

October 1, 2011 The September match had beautiful weather for a change. Sunday got a little warm, but the match was over by then. Everyone had a good time and I still heard some shooting going on just before dark. Someone was probably practicing and testing guns and loads. Several people stayed around and just talked (gossiped) for hours after the match was over, the weather was so nice.

This is a reminder that the **October match** will also be a chance for you to sell some of the gun, cowboy and hunting stuff that you no longer need. We will have a **barn sale** as a feature for this month. Be sure to bring all your goodies for sale, and some cash to pick up the things that you just can't live without, or just must have. You never know what might show up at a barn sale.

October will also see the return to the traditional Cowboy dress code, unless it is just oppressively hot, in which case, we do not want anyone to fall out because of the heat. This has been a terribly hot and dry summer, but so far we have survived. Regarding the dry weather, be sure to be careful about your smoking habit. We currently do not have a no smoking ban as some clubs do, but you will be expected to extinguish your butts properly, and deposit them in the proper containers and not on the ground. Fire danger is extremely high and cannot be stressed enough. Currently, several of our shooters are being evacuated from their homes because of wild fires and don't know if they will have a home to go home to tomorrow. We don't want to be the cause of anything like that. If you know of any shooters who are evacuated or have lost their home, let them know that there is a bed for them here at the range if they need one.

TX Alline and I are looking for someone to take over the day to day aspects of running the range. Most importantly we need someone to keep scores during the shoot on a month to month basis, and handling the day to day operations of the office. The physical part of running the range is pretty well covered with Gunslinger agreeing to continue taking care of all of the physical requirements and stage design and preparation necessary for a successful and fun match just as he has been doing for so long. He deserves much credit for keeping the club running smoothly. Scrounger is hoping to have more time available to help with the range too. TX Alline and I will still help as much as we can, but we need some relief after ten years of doing all of this. We have missed only two matches in those ten years, and one of those was to be at the SASS convention representing the club when it fell on the shoot weekend, and the other was when I had Heart Surgery. I almost forgot, we also went to see the last Space Shuttle launch. If anyone wants to represent the club at the SASS Convention this year, you could be a designated representative and sit in on the Governors meeting if Gunslinger cannot go. If you or your team are willing to take over these responsibilities, let TX Alline and I know. The club would thank you.

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