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The April Match was a Terrible, Ruthless and Geezie event!

That is Terrible Ted, Ruthless Ruth and Geezer did a bang up job. They must have had some sleepless nights figgerin out four really great stages. I think they were mad at the IRS when they did it, either that or the chilli was too strong! Anyhow there was a heap of shootin goin on at range one. Bad guys were there by the bushel, so many that you had to take four of em out usin only two shotgun shells on one stage. There was even some time for relaxin in the one holer with yer favorite magazine. But wait, the dirty vermin wouldn't even let you pay yer taxes in peace, darned if you didn't have to blast yer way outa there too! Yessir, the action was as fast as a tuned up race gun and as hot as one of the two dollar gals at LULU'S. Thanks to this family group, the April adventure was a big success. There's also thanks to those who helped to set up on Saturday. It's tough to do it alone. When its your turn to put on a match these folks will be there for you.



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CONSISTENCY

THE POSSE LEADER SAYS: Start outside the Saloon, have six shotgun shells staged in the box by the right window. At the beep enter and get two shells from the box, go to the back door, load and engage two shotgun targets. Go back to the box get two more shells, return to the door, load and engage next two shotgun targets, repeat for last two.

THE SHOOTER SAYS: "Hey, wait a minute! The last posse started inside the Saloon went to the box, picked up all six shells, placed them on their person, went to the door and reloaded from their person."

THE WRITE-UP SAYS: "Start at pos 1. At the beep go to table and pick up box then go to back door, pos 2, place box on shelf. Shoot six targets in order, loading from the box."

THE STAGE: The card table was an antique and not available for use. (Looks only). The shelf was six foot away from the back door, by the window. Pos 1 was not marked on the write-up, no idea where it was.

This is just one example of a situation that can and does happen at matches both big and small. It is important to most shooters that the same restrictions and requirements be applied to all in an equal manner. There's no doubt that each official thought he was correct in his interpretation of the write-up, but the write-up was not clear and accurate. This resulted in the stage being shot a number of different ways, and since the RO's decision is usually final, some posses had a tougher stage than others.

THE BEST ANSWER, I think, is in the writing of the scenarios. A story about

each stage is a great addition to the adventure, but the instructions should not have to be extracted from the narrative. Make the instructions simple, clear, complete, and to the point. Draw them up to match the stage, or make the stage match them. Have someone else read them to see if they understand without explanation. If they **MUST** load from their person, shoot from point X, extract shotgun hulls, or whatever,

SAY IT IN YOUR WRITE-UP! DON'T put too many "MUST DO" things in or make scoring complicated. Procedural penalties should be very rare. Try to leave room for the individual to "Play the Game". No changes should be made to the stage or the way it is shot, except for reasons of safety or personal handicap. If such a change is made, let the next posse leader know about it. Stick to the write-ups. Coaching from the RO or the sideline after the beep is discouraged. Before beginning, the shooter should be asked if he understands the course. If so, let it begin. If, after beginning, it is noticed that targets have not been reset, they are "Gimmies" as long as the shooter fires at them. Don't yell STOP, unless there is a safety problem. Always remember the

"SPIRIT OF THE GAME"





Cowboy Chatter

1)The new Corral is up and sure looks great. We need someone with the right tools to router the sign which will hang over the gate.

2)The Chorro Valley Regulators are having their Annual John Wayne Shoot-Out May 10th and 11th. Lets go! Call, SLO, 805-541-1485 ASAP!!

3)Jamestown now has a CAS group. They hold their matches on the 1st Sunday of the month. Some of us thought about going up and shooting with them in May. Think about it.

4)JL Hank, son of Hank and Needa Taylor, had a mishap with his 410 shotgun. It looks like he is going to be alright but will be carrying some lead in his arm as a reminder that accidents happen very fast! We wish him a speedy recovery and thank God for watching over him.

5)Check out Toeless Joe's new Iron. Looks like he's gettin serious about this.

6)We need help the last week in July to BBQ for the Police Olympics. \$\$\$\$\$.

7)Become a member of the FR & PC. It offers you the opportunity to practice or try out new loads without having to pay the daily use fee. It also gives you a voice in the way things are done. This range BELONGS to the members.

8)Town Council Meeting after May match. Got any nominees?

9)The Annual match is on. 3rd week in Oct. Stand by for more info. Be ready to WORK!!!!

ROUNDUP

Springtime brings out the redbud, poison oak and newborn calves. You can enjoy the redbud, avoid the poison oak, but the calves must be dealt with. I have the opportunity this time every year to get a small flavor of what a real cowboys life was like. Last week was roundup on the "Rocking H-M" ranch. About 1400 acres butted up against Sequoia National Park above Three Rivers. Owners, Mike and Hazel Brown, gather up family members and friends for the annual event. Although things are not exactly the same as an old time roundup, it's close enough to find out just how much work there is and was to being a real cowboy. For some reason, the cattle don't want to just stroll down the chute into the squeeze so that you can worm-em, de-horn-em, cut in your ear mark, ear-tag-em, vaccinate-em, trim their hoofs, and cut their balls off! The mama's don't like you messin with their babies. The kickin, bitin, head buttin, and all forms of resistance is a factor to beware of. If you're not on yer toes all the time, you'll go away limpin. Some of the old timers think the Oysters make the whole thing worth the while. I don't know about that, I prefer a different cut of the cow. Any how, yippee-tie-yi-yo, get a long little doggie. For one weekend a year, I am reminded that playing "Cowboy" is a lot eaiser than being one.

SB

Goat Ropers are Off

The first Goat Ropers match was held at the KRR. Sheriff Hank took the youngins thru a course designed just for them. The match was scored on hits only, I think this is a great thing. We must bring the youngsters into the fold if we want it to last.

1st place— Butch with 13 hits

2cd place—Rusty with 12 hits

3rd place—Sunflower with 9 hits

The 410 works best, everyone bring their own 410 ammo.



Jessie Montana and Cole Chance on the road from Arkansas.

Parking

There has been enough said about parking over the last year, to fill a book. It seems that a couple of lost souls don't get it. Parking along the building is for Officers and Handicap. I've ask the Sheriff to take over inforcement of this. Either park somewhere else or stay home. This has gone far enough!

SAFETY

As we all know, safety is the number one priority. I think that our group is very aware of it and alert to infractions that pop up from time to time. We must all remember not only the basics, but the not so obvious as well. After unloading your empties, make sure not to sweep the crowd with the muzzle of your gun. Use caution when reloading ammo. Be alert for a squib load. Make sure that target placement is such that the lead splatter goes in a safe direction. When your guns are being moved by hand, such as from cart to loading bench, make sure the actions are open. I know of no requirement that says the action must be open while in the cart, but so much the better if it works.