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"O. F." COWBOY 30-30 MATCH 12-11-13

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

We hadn't shot in several days due to the cold and wind and today wasn't much better. Also, since the first Sunday in December came before the first Saturday, our match schedule gets somewhat confusing and several shooters showed up with the wrong rifle. We started the match and several shooters dropped out due to the weather and only three of us finished.

I scored 28, Alan Bloomer and Ron Young both scored 23.

COWBOY 30-30 MATCH 12-15-13

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

The weather was a bit cold, but was a pretty good day for some shooting as the wind didn't blow for once. We had 16 shooters out today including 5 from Clovis and 1 from Carlsbad which we always appreciate.

Sam Jenkins, a Clovisite, won Overall with his second master class score of 35, missing 2 turkeys and 3 rams. Bill Hamilton won Master Class with 30, Alan Bloomer won 1st AAA with 33, Don Upham won 2nd AAA with 21, Ron Young won AA

Class with the AAA Class score of 30, Eddie Phillips won A Class with 19, and Harry Telesco won B Class with 7.

BENCH REST CHICKEN SILHOUETTE MATCH, 12-14-13

By Bill Kennedy Match Director

The weather conditions turned out good for the 14 shooters at the match. In the end Kenny Padilla won over all with a 40; he used 107SMK action chambered in 243 Using 48 grains of H-1000 CCB2. Master class winner was Carroll Hargrove with 36. The second master class winner was Ernie Lewis with 35. The AAA winner was Tray Sprinkle with 38. Second AAA went to Rick Bargas with 29. The AA class winner was Curtis Boyd with 26. The winner in unclassified was Anthony Bargas with 13. Anthony is the first youth shooter to shoot this match. It is nice to see the next generation of competitors coming out. We had a great match and just remember that the second Saturday of next month will be this match.

Thank you to all the people that shot the match and the guys who came out to watch. I also want to thank the new shooters that came out and the shooters that drove in just for this match.

O.F. CAST BULLET MATCH 12/18/13

Reported by Scott Davis

A beautiful day for shooting and there were 12 shooters on hand.

Out of the eight-iron sight shooters Ernie Edmonston won overall with a score of 33. Ernie used a Ruger #1 chambered for the 7mmBR, with an RCBS 168 grain cast bullet ahead of 20.0/H-4198, to take 10 chickens, 8 pigs, 8 turkeys and 7 rams. Other shooters were: Bob Elder (now from Amarillo) -AAA-score-29, Ron Young-AA-score-28, and Roy Hayes-A-score-22.

In the scope category Jim Byrd won overall with a score of 28, even though he had to finish on the rams with an iron-sighted rifle. Jim used a Remington M-78 chambered for the 30-06, with a 150 grain Kennedy bullet ahead of 25/RL-7, to take 10 chickens, 7 pigs, 7 turkeys and 4 rams. Other winners were: Carroll Hargrove and Scott Davis tied for AAA with a score of 25; they opted out of a shoot-off, and Virdis Isler won AA with a score of 26.

Other shooters out for the match were: Tim Price, Eddie Phillips, Mike Russo and Sonny Odell.

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Newman won A Class with 20, and Lane Jenkins won Unclassified with 17 and jumped right into A Class.

Here's hoping that January's weather is every bit as good as it was today and that we have even more shooters out for this popular match.



OF LOW POWER

Jan 1 2014

By

Ron Young

We had 11 shooters at this match, five with scopes and 6 shooting iron sights. Carroll won the scope class with 32 He took down 8 chickens 9 pigs 9 turks and 6 rams. AAA went to Scott with a 24, AA went to Eddie P with a 25, and A went to Jerry Newman with 17.

In the iron sight class Ernie E took over all with a 32. He took down 8 chickens 10 pigs 6 turks and 8 rams. AAA went to Mike R with a 26. AA went to Ron with a 23. Jim Byrd unc with a 21 his first iron sight in this match.

