

President's Letter

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Boy, this year is sure going fast. Soon it will be the Christmas Season and shooters will be wondering if it will be too cold or maybe even too much snow on the roads to make it to the match that month. It sure is hard to imagine that right now as it has been very hot recently. It has been reaching the high 90s and 100s for the last several weeks now although the weather for the August match was pretty tolerable. The Root Beer floats after the match seemed to cool everyone down nicely and then everyone forgot about the temperature pretty quick. Look for more Floats after the match this month too.

The middle of September should bring a cool front and pleasant weather for the September match, but if it doesn't, you can dress to keep cool this month too. I sure hope we don't need to since I have had enough of this hot summer weather already.

I didn't realize how much our shooter base is ageing until I asked the shooters to move back one stage to take the Posse picture on Sunday. I heard some comments about having to move "that far" just to take a picture without a lot of Gun Carts in it. I don't know, but some of those folks who were whining sure can move fast when they are changing shooting positions. Go figure.

We do need to introduce more younger shooters to Cowboy Action Shooting if our sport is going to survive and prosper. I don't know how to do that. The main concern that I here a lot is the expense involved to get started. It used to be that you could pick up used guns from a Pawn Shop for very little (I remember buying Ruger's for about \$100, and a good used Marlin for about \$150 and a 97 Winchester for less than \$200.) and Brass was so inexpensive that not many people bothered to pick it up. Powder, Primers and Bullets were also pretty cheep too. Many shooters just bought loaded ammo because it didn't cost much more than making it yourself. Boy, times have changed. Some folks think that 22s might be the answer to get new shooters started. I just don't know. Even 22 shells have quadrupled or more in price.

Don't forget, Root Beer Floats again after the September match. After that we should start thinking of warmer food. If you see something good laying along side the road, and you want to skin and clean it, that would be a possibility, just don't bring me something that is still whole and needs cleaned.

I keep hearing of these Ultra Liberal idiots that want to change history. They don't respect History, and the Valiant and HONORABLE men who fought against a government they thought wanted to take their rights away from them. Right or wrong, they were Honorable men who were fighting for a cause they believed in and I don't believe it was for Slavery. And don't forget that the Victor writes the History. Enough said. Perhaps the next thing on their list will be a Southern History book burning.

See you at the Range,

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