

GHSS Round-up...

And so, to bed...

The Sweet...



Day One of Fall Round-up started out with cool temperatures and a grey sky, but as the shoot progressed the clouds dissipated as the weather morphed into a beautiful fall day. Participants pictured above are (from left to right,) Marshall Stone, Tripod, Smithy Jim, Montana Kid Hammer, Kootenai Brown, Sweet Caroline, Light Rider, Valencia Rose, Poco Loco Louie, Two Thumbs Becky, and Lead Monger. Kneeling are Pokin A. Long and Knicked M. Good. Photo: Judge Yukon Hatch

Fall Round-up Closes the Society's Shooting Season

Bringing down the curtain on another successful shooting season, this year's Fall Round-up proved to be a fun but challenging two-day shoot.

The stages, artfully crafted by Range Boss, Kootenai Brown, were based on many of the humorous adventures in Wind Drifter's life, the recounting of which have long since established them as an essential part of the Society's oral tradition.

Just as life has many unexpected twists, so too did the stages in this two-day match. Stage One, "Buffalo Bill," required

shooters to show their ability not only with their main match firearms but also with a tomahawk, a knife and, of course, a buffalo rifle.

Stage Two, "En Garde", future archeologist," required one to exhibit some dexterity with a sword prior to engaging the targets; while Stage Three, "School teacher's got ammo," required folks to exhibit some mental dexterity as they formulated their individual plans on how to down 24 targets with 24 shots.

Proving particularly troublesome was the first part

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TVSA Gun Show provides A venue for recruitment

This weekend, October 19-20th, GHSS will once again be manning two tables at the TVR&PC gun show in the Patty Center on the UAF campus. Unlike previous shows, we've decided not to have a specific theme other than the guns and gear used in Cowboy Action Shooting. This opens it up for members to bring a wide variety of guns for the display.

A sign-up sheet was passed around at the last general membership meeting resulting in the following folks volunteering to man the tables: **Saturday morning:** Lead Monger, Pokin A Long, Chatanika Scout, and Red Roy. **Sat-**

urday afternoon: Bear Creek Bill, Gunrunner, Ruby Lil, and Brasspounder. **Sunday afternoon:** Brasspounder, Red Roy. Note that we are short volunteers for Sunday morning, and that we're a little light on help Sunday afternoon when the display has to come down.

Finally, if this is your first time working the club tables, please remember that we're not bank fishing for new members, we're spin casting. Don't get lulled into watching the bobbin for a nibble, cast that lure out there and keep reeling the line in!

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The Sour...



Light snow made shooting the second day of Fall Round-up a bit challenging. The shoot was called after four stages. The hard shooters attending the shoot included, left to right, Marshall Stone, Light Rider, Sweet Caroline, Pokin A. Long, Kootenai Brown, Lead Monger and Smithy Jim. Photo: Tripod.

Air...not smoke!



As two guests watch the action from the blockhouse, Brasspounder (the Society's resident black powder shooter,) readies a balloon to replace those used by each shooter in Stage One of last month's Fall Round-up. Spread out across the full width of the bay, a tomahawk, knife, main match guns and a single shot buffalo rifle were used to engage a variety of targets. Photo: Valencia

Salvation Army: GHSS Bell Ringing is most productive

A call to the Salvation Army has confirmed that the Golden Heart Shootists will once again be ringing bells at Fred Meyer's West on Friday evenings from 6-8:00 pm, beginning November 29th and running through December 20th.

What has become a

Gun Show...

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It's great fun to see how excited folks can get once they learn that the Golden Heart Shootists exist and that they, too, can be a part of Cowboy Action Shooting-even in the interior of Alaska.

club tradition has also proven to be very beneficial to the Army. During a recent presentation on the Salvation Army's ministry in Fairbanks Major Kevin Bottjen noted that in the two hours GHSS staffs the kettles it raises more donations from holiday shoppers than the rest of their volunteers have raised all day.

The Army's fund raising effort will start with a kick-off gathering to be held at 10:00 am on the Friday after Thanksgiving at the Co-op in down town Fairbanks. The Society has been invited to attend.

Anyone wishing to attend this event to represent the club should do so in costume. No firearms visible, please.

Nominations due for seven slots to be filled in November election

There are seven positions to be filled among the GHSS leadership this coming November when the Society holds its annual elections.

