

Large turn-out tackles range work projects

The Society's response to a scheduled Range Work Day this past Sunday was stunning with over 20 members involved in a day-long session that saw two major projects completed,

the range mowed and all the shooting bays spruced up. The initial date set for the work day at the last minute had to be moved back a day due to rain. "Having to reschedule,

really was a worrisome thing," said Poco Loco Louie, the group's Trail Boss, "once you do that it throws everyone's schedule off. I was amazed at how resilient the member-

ship was to this change. When I drove into the range, it looked like the population of a small town had taken up residence."

Using materials hauled up to the site the day before by Dave and Kristen, as well as timbers recycled from the old block house, a portion of the work party renovated Fort Chatanika on Bay One by removing the sagging block house and a part of the original wall and replacing it with a 38" tall, slab wood, palisade. This job was made a lot easier by the presence of several generators, compressors, a chop saw and air-powered nail guns which allowed the work crew to move right along, removing the old structure and building the new wall. "We'd still be there with only hammers and hand-saws," commented Wind Drifter; but perhaps even more telling was "having a lot of people to help."

"Not only did we have a big crew on hand, but everyone jumped right in and went to work. No one just stood around waiting for someone to tell them what to do," Drifter added.

As work progressed on the Fort, another group of worker bees were busy prepping the new site for the relocation of the outhouses, which were being moved at the request of the landowner. The site was leveled and the holes were dug by Smithy Jim, who proved an able equipment operator on a small back hoe rented for the weekend by the club. The machine also was handy to have when it came time to move fill dirt to the new palisade on Bay One.

Once the site was ready, the two outhouses were moved from their respec-

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Worky, worky!

Board reviews State Shoot Plans

As was to be expected, preparations for the Alaska State Championship Shoot were the main topics of discussion for the GHSS Executive Board during its regularly scheduled June meeting.

After approval of Callie Crossfox's banker's report, which showed the club had almost \$7,000 in the

bank--with a great influx coming from state shoot registration fees--the group moved on to hear a short Territorial Governor's report from Kootenai Brown. On the national scene, he noted that long-time SASS rules commentator, Pale Wolf Brunnell, was to be inducted into the SASS Hall of Fame and that locally, Marshal

Stone and Scout Brown would be holding a Range Officer Two training session just prior to the state shoot at the GHSS range on Thursday, July 9th, beginning at 10:00 AM.

On the topic of getting the range ready for the state shoot, Diamond Mac, the club's Range Boss,

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Easy Does it...



Moving the range outhouses was a major part of Sunday's Range Work Day. Pictured above easing the first one in place are from left to right, Horse's Mouth, Kootenai Brown, Jake Glaza hidden behind Kootenai, Brasspounder, Allen Bowles, Chad Glaza, Smithy Jim, and Drover Knutts. Photo: Keen Eye Kate

Are we on the level...



Casting an eye on his work, Diamond Mac asks for a level as part of Sunday's range work crew refurbish Fort Chatanika. Pictured from the left are Mac, Lead Monger, Wind Drifter, Allen Bowles, Poco Loco Louie, and Drover Knutts. Photo: Keen Eye Kate.

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tive locations and then eased onto the newly-dug holes. "The ancient Egyptians have nothing on us," one of many helping with the move quipped, as each building was tipped on its side so that rollers could be placed underneath it. Once they were in place, the building was eased onto a railroad tie base. Once the buildings were secured on their foundation, all

the stuff that had been stored in them was put back in place. "One thing this makes obvious," commented Poco, "is the need we have for some sort of secure storage on the

range. A lot of the room in each of the outhouses is taken up by all sorts of supplies that we're trying to keep out of the weather.

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Slow and steady...



Kanuti River Wrangler maneuvers his tractor pulling a mowing deck around one of the many trees that flourish on the club range. In the background is recently returned Judge Yukon Hatch mowing around the flag pole. Photo: Keen Eye Kate

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communicated to the group his goals for the pending Work Day, which included building a loading table for Bay 1, renovation of Fort Chatanika, and relocating the outhouses on the range at the request of Val Scullion representing the landowners. Saturday, June 27, was announced as the date for the work party with work to begin at 10:00 AM. (This date was rained out and work commenced on Sunday the 28th. See the story in this issue.) Also on the topic of the range, Poco noted that several members have come forward to organize several monthly shoots at which the Range Boss was unable to participate due to scheduling conflicts. Among those stepping up to the plate were Alaska Lady Lou and Pedro De Borealis, Lead Monger and Pokin A. Long, and Valencia Rose and Poco. All three shoots have displayed a variety of stages, some designed locally and others drawn from previous state shoots.

