

President's Letter

April 1, 2015

Although we have had a lot of rain recently, it has been GOOD for the grass needed to feed the cows, but has been BAD for the amount of grass that will have to be mowed for the range this Spring. You know, the good with the bad thing. I'll take the good part any day, since Tx. Alline does most of the mowing anyhow.

The weather seems to have been sunny and windy enough the last week to finally be able to get onto parts of the range with the tractor to move some targets for Jail Break. We decided to wait out the wet ground since the last time we tried to burn trash, I got both Tx. Alline's Mule and the bigger 4-wheel drive tractor stuck in the woods. All the way down to the belly it was. I had to use the bucket of the tractor to drag it up out of the soft stuff and then take about 100 foot of chain to pull the Mule out. Denton Dancer was there to help me get things sorted out. If I thought he would not read this, I would blame everything on him, but since he wasn't even around when I got the Mule stuck, I have to take all the credit for myself. Sometimes, life is tough.

Jail Break is only a few weeks away, and the recent rains have really put a damper on all the work needed to get ready for the match. If the nice weather holds, there will be a flurry of activity to achieve what still needs to be done. WE CAN DO IT thanks to all the time Denton and Calico have spent and will be spending to make sure everything is done and in good shape for the match. Our heartfelt thanks go out to them, and yours should to. Others will be here the week before the match to help in any way they can.

Advice about advice.

Everyone wants to improve their shooting and transitioning skills in order to have better scores so that they can be able to say they beat their traditional rival, Joe Blow. You don't have to be trying to be the best in your class or overall to want to do better. Some of us want advice and some of us don't. The best advice I can give you is to take only good advice and leave the bad advice alone. To determine which advice is good and which is bad, you must first determine your own capabilities. If someone tells you that you have to speed up and take less time between shots, but your fingers just cannot move any faster because of age or medical reasons, it will be pointless to waste ammo on trying to do this. In that case you would be better off (and spend a lot less money) on exercises that can be done away from a gun to improve on your finger speed and then, dry firing would then be helpful before burning ammo. But only you can decide what path you should take to become faster. More on advice next month.

Setting a good example for children takes all the fun out of middle age.

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