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Mississippi Peacemakers Mendenhall Ms. Single Action Shooting Society
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January 2012

Club Officers

Pres. -Woodie B Western V. Pres.-Buck Bow Treasurer -Dirty Sec. -Vacant
Scout - J. P. Nasty Territorial Gov.-Leatherneck Range Safety Officer -Dead Eye Doc



Club Elections

The *Mississippi Peacemakers* held annual officer elections after the monthly match. Current (new and standing) club officers are listed above. Hats off to past officers. Past officers have without question given their time and talents; sacrificing family time, personal finances, gifts and much more. The current officers (new and standing) will continue this work with your support. --Editor



A Word from the President

Howdy Pardners,

I hope that all of you enjoy a prosperous 2012 full of fun and adventure, the stuff that tall tales are made of. Thanks to all of you for making Purgatory your home for Cowboy Action Shooting. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as President of the Mississippi Peacemakers. I promise I will do my best to serve with honor, fairness and compassion and I expect each of you to hold me to it. After all, it is the Cowboy Way.

I also would like to say thank you to all who have served our club in the past. Most recently Squinter, Harpe, Diamond Lilly and Whitey McCall. They have all served in their respective positions for a long time. They have brought this club from a piece of open land to what it is today. The best CAS club around. That did not happen without many sacrifices. So when you see them extend a hand and tell them how much you appreciate the work they've done. They have set the bar high.

As you know, a lot of dedicated members have made their own sacrifices to get us where we are today. There have been many members, like you, that have worked countless workdays. They were the backbone of the club then just as you are now. Without you, the members of the club, we would not be where we are either. Officers come and they go but the membership is, and always will be the rock on which the Peacemakers is built. Remember that YOU are the future of this club and my hat is off to you Pard.

So what now? Well, we do have an awful lot to do before our annual match. Some of it is going to be easy, some not, but it must all be handled and it is going to take all of us to do it and do it well. I will be calling on each of you to give of your talents to make this the best gall-darned State Championship ever. I know that you all will offer what you can and that is all that is expected. So let's all Cowboy Up and get this rodeo started.

Thank You,
Woodie B Western





Work List for Purgatory February-April 2012

Task

Adopted by/Assigned to

Clean and organize storage area
(inside 1st then outside)-

Box Canyon/ Woodie B

Repair storage room door-

Replace ramp at bank -

Four Bit / Darn Strait

Repair all floors boards in stages
and on boardwalk-

Replace rotten roof caps
(See Diamond Lillies / Gunshop) w/treated material-

Paint all step ups bright yellow
add tread tape where needed-

Fix visage at Mercantile-

Add door and window to mercantile-

Mark walls with yardage-

Pick up all targets off of the ground-

Fix props (boxes etc.) at bank
and depot Check others-

Stabilize tables (between Hash house
and saloon) and check others-

Brace roof at depot, replace leg and
support board on outside of train-

Repair board at hawg pen and fix up wagon-

Repair boards at livery and raise door headers-
Repair outhouse prop at livery-

Bring in peagravel for stages / load& unload tables-

RR tie wall at bank loading table ???-

Waterseal all wood-

Build NEW OUTHOUSE around porta-john-





January Match News –The view from the front porch. - J. P. Nasty

The January Match has come and gone. Amazingly, the attendance of 39 shooters was in the face of a shaky weather forecast. The skies alternated from threatening to blue throughout the match and the air temperature felt more like May than January. Slick McClade and Lily Bleu came to visit. By my count, Slick had 7 misses on the final score sheet. Slick has successfully proven that the “You can’t miss fast enough to win” theory is not true. **Slick came in first in overall match results.** From the front porch, folks commented that “it sounded like automatics instead of single action pistols”.

Clean Match Shooters – Squinter, Dirty and Box Canyon Bradford. Squinter, got past the flip-the-bird targets at the bank. Dirty, what can I say, one of the most consistent shooters in Purgatory. Box Canyon Bradford, the kid had a good day.