LOW POWER MATCH

1-4-14

By Alan Bloomer, Match Director

We had better turn out than I expected for a cold winter morning, but the wind didn't blow and it warmed up a little so it wasn't to bad.

We had 9 Iron Sight Shooters and the winner was Bill Hamilton with the score of 32, all 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 8 turkeys, and 5 rams. Ernie Edmonston won Master Class with 27, Mike Russo won AAA Class with 30, Bob Jenkins won AA Class with 27, Carl Chaffin won A Class with 24, and Hayden Hughes won Unclassified with 11.

In the Scope Match, which had 15 participants, Alan Bloomer won Overall with the score of 34, 9 chickens, 9 pigs, 8 turkeys, and 9 rams. Jim Byrd won Master Class with 29, AAA Class went to Bill Hamilton with 33, Roy Hayes won AA Class with 26, and Jerry Newman won A Class with 16.

We all had a good time and we appreciate the shooters from Carlsbad and Clovis coming out to shoot with us.

FIRST SUNDAY MATCHES

1-5-14

By James Cravener, Match Director

In the Cowboy Low Power Match, Ernie Edmonston won Overall with the score of 28, 9 chickens, 7 pigs, 6 turkeys, and 6 rams. Mike Russo won AAA Class with 25, and James Cravener won AA Class with 22.

The Cowboy 22 Rifle Match was won by Bob Beeson with 27: 8 chickens, 8 pigs, 5 turkeys, and 6 rams. AA Class was won by Sam Kenkins with 25, A Class was won by Virdis Isler with 17, B Class as won by Janice Jenkins with 11, and Hayden Hughes won Unclassified with 13.

Bill Hamilton won the Big Bore Hunter Pistol Match with the score of 25, 7 chickens, all 10 pigs, 4 turkeys, and 4 rams.

Bill Hamilton also won the Small Bore Hunter Pistol Match with the score of 27, 7 chickens, 7 pigs, 5 turkeys, and 7 rams. Alan Bloomer won AA Class with 21, and Randy Dana won A Class with 24.

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DENNIS SULLIVAN 22 MATCH

12-28-13

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director



The temperature was in the 20s when the match kicked off, but there wasn't any wind which made it a pretty nice morning. We had 20 shooters out, which wasn't bad at all for the end of December. Of the 20 shooters, it was pretty well split with 9 iron sight users and 11 with scopes. We had 3 shooters from Clovis and our regular Bill Hamilton from Carlsbad.

Using iron sights, Bill Hamilton won Overall with 34 getting all 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 8 rams. Ernie Edmonston won Master Class with 33, Bob Beeson won AAA Class with 27, and Ron Young won AA Class with 21.

On the scope side, Sam Jenkins won Overall with 35, 9 chickens, 10 pigs, 10 turkeys, and 6 rams. Bill Hamilton won Master Class after a shoot-off with Ernie Lewis, both scoring 33, Lee Jensen won AAA Class with 25, Eddie Phillips won AA Class with 25, Jerry

Others out were Scotty Davis and Roy Young. Not too bad for such a cold, January day.

The following paragraphs were in last year's newsletter and perhaps did some good. Therefore, we are re-running it.

EXPLANATION OF A FEW RULES

These paragraphs should be totally unnecessary, but we continue to experience damage to club property. In fact, it has become worse in the past few months. Several shooters have lost their keys recently and most claim that they were unaware of some of the rules. Almost every member we have has signed a copy of the range rules when they joined the club and these rules are available on the Club's WEB site or by request. Most of the rules have been in effect for many years.

First, people who shoot silhouette matches pay a fee for doing so. These fees are used to pay for the targets and other items related to these matches. The steel targets are left out in order for silhouette shooters to practice. If a member doesn't shoot any of the several silhouette matches, he doesn't really have any business shooting at them at any time although there hasn't been much said about it before now. Even so, there are strict limits on what constitutes a legal cartridge to be fired at these targets. In no case is factory, 223, 30-06, 7.62x39, 8mmX57mm, etc. legal to use on range 3 or 6. The magnum cartridges are not allowed to shoot club targets anywhere on the range. Some silhouette matches allow the use of these cartridges providing that a CAST LEAD bullet is used. JACKETED bullets are not allowed. Since AR-15 type rifles and other military type assault rifles will not function with the cast bullet loads, anyone caught using one on range 3 or 6 will be highly suspect.

