



## *July Match by Squinter*

The day was a little dark at times, the weather was warm to say the least and rain held off until we were done. What more can you ask? Well, I guess you could ask to hit all the targets all the time. Only Ono and Dirty did that. We didn't hand out as many gold coins as we have in the past. Front sight, front sight, front sight !!!!

The September match is almost at hand and we have a lot of planning to do. The stages have been written, the banquet facility reserved, the rest rooms ordered, the side matches decided on, plaques being made, now the range needs cleaning and grooming and workers need to be lined up. Sign up and get ready to participate in putting on this match. A few of the vendors that were signed up have dropped out, so if anyone knows of a vendor that can attend, please invite him or her and let Whitey or myself know.

***Construction of the "Great Wall" is on tap for Saturday. We will also pour concrete at Harpe's cabin. We need people. Starting time will be 7:00 AM. In addition we are accepting donations to the cost of doing this construction. Any amount would be nice. Work Day is Saturday July 23, 2005.***

*Squinter*

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### ***The absence of complexity is not simplicity for some***

I was absent for the shoot but I heard plenty of commentary before night fall. Seems the "you don't have to hit'em Pony Stage with the simplistic 1-2-3-4-5 shooting order became the gift that kept on giving for some .

I'm getting excited about our 3-day shoot. I've never had a comfortable set of holsters although I have experimented. I've copied parts of the Ed Seiker Rig and I have more confidence than ever before. I'm trying to find a 97 that works, I want to pick and choose which shotgun is most applicable at each stage. Too much change at one time is dangerous but I like taking chances every chance I get.

Don't know how many State Champion Black Powder Buckles that will be given away at our 3-day but I think it will be several. I'm certainly going to give it my best ...you need to consider the same. How many chances will you ever have to scrap for a State Buckle. Passing up the chance is like driving past Niagara Falls and not stopping and looking. The worst you can do is a black eye and when you fight for one, you're proud of it.

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***Well folks, it was a little warm and humid this month*** but it was a good shoot. Now for some really good news. It has been several months now and the long awaited arrival date came. I was ready to pass out cigars but realized that it was such a bad habit I would have to contain myself. On that expected day, I was bouncing off of the walls and kinda beside myself. I couldn't believe it had finally taken place. After all this time, it finally took place. Now I can have company when I make it to any shoot that I attend. Life just won't be the same for a while but oh boy what a feeling. Just to think of showing up at the range and not only having a really good time but a heck of a blast to boot. You folks just can't imagine the feeling of joy and jubilation in my heart right now. It is just hard to contain. But, I guess I will just have to find a way to contain all that joy. That's right folks for months now I had to actually start shooting that, that, it's just hard to say sometimes, that smokeless powder. But, with the arrival of my newest case of BLACK POWDER, things can finally get back to normal with me. Yep,

when that case of powder arrived, it was pure joy like a proud papa upon the arrival of his first born. Maybe not quite that much joy but, the feeling of jubilation was extraordinary. So folks until I use up this supply, it looks like I will be returning to my plain ole smokey self. Oh and by the way folks for August, I'm a gonna break the 45's back out and shoot just like in the beginning. Nope, it's not thunder, it's not the russians starting a new war, it's just Parson and his sub-nuclear loads. Until then, have fun and in the infamous words of Arnold Schwarzeneger, "I'll be back".

## *Parson*

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***Howdy Pards and Pardettes***, Our annual match is coming soon and this year we are having along with our regular shooting categories the First MS State Black Powder Championship. So if you shoot smokeless, come on down and have some fun but if you shoot Black Powder, come on down and have even more fun. What does all this mean? Lots of smoke and fun if you can stand it. Well, I am going to try and sweeten the pot so to speak. How can I do that? Well, I have my own bullet casting business and I am going to put some bullets on the line. That's right some bullets. Well here is the proposal: Anyone who enters into the frontier cartridge category and defeats me will win 1000 (pistol caliber bullets) of his/her choosing. That seems like a good deal doesn't it? But, I repeat, But, there is a catch. Those who want to and chose to participate in this challenge if they are defeated, will pay \$25.00 to the SASS Scholarship Fund. This challenge is a scholarship fund drive and shooters DO NOT have to participate in it if they don't want to. Any shooter not wanting to participate in the challenge just enters in his/her shooting category and have fun, lots of fun. But, just think of it.

If you win, you win and if you don't win, the recipients of the scholarships win. So it is a win, win situation. Besides, I like a good challenge, don't you. SO PARDS AND PARDETTES, I'M A CALLING YOU OUT.

*Parson*

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