An interesting side bar to Lead Monger's and Pokin A. Long's shoot was the introduction of a 50/50 poker hand drawing at the conclusion of their shoot. "The idea came from Lead Spittin Rusty, we just implemented it," Pokin told the group. Participation is voluntary amongst the shooters present and is really just a donation to the club," she explained. At the end of each stage, those anteing up draw a card; and at the end of the shoot, the best hand wins half the pot with the other half going to the club. Since it began, the practice has been picked up by each subsequent shoot

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GHSS Round Up

Late June 2015

An occasional publication for the sole benefit of the Golden Heart Shootist Society members, their friends, casual acquaintances and anyone else interested in the life and times of Interior Alaska's Cowboy Action Shootists.

Summer Solstice circa 2015...



Pictured above are the shooters participating in the Friday, June 19th Summer Solstice Shoot. Front row from the left, Montana Kid Hammer, Drover Knutts, Marshall. Backing them up from the left are Brasspounder, Lead Monger, Kinda Close, Fiddlin Jane, Pokin A. Long, Valencia Rose, Poco Loco Louie, Alaska Lady Lou, and Pedro De Borealis. Photo: Sweet Caroline.



Pictured above are the shooters making up the Saturday Solstice Shoot posse. Front row from the left, Pokin A. Long, Sweet Caroline, Marshall, Montana Kid Hammer. Back row also from the left, Kinda Close, Teddy Blue Abbott, Fiddlin Jane, Lead Monger, Poco, Two Thumbs Becky, Nicked M. Good, Diamond Mac, Lead Spittin Rusty, Valencia Rose. Photo: Allen Bowles.

Marshall was the top shooter on Friday and Nicked M. Good took top honors on Saturday. Of interest was that stage 3 on Friday was a stand and deliver stage replicating a stage discussed at great length on the SASS Wire. "The Deuce, You Say" called for ten pistol, 10 rifle and six shotgun rounds. The best local time for that stage was 32.31 seconds. Noted SASS shooter Deuce Stevens is reported to have shot the stage in 14 seconds. Of course, he's never shot a match at -45 either. So, there's that.

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One of these days we're going to have to do something about this."

While the two main construction projects were simultaneously underway, Kanuti River Wrangler was using his tractor-pulled mowing deck to give the range a much-needed trim, and a small crew was hard at work with hand mowers and trimmers bringing each bay up to snuff.

"We really got a lot done," said Range Boss, Diamond Mac. "Now all that's left is some small stuff and the clean-up of the debris left from the construction work. Hopefully, we can finish that up when we go back out to the range to set up the tent right before the State Shoot."

The date for that project is Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00 PM. Though, according to Poco, "anyone with a pickup and some time is more than welcome to go to range and haul off trash to the transfer site."

Among the highlights of the day was seeing Chad Glaza and his son Jake on hand for the day. Chad is a graduate of the 2014 Cowboy Camp newcomer introduction and his son Jake shot his first match earlier this year. Also, adding to the mix was seeing Keen Eye Kate return to the range for the first time in quite a spell, and having Allen Bowles present to lend a hand. Kate, a long-time member of the group, had come out to shoot. "I didn't get the memo that we were working," she said. "So, once I got here and realized what we were doing, I went back to my vehicle and got a work shirt." Bowles spent all day at the range

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and then turned in his membership application. After a bit of deliberation, he chose "Freckles" as his alias and his wife's as "Baby Blue Tay." Asked if she intended to shoot, he said that while Taylor, who holds a degree in advertising, had shot before, she wasn't too interested in CAS right now. "I was the same way," Pokin A Long explained to GHSS's new member, "but once I got out to a shoot and someone handed me two pistols, everything changed. Just wait." "Yeah, now she has several sets," Lead Monger added with a slight grin.

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and has generated over \$150 in additional revenue for the club treasury over and above shoot fees.

In other reports, the group heard that:

--At present 27 shooters have registered for the Championship match and 26 have signed up for the banquet. At least five more shooters, two of whom are local, are anticipated to shoot in the match.

--The food for the Hospitality tent, except for the last minute items, are in hand with Berry Woman noting that, in the past, club members have been very good about bringing potluck snacks to add to the variety of food and drinks available. The lunch sandwiches have been ordered with those purchasing lunch having a choice of chicken salad, egg salad, or sliced ham on wheat.