People caught using jacketed bullets on ranges 3 and 6 invariably claim that they don't know the difference or say that because the little lead tip showing on the end of the bullet constitutes a lead bullet. A CAST LEAD BULLET will have NO COPPER OR BRASS showing when it is loaded in the cartridge case. The chances are, anyone shooting a CAST LEAD BULLET has loaded it himself or had someone do it for him as factory loaded rifle ammunition using lead bullets will be extremely hard to find, if at all. It is the member's responsibility to know the difference and abide by these rules. Should any question arise, it is advisable to seek answers before damaging targets. There are some exceptions during the silhouette matches themselves, with the Match Directors approval, but these generally pertain to a specific cartridge. If you do not participate in the silhouette matches, just don't risk it.

Some members seem to have the opinion that the club should furnish targets and/or targets stands. This is not so. The Club has furnished you a PLACE TO SHOOT and it is up to the members to bring their own equipment. There are pallets next to some of the shades that are used for firewood. Quite often they are dragged down range, shot-up, and left lay. Chairs, the large spools, and other club property have also been used as target stands and left lay. Anyone in the habit of doing these things will also be subject to losing their membership.

Bouncing bullets off the ground is an extremely dangerous habit. The club has furnished back-stops at almost every imaginable range out to 600 yards. MAKE SURE that your target has a back-stop right behind it to trap the bullet. In some cases, members have been observed placing targets on top of the backstop! Please use common sense as we do not want ricochets flying around the range.

Every range has a designated firing line. Anyone caught discharging a firearm from behind these locations is in violation of club rules. These acts generally go along with destruction of club

property or reckless use of a firearm, neither of which will be tolerated.

It is not hard to be a good club member, just use a little common sense, a little courtesy, respect for club property, and obey the simple rules the club has established. The Club publishes a newsletter every two months and any new rules will be noted within.

It is the member's responsibility to keep abreast of the rules. Members are furnished a key to come and go as they please and act like responsible adults.

The key you have is issued to YOU AND YOU ONLY. DO NOT loan your key to anyone else, including relatives. If you bring a guest to the range, make sure that they abide by the rules. We have encountered people in the process of shooting up club property who had a key loaned to him when the actual member was not on the range. One of the several reasons for this is insurance and anyone old enough to be on the range should understand this.

RGC's ANNUAL BANQUET

The Club's Annual Banquet will be held **Saturday, March 8th** at the same place it has been the last three years, the Los Cerritos Mexican Kitchen located at 2103 North Main Street. The fee this year will be \$12.50 per person, payable at the door. This will include food, drink, tax, and tip. Reservations are not required, just show up around 6:00 PM.

In the past, we've always had a lot of door prizes to give away which adds to the enjoyment. A lot of these prizes are donated by members. If you didn't like last year's prize, bring it back! Ever since a non-member won a hand gun that was donated by the Friends of the NRA, we have limited tickets to key holders only.

Lets get out and Vote!

ELECTION 2014

This year's annual election of Officers and Board Members will be held Thursday, February 6th at the Fish & Game Department Conference Room along with the regular meeting. Please come out and show your support for those willing to run by casting your vote. Polls will open around 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

NO REGULAR MEETING IN MARCH

Because the Club's annual banquet is considered the annual meeting, there will not be a regular meeting during the m

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CAST BULLET LOW POWER

1-18-14

By Ernie Lewis, Match Director

Today was a nice day to be out shooting, as we had 17 shooters turn out for today's match. We had 9 Iron sight shooters, and 8 scope shooters.

