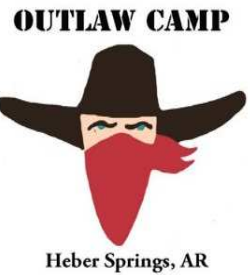


Outlaw Camp Bulletin

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I have always said that a bad day shooting is better than most any other day. A good day shooting is just icing on the cake. Well, with near perfect weather conditions we were able to have our cake and eat it too. A larger than usual crowd was on hand with several pards traveling quite a distance to shoot with the Outlaw Gang. It made for some good ol' fashioned gun fighting. The murmuring was loud enough that it was believed Ozark Outlaw must have been near the bottom of a bottle spirits when he came up with six challenging and thought provoking stages. Even Outrider threw in his own challenge for Ozark that if Outrider could come up with a sequence never before seen Outlaw would name it after him and have it in the next shoot. (Turned out it wasn't exactly new but it is unique due to the order). Well we shot the Outrider Sweep, three targets, two on the middle, one on the right and one on the left, two in the middle one on the left and one on the right, two in the middle. What's so hard about that? Well, after what seemed hours of discussion, posse 2 decided it would be in the best interest of all if we didn't discuss it at all out loud so as to not confuse anyone. Posse 1 held a meeting with general discussion with Power Point Presentations, slides, narratives and even a few TV commercials. Seems posse 1 needed to meet a bit longer as close to half "P'd" (only 4) and the other half said it was easier to count hits than misses. Posse 2, the smarter Republican posse kept their mouths shut and breezed through with nary a hitch till some smart person (female) announced that there were no "P's" to be had with only one shooter remaining. Yep, poor Slap Leather Bill gave his best and was quite entertaining. Upon recommendation from his RO, yours truly, it was suggested he shoot his targets in the correct order by giving a strong positive "YES!" when Bill seemed a bit dazed and confused while aiming at the correct target. Slap Leather Bill is a rebel and would have none of that as he pulled off the correct target and for no apparent reason shot the wrong target instead, "P"! Guess he felt sorry for poor posse 1. SO, Outrider, you now have a stage named after you, "Get a Rope"! You could not have asked for a better group of shooters and fellowship. We had a few with gun issues and I was glad to help out any and all in need.

Seems we need a refresher on the 170 degree rule. This is an important Safety rule and is designed with the hopes no one gets SHOT! As a regular RO I am routinely shown the inside of gun barrels supposedly to determine if I can "See anything in there"? Makes me a bit excited to say the least but point a loaded gun at me and you could have an encounter with an angry bear. So, 170 degrees; take your arms and hold them straight out to your sides, now move them forward about a foot or 10 degrees, now imagine a cone extending out in front of you emanating from your center mass. You'll notice the 170 degree cone is in front, to your sides, above and below you. I see a lot of violations with the shotgun. Pard's hold the shotgun straight up and watch the shells fall out, violation. Or they rock so far back the barrels are pointing up and over the top of the shoulders, violation. I see pistols pulled when the shooter's shoulders are perpendicular to the firing line, violation. You get the picture. No RO likes to violate shooters. "It's just a club match" or "I'll warn them next time". So when should the Stage DQ be issued? When someone gets shot? Only at Big Shoots? I think I would rather have SDQ at a club match and learn a valuable lesson BEFORE I accidentally shoot someone or blow a big match. And it is very important for new shooters to know, follow and become safe competitors. So next time understand the RO is not just being a butt he's looking out for you and your fellow shooters.

Next month at Outlaw Camp (second Saturday of the month) I will be giving a free shooters clinic on shotguns! Plan on starting around 8:30 and last an hour. I'll be covering all aspects of effective Cowboy

Action Shot Gunning. You'll need your shot gun of course, shot gun belt and if you can make at least 4 dummy shells (just run shells through your re-loader without the components that way they are sized and the business end will have a nice roll crimp). I plan on doing several clinics throughout the year including rifle and pistols as well as best gaming techniques. Well with several shoots coming up in the next couple months I hope to see many of you down the trail. Our Stump Thumper Gangs fire is always open and we welcome you to come and join us. Till then,

NEXT SHOOTER!

Stumpman

It simply did not want to warm up! After a few warm days our fourth Saturday shoot was winter again. Earlier in the week they had promised us a pretty day with high temps in the 50's. As it turned out it was overcast and about 40 degrees when we started, dropped to about 38 an hour later and ended up about 40 again by the time we finished shortly after noon. Since the crowd was small we shot straight thru, went in warmed up, ran the scores, had cake, pie, and cookies prior to going out to lunch together. Great crowd great day! We were glad to have Page Murdock up to shoot with us we haven't seen him here for awhile. Clean shooter for the day was Ozark Outlaw.

Stumpman was right, our second Saturday shoot was great! We were glad to have old friends, Tarantula Jack and Three Sheets from the Mississippi River Rangers over to shoot with us. Their annual match "Smokin' Guns at Rabbit Ridge" will be coming up Memorial Day weekend, May 22-24. They may still have a few openings so if you are interested in that shoot you may download an entry form from their website. www.mississippiriverrangers.com

Only one clean match this time, Sundown Duke. I haven't had time to check the records but I think that makes five consecutive clean matches for him here at Outlaw Camp. Congratulations!

I can't thank those who help pick up the range and put everything up after the shoot enough. If everyone helps a little it gets done fast and is not a burden on anyone. If you haven't been helping ask someone what you can do. Outlaw Camp is your club!

Better Half has stepped up to help with the scoring for our second Saturday shoots, actually she has pretty much taken it over, and it is appreciated. Make sure when you register for a shoot that you have been registered in the proper category, our scoring program will default to the last category you shot in. It wouldn't hurt to check with the scorekeeper after the first stage of the day, to see that you are listed in the proper category.

I have been asked by several about another badge order for Outlaw Camp Badges. If you are interested let me know. I will check on the current price next week.

Remember our fourth Saturday shoot Saturday April 25 and May has five Saturdays so that gives us a Fun Fifth Saturday and a chance to shoot our reactive targets.

As I said in the last newsletter we usually have the scores done in a very short time after the last round goes downrange, probably by the time you get everything loaded up and I try to get them on the web-site by at least Sunday evening if not before. As a result I only be e-mailing the scores for our shoots with the newsletter each month.

We have been having some issues with the 170 degree rule as of late especially with the shotgun. Stumpman will be giving a clinic on the shotgun at our May 9th shoot at 8:30. All are invited to attend. It will be a free clinic!

Get out and enjoy the nice weather. Just watch that 170 rule and.....

"KEEP 'EM POINTED DOWNRANGE"

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Upcoming Events of Interest:

Apr. 25, Sat. Shoot “Outlaw Camp” shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

May 2, Sat. Shoot “MVV” shooter mtg.9:45 shoot 10:00

May 3, Sun. Shoot “MVV” shoot 9:00 call

May 9, Sat. Shoot “Outlaw Camp”

May 23, Sat Shoot “Outlaw Camp”

May 25 Mon. Memorial Day

May 30 Sat. Shoot “Outlaw Camp” Fun Fifth Saturday

Jun. 6 Sat. Shoot “MVV”

Jun. 7 Sun. Shoot “MVV” call

Jun. 13 Sat. Shoot “Outlaw Camp”

For shooting dates of other clubs in the state you can check their respective websites