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VIGILANTE GAMBLING!

Willy Fire / Tim Metcalf

December 2008 will go down as the month Gambling was introduced to the range! Headstone Hunter suggested we try a category called The Gambler and lots of folks really had fun with it. Out of 67 shooters we had 23 try this category! If you missed it here is how it worked. Once the shooter had his guns staged (even pistols were staged on tables), the shooter rolled a dice and the number they rolled determined if they shot traditional, duelist or gunfighter. Even though the dice were provided by the club some folks were accused of using loaded dice because they sure seemed to have luck on their side. When you see D.C. Guns be sure and get a tip from him how someone rolls their preferred category over and over? Now that is luck! We will shoot this category on a limited basis and we will notify you ahead of time when it will make a return appearance. Thanks Headstone for a great suggestion on something new to shake things up a little!

The fun match after the shoot on Saturday featured lots of fun and spirited competition. It sounded simple, load 10 rounds in your rifle – 5 in one pistol,

stage them on the safe and simply dump all rounds on the BIG HUGE target. Fastest time wins! Some folks seemed to be talking more about this when it was over than the main match! Christmas Kid won and showed some of us young whippersnappers how it's done. Lesson learned – don't give the Kid a hard time or he might just show you up! Yours truly, ole Willy Fire here really blew some people away with the incredible speed and accuracy he fired his '94 (I may be stretching the truth a little) – but someone must have loosened the barrel on my pistol because it had a very hard time finding the BIG HUGE target. But, like us cowboys say – at least it was fun! Stick around for the fun matches – they are great!

New Feature – Bulldog's Brain Teasers – Courtesy of Bulldog McGraw

We will give you a quote from an old time western movie classic and later in the newsletter we will give you the answer – but you will have to look for it!

"A gun is a tool, Marian. No better or worse than any other tool."

The Top 10 for December are:

1. Lie – N – Dog
2. Duel Chambers
3. D.C. Guns
4. Headstone Hunter
5. Naildriver
6. Buster (Tied)
Cracker Jake
8. Copasetic Kid
9. One Shot
10. Tombstone Shadow

Congratulations go to Wild Big Bill for shooting a clean match. And oh yeah, let me mention he also returned on Sunday and shot a clean match for the second day in a row!

We had 14 shooters come back for Sunday shooting. Below are the Top 3 shooters for Sunday (based on Sunday scores only). We gave 1st place medals and 2nd and 3rd ribbons.

Ladies	Men
1st - Just Enuff Jean	1st Ain't Dunit & Buster (tied)
2nd - Sunny Girl	2nd Lie- N – Dog
3rd - Kiamichi Queen	3rd Christmas Kid

IT SURE WAS CHILI IN DECEMBER!

Those that stuck around for the chili cook off after the shoot will tell a great time was had by all! A total of fourteen types of chili were there for the contest. Some were hot, some were REALLY hot, but all were good! Thanks to Buster and Sunny Girl for the idea and for the FABULOUS prizes. WOW! Words can not do justice to explain the extent of effort they went to and the expense involved for these prizes, so am not even going to attempt it. You will have to ask the winners if they can recreate the

excitement they had when presented with their prize. The winners were:
1st Place: Sweetwater Sue
2nd Place: Vigilante Hashslinger
3rd Place Christmas Eve

The competition was very close and a tie breaker had to be held to determine the winners. Boy there sure was a lot of tense drama as Naildriver was chosen to be the tie breaker judge. A campfire was built to chase away the chill in the air and we were entertained by Black Jack Rhodes' guitar picking skills. The most requested song seemed to be la la la la, la la la, la la. I never realized so many songs had that as a verse. Get ole Lie-N-Dog to sing for you some time! He may be changing his alias to Frank Sinatra.

***THE RECORD BOOK FOR 2008 –
by Bulldog McGraw***

Congratulations to all of the shooters over this past year that have at one time or the other either placed or won a stage for a month or even longer. There were quite a few people chasing one of the members of the dog pound all over the range this past year. Looking at the year end results there were several people that caught and passed "The Dog". A special notice should be made at which stages "The Dog" was very skilled at the Corral, Saloon and the Jail it kind of makes you wonder if this some kind of sign. Congratulations to the year end winners and we will have the formal presentation of the first place certificates at next year Shoot'n in the Shade. Which by the way will be Labor Day weekend September 4,5 and 6, 2009 so get those calendars marked and spread the word.

We are very fortunate to have many good and talented shooters in our club. You can not ask for any better friends, mentors and family. I hope every one has enjoyed shooting with us this last year and I hope every one is looking

forward to 2009. You can never tell what that so called stage writer will come up with this next year, and rest assured the words “engage pistol targets in this order 1...2...1...2...3” is some where in the near future. The answer to this month’s Bulldog’s Brain Teaser is: **Shane (1953)**

Bulldog

Here are the final Record Book standing for 2008 – Listed in order 1st 2nd 3rd

Train: Naildriver Lie-N-Dog D C Guns

Jail: Lie-N-dog Ain’t Dunit Lie-N-Dog

Corral: Naildriver Lie-N-Dog Lie-N-Dog

Mercantile:Lie-N-Dog Copasetic Kid D C Guns

Stageline: Ain’t Dunit Lie-N-Dog Copasetic Kid

Livery: Blackfish Dunit D C Guns Ozark Outlaw

Bank: Ain’t Dunit Naildriver The Brisco Kid

Gallows: The Brisco Kid Buster Missouri Ruffin

Saloon: Lie-N-Dog Lie-N-Dog The Briso Kid

Boot Hill: The Brisco Kid Curley Hombre Duel Chambers

REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM / JANUARY MEETING

Mark your calendar now for our MVSA January General Meeting to be held January 15 at the Elks Lodge in Hot Springs. Mark Shuffield is scheduled to do an abbreviated session based on the NRA Refuse To Be A Victim program. This is a very informative class that everyone can gain important self defense knowledge from. This would be a great meeting to bring your spouse to attend! We will also be giving away another full year membership to a current member – but you must be present to win.

REMINDER – CLUB DUES

A reminder to our members. Club dues must be in by Dec. 31 along with your updated waiver. If you have not received your renewal notice in the mail contact Bob Sailer @ arfnc@suddenlink.net

IN CLOSING - Willy Fire

As we close 2008 and get ready to start a new year let me say how much I have grown to enjoy the sport we all love; known as Cowboy Action Shooting. Everyone that shoots at Mt. Valley knows this has been a very trying year for us. We have suffered damage from 2 major floods and you have stuck in there with us. You have understood when we had to modify our stages at the last minute, you have understood when we have not been able to get the damage repaired to all the stages. Many of you have given up valuable time to come help repair the damage. All of this because we love the sport and we love our range. The sacrifices you and your families have made to help is truly appreciated by everyone! So hang on, we have some great plans for 2009. We will have all stages back up and running soon and we even have a new stage in the design phase that is going to be really awesome! The people of our sport and especially those that shoot with the Mt. Valley Vigilantes are the best people ever! When one of us is down, the others are there with encouragement; prayers and support. It is easy to see why cowboy action shooting is the world’s fastest growing shooting sport. Thank you to everyone that contributed in anyway to our success and made 2008 a memorable year! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

SEE YOU JANUARY 3, 2009!