

# ***THE MOUNTAIN VALLEY ECHO***

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## **IT'S A NEW RECORD AT MT. VALLEY VIGILANTES!**

Willy Fire / Tim Metcalf February 2009

Well, we have double checked our records and we did indeed set a new record for a monthly match at Mt. Valley Vigilantes Cowtown! The nice weather we were blessed with brought a total of 74 shooters; which included 4 new shooters. We also had several visitors that we don't usually have the pleasure of shooting with. Considering the economy and trying times like they are it is really awesome to see our attendance grow. With increased attendance comes even more fun and everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves as we played cowboy! I think there may be some law we don't know about against having this much fun but I sure hope we don't have to stop! This is another testament to the fact that I believe we have one of the best cowboy action venues in these parts and keeping it fun and exciting is what it is all about! With springtime just around the corner be sure and invite one of your friends or co-workers that may not have been here before to come check us out.

There was some great shooting going on this month. A couple of our Buckaroos are sure going to be a threat to us older folks real soon! "Click" shot another clean match, congratulations on your

repeat performance Click! Sure Shot Colt got him a Dagnabit with only one miss. For those of you not familiar with it, a MVV Dagnabit award goes to anyone shooting an entire match with only one miss. A couple of other Dagnabits were earned by The Russian and on her way to winning her first blue ribbon shooting Ladies Traditional Rip A Lot got a Dagnabit award.

### The February Top 10

1. Naildriver
2. DC Guns
3. Headstone Hunter
4. Curly Hombre
5. Buster
6. Kiamichi Queen
7. The Russian
8. Ringo
9. Raodmaker
10. Jeremiah Blackstone

Everyone really seemed to enjoy the chance to shoot their .22 caliber weapons in our fun match as we awaited the scores. If you didn't stick around you really missed out on a great way to end the day of shooting.

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We had 17 shooters come back on Sunday for more excitement. The incredible shooting continued and a couple more shooters got a Dagnabit on Sunday. Way to go Kiamichi Queen and Shoot Fire on getting *so close* to a clean match with only one miss!

### Sunday Results

MEN	WOMEN
1. Lie N Dog	1. Kiamichi Queen
2. Ain't Dunit	2. Shoot Fire
3. Christmas Kid	3. Sunny Girl

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### **IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY WORK DAY HELP NEEDED**

**Saturday February 28 and possibly Sunday March 1 we will begin the process of extending electricity to the firing line area. This will also be a great time to start some spring cleaning projects. Please mark your calendar now and help your club continue to improve – and be sure to bring you a lunch. Having electricity to that part of the range is going to allow for some very neat things in the near future. There is a lot of interest in shooting sports right now and the things we are planning is going to set us apart. The Mt. Valley Sportsman booth at the recent Hot Springs gun show allowed us to gain 44 new members for our MVSA venues and spiffing up Cowtown will surely impress these new members with our venue and pique their interest in Cowboy Action.**

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**This month's western movie quote: "The law, the honest ones carry it hard and clean all their lives. Behind their backs the others buy it, sell it, dirty it, tie it into knots." What movie is this from? Look in another article for the answer!**

## NEW FEATURE

### SHOOTER'S SPOTLIGHT

**This is a new feature of our newsletter and is a way for you to learn more about the awesome people you shoot with at Mt. Valley Vigilantes. We will feature a different shooter each time and I hope you enjoy it.**



Our spotlight this month is on Rip A Lot / aka Wanda Holden. In case you missed it in February; Rip had a great match. Just one month after receiving one of our 2008 Most Improved Shooter awards she finished in first place in her category to earn her first blue ribbon at MVV. What is even more impressive is that she earned a Dagnabit award. Yep, she only had one miss for the whole match! She made it all the way to the last stage before having a single solitary miss!

Rip A Lot was given her alias by her beau Roadmaker because in his words "she don't take no \*\*\*\* (stuff) from no one, without at least giving it back". She has been cowboy action shooting for about a year and a half. When asked the funniest shooting thing that has happened she reminded me who I was asking and said "it was tough to pick just one but probably when she first started they would shoot with Lie N Dog and that the folks there looked scared – very scared!" If Rip could chose anyone in the world to spend a day with for one on one training it would be very hard for her because she feels like she has the best teachers in the world that she shoots with right here at MVV. She credits Christmas Kid, Lie N Dog and of course especially Roadmaker with improving her skills.