Stages – (Can be reviewed on the home page.) Comments received on the stage that Box Canyon and I wrote: **1)** “If you are going to write a stage like that, you should be required to shoot it.” **2)** “If you are going to write a stage like that, you should supply an oxygen bottle.” Hey, what can I say? Parson says that is the reason it is called Cowboy ACTION Shooting. Another comment received of a more important nature (not sure which stage or stages were being referred to) was that some of the targets were too close for SASS requirements. That is a safety issue. Thanks to the commenter for pointing it out. Stage writers and designers need to make sure that they have targets located with SASS requirements in mind.

Using procedural penalties as a difficulty gauge, there were a total of 8 procedurals for 39 shooters. That is a procedural for every 5th shooter. Were the stages easier this month?



Harpe’s Comments

My article last month talked about having elections and afterward everyone should pitch in and help the new officers as we always do. I stand by that and I will continue to try and be a good member.

It was obvious at the start of the elections; the opposition had chosen their president and vp. Lill and I had no idea there was opposition. Choice, opportunity for opposition is the American way, always good and can never be criticized. My hat is off to the opposition; they were organized and executed like Eli. Not knowing, I was stunned as I know Lill was.

Lill sent me an email, she said “the club made its voice known and it spoke yesterday at the direction it want to go in”. She is respectful of that as I am also. Some of the members expect her to continue work as Secretary after rejecting her as President. In fairness, ask yourself, isn’t that too much to ask? **Harpo**



Squinter’s Comments

A New Era

We had a pleasant January shooting day for a change. We had visitors from Alabama and Louisiana that came to shoot with us that we have not seen in a while. That was a delight. Slick McCabe won the match and I shot a clean match that had to include the Bank stage, another delight.

Then there was the new years election. I announced in the month of December that I would be stepping down as President. I have been the president for the past 10 or 11 years, I can't remember back that far. During that time WE, and emphasize we, have made drastic improvements to the range, such as electricity, water and stages. In addition we started having an annual match that now includes the Mississippi State

Match that is sponsored by SASS and has to be conducted under a set of SASS regulations. In the past we have added about twenty shooters a year and now expect about 150 shooters to attend. They come from a long way off to what they expect to have a good time. This includes a well run match that is conducted in the SASS way of doing things. For the past ten years or so, we have put on the shoot, banquet, and awards ceremony with no major problems. This was not done without the cooperation and support of the club and especially the Secretary of the club Diamond Lilly. Diamond Lilly has put tireless hours in the pre-match work and has been, without a doubt the most valuable person of the match. That was even to the point of pulling a camper down to the range so that there could be a quite place to tabulate scores.

For the above reasons and a few more I nominated Diamond Lilly to be the new President. As many of you know Woodie B Western was elected the new President and Diamond Lilly stepped down as Secretary. The major problem is that NO ONE stepped up to take her place. The club cannot function without a Secretary; the work has to be done. Woodie will be over burdened if he has to do it himself. If the club wanted change, we are going to get it. Kinda reminds me of the 2008 Presidential Election.

Needless to say I was disappointed with what happened especially, when one member (will remain unnamed) came to me and said that he voted against Diamond Lilly for personal reasons, you didn't do the club a favor, you just furthered a personal vendetta and that's a shame.

Harpe stepped down as Vice President, that's something I didn't expect also. This *leaves the new officers of the club with the task of putting on an Annual Match in* two and a half months with no previous experience, you have a task. I will help Woodie as much as I can, but the reason I stepped down was to spend more time with family, so it will be limited.

I hope that the readers on this message will take heart and contact Woodie with your support and service to the Mississippi Peacemakers, the best club around.

Squinter



Coming Soon:

Newsletter features that we are considering and working on for future issues include a classified ads section for club members, a new format, and things that would serve members and visitors. If you have ideas that you want considered or suggestions to make, drop J. P. Nasty an e-mail.

