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## **THE COWBOY WAY!**

Willy Fire / Tim Metcalf

### **NOTICE!!!!**

### **COWBOY ACTION LONG RANGE RETURNS MARCH 21 9:45 AM**

Spring is just around the corner and our March shoot brought another great group of 69 shooter's out to play cowboys and we had a rip roaring time at Cowtown. It seems like forever since we have been able to shoot the gallows and boot hill but thanks to the hard work of Rico Ranger and a little help from myself at our workday we were able to get back to shooting these stages that had been damaged by the floods. Speaking of hard work, the Mt. Valley Vigilantes gave a big thank you at our shoot to everybody that helped with our special project. Christmas Kid, Bulldog McGraw, HeadStone Hunter, Rowdy Bob and Gentleman G get a big ole cowboy yee haw and thank you sir for the work they did expanding electricity to the firing line area and over to the outhouse! It was a terrible weather weekend with every type of weather imaginable when they worked on that long anticipated project. Without Gentleman G volunteering his time, expertise and especially his mini excavator this never

would have happened in the time frame it did so give him a special thank you!

We shot 6 stages on Saturday and had a real blast doing it. As usual, Bulldog McGraw did a fine job making the scenarios interesting, challenging and fun at the same time. I do believe ole Nervous Norman wishes we had not been there; because he seems to have a few new holes in him. Ask Naildriver who shot Norman on Sunday, boy he can sure act innocent even when there is holy proof Norman had been hit! And I don't know what that ole buzzards name is at boothill for sure, but I heard him called several different names this weekend. He caused quite a few misses!

We had one clean match on Saturday and I guess Wild Big Bill took the chance to earn that one in click's absence. Way to keep it in the family and congrats on another clean match to Wild Big Bill. Strongbox earned a Dagnabit award with only one miss.

### **TOP 10 SATURDAY MARCH 7**

1. LIE-N-DOG
2. NAILDRIVER
3. DC GUNS
4. THE BRISCO KID
5. LEAD BANE

6. ROWDY BOB
7. HEADSTONE HUNTER
8. BUSTER
9. MISSOURI RUFFIAN
10. CHRISTMAS KID

We had 25 shooters come back on Sunday so we divided up into two posses. And boy did we dodge a good chance for a rainstorm. We did get about a 5 minute shower but was able to keep on a shooting and having a great time. We did have a clean match on Sunday by the one and only Riley Roy! Riley was very proud to get his first clean match ever and well he should be. Way to go!

<u>The Top 3</u>	<u>Sunday March 8</u>
Men	Women
1. D.C. Guns	1. Kiamichi Queen
2. Naildriver	2. Sunny Girl
3. Brisco Kid	3. Shoot Fire

March was the first month for the IDPA to have their match on Sunday afternoon. Several of those present cowboy action went over after our match either shot with them or observed what IDPA does. Either we were dressed weird in our cowboy garb or they were dressed weird? Okay, I agree – it was them that were dressed weird! Plan to come out next month on Sunday and shoot cowboy action in the morning and IDPA in the afternoon – then you be the judge.

This month's movie quote "Mary dear, listen to me! I've got a hand of cards here that comes to a man once in a life time!" Find the answer in another area of this newsletter!



**GENTLEMAN G HARD AT WORK**

## SHOOTER'S SPOTLIGHT



### HEADSTONE HUNTER AKA FREDDY HUNTER

This month the shooter's spotlight is shining on HeadStone Hunter aka Freddy Hunter. In case you are scratching your head wondering where you have seen the name Freddy Hunter and you are an MVSA member; look no further than your MVSA ballot you recently received in the mail. Freddy has been nominated for the Board of Directors and he is a very loyal club member and would be an awesome addition to our Board of Directors. Freddy is one of those guys that anytime there is a work day or special project to be done at the range you will see him there!

Are you wondering how a fella comes up with an alias like HeadStone Hunter? His character is an old west undertaker, embalmer so the alias evolved from that character and his last name (as in Freddy Hunter). HeadStone has been cowboy action shooting for six years, he started in the sport in Feb 2003.

When asked the funniest thing that has ever happened in a match he had a great story. He said "it was during a chain gang side match; I ended up being the last remaining member connected to the chain. I was running to the gallows, the chain dragging behind me. Just when I made it to the top of the gallows; Bulldog McGraw, grabbed the chain and pulled me back to the bottom step. I again climbed to the top step, and again Bulldog pulled the chain, dragging me back to the bottom step. I was laughing so hard I could barely unlock my lock to shoot the stage." If you look at Bulldog and then look at Freddy you'll see that is no match at all so I guess Bulldog won that one!

One of the questions posed to Headstone was “what is your proudest accomplishment in cowboy action shooting?” He replied “becoming the Men’s Overall Arkansas State Champion in 2007, and I didn’t even have time to practice.” I don’t know about you folks but I have to question if maybe ole HeadStone is trying to convince us not to practice so he can be a repeat winner?

