

December 2012 President's Letter

It's hard to believe that this is the last newsletter of 2012. It doesn't seem like a year since last Christmas. I guess, the older you get, the faster time flies. I suppose it will get to a point where time will stop altogether sometime in the future. It is best to take advantage of all the fun you can get while you are still able.

We had a good many Cowboy and Cowgirl shooters for Saturday in December, but only a few for Sunday. I suppose that was because rain was in the Sunday forecast. Never believe the weather forecasters, as they are almost always wrong. Sunday was a really nice day to shoot even if it was a little warm. Warm for December? Their probably is some Global Warming, but I am not sure we are the ones causing it. Again, take advantage of every chance to have fun that you can. Don't forget, we have enough covered stages to shoot a complete match under cover even if it does rain, and the ground is hard enough that you are not going to get your vehicle stuck either.

We installed a new flag pole down close to where the Swinging Bridge used to be, to be used as a means of letting people know if the range is hot or cold. If a red flag is up, that means that people are down range and you are not to do any shooting. Regardless of the position or color of the flag, you should always be aware of what is down range before doing any practicing etc. Always think safety first.

I hope you noticed the new signs at each of the stages. They are really nice, and are greatly appreciated by the club. Thanks go to Texas Jack Star for his wonderful art work, and the donation of his time and materials.

Several of the existing stages are in need of some upkeep, and that needs to be done before Jail Break. We can hire some of it done, but that uses money that could be spent on other things that are needed to keep the range in top shape, and to add new items to the range. Things like road gravel, lumber, paint, dirt work, etc. Donated labor really does help keep the range up, and since TX Alline and I are getting older, we can't do nearly as much as we used to be able to do. If you are unable to help, or if you just don't have the time, you might consider a donation to pay for someone to be hired to do the work. The next work weekend is set for the third weekend of January.

The following is attributed to H.L. Mencken, The Baltimore Sun, July 26, 1920.

"As democracy is perfected, the office of President represents, more and more, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire and at last the White House will be occupied by a down-right moron.

Enough said.

See you in January 2013. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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