

A REPORT FROM THE GRASSY KNOLL

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Saturday morning brought sunny skies and temperatures in the mid 90's with winds breezy from 10 to 20 mph. Cowboys and cowgirls gathered and set up equipment for another long range shoot. A few brought spotter scopes which came to be a major factor in making this shoot go so smooth. Looking down from on top of the Grassy Knoll the shooters spotted two buffalos grazing at about 96 yards and a pair of rams heading east at about 198 yards. After a quick safety meeting, the signal was given, "THE LINE IS HOT, LETS KILL SOME STEEL". Shooters and spotters paired off, with three shooters shooting at the same time.

Lever Action Pistol Cal. - There was a 4 way tie for first place which lead to a shoot-off between Sundown Duke, Lefty Ed, Ozark Outlaw and Ozark Red all shooting 5 timed shots from the shoulder. Sundown Duke, Lefty Ed and Ozark Red shot first with times from 13 to 19 seconds (not to bad.). Now it was Ozark Outlaws turn ripping off 5 shots in 7.6 seconds taking first place. Outlaw says anytime there's a clock involved, "SHOOT FAST".

Lever Action Rifle Cal. - First place went to Ozark Outlaw with a tie for second place between Deacon Adams and Wyoming Rattler. Deacon Adams took second place under the clock with Wyoming Rattler third. When Wyoming Rattler was shooting, Outlaw and myself were spotting for him. On one of his shots, we heard metal hit but the steel ram remain motionless. If you have ever seen a 45-70 hit a steel target at 200 yards the target does a dance. So, what just happed? After looking at the target through the scopes from top to bottom, we discovered that Rattler had hit the target frame. What a lucky shot or was it a "magic bullet from the Grassy Knoll"?

Single Shot - At the start of this event, I agreed to let Deacon Adams borrow my Sharps. Remembering what happened last month when Deacon Adams borrowed Sundown Duke's Sharps and won first place, I gave it my best shot hitting the ram 4 out of 5 times at 200 yards. As I turn to walk away from the firing line I see Deacon Adams smiling from ear to ear as he says "I still have a chance to beat you". My confidence melted like butter. My mind went into a full flash-back mode of last month's events. First, Deacon borrows Sundown's Sharps and wins first place. Two weeks ago, at the Mississippi State Shoot, High Card Kay borrows her friend, Sweetwater Sage's Sharps and takes first place. Is history repeating itself? Not a chance! With the force not being with Deacon & High Card this week, one said "lady luck has left her" and the other said "it must be bad bullets". I don't think so! It's called "KARMA". If you win this week you may loose next week. That's what keeps cowboys and cowgirls in tune with nature.

Outlaw Camp has a few scouts out on the northern plains and in the high country checking on the summer grazing of the buffalo herds. Some dispatches have started coming in saying the herds look strong and many in number. When they migrate south