Nominations are presently being solicited for the following positions: **Ramrod**, (Vice President) currently serving, Judge Yukon Hatch; **Banker**, (Treasurer) currently serving, Callie Crossfox; **Top Hand**, (Membership Secretary) currently serving Jim Bear; **Judge**, (Sargeant-at-arms) currently serving, Kluane Kate; **Trail Hand**, (Member-at-large) currently serving, Brasspounder; **Board of Directors**, currently serving, St. Louis Kid; and **Territorial Governor**, currently serving, Kootenai Brown. With

the exception of the Territorial Governor (which is elected annually) all positions are for a two-year term.

Any member can nominate and any member can be nominated; however, if you do choose to nominate someone, please be sure to check with them first as to whether or not they would be willing to serve.

Nominations can be sent to Berry Woman at GJsearles@gci.net. She reports that at present two serving members have agreed to stand for re-election: Kootenai and Callie.

A complete nominations report will be made at this month's general membership meeting.

How do you like my new rig?



The emergence of the sun during the first day of Fall Round-Up gave Pokin A. Long the opportunity to show off her new rig in the best light. Photo: Valencia

Sometimes you have to kneel...



As Judge Yukon Hatch and Nicked M. Good look on, Poco Loco Louie goes down on one knee to finish off the targets on Stage 3 of Fall Round-up, "Teacher's got Ammo." The stage required that shooters devise an engagement strategy to down 24 targets with 24 rounds. Poco shot 20 rounds with his rifle and then used four shotgun rounds to successfully down the remaining targets. Photo: Valencia.

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of stage five, "Pass the Salt," where shooters were allowed 10 pistol rounds to knock down five bowling pins with any remaining rounds placed on a dump target.

While the shots were not difficult, the pins themselves proved to be a lot tougher than they seemed with several rounds ricocheting back at shooters. When this problem first made its appearance, the pins were moved so that subsequent shooters would engage them at more of an angle. This didn't help much so the pins were abandoned and small steel silhouettes were substituted in their place.

The unanticipated return fire, highlighted the importance of wearing good eye pro-

tection.

Marshall Stone took top honors for the day with a total time of 264.80. Poco Loco Louie and Smithy Jim weren't too far off the pace with at scores of 273.49 and 3054.27 respectively.

Day Two of the shoot saw the number of shooters thin down considerably as snow made its way into the area. Shooters again had to dip into their bag of tricks as pocket pistols came into play and bonus points were awarded for shooting a hanging gong with a pistol and smoking aerial targets.

The shoot was called after Stage Four as the snow stubbornly persisted.

Marshall Stone again posted the fastest time of 112.39 followed by Smithy Jim at 169.59 and Lead Monger with a time of 176.30.

Once the shooting was over, the range was put to

bed for the year with targets and props stowed away until next Spring.

Unfortunately, this will indeed probably be the end of shooting for the society until next Spring as the Federal Government's sequestering of funds prevents the scheduling of a range officer for weekend use of the Fort Wainwright Air Curtain house.

One bright note is that Diamond Mac and Lead Spitt'n Rusty have again offered to host the annual New Year's day, "Freeze Your Buns" shoot and an additional shoot in either April or May, as long as the ground is still firm.

So, look to your firearms, build up your ammo stores and dig out your long johns-the shooting will start early next year.

James Estate Sale goes well

Bruce James reports that his garage sale benefiting the estate of his brother and one-time GHSS member Wingdem went extremely well.

The two-day sale, limited to family friends and club members, saw a large quantity of reloading components, gun parts, and miscellaneous gear redistributed to folks who could use it, and-at the same time raised quite a bit of money for Wingdem's widow.

"I met a lot of interesting and very friendly people," James said. "One of the most impressive was a young man who showed himself to be focused, safety conscious and listened to what folks had to say."

The balance of the goods left after the sale were advertised on the radio according to James and sold to one individual who asked the question Bruce had been waiting to hear: "how much for all of it?"

Is it going to stick?



One of the club's youngest members, Nicked M. Good, shows good follow through as he tries his hand at throwing a tomahawk on the first stage of Fall Round-up. The 'hawk and a knife throw proved very challenging to the 13 shooters participating. Photo: Valencia