



Outlaw Camp Bulletin

February 10, 2018

Hello all! It seems like forever since the last newsletter. Winter has been pretty tough so far and I have been busy trying to keep everything from freezing up. With temperatures in the single digits it adds to the problem and requires extra attention. Our electric bill doubled in January. Hopefully it will warm up soon and we can get back to a more normal schedule. We still have work to do on the range and warmer weather will allow that.

Our first shoot of the year found foul, cold, weather so it was cancelled and rescheduled for the following Saturday, that worked out great! The first Fourth Saturday shoot promised to be warm enough, but rain was forecast so we shot out of the barn. The light rain stopped shortly after we started but we started there so we finished there.

Our February 10 shoot was a little “iffy” with a forecast of 80% chance of rain but the rain moved through Friday night and the temperature at shoot time was 50 degrees. With a big fire going in our new fire ring {no wind} we started shooting on time. Shortly after starting the breeze picked up and the temperature started falling. We all had a chance to warm-up at lunch break before going back down to the range to finish the last three stages. By the time we finished the temperature had fallen about 10 degrees and that damp wind made it feel cold. Thanks to Outrider for writing our stages this month. Look for more stages from Outrider next month. The Gumbo from the Fry’s was great.

Congratulations to Cornbread Dan for being the top shooter for the day! We had a few shooters who had only one miss but only Ozark Outlaw managed a clean match for the day.

We want to welcome a couple of new shooters to Outlaw Camp, Fired Up Fannie Sue and her husband Jack High Homer. Keep an eye on these two they are both talented shooters already!

Don’t forget there are five Saturdays in March so be looking for our ‘Fun Fifth Saturday’ Shoot coming up Saturday March 31st. Since these shoots do not count toward standings for the year it is a good chance for you to try something different and just “let it all hang out”. We usually shoot our moving targets, try some flying birds or whatever.

Judge Parkers Marshal's in Fort Smith are hosting the Arkansas State Wild Bunch Championship match "Hell on the Border" March 15-18. This also includes a regular Cowboy Shoot. They have a few openings left so get your entries in! Applications are available on their web-site.

Shooting in the winter has its challenges. In the years we have been shooting here at Outlaw Camp we have only had to cancel a couple of shoots and that was due to impassable roads. We have shot with ice and snow on the ground and in subfreezing temperatures. Shooting in the cold in not fun for most of us anymore, (if it ever was). With our big barn we can always shoot in the rain so that is not as problem anymore. The cold however is a little different. We are trying to come up with a policy so our shooters can know if we are shooting or not on cold days. We had talked about cancelling the shoot if the forecast temperature for Heber Springs at 10:00 AM on shoot days was below 32 degrees. That sounded good to most of our shooters (We can make it up another day or on a Fifth Saturday) Then a few days later I noticed that the forecast temperature at Heber Spring for the day was 31 degrees at 10:00 AM okay, that is below 32 but it was a sunny day and the temperatures quickly warmed well into the 40's with no wind! I was working outside and it would have been a great day to shoot. **Let's have some input on what you think.** We are hoping to have a set policy before the next winter season.

Applications for our own "Mayhem on the Mountain" the Arkansas State Blackpowder Shootout October 11-14, 2018 are available on the Outlaw Camp web-site www.outlawcamp.com on the calendar page. Awards will be given for both blackpowder and smokeless categories. Application form is also attached to this newsletter. This will be a great shoot- don't miss it! We have entries, already!

Stay warm and stay healthy and always.....

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OZARK OUTLAW

Upcoming Events of Interest

Feb. 24 Sat. Shoot Outlaw Camp '4th Saturday Outlaws' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
Mar. 10 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp' shooter mtg.9:45 shoot 10:00
Mar. 15-18 'Hell on the Border' hosted by Judge Parker's Marshals Ft. Smith, AR
Mar. 24 Sat. Shoot Outlaw Camp '4th Saturday Outlaws'
Mar. 31 Sat. Shoot "Fun Fifth Saturday" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
Apr. 14 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp'

For other shoots in Arkansas see each clubs respective web-site.