Sam Jenkins took overall with iron sights, with a 29. Sam hit 7 chickens, 10 pigs, 6 turkeys, and 6 rams. Ernie Edmonston won master class with a 27. Mike Russo took AAA with 19, and AA went to Jim Pruett with 24. Bob Jenkins won A class with 25.

Randy Dana took Overall with a scope with 33. Randy hit 8 chickens, 9 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 9 rams. AAA went to Carroll

MILITARY RIFLE, CAST BULLET MATCH, 1-12-14

By James Cravener, Match Director

It as another good day to be out shooting and 7 shooters showed up with their old military rifles.

Alan Bloomer won the Match with the score of 32, all 10 chickens, all 10 pigs, 4 turkeys and 8 rams. Ernie Edmonston won Master Class with 30, James Cravener won AAA Class with 31, Randy Dana won AA Class with 28, and Eddie Phillips won A Class with 20.

Others out today were Virdis Isler and Jerry Newman.

LOST & FOUND

During the first part of January, a member found a General Motors type key on a ring at the sight-in range. If you are the owner of such key, contact Ernie Edmonston at 622-3328 or O. L. Adcock at 625-6908 and we will bet that we can get you reconnected with it.

BENCH REST CHICKEN SILHOUETTE 1-11-14

By Bill Kennedy

Match Director Carroll Hargrove

With a wind in the forecast we only had 11 shooters. This turned into a great match with a three way tie at 40. It took another 7 shots to decide the outcome. Jim Byrd took the overall win with 47. Jim was using a Remington 700 chambered in 6mm BR shooting a 107 Sierra match 28.5 grains Varget. Master class winner was Kenny Padilla with 46. The second master class winner was Ernie Lewis with 43. The AAA winner was also decided with a shoot off between Doug Mathis and Joe Bellicini. Doug took the win with 31 plus 2. The AA class winner was Scotty Davis with 26. We had a great match and just remember that the second Saturday of next month will be this match. Thank you to all the people that shot the match and the guys who came out to watch. I also want to thank the new shoots that came out and the shooters that drove in just for this match.

'O. F.' COWBOY 30-30 MATCH 1-15-14

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

It was cold and breezy this AM, but wasn't too bad if you could stand by the fire between relays. There were only 8 shooters out today, but still not too bad considering it being Wednesday and all.

Ernie Edmonston won the match with the score of 35 using a vintage Winchester 1894 in 25-35, and a RCBS 25-120 bullet ahead of 12.0 gr. of 2400. He scored on all 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 8 rams.

Alan Bloomer won AAA lass with 30, Ron Young won AA Class with 30, and Eddie Phillips won A Class with 23.

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Hargrove with 25, and AA went to James Cravener with 30. Jerry Newman won A class with 15, and Sam, Jenkins took Unclassified with 26

MID-RANGE F-CLASS

January 18, 2014

By Jerry King

We had an excellent showing this morning with 18 adult shooters and one junior shooter showing up. Thanks to all the shooters that showed up. I do know that if a few of the regular shooters would have been here, we would have had over 21 shooters. With 21 shooters, we will run 3 relays and score on the line.

The weather was fair for shooting as there was a 2 - 4 + plus mph breeze at the 300 yard line when we started for the first relay, but it changed when the 2nd relay started shooting, at the 500 yard line both relays had wind, and at the 600 yard line and it was very tricky at times with 2nd relay having the better conditions.

This month we did not have both classes and again next month in February let's try for both Classes: F- TR and FO. We will need a minimum of 5 shooters in class to have that class.

Remember that in February we will be starting at 10 A.M. and be there between 9:00 - 9:15 A. M., so that we can get all the paper work done. If we have over 21 shooters, then we have to go to 3 relays as we only have 10 - 600 yard targets. Start bringing your spotting scope or binoculars to score from the shooting line.

Also, we are using classification next month and if you are not classified, then you will shoot 3 matches and I will classify you.

Remember that in February we start at 10 A.M..

