

June 23, 2011

The weather has been awful hot around here lately. It seems like most days are over 100 degrees. The practice weekend sure was hot. The thermometer at the house registered 109 degrees and it felt like it. I don't know how the shooters could take that kind of heat. They didn't for long, for when I looked out the window at lunch time, the range was empty. I don't blame them one bit. Personally, I start melting at 100. In this weather, it is important to drink lots of water. I know, I know, you have heard that many times before, but you don't ever want to ever forget it. I have had a couple of heat strokes while outside working on the range in the past, and sure don't want to have another. When it gets too hot now, I just quit. I think it's now time to go to the mountains.

We had some discussions last month at the shoot about our August monthly match. It seems like everyone there liked the idea of an old fashioned match like the ones that we had when the club first started 10 years ago in August. I am digging out some of our old targets and props that we used in days long past for Gunslinger to use when writing some of the more interesting items into the August match stage descriptions. Look for some strange things to do, and some different targets and maybe some old ways to shoot them. A lot of things used to be done on the clock, and were great fun, but a lot of chance was always present. Now may be your chance to come out on top when some of the faster shooters might just screw up. This might be the time for slow and deliberate instead of fast and furious. It may just be what you have been looking for. Don't expect it to be your every day run of the mill match.

For this match, the lunch (main item) will be provided by the club, and anyone willing to bring a side dish or desert. There may just be a contest to see who has the best desert. (If it is hot, Blue Bell with a Fruit topping would be hard to beat). If it is too hot, warm food may not be the best. Cool dishes and salads may be more appropriate, but I'll leave that up to the person providing it. -----will co-ordinate the food items that will be needed and appreciated. Just give her a call with what you intend to bring.

I hope everyone that went to EOT had a great time and came out in first place in their division or overall. We were planning to go, but I developed a spur in my heel and was having too much trouble walking on it to navigate all the rough terrain that would be involved.

For July, I am wishing and praying for good weather. Not too hot and not too dry. We are in a burn ban now as are most of you, so you will have to be extra careful about anything that could possibly spark a fire. I am praying for rain too, for without it the range will necessarily be dusty also, and I need grass for the cows, and hay for winter. I just hope the well doesn't run dry for anyone.

Keep your powder dry and watch muzzle direction.

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