is Sat. the 28<sup>th</sup> and we have a break until the middle of the week and then we'll see. I now have 12 feet of snow in my front yard!!!!

It was reported that a bunch of you guys showed up at the Dec. shoot on one of the coldest days ever and actually shot three stages. All I can say is wow!!!! I don't know how you even could feel the gun.

As you know the Jan. shoot was cancelled because the range was closed due to the road being washed out because of the flood. I just saw the other day that the

range is now open again. Smithy will be going out to check it out and we'll let you know. If the range is muddy we don't want to go tearing up the parking area with our trailers and such. We don't pay to use this range and we don't want to be responsible for wrecking it. So, stay tuned.

By now you should have received the calendar for the coming year (it is also at the end of this newsletter). While going over dates I realized that Smithy's Revenge would be on Easter Sunday. Smithy and I talked it over and decided to move it to the May shoot. We will discuss this at the next shoot. I also cancelled the Feb. meeting as there was nothing to discuss and the weather being so iffy this year I didn't think we should be travelling too much, especially from Reno etc. Winter is not over yet by a long shot and if the door opens again to the Pacific - look out!!!!

I guess that's all for now, can't think of anything else. I hope to see you all at the Feb. shoot so until then:

Fair winds and following seas

## Tahoe Bill

History from the Secretary



### **A Brief History of the Buffalo Soldiers**



African Americans have served proudly in every great American war. Over two hundred thousand African American servicemen fought bravely during the Civil War. In 1866 through an act of congress, legislation was adopted to create six all African American army units. The units were identified as the 9th and 10th cavalry and the 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st infantry regiments. The four infantry units were reorganized in 1868 as the 24th and the 25th infantry. Black soldiers enlisted for five years and received \$13.00 a month, far more than they could have earned in civilian life.

The 10th cavalry was formed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and recruited soldiers from the northern states. Colonel Benjamin Grierson was selected to command the 10th cavalry. Colonel Edward Hatch was selected to command the 9th cavalry and he recruited soldiers from the south and set up his headquarters in Greenville, Louisiana. The troops were led by white officers. Many officers, including George Armstrong Custer, refused to command black regiments and accepted a lower rank rather than do so. The black regiments could only serve west of the Mississippi River because of the prevailing attitudes following the Civil War.

The Buffalo Soldier's main charge was to protect settlers as they moved west and to support the westward expansion by building the infrastructure needed for new settlements to flourish.

The name "Buffalo Soldiers" has become interesting lore in itself. There seem to be three possible reasons for the name. One, it is said that the curly hair of the soldiers reminded them of the Buffalo. Two, they were given the name because their fierce, brave nature reminded them of the way buffalos fought. Third, it may have been because they wore thick coats made from buffalo hide during winter. Whatever the reason, the term was used respectfully and with honor.



John Bell, Founder of the Buffalo Soldiers of the American West

## SILVER STATE SHOOTISTS 2017 CALENDAR

MANDATORY SHOOTERS MEETING 9:30 AM FOR ALL MATCHES

- FEBRUARY 19: MONTHLY MATCH,  
MARCH 19: MONTHLY MATCH.  
APRIL 1: DUES LETTERS MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS  
APRIL 11: 7PM CLUB BUSINESS MEETING AT FIRE HALL,  
STEWART ST. CARSON CITY  
APRIL 16: MONTHLY MATCH  
MAY 1: DUES ARE DUE-MUST BE PAID BY THE MAY MATCH  
MAY 21: SMITHY'S REVENGE  
JUNE: NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD POSITIONS ACCEPTED.  
JUNE 18: MONTHLY MATCH  
JULY 11: 7PM CLUB BUSINESS MEETING AT FIRE HALL,  
STEWART ST. CARSON CITY. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD  
POSITIONS WILL BE READ AT THIS TIME.  
JULY 16: MONTHLY MATCH  
AUGUST 8: 7PM, ANNUAL CLUB MEETING AND INSTALLATION  
OF OFFICERS AT FIRE HALL, STEWART ST. CARSON CITY.  
AUGUST 20: MONTHLY MATCH  
SEPT 17: MONTHLY MATCH  
OCT. 10: 7PM, CLUB BUSINESS MEETING AT FIRE HALL,  
STEWART ST. CARSON CITY.  
OCT. 15: MONTHLY MATCH  
NOV. 19: ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT.  
DEC. 2: CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DEC. 17: MONTHLY MATCH

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE CLUB MEETINGS. YOUR INPUT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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