

June 1, 2011

Greetings fellow Cowboy Action Shooters! - What a great day and a great turnout for our annual Memorial Day Shoot! We had 45 shooters and numerous visitors join us today. The match started with the Safety Meeting where Rock Creek Rustler noted all of the work that was done on our last work day and gave us the happy news that we are going to have another work day next weekend! Burly Bill talked about the shoot at Woolaroc "2011 Pursuit into the Osage Hills". Just a reminder that the shoot is scheduled for 6/11 & 12 and there is still room for a few more shooters - so don't hesitate. Family members of the shooters will get into Woolaroc FREE, but only if I have the shooters name on my list! So, even if you haven't sent me your entry form & fee, please let me know if you are planning on shooting so I can put your name on the list. We had 4 new shooters today and the club made them all feel welcomed (OK, maybe embarrassed at first!). Belle Mimi & Kanagaroo Pete brought long time friend Iron Mike, Puma Joe brought Irish Kid (the un-named worker from the last work day), Rock Creek Rustler & Rock Creek Bottoms brought their friend Corona Kid and Pancho Lopez brought Clint Westwood (we forgive you, Pancho!) He also brought Little Osage Feather who has not shot with us in a long time - welcome back! Red River Emma was enjoying her last day as a Young Gun - tomorrow is her birthday. Funny, tomorrow is also the birthday of her sister Tater Bug! Happy Birthday Girls! Yesterday was Gunny OO's birthday also - happy BDAY Gunny!

Wow, I just did the scores and Clint Westwood just barely edged out Gunny OO for the winner of our match today. Gotta love them Rank Points! So, we have a new shooter to our club and he wins the whole thing - AND - he shot it CLEAN!!! Way to go Clint!!! And, we had 8 clean shooters today. They deserve a big pat on the back next time you see them: Clint Westwood, Rock Creek Rustler, Ozarks Monte, Snake Oil George (I believe it is his 1st), CowBo (his first ever!), Tulsa Lawman, Dogwood Annie and Little Fat Buddy. Thanks to Halepeno Charlie who came out today just to work and help our club by keeping score and I can read every number he wrote! Sassafrass Cyndy brought her grandson and he picked brass for her posse, Tater Bug picked brass for posse 1 and Irish Kids son picked brass for posse 3 - I'm sure these posses' enjoyed not having to bend over themselves!! We love our brass pickers!

After the match we went to the Red Castle picnic and had great bbq and fixins. Our heartfelt "Thanks" to all of the Red Castle members that put on this great event. Then some of the Cowboys went back to the range and held an informal clinic for interested visitors. I think the ladies had as much fun as the men!

All in all - a great day for shooting and enjoying our friends and new friends!

I will be posting pictures & videos from today on our website www.itsass.net this week - so check back often!

Shoot straight and hope to see you at the next work day and at Woolaroc.

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June 14, 2011

Greetings all! Wow - did we have a great time at Woolaroc - YES!!! We had 52 shooters attend our very first shoot at Woolaroc and I heard many comments about how beautiful the location was and how much fun it was. Oh, the other thing I heard was "who was the &&%\$##\$# that put those targets so far out there"! Some of them were a challenge but they weren't "that" hard! The Mountain Men made us feel welcome as well as the management and staff of Woolaroc. In fact, Woolaroc donated a T-Shirt to EVERY shooter and 20% off at the gift shop. And they want us to come back next year! I picked up 15 t-shirts for those who were not able to get to the gift shop. I will bring them to the shoot on Saturday. We raised \$300.00 from the "buy a miss" sales and donations that will be donated back to Woolaroc as a "thank you"!