MATCH WINNERS

Freddy Haltom	Match Winner	444 - 88x
Tom Baker	MA	437 - 14x
Lee Pierce	EX	431 - 11x
Coy Speer	SS/MK	420 - 7x

MATCH SCORES

1. Freddy Haltom	444 - 18x
2. Tom Baker	437 - 14x
3. Kenny Padilla	436 - 15x
4. L.J. Montano	436 - 13x
5. Allen Temple	434 - 7x
6. Lee Pierce	431 - 11x
7. Mike Florez	431 - 8x
8. Ben Byrd	430 - 14x
9. Ben Milam	429 - 18x
10. Greg Elmore	426 - 8x
11. Rick Pierce	426 - 6x
12. James Speer	425 - 6x
13. Coy Speer	420 - 7x
14. Mark Naranjo	418 - 4x
15. Reagan Temple (jr.)	417 - 10x
16. Steve Jones	416 - 7x
17. Howard Riply	413 - 10x
18. Chris Bermel	411 - 12x
19. Adam Aichele	409 - 9x

COWBOY 30-30 MATCH 1-19-14

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

At one time, this was one of the most popular matches put on by the Club. It waned in popularity for some time, but is now, apparently, making a comeback. There were 17 shooters on hand for today's match including several people from Clovis, Carlsbad, and Texas. The weather was a bit cold, but the predicted wind didn't show up at all which made it a very pleasant day to shoot a few silhouette targets.

Sam Jenkins, one of our Clovis shooters, won Overall with the score of 37 which also got him promoted to Master Class. Sam scored on 9 chickens, all 10 pigs, all 10 turkeys, and 8 rams using a Winchester model 04 rifle, a 150 gr. cast bullet, and 11.5 gr. Unique.

Bill Hamilton won Master Class with 33, Alan Bloomer won 1st AAA Class with 32, Don Upham won 2nd AAA Class with 26, Ron Young won AA Class with 26, Clint Tharp won A Class and a promotion to AA with 25, and Harry Telesco won B Class with 12. Our Junior shooter from Clovis, Cati Jensen won B Class and was promoted to A Class with the score 16, accomplished using an old Winchester in 32-20.

HOLIDAY MATCH 1-20-14

Reported by Scott Davis

This was Virdis Isler's first time to call a match and he did a bang-up good job. There were 8 contestants that signed in to shoot, 3 scope and 5 iron sight shooters. However, the wind was not cooperating (blowing rather stiff) and Mike Russo and Scotty Davis did not complete the match.

Of those that did finish Virdis Isler won over-all in the scope category with a score of 26. Virdis shot a Savage Axis chambered for the 308. He used a 160/grain Lyman bullet ahead of 20 grains/IMR-4198 to take 7 chickens, 7 pigs, 6 turkeys and 7 rams. Other shooters were: Carroll Hargrove-AAA-score 19 and Randy Dana-AAA-score 24.

In the iron sight category Ron Young won over-all with a score of 27. Ron used a Cimarron Uberti 1885 High-wall chambered for the .30-40 Krag. Ron used a 200/grain Hoch bullet ahead of 20/grains AA-5744 to take 8 chickens, 9 pigs 4 turkeys and 6 rams. Other winners were: Ernie Edmonston-Master-score 26 and Sonny Odell-A-score 8.



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O.F. CAST BULLET MATCH 01/22/14

Reported by Scott Davis

It was a rather cold day for shooting, but still do-able. Eight shooters competed in to days match. There were 4 scope and four iron sight shooters. In the scope category, Tom Hargrove and Scott Davis tied for over-all with a score of 29. Because the wind was getting rather gusty it was decided to call it a draw and let it go at that. Tom used a Rem 700 chambered for the 308 win with a 150/grain cast bullet ahead of 22/H-4198 to take 9 chickens, 8 pigs, 3 turkeys and 9 rams. Scott used a Rem 700 chambered for the 300 AAC Blackout with a 175/grain RCBS cast bullet ahead of 12.3/grains WW-680 to take 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 6 turkeys and 4 rams. Other winners were: Carroll Hargrove-AAA-score 22 and Eddie Phillips-a-score 25.

