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A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT! BUT THE SHOOT GOES ON!

Tim Metcalf / Willy D. Fire

The Cowboy Action Shoot for April 2008 may just go down in history. On Thursday night April 3 Hot Springs was deluged with torrential rainfall. Cowtown was nearly swept away. The caretaker called Friday morning and said someone needs to get out there and when Christmas Kid (Ken Barker) and Bulldog McGraw (Glen Irvin) arrived they saw a disaster. Cowtown was under a minimum of 18" of water nearly all the way up to the pavilion. With only hours to prepare to shoot the next day they went to work and spent the entire day (and then some) trying to prepare enough stages to hold a shoot. Don Buck and his lovely bride showed up and helped as did Morris, our caretaker. You see, it is not the cowboy way to give up or to give in. A **HUGE** Mtn. Valley thank you is due to these folks for helping with the mess! We have renamed the dummy that resides in Boothill. The rain had him nearly washed away. His name is now Stretch. We are certainly glad he didn't entirely float downstream as someone may have been shocked to find him in their yard!

In an effort to get the range back in order we need your help. The 3rd weekend of each month will be workdays and we need a LOT of help. Years of hard work have literally been washed away.

Now on to the shoot! We had 61 shooters on Saturday that were very pleased that the shoot went on! Mississippi Mac was probably as happy as anyone as he shot a clean match the second month in the row. This was despite the fact Bulldog had written some strange lines! Come on, a tisket a tasket my shells are in a basket? What was really neat is we had 3 Buckaroo's (age 13 and under) show up to shoot and then another one on Sunday. Buckaroos are the future of our sport and it was neat to watch them! We had another 18 shooters come back for more action on Sunday.

Nervous Norman made a return visit. He is our "swinging" bartender. Boy is it hard to shoot rounds from revolvers fast when you have ol' Norman dancing across in front of you! Unfortunately he took a couple of hits (flesh wounds) so maybe he won't be back for a while.

Thanks to JD Redeye and his beautiful assistant for the excellent soup and cornbread served at lunch and to all those that brought yummy desserts!

The Top 10 For Saturday were:

1. Copasetic Kid
2. The Brisco Kid
3. D C Guns
4. Ringo
5. Naildriver
6. Mississippi Mac
7. Curley Hombre
8. Road Maker
9. Kiamichi Queen
10. Headstone Hunter

**Sunday and Saturday Aggregate
Winners**

- | Men's | Lady's |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Naildriver | 1. Kiamichi Queen |
| 2. The Brisco Kid | 2. Velvet Glove |
| 3. Road Maker | 3. Shoot Fire |

COWBOY LONG RANGE NEWS

**Cowboy Long Range Winners.
Mar. 15, 2008**

100 Yards 200Yards 300 Yards

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|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1.Black Jack Bart | 1.Black Jack Bart | 1.Arctic Ranger |
| 2.Hillbilly Jack | 2.Irish John | 2.Jonny-B-Good |
| 3.Arctic Ranger | 3.Des Arc | 3.Irish John |

10 shooters attended and several more have stated they are acquiring their rifles or getting their stuff together to join in the fun. Next Cowboy Long Range Shoot April 19, 2008.

The July 4th Cowboy Action Shoot we had nearly all planned out may have to be adjusted. Further details will follow. We will still shoot but some of the plans may have to be scaled back, depending on how much help we get on our workdays. Information is now

posted on the website and will be updated accordingly.

Anyone that noticed Christmas Kid's vest with the Vigilante embroidery on the back and is interested in having something embroidered with that design let me know. Due to the copyright design we are limited on people that can take items in. The embroidery is \$35 if you provide the garment. You can contact me at tmet1@msn.com or at the next shoot if interested. It is best if we take several items at once instead of one piece at a time.

In closing, did you know our resident weather dancer Dogtown Dave had the courage to show up? He wanted credit for the nice weather Saturday but mentioned something about his loin cloth got wedged somewhere and he was not able to perform his ritual on Thursday to scare away the rain. Christmas Kid assured him if that happened again he didn't even want to imagine what was going to happen with his loin or his cloth!

So, did I mention we had significant flood damage to Cowtown and the 3rd weekend of each month will be a workday for the foreseeable future. We REALLY need you help! Thanks in advance for showing up and pitching in!

**Long Range Rifle
April 19, 2008**

**Next Cowboy Shoot
May 3, 2008**