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Upcoming 2013 Annual Shoots

High Sierra Shootout
May 23–26

Battle of Rouge River
SASS Oregon State Match
June 7-9
Grants Pass, Oregon

Western States Invitational
June 13-16
Fernley, NV

Chorro Valley Shoot Out
SASS Western Regionals
Aug 7–11



Warm enough for ya?

Now that the warm weather is here a few things need to be mentioned.

Summer hours are in effect. Registration starts at 7:30, shooters meeting at 8:00 and shooting starts at 8:30.

Don't forget to drink plenty of fluids. Experts say start drinking 24 hours prior to planned exposure for optimum hydration and keep drinking during the exposure.

Wear lighter color and weight clothing.

Nothing gets hotter than dark clothes. White or light colors reflect the heat better and cotton over polyester is better.

If your category allows, switch from that felt hat to a straw one.

Sunscreen those exposed spots.

Be sun safe and enjoy the longer days.

FROM THE MAYOR - SIERRA RIDER

For the May match, we were happy to have decent weather. We had 15 shooters at our Saturday practice match and 37 shooters on Sunday.

We would like to welcome **Justice Loving**, who returns to shoot after missing several years, and he brought along his son **Buckshot**, a first time shooter.

It was also nice to see **Ventura** return to shoot after missing several months.

On Saturday we had one clean shooter, who was **Lefty Who**.

On Sunday we had three clean shooters - **Straight Shot Owen**, **Justice Loving** and **Poison Oakley**. Congratulations to all.

Little Pistol shot her first match on Saturday and did very well. She could be very competitive in the near future. Her big brother, **Straight Shot Owen**, was in the top ten on Sunday, but he may have some tough competition in the future from his sister.

Tex Wayland indicated that he shot (*cont. pg. 3*)

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The Gazette

fwranch@garlic.com**Monthly Matches***1st Weekend*

FRPC Silhouette and

Long Range

5 Dogs Creek

2nd Weekend

Chorro Valley

3rd Weekend

Kings River Regulators

4th Weekend

Two Rivers Posse

Mantca

Faultline Shootists

Gonzales

5th Weekend

Chorro Valley

Who Knew

Calamine



Poison Oakley

From the Telegraph _ . _ . _ . _ .

As you can see above, we're starting a new column called "Who Knew?"

Dig through your old pictures, and those of your family, and send in pictures of the first time you dressed up like a cowboy or cowgirl—or even a famous or infamous family member. Preferred format is .jpg, but as long as our computer can open 'em, we'll get 'em converted.

Next month is the Battle of Rogue River, the SASS Oregon State Championship match. If you've never been there, you should give it a try. It's green, big trees, green, great targets, green, great props (our Tucson Smith door prop/target came from there), green and fun. Did I mention it's green up there?

Good shooting weather is upon us now so there's little excuse not to shoot a big match every month.



RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey— Duties of the RO

"Stay Within Arm's Length. In order to stop an unsafe act, the Chief Range Officer must be within arm's length of the shooter."

Anybody can run a timer. Heck, you could hook the timer on the shooter's suspenders or leave it on the table. The RO stays within an arm's length in order to prevent an unsafe act, e.g. breaking the 170 or firing through a squib.

At the end of the shooting string, **".....The Timer Operator** then immediately announces the stage time to the shooter. Only after revolvers are holstered and long guns are action opened, muzzles pointed in a safe direction, and the shooter is heading towards the unloading table does the Timer Operator, declare "Range is Clear" and conveys the time to the Score Keeper in a loud, clear voice."

Note: that it does not say the shooter's time is a state secret. It specifically says to announce the stage time to the shooter and "in a loud,

clear voice" to the Score Keeper.

There has been some talk on the SASS Wire regarding what happens if a shooter has not been told his time, gone to the unloading table, back to the cart, had a drink then looked over the score keeper's shoulder and said "That ain't right. I shoot a 10, 10, 4, stand and deliver stage in under 25 seconds all the time, how come it says 43 seconds? That's wrong."

The shooter protested and, because the RO didn't "announce the stage time to the shooter", got a reshoot.

Tell the shooter the time. Shooter, always insist on getting the time so it's cleared up before the timer resets.

"The Timer Operator polls the three Spotters to determine the number of misses and/or procedural penalties input."

The TO, and only the TO, can officially call procedurals. The spotters provide input. If you're 100% sure of your call, call it. If not, use the spotters' input to help you

make the call.

"Coaching. This is the most direct way to assist the shooter after the course of fire begins. The Chief Range Officer should coach only when someone looks momentarily confused or lost, if they attempt to put down a long-gun with the action closed, or address the wrong target. However, it's not your job to "shoot the stage" for the competitor, coaching him in every action and some shooters don't like to be coached at all. It is prudent to determine if there is anyone on the posse who doesn't want to be coached. Coaching is not considered RO interference and, therefore, will never be grounds for a reshoot."

Don't be afraid to help the shooter. If you're wrong, they'll get a reshoot and, if you're right, you may get a 'thanks' from the shooter.

Above all else, be there for the shooter, know the rules, and have your rule books with you at all times so you can look them up.

All "quotes" are from the ROI Manual.

WANTED
MATCH DIRECTORS
CONTACT
RUTHLESS RAY

**Next Month's
Match Director**



BO BEAN

ROAD APPLES



Life is simpler when
you plow around the
stump.

From the Mayor - Sierra Rider (cont. from Page 1)

"way over his head" on Sunday, but he seems to be improving every match. He practices with **Tucson Smith** so some of **Tucson's** expertise seems to have been quickly picked up by **Tex**.

We would like to thank **Mariposa Slim** for putting on a great match.

We would also like to thank our posse leaders, **Colt Eastwood** and **Rusty Shotgun**.

Being a posse leader makes it a little more difficult to shoot your game, but **Rusty Shot-**

gun was also the fastest shooter on Sunday. Good job.

Thanks go out to **Bo Bean** for donating the shotgun shells for the monthly drawing, and to **Geo Kid** for donating all the bullets for the drawings.

If you have anything you would like to donate for the drawings, please bring them to the next match.

I hope to see you all at the June match.

Sierra Rider

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