

Squinter's Comments
July Shoot

For a July shoot it was not too hot. Well, not as hot as it could have been. I got to shoot for the first time since surgery and it felt good to get back into the game. Guess I've got gun powder in my veins.

We had 38 shooters and some brand new shooter that said they will be back. It's a credit to the club as a whole when people come and have a good time and want to return. Keep it up folks.

Congrats to Short Stuff for being the match winner.

Paper Chaser e-mailed me and said he has taken on a lot of extra things at work and has decided to let someone else be the Editor. He will stay on until a new Editor steps forward. Anyone interested? Let me know. Paper Chaser has served us well. Thanks Paper Chaser!!!

A group of us put up one side of three walls on Sunday. It was very hot and the work was hard. We plan to finish the berm walls the 4th Saturday in August. WE WILL NEED A GOOD NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. This benefits the entire club. Please make plans to come and help. We have to work with the person who will sell us the pallets since we do not have the equipment to move the pallets around.

Keep on coming and have fun. Remember that August will again be a dress down month, "short sleeve Henley" accepted.

Big Nasty Ten had surgery today (July 21), please keep him in your prayers.

See you down the road!

Squinter

Now a few words from Harpe:

Worrying too much is often the case. The July shoot was not as hot as feared and we had a breeze much of the day. Leatherneck set up fans along the range and a quiet generator thank you very much. The option to wear the short sleeve Henley shirts was a good call by Squinter, and optional again for the August shoot.

Our first stage was the Bank and the dreaded Texas star. Neck added bonus points for each point of the star knocked down with the pistol. Gamers would opt to shoot fast as possible with the pistols with no penalty and then clean the star with the rifle. The bonus policed the gamers. Hannibal Hayes was on our posse. He has a spooky name...sounds like Horrible Hannibal or Hannibal the Cannibal? I hadn't shot with him before and didn't know he is a deadly shot. He cleaned the Texas star with his pistols in quick fashion.

Whitey wrote the stage with the high targets in one sweep and the low targets on the second sweep. It was good and we will see it again. Dirty's three pistol stage at the Saloon was good change up. I would like to do that again with more pistols. On the 4H house I gave the shooter the option to shoot the pistols and the rifle targets anyway you wanted as long as you hit all the targets. It caused confusion and a lot of discussion to my dismay. I had you carry the rifle and load one extra round at the right window. Loading one round on the Marlin is easy; loading the round on the 73 is more difficult. New shooters need to make sure you have extra rounds that are easy to retrieve (not in your gun belt in the back) and you need to be able to load extra rounds in the rifle fast. PRACTICE with dummy rounds, you will see this often.

We had three stage DQ's on our posse. Two shooters moved two steps with a hammer back on a long gun. One very experienced shooter DEAD EYE DOC who knows all the rules failed to go to the unloading table and got a stage DQ. He reasoned that if he didn't have the DQ, he would have beaten me. I said we can both throw out our worst stage and I still beat you. He then reasoned, if we both throw out two stages, he would have beat me?

The scores are skewed somewhat. Whitey, Freestate, Parson, Leatherneck and others shot double duelist which is a big handicap to my thinking. You shoot one pistol left handed and one right handed. BootHill Coyote shoots gunfighter which is even more difficult to keep count of the rounds and the sequence. Boothill has a super nice gun cart he made out of scraps. Look at it next time, it is unique.

Workday July 20.

Grumpy McSwade ---- Macon A Longshot -----Hawg Runner ----BuckBow----
Homewood (Turtle) Lefty ---- IceHouse MaGee -----Whitey McCall -----Dirty
Leatherneck -----Squinter ---- and myself Harpe made it back to workday this morning. If you weren't there, I assure you, we missed you. Allot was done and it was hot. We got up the columns on one side for three walls. Next workday we will set the wall and the other columns. You got to plan on being there to help; it's too much work for just a few gray headed men.

Every good outfit has a "Company Scrounge". It is the person who can bring home needed items and stay out of jail doing so. Failing to protect the scrounge from scrutiny is taboo. Dirty arranged for a machine to set the columns, he found some hardwood mats for \$50 each (cost was \$750 new). He talked Brodhead into reducing the wood posts \$4 each. He is the king Scrounge at this time.

We had some new shooters this month; I hope they had a good time and come back. See you next month.

harpo

A few words from the Editor:

As you read in Squinter's comments, I have reluctantly decided to lay down the editorial pen of the Convolution. This is not an easy decision for me but one that is necessitated by sheer lack of time. Squinter mentioned that I have accepted some additional work assignments. Well, I have also committed to completing my medical records history project within the next three years, but also to finish a long neglected Bible study series.

I will, of course, continue on as Editor until a replacement comes aboard. And I do plan to 'keep shootin'!! And let me add my personal Thank You to all of you for all your support these past several years.

