

April 2014 President's Letter

I hope you all got your Taxes in for this year and will be getting some money back. You will need it when it comes to buying more components for the coming year. Boy, things sure have been getting higher and higher in cost lately. I sure do long for the old days (not too long ago) when you could walk into any sporting goods store and purchase anything you wanted in the way of ammo or components. Will we ever see those days again?

Jail Break '14, the SASS Texas State Championship is now over and it was a very interesting match. Many things went on during the Match that were not planned for. Who was it that said that you cannot plan for everything? Boy was he right.

To start off, everything went off O.K. for the side matches on Thursday. The main match stages on Friday went on without a hitch, but then the weather started to get bad. We had some minor rain right after the main match shooting was finished, but then in the evening while we were trying to get the ready for the Hot Dog Social, a large and fast gust of wind came thru and tore off part of the roof of one on the sheds on the property and it narrowly missed a camper's tent and grazed his pickup truck. While the folks in the double wide bunkhouse watched, a large tree just outside the window had the top twisted out of it and it landed between two nice expensive pick up trucks without hitting either one. The tree did hit an outside water facet and broke it off underground. Water was bubbling up out of the ground, but it did not affect the water pressure, so we just left it alone until the match was over and everyone went home before fixing it.

The Banquet was another story all together. The weather was great Saturday. Several of us got to the hall early on Saturday morning and got it all ready for that evening. We moved tables and chairs, set out table decorations, and just generally made the hall ready. We went back to the range to change clothes and get ourselves ready for the evening. We and the shooters got there in plenty of time and the caterer arrived and set up the food serving line. After about a third of the group had got their food and was sitting down, the power went out to that entire side of town. Fortunately, the sun was still up, so we opened all the doors and the rest of the shooters kept right on going thru the food line and eating in the semi-darkness. It was decided to keep the program going, since we did not know how long the power would remain out. Winners were called using a bullhorn and awards were presented by flashlight. As the sun went down, vehicles were aiming their headlights at the open doors of the hall to get a little bit of light. Thank God, it wasn't total darkness. Then, just as we were most of the way thru the program, the lights came back on and the show proceeded as originally planned using the PA system. We were finished on time, but, boy, I would not want to go thru that again.

Sunday was Beautiful.

See you next month.

Justa Hand, President