I was curious to know of one really odd thing that happened to Headstone and he actually chose to use it as a chance to tell a funny story on his lovely bride Velvet Glove. Hey Velvet; remember this came from HeadStone and not me! HeadStone said “It didn’t happen to me but I was a counter; Velvet and I were shooting at Abilene. Velvet was the first shooter in the saloon. After shooting your pistols and rifle you had to run where your shotgun was staged and kick down the door to see your targets. Velvet was moving real smooth and then she got to the door. She grabbed her shotgun and kicked the door. The door didn’t budge. She kicked it again, still nothing. After her third kick we realized we forgot to release the locking latch so the door would fall when kicked. All of the posse was laughing so hard watching that little lady in the bustle trying to kick open that locked door. I actually fell over laughing so hard at Velvet. Needless to say she got a reshoot.” With Velvet’s feisty spirit I am surprised she didn’t keep kicking til the whole stage fell.

If HeadStone could spend one day with any cowboy action shooter in the world learning from them in a one on one training session, who would it be and why? “That is a very difficult question since I have learned so much from so many different cowboys. However, in the end I would have to say the Christmas Kid. He was my mentor and I greatly credit my cowboy shooting skills to him. Thank you Christmas Kid for all your training and valuable advice.”

HeadStone earns his shooting money as a medical technologist and recently became a technical service representative for a diagnostic company. He installs and

programs chemistry diagnostic analyzers that are placed into clinical laboratories and then he trains the techs how to run the analyzer. (Editor’s note – what in the sam blazes did he say?)

One of the hardest questions seems to be what do you enjoy most about our sport of cowboy action shooting? HeadStone’s reply was “the fun I have with my fellow cowboys and cowgirls. Every time I am at a shoot, I end up laughing so hard that my sides hurt afterwards.” His hobbies other than cowboy action are “I enjoy “plinking” at the range on our property, spending precious time with our 10 wolves, crow hunting, and spending as much time in the outdoors (woods) as possible.”

HeadStone shoots Ruger New Vaqueros 38/357, Winchester 1873 clone (Uberti) and a Winchester 1897.

So there you have it folks, another Mt. Valley Vigilante shooter in the spotlight. Now you know a little more about that Freddy Hunter fella on your ballot! Isn’t it cool how we all get to have two names! Hope you enjoyed it – you may be the next one in the Shooter’s Spotlight!

By the way, other cowboys on the ballot that you may not recognize by their street name is Bob McDaniels aka Rowdy Bob for Vice President, Michele Hunter aka Velvet Glove for Treasurer and of course Freddy Hunter for Director.

*Movie Quote Answer: A Big Hand for the Little Lady (1966)*

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## **BULLDOG’S BYTES**

**By Bulldog McGraw**

The last couple of newsletters I have had something to say about safety on the stages so this month I thought I would be a bit up beat. I again like to thank all of the people that came out to work on our first major work day of the year. We definitely experienced Arkansas weather. A little sunshine on Friday mixed with a mild flood and on Saturday we had some mild temperatures ranging from cold to very cold along with a touch of rain mixed with sleet followed by a very heart warming snow. Sunday was a nice sunny day

just like Friday and Saturday did not even exist. However, we did get a lot accomplished over the weekend from getting the gallows and boot hill back to shooting order to upgrading our electrical service and adding some addition water outlets.

It is that time of the year again Shoot'n in the Shade is just around the corner. The SIS committee had a meeting Sunday after the shoot to discuss some of the details, and it was pointed out that there are only 5 working days (one per month) until we have a 130 plus shooters and spectators roaming the range. I hope to have the registration form ready and posted on the website with in the next week. We will be changing our work days this year to the second weekend of each month until SIS. Depending on our budget we hope to start building a new stage with in the next couple of months. There are plenty of things to do at the range in preparation for the shoot so anything you can do to help would be appreciated.

#### Record Book

We had several changes in the Record Book this month congratulations to everyone Train: Naildriver remains in first, Lie-N-Dog moves into 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed closely by Rowdy Bob

Stage Line: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> remain the same Naildriver and Headstone Hunter with Back Shooter moving into 3<sup>rd</sup>

Saloon: No Changes

Jail: Naildriver remains in 1<sup>st</sup>, Naildriver also took over the 2<sup>nd</sup> place spot followed very closely by Lie-N-Dog

Gallows: It has been awhile since we have had any activity at this stage. 1<sup>st</sup> place The Brisco Kid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lie-N-Dog, 3<sup>rd</sup> D C Guns

Boothill: another stage that has not seen much activity lately. 1<sup>st</sup> The Brisco Kid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lie-N-Dog, 3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri Ruffian

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### SPECIAL EVENT APRIL 4 HOSTED BY THE BRISCO KID

The Brisco Kid has very graciously offered to hold a shooter's clinic at our range after the match is finished on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Bring some extra ammunition and plan to stay after the match to sharpen your skills. This will be an excellent opportunity for those that have been shooting for a while to improve their skills! Please note this is not a newbie class and is for the shooter that has some experience under their belt, but want to learn how to be an even better

shooter. With daylight savings time here why not plan on shooting the match, attending the clinic and then sticking around and socializing a while when all is done. Make a day of it!

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If you have internet access and would like to see some of our MVV folks in action go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and under search enter willyfirevideo (one word).

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**NEXT MVV SHOOT APRIL 4 / 5  
IDPA APRIL 5  
MVV WORKDAY APRIL 11**

**CLUB MEMBERS – REMEMBER TO  
GET YOUR BALLOTS MAILED IN NO  
LATER THAN APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**



**RILEY ROY AFTER HIS VERY  
FIRST CLEAN MATCH**



**ROWDY BOB SHOTS AT IDPA RANGE**



**THE BRISCO KID GOES PISTOL  
BOWLING AT IDPA!**