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Upcoming 2013-2014 Annual Shoots

Winter Range
Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Phoenix, AZ
Feb 24-March 2

Arroyo Canuta
Sac Shooters Center
April 3-6

The Shootout at Fort Miller
FRPC
April 18-20

SASS California State Championship
5 Dogs Creek
May 1-4



Election of Officers

Well, the election of officers went off with only one concern. Mayor **Sierra Rider** was asked to produce his Birth Certificate, but no one wanted to haul the big stone it was carved on out of his truck. Yeah, **Sierra Rider** is that old.

The current board of officers decided to seek re-election so **Mari-rosa Slim** made a motion that all current suckers...I mean offic-

ers....be unanimously forced to remain in office for two more years. The motion was accepted by a rowdy "Heck Yeah" and the current board is now the future board of officers.

This does not, however, stop anyone who wants to help the board from stepping up and doing so. We're all volunteers and everyone needs help at one time or another. It's the Cowboy Way.

FROM THE MAYOR - SIERRA RIDER

The Match Directors for the December Match were **Talon Hawke** and **Wildcat John** and, as usual, they put on a real f u n m a t c h .

We had 46 shooters and over 40 had clean matches. This was primarily due to the special match rules which al-

lowed the shooter to make up misses and procedural. This was the match director's Christmas present to the shooters.

On one stage there was a **Santa** that was not to be shot. I understand that **Jay Snowden** happened to shoot that San-

ta so if **Santa** doesn't make it to your house, you know who to blame.

We also seemed to have a larger amount of shooters at the meeting afterwards.

We had some very special shooter's prizes and there were plenty of them. (continued page 3)

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Monthly Matches

1st Weekend

FRPC Silhouette and

Long Range

5 Dogs Creek

2nd Weekend

Chorro Valley

3rd Weekend

Kings River Regulators

4th Weekend

Two Rivers Posse

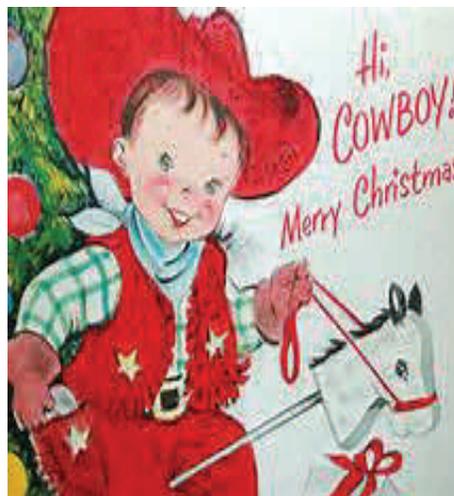
Mantca

Faultline Shootists

Gonzales

5th Weekend

Chorro Valley



RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey—

Rule changes for 2014

The TG's have voted and approved the following rule changes for next year:

Action Closed On Long Guns

If, once the long gun has been opened and cleared, the action closes due to bumping the staging table or being bumped into, the long gun is to remain where it was staged until, under the supervision of the Timer Operator, the shooter opens the action to determine what, if any, penalty is received. If there is nothing in the action, no penalty. If there is an expended or live round on the carrier, Minor Safety. If there is a live round in the chamber, Stage Disqualification. This means that **NO ONE** other than the shooter may retrieve the closed long gun, including the expediter. If the gun is moved and found to contain a round, the penalty still is awarded.

Bisley Hammers on Vaqueros

The grip/frame/hammer restriction for Bisley/Vaqueros has been dropped.

Cowboy Logic—

Spurs

Spurs worn by the typical Wyoming cowboy during the late nineteenth century had two-inch or smaller rowels and commonly had up-turned hooks on the top of the rowel shanks. This hook was known as a chap guard and was intended to prevent the chaps from interfering with the rotation of the rowel. In some historic writings these hooks are referred to as bucking hooks. Supposedly, some cowboys hooked the protrusion into the saddle's cinch, thereby providing a better grip on a bucking horse. Research indicates that few if any cowboys applied chap guards for this purpose.

Some cowboys wore spurs with jingle bobs attached to the shank so that the jingle bob swung freely against the rowel and chimed with the slightest movement. To keep the spur from rising on the boot/heel chains were often used, through many spurs utilized a leather strap for this purpose instead.

Spurs were either made by a local blacksmith, bought through a saddle makers' cata-

log or purchased at the local general mercantile store. **John Barrows**, a Montana cowboy who began his career in 1881, discussed the spurs familiar to him: "The heavy hand wrought spurs were serviceable as accelerators. These spurs with their silver inlay and large silver conchas represented twenty five hard earned dollars".

Spur straps of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were wide and often came with fancy designs or conchas. Traditionally they had border stamping, basket weave, or floral design tooling on the leather. Early straps generally were of two varieties. One, a two piece strap and buckle, could be attached to the spur by different methods. Some cowboys elected to wear the buckles to the inside of the boot, while others preferred to wear the buckle to the outside.

(I see by your outfit Tom Lindmier and Steve Mount)

WANTED
MATCH DIRECTORS
CONTACT
RUTHLESS RAY

Next Month's Match Directors



Tex Wayland

From the Mayor - Sierra Rider (cont. from Page 1)

The winner's seemed to appreciate the prizes.

I understand that next month's Match Director is **Tex Wayland**. This will be his first match as Match Director, so we wish him the best of luck and I am sure he will do a great job.

If you have any items you wish to donate for the Monthly Raffle or the Fort Miller Raffle, please bring

them to the next match.

I look forward to seeing you next month and have a great Holiday Season. See you next year.



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- Kawah Kid
- Mariposa Slim
- Wild Ruby
- Wildcat John