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November 2009 Match

We had thirty shooters at the November match, not bad for rainy day and the opening day of Deer season. The weather was not all that bad and it didn't rain until the shooting was done for the most part. Fun was had by all.

Dirty and Fleetwood showed up but did not shoot, hope they are feeling better today.

The stages were fun and quick, well maybe except for the bank stage that was still fun. Leatherneck wrote that one for anybody that is interested. Woodie wrote a stage at the Salon, but we didn't have the stage until the last minute and we had rewritten the stage, but left the set up as it was. Don't worry Woodie is writing another one for December.

Pig Farmer is having to give the coin making job. He has been doing it for many years and has done a great job. The coin making job is not easy. Pig Farmer made a jig to fit a single stage press to bend the coins, but then they have to be polished, and the staple has to be attached to the back of the coin and then Pig Farmer puts a coat of lacquer or something on it. Does anybody want to take over? It's an every month job. If nobody wants to do it, maybe we will find some other means of awards such as lapel pins. Let me know.

Little Bull beat his dad this month, see what happens when you get a little older. There was no mention of the "Hanging" match at Amite. I know Leatherneck had told me that all the Peacemakers that went to the match did well. I guess you can check their web page for the results. I didn't make that one this year, maybe next year.

I have a new grandson, Logan Thomas Humphreys aka Squinter Roo Two. Weighed in at six pounds and 18 ½ inches long. He's doing well and came home from the hospital Sunday. Luke aka Squinter Roo is at our house because he is sick and can't be around the baby. Been a while since we had a three year old in the house 24/7, maybe I'll survive it. Next month is of course the Christmas month, so you can wear a Santa hat if you want to. Have a happy Thanksgiving , see ya next month.

Squinter



Oct. 5th Saturday Shoot 2009

Parson Comments

Well, the rains quit on Friday night leaving the range a little soggy for the last 5th Saturday shoot of 2009. We had 13 shooters that enjoyed shooting 6 stages. Four of them were written by me and two others by Freestate and Shortstuff. Fun was had by all and the day was beautiful. Hopefully since we were shooting on Halloween day, the vandals stayed clear but, only time will tell. The scoring system is done by total time and not rank points. A couple of shooters faced the wrath of total time vs. rank scoring by getting a stage dq. In rank scoring, each of them would have only received 13 rank points but, with total time, each one had 999.99 seconds added to their times. In a regular rank point match, 13 rank points can be made up but, it is hard to do with nearly 1,000 seconds added to your time. The stages must have been written too hard since no one had a clean match. Freestate said it best when he said that folks were just trying to go too fast. These 5th Saturday shoots have been all for fun and there is no pressure on how you finish. Lots of goading and very little complaining goes on. The only complaints that occur happen when I write a stage where you may start in the mercantile and finish at the jail. Mostly from being out of breath. Cowboy shooting is supposed to be about fun and on these days, that is exactly what we have, FUN. Below are the results of the days shoot.

Parson Delacroix
Freestate
Shortstuff
Macon A Longshot
Whitey McCall (who didn't hang)
Gringo Ben (that finally beat James Henry Parker)
James Henry Parker
Hawg Runner
Box Canyon Bradford
Hannibal Hayes
Slowhand
Pineywoods Slim
Big Shot

frontier cartridge
Parson Delacroix
Hawg Runner

Ladies
Shortstuff

49er
Macon A Longshot
Whitey McCall
Hannibal Hayes
Pineywoods Slim

Senior
Gringo Ben

Duelist
Freestate
James Henry Parker

Junior
Box Canyon Bradford

Traditional
Slowhand

Gunfighter
Big Shot



Harpo's Late Night Commentary

T.G. Leatherneck gave club members an update of rule changes being discussed in SASS. They needed explanation for sure. Our club voted on each proposed change with club members vocally critical to some of the proposals. Our T.G. was quick to distance himself from some of it; he reminded everyone they are not his ideas. He will convey our votes at the T.G. Convention where they dress up in sleeping shirts, go to parties and drink whiskey. Leatherhead had already suffered a bang in the ying yang down of stage 4 after critiquing Timer Operator Ms Purgatory and her failure to safely assist him shooting the stage without getting the "P" he got. I laughed at him and forgot the stage; I got a "p" also. Don't talk about it anymore; you'll just make it worse.

I have a short stroked 73 rifle, I want short stroked pistols. In fairness who can say you can short stroke a pistol and not be able to change a hammer?

There was a sad song years ago on late night radio. It was about a disabled boy at home with a CB radio trying to pass himself off as a trucker to truckers on the highway. He needed someone to talk to. I think we have some SASS Net intellectuals doing the same. They like attention, arguing rules and b.s on the wire more than they like shooting and competition with friends. Expletives deleted here

They have come up with a winner. You have the 170 degree cone facing down range; they want to be able to then swing their pistol muzzle down into a 60 degree cone around their feet (pointed at your feet). They think the 4' diameter circle around their feet is their "personal space" to do as they please. They could turn 360; move up or down range with pistol in hand out of holster in the 60 degree cone.

Scenario one. Athletic 300 lb. shooter gets set on the firing line. Standing erect his holster is at 30 degrees off vertical. Getting ready set (Gamer Position) he bends forward, anticipating the buzzer, his hand on his cross draw pistol, finger on the trigger, thumb of the hammer while looking down range or any direction he wants. ***His barrel is now at 40 degrees to vertical sweeping the posse.*** He pulls the pistol, the barrel probably come up a few degrees. Each spotter is at a different location getting a partial and different view of a shooter on a carousel. Safe right? Doing this on the gallows just enlarges the area of people you can sweep. Which way does the loaded pistol fall when the shooter trips running up range with pistol in his hand? Are you sure it will not be cocked after someone has had it in their hand.

This "personal space" comment is a view inside their head. It's one shooter demanding personal space without regard to the personal safety of the posse and others. Don't think so paintable. We shoot real bullets. Go build your own range, get your own insurance and friends to endanger.

Why do we shoot SASS? At every safety meeting you are reminded, shoot safely and have fun. If someone shoots unsafely they correct it or we send them out the gate. If someone takes away from another shooter's fun, the club will correct that too. Does adding a 4' diameter personal space add to the fun and safety of all the shooters? NO! Can you relax and have fun knowing someone is swinging a loaded pistol 360 degrees around your and other people's plumbing, knees and feet? The taller they are, the shorter you are, the more you have exposed right? The smarter they are, the better they argue the dumber they sound. Why would you add that much danger to what we do? It is amazing to me that a group of SASS members have floated such a dangerous idea this far along in consideration for approval and all of SASS hasn't declared them Nuts.

Harpo