Rip's arsenal consists of a pair of Ruger Vaquero 357, an 1873 carbine and a 12 gauge double barrel Remington Baikal with some of Brisco Kid's magic work! The things Rip enjoys the most about cowboy action shooting include "the support of everyone, the beautiful friendly faces and the warm welcome they always get. She and Roadmaker drive over 2 hours to play at MVV and they always have a hoot!" She treasures her fellow shooters and counts them as part of her many blessings. Rip said "if the real old timers had what we all have; I can understand why they stayed out on the range". She stated she is "just an ole farm girl, always has been and hopes to always be. Her proudest accomplishments to date as a cowboy action shooter is the MVV Most Improved Shooter award and also the Dagnabit she earned in February." In her usual humble way Rip says "we all have our good days and our not so good days & I know I have a long way to go."

Well Rip A Lot has come a long way already and my guess is that it will be no time at all until you see her with a clean match and a slew of blue ribbons! I guess the super select secret committee got it right naming her as one of the most improved shooters at MVV in 2008. Remember – be on the lookout as you may be the next to be in the Shooter's Spotlight. *Willy Fire*

The answer to the movie quote is "Lawman 1971"

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## **BULLDOG'S BYTES**

from Bulldog McGraw

Over the past few months I have noticed some of our double barrel shotgun shooters struggling with the unloading and loading of their shotguns during the shoot. During this struggle the muzzle of the shotgun gets dangerously close to breaking the 170 degree rule. Some of what I have seen include shells hanging in the chamber while unloading, shells falling out while

loading because they are holding the barrel up while putting the shells in the chamber to just plain struggling with the shotgun while trying to break it open. This is more noticeable in our newer shooters but there are a few experienced shooters that I have also noticed some carelessness. New shooters; I know it takes time to learn to load a double especially under the pressure of a clock. I would like to ask anyone shooting a double barrel to watch your muzzles and those of you who are just starting in this sport, Cowboy shooters are some of the most helpful shooters around and I know I gained a lot of benefit from their help. Feel free to ask and others will help you with some tips!

**Record Book:**

**Train: Naildriver, Christmas Kid,  
Jeremiah Blackstone**

**Stage Line: Naildriver, Headstone Hunter,  
Curley Hombre**

**Saloon and Hotel: No Changes**

**Jail: Naildriver and Lie-N-Dog remain 1<sup>st</sup>  
and second, Naildriver also moved  
into third**

**Mercantile: D C Guns knocked Lie-N-Dog  
into second and Ringo moved  
into third**

**Livery: Curley Hombre spanked Rowdy  
Bob into second and Kiamichi  
Queen gently moves into third**

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**THANK YOU goes out to J.D. Redeye (our  
reigning MVSA Club Champion) and his  
lovely bride Ann for providing a delicious  
lunch of cowboy soup and cornbread! All  
us cowpokes really appreciate the effort  
put into these yummy vittles!**

**And of course thank you to everyone that  
made February 2009 one of our best  
shoots ever. Everyone at MVV  
appreciates the fact that there are a lot of  
ways you could spend your time and your  
hard earned dollars and we truly  
appreciate you choosing to come shoot  
with us!**

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## **IDPA SHOOTING NOW ON SAME WEEKEND AS COWBOY ACTION**

The MVSA IDPA venue has changed their schedule. Some of our cowboys have been expressing an interest in shooting IDPA and they have modified their schedule to allow those cowboys that come back on Sunday to shoot IDPA.

So remember starting in March you can shoot cowboy action on Saturday March 7, come back at 9 am on Sunday morning for more cowboy action, break for lunch and then shoot IDPA Sunday afternoon at 1 pm! Be sure and bring your weapons and gear or if you would like to go observe a time or two that would be great also. Why not get the full benefit of your MVSA membership and enjoy all the venues?

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## **NEW SASS CATEGORIES START IN MARCH**

MVV has made the decision to adjust our categories to go with the new SASS guidelines. So Traditional and Modern are gone and now they are age based categories.

Here is a listing of age based categories:

- . Cowboy Category shooters are competitors of any age range.
- . Wrangler Category shooters are competitors 36 years of age or greater.
- . Forty-Niners are competitors 49 years of age or greater.
- . Seniors are competitors 60 years of age or greater. Senior Duelist is also a recognized Senior Category. Senior Duelist category shooters may use any SASS.legal firearm or ammunition but must shoot Duelist or Double-Duelist style only,
- . Silver Seniors are competitors 65 years of age or greater.
- . Elder Statesmen/Grand Dames are competitors 70 years of age or greater.

A complete recap of all changes made to the SASS rulebook can be found at this link to the SASS website:

<http://sassnet.com/Downloads/RO/Significant%20Changes%202009.pdf>

# **SEE YOU MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> / 8<sup>TH</sup>!**