In the iron sight category James Cravener took over-all with a score of 33. James used a Uberti High-Wall chambered for the 30-40 Krag with a 150/grain cast ahead of 22/grains AA-5744 to take 8 chickens, 9 pigs, 7 turkeys and 9 rams. Other winners were: Ron Young-AA-score 28 and Roy Hayes-A-score 17. The other was Sonny Odell. Ernie Edmonston had to leave before the match to pick-up his wife from having bone spur removal and Jerry Newman's rifle broke and wasn't able to compete.

DENNIS SULLIVAN 22 MATCH

1-25-14

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

The weather was cold and overcast, but best of all the wind wasn't blowing and 25 shooters showed up to enjoy a silhouette match. There were 11 shooters using iron sights and 14 using scopes.

Ernie Edmonston won the Iron Sight Match with the score of 36, missing 2 turkeys and 2 rams. He used a BSA rifle and CCI ammo.

Alan Bloomer won Master Class with 35, Ronnie Gould won 1st AAA Class with 31, Jim Pruett won 2nd AAA with 28, and Sonny Odell won AA Class with 24.

John Thoesen was the top scorer among the scope users with the score of 35. John missed 4 turkeys and 1 ram using his Savage Mk. II and W-W ammo. Master Class was determined by a shoot off between Bill Hamilton and Bob Elder, both having scored 34. Bob ended up with top honors. James Cravener won AAA Class with 24, Roy Hayes won 1st AA Class with 29, Paula Thoesen won 2nd AA with 27, and Ed McClelland won A Class with 20.

As a side note, Ernie Edmonston has been shooting silhouette matches here for a long time and won his fair share of them. Today made 1,000 times he has won a silhouette match. Considering all the times he didn't win, that's a lot of caps being popped.

CAST BULLET, ANY GUN MATCH FOR 1-26-14

Several shooters turned out, but so did the wind. It didn't take too long to decide that perhaps we should save our lead & powder for another day.

PLEASE REMEMBER

This copy of the newsletter is going out a few days early in order to get the membership renewal thing underway. There shouldn't be any problems to this providing that you remember to get it sent back with your dues before March 1st. Every year we have several members who claim that they didn't get their renewal notice, but if it isn't delivered, the USPS sends the thing back to us with 1st class postage due. So, it was either delivered, or you moved without letting us know about it.

The Annual Club Banquet will be held March 8th (see article in this newsletter for locations, etc.). We have to guarantee a certain number of members attending or have to pay the difference. We have a good time and have some great prizes, so please plan to attend.



There should be new range rules, match schedules, all that sort of good stuff posted on our WEB site by now or in the near future. Be sure to visit our WEB site and check for updates once in awhile. It is: Roswellgunclub.com

Let's all try to go another year without any accidents on the range. So far, we have a record to be proud of, but it only takes an instant of inattention to change that. Some clubs require that a range officer be on the range in order for members to shoot. We do too. EVERYONE who enters the range is expected to become a range officer and act accordingly.

Thanks to all our members who have made the past several years good ones. We continue to grow and make improvements, although slowly and surely. We want to keep the dues as low as we can and still have a quality place to enjoy safe shooting.

Hopefully, you will have this Newsletter before the Club's Election on February 6th at the Fish & Game Office Conference Room. There are going to be at least 12 people running for the 6 available seats on the board of directors. Please be there and make your choice be counted. We used to try to mail ballots, but sometimes we didn't have a ballot ready in time and some members would mail in their ballots even when it was stated that they had to vote in person. More times than not, they were received after the election was over. YOU MUST ATTEND AND VOTE IN PERSON TO BE COUNTED.

Many years ago we used mail-in ballots, but there were some very questionable results that occurred a time or two, so we were forced to go this route.

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