--Sally Alaska and Sweet Caroline will be doing the scoring with the SASS scoring program with help from Hillbilly Hottie.

--We have yet to identify two brass

pickers for each posse.

--While the Three-Gun Shooters will be having their state shoot banquet at the Chatanika Lodge at the same time as our banquet, the Lodge has made arrangements to accommodate both groups. The meal will be served at 6:00 PM on the Saturday of the State Shoot.

--That two side matches will be offered on Friday afternoon: Last Man (Person) Standing and a

Dear Wind Drifter:

Today I came across an article that you wrote in the GHSS April 2015 newsletter reviewing RYDON Corporation's Quick Six Loading Stand. My husband, Don Poorman, is the owner and president of RYDON Corporation. We just wanted to thank you for your thoughtful review of the loading stand and let you know that we very much appreciated seeing this article.

We wish your organization all the best in its endeavors.

Patty Poorman

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Speed shoot. Lead Monger and Drover Knutts will be running the first, and Montana Kid Hammer, (who will need some assistance,) will be running the Speed shoot. Kootenai explained to the group that SASS had established standards for this shoot so that individual results could be compared to other scores across the country.

--Wind Drifter will be running the annual Char-

ity Shoot with afternoon sessions slated for all three days of the shoot. "I've been getting a lot of people saying that they are coming out for this shoot because they want a chance to shoot a big bore Sharps," Drifter said. "I'm going to work up loads for them to use." For the past few years, the prize for the shoot has been \$100, but this year the club is exploring the possibility of securing a custom knife for the winner.

In other action, the group learned that progress has been made updating the club's medical emergency supplies. At the request of the group, Light Rider has secured a new set of pads for the defibrillator that resides in the range box, and the group voted to do further research into the purchase of a new trauma kit for the club.

By consensus the group agreed that we would not participate in the Golden Days parade this year as it's too big a project to complete a week after the state match.

The evening rounded out with the group reviewing for publication the daily schedule of events for the State Match a copy of which is in this edition of the **Round-up**.

For Sale...

Salcha Slinger and DD MeNyl have the following items for sale:

--**2 Vaquero (New Model) 45's single action revolvers** 4 1/2" barrels with size 30/34 buscadero rig, blued: \$800. Very little wear, in great shape.

--**Uberti 1849 31 cal pocket pistol**, converted to 32 S & W short with a Kirst cylinder. It can be converted back to B.P. 31 cal by changing cylinder - \$450.00

--**Reloading package deal**, Dillion square Deal B with 38/357 and 45 colt die plates. Trimmer, bullet sizer and lube, lube pad and lube, scale, tumbler, separator, brass in 38 and 45 colt, lead, lead pot, bullet molds in 38 and 45 colt, reloading books, and more not listed. I want someone to take it all as a package deal. Great deal for a newbie, everything a person needs to produce their own rounds is here.--\$800.00 for all the reloading stuff and \$50.00 for the new box of Oregon Trail.

--**Gun cart**, 3-gun cart. 3 piece, red oak, brass trim, wheels handmade by Amish, umbrella holder/coat hat hook, both boxes lock.--Steal at \$250

If interested, you can contact Russ at **907-888-8516**.

Range Work Date: July 8, 7:00 PM

Tent set-up, general clean-up



Chatanika Shoot Out 2015 Schedule

Thursday, July 9, 2015

10:00 AM, Range Officer 2 Training, GHSS range

Friday, July 10, 2015

12:00-6:00 PM Registration/shooter packets issued—Hospitality Tent

1:00-4:30 Side Matches, Bay 5/6

—Speed Shoot, Bay 5

—Last Shooter Standing, Bay 6

4:30-6:00 PM Charity Shoot—Bay 3

6:00 PM Range Closed

Saturday, July 11, 2015

8:00-9:00 AM Registration—Hospitality Tent

9:00-9:30 AM Mandatory Safety Briefing—Hospitality Tent

10:00-12:00 Main Match Stages

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch break

1:00-4:00 PM Main Match Stages

Charity Shoot—Bay 3, after main match stages

5:00 PM Range Closed

5:00-6:00 PM No Host Social Hour—Chatanika Lodge Bar

6:00-10:00 PM Banquet—Chatanika Lodge

Sunday, July 12, 2015

9:00-9:30 AM Cowboy Church

10:00-12:00 Main Match Stages

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00-3:30 PM Main Match Stages

Charity Shoot—Bay 3, after main match stages

4:00-5:00 PM Awards and Closing Ceremony—Hospitality Tent