

March 16, 2012

We had pretty much of a rain out last month. We had one big posse on Saturday, and the weather was pretty nice, but with periods of showers. Most stages were shot in one or the other of the covered stages just in case. Everyone had a good time. Sunday saw two shooters drive in for our shoot, plus the crew from the Double Wide trailer. As it was raining and the forecast was for rain all day, the match was called off. The two shooters who did show up wanted to shoot anyhow, since they had invited several of their friends to come and see what this game was all about. TX Alline turned them loose in the Saloon to play and when their friends did show up, they played all day. They must have had a great time shooting in the rain and not getting wet. I bet that resulted in a couple of new Cowboys.

It's the time of year that the snakes come out looking for some romantic companionship. They sure don't like anyone messing with their sex life, so always look before you leap or put your hands some place they could be enjoying life. By the way, we have had help putting some of the fences back up that were washed out by our flood of a couple weeks ago. Tate was working on a fence in the back when he was attacked by a large snake (or so he says). It was quite a ways away, but it was looking at him with blood in its eyes. (or so he says). Since he had a shovel handy, he carefully dispatched it in short order. (or so he says). I asked him what kind was it, and he replied a dead snake. Under more questioning, he said that it kind of looked like a Moccasin or a Copper head, but that it had spots on its belly. (it went belly up after the episode with the shovel). We searched all the reference books but could find nothing to compare it to. It was gone when we went back to look at it more closely. I bet it was picked up by an eagle to feed it's young. As close as we can figure, it must have been a SPOTTED BELLY COPPER MOCCASIN. I understand these are very rare, so don't tell any environmentalist or they may want to declare it endangered and shut down the range. So beware and be careful.

Little Bear was also helping until we got washed out again. The ground is still quite soft if you get out of the parking lot or off the gravel roads. We took out several tree trunks with the help of Boss Spearman and the Back Hoe. These spots are super soft so you definitely don't want to drive on them. Be on the lookout for fresh dirt, and stay away from it.

Jail Break is this month, much help is still needed in putting on this event, so if you are available to help, it would be greatly appreciated. For those who have committed to work the match, an advanced shoot date will be the first weekend of April. If you are one of these people, be advised and contact Laurie Darling or Gunslinger to let them know that you will be there.

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