There were about 15 trailers and campers that stayed the weekend and we were awakened every morning with a little bit of rain and the Longhorns moving through camp! They just ignored us while we snapped a bunch of pictures. The buffalo stayed away but the Sitka deer and their babies were plentiful. The young and young at heart took advantage of the fishing. Ask Illinois Kid to see the picture of his 5lb bass - which he threw back. Some of the kids even went swimming in the lake. We had about 25 people for movie & popcorn night where we watched the new True Grit movie on an outside screen. Most everyone stayed awake but it had been a long hard day setting everything up so some were heard snoring during the movie! Speaking of pictures - ask Longhorn Rustler to see his pictures of the Elk swimming in the lake - their antlers stuck up several feet above the water!

As soon as the shoot started Saturday morning we had visitors that came to see the Mountain Men and got to discover Cowboy Action Shooting! Halepeno Charlie ran the visitors booth where he had many examples of guns and equipment. He helped all that want to shoot see what it was like. He says he had between 50 - 60 shooters and over 100 people who just wanted information. He was a great ambassador for our club and sport! We also were fortunate to have Iron Bear & Neeter Bear and Rowdy Jim Doolin & Ima Sandy Storm bring their fine horses and put on a Cowboy Mounted Shooting exhibition. Most people there had never see such a thing! It was pretty exciting! I got to enjoy some of it while we were eating bbq buffalo burgers for lunch.

Saturday evening we all gathered for a great meal and then awards were given out. For those who weren't just exhausted there was still time for visiting and bragging! I am attaching the scores - one is by Category and the other is by Rank points. Congrats to Montana Dan - our overall match winner! Creek County Kid came up just short of his brag - but just by a little bit!

The side matches were held on Sunday and we were blessed with a great cool weather! The Mountain Men got into the action and shot all of the Side Matches - thanks to Harold Davis and others for making it a great experience for them. Once the match was over there was time for shopping in the gift shop and visiting the museum.

I will be posting pictures on our website this week so keep checking it often. Tonakawa Jingles (who took the group photo) will also have pictures on his web site for you to view <http://www.tonkawajingles.fotki.com/>

All of this fun couldn't have happened with out a lot of hard work by our club members. They really are the best example of the "Spirit of the Game"!

See you Saturday.

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June 18

Greetings all! All I can say is "thank goodness for the shade and the breeze!" - It was hot today but no one suffered too much since we shot only 4 stages and were finished around noon. We also had a new treat - frozen watermelon - tastes like a popsicle, very refreshing! I guess that what happens you leave a watermelon in the fridge for a week and the temp is too low!

We started off with the safety meeting where Rock Creek Rustler announced how successful the Woolaroc shoot was. Woolaroc has invited us back again next year and we are already listening to ideas and making plans. Hope those that were unable to make it this year can make next year. I will let you know as soon as we have a definite date. I just finished posting a bunch of photos on our web site - check them out when you have time.

We had a new shooter join us today all the way from Kansas. Stiff Finger Jim brought his friend, Mankiller, his wife Topper and their lovely granddaughter Brooklyn with him today. I think from the miles I saw that Mankiller will be back and as soon as Topper has some practice she will join us as well! We also had a whole passel of folks from the OKC club join us and we were glad to see them. Well, I was happy to see them. When Creek County Kid saw LeRoy Rogers & Roy's Creek Dan pull in he just groaned! Then he saw Montana Dan and Pumpin Roller and new he had an uphill battle! Its a good thing that young man can take a ribbin', of course, he can dish it out too, just ask his Grandpa - Snake Oil George! I was happy to see One Eye Ota back in good health and able to "finally" come shoot with us, thanks to Badly Bent for staying after him. Sassafrass Cyndy came out by herself today and she brought her grandson, Victor with her - he's a great brass picker!

Congrats to our overall match winner - LeRoy Rogers. He was smokin' and it wasn't just the temperature! I think he brought a little automatic pistol with him today - it was that fast! While the stages were not complicated today, we didn't have any clean matches. I choose to think it was because we were all just having too much fun!

The scores and the group photo from today are on thr Scores page. be sure to check it out. Thanks to Okie Ed for pushin' the button.....

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