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At work on the 1000-yd High Power range



All photos by Don Thomas

Page 1: Unloading range office at 1000-yard range. **Right:** Checking position of office. In background is gravelled 1000-yd firing line - 20ft-wide, 120-ft long. **Above:** Putting a foundation block in place. **Below:** Office will be painted juniper green like other range structures.



COSSA hosted two work parties in March. Most of the work done concentrated on the 1000-yard range construction. However, we still managed some main range maintenance.

The 1000-yard range construction

is proceeding quite nicely. We installed sections of telephone poles in front of the top of the cement wall at the target pit and implanted steel pipe gate posts for what will eventually be the

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Above: John Schilling brought his cat out on the 28th to work on the road leading from the first firing line to the range target butts. He filled holes, leveled and moved rocks. **Above left:** Sturdy fence posts will support a gate at start of road. Purpose of gate, fencing is to prevent random range access.

At work on the 1000-yd range ...

boundary fence of the range.

With the help of John Schilling and his Case 450 cat, the road that will provide access to the firing lines and the target pit is being smoothed and depressions filled in. John did discover one rock in the roadway that will likely stay there because we suspect it's the linchpin of the entire ridge line.

Carl Zuber donated the office and

storage shed that he once used for the High Power Rifle shoots to the 1000-yard range. We installed the office to the rear of the 1000-yard firing line. It will serve as a registration office when we commence matches.


Elsewhere - fencing, new posts and a bonfire

Elsewhere on the range, a crew extended the fence at the COSSA Kids range to the edge of the berm dividing the 200-yard and COSSA Kids ranges.


This was necessary to prevent vehicles from driving around the end of the fence and eroding the berm, which is soft sand at its west end.

Others chores included replacing the rotten posts that supported the Sign-In signs at the check-in station, and the firing of the burn pile in the storage area. Thanks to Don Jenson for the bonfire.

Many thanks to our workers: Don Thomas, Dennis Jones, Tom Nitcher, Roy Shirakata, Neal Dunbar, Jarrod Levin, Joe Pastran, Larry Confer, John Schilling, Don Jenson and Bill Fockler.



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Wild Bunch shoot is a first for HRP & SASS

Scenario based on '69 Peckinpah movie says Leggs Balou (aka Vicki Koch)

The Horse Ridge Pistoleros are excited to be hosting, for the very first time, the Great Northwest SASS Wild Bunch Championship on May 30-31. This is not only a first for the Horse Ridge Pistoleros, but a first for SASS (Single Action Shooting Society) in a "stand alone" Wild Bunch Championship. As told to Texas Jack Morales at the 2009 SASS National Championship match - "Winter Range" - the governing SASS "Wild Bunch" members are very excited to have an affiliated club take the bull by the horns and promote this new shooting category started by SASS just over a year ago.

Now I'll bet you're asking yourselves, what is a "Wild Bunch" Match? Well first, as you may already know, SASS Cowboy Action Shooting requires the use of guns used during the 1860 to 1899 era. For simplicity's sake, this involves two six guns, a lever action rifle and a shotgun.

The Wild Bunch category is based on the fictional Sam Peckinpah movie *The Wild Bunch* released in 1969. It takes place south of the Texas - Mexican border, during 1914. It is based on the last few living members of the notorious Wild Bunch Gang who fled into Mexico to escape U.S. lawmen. While being pursued by bounty hunters and the US Army, the movie bunch takes on General Mapache and his Mexican army, ending up in one of the wildest, bloodiest shootouts in cinema history.

In a Wild Bunch Match, stages are basically designed the same as in a Cowboy Action Match. Weapons required are: One SASS legal rifle, One 1897 pump shotgun, and one 1911 semi-automatic pistol with a minimum of four magazines, with five rounds loaded in each magazine. There is a minimum bullet weight of 180 grains, and a minimum power factor of 150.

Unlike the rules in Cowboy Action Shooting, the 1897 shotgun magazine tube may be stuffed with as many shotgun shells as you have shotgun targets,



maximum of six. The rifle is loaded and shot the same as in any SASS cowboy match.

Shooters start with the 1911 pistol in the holster, a loaded magazine in the weapon, and the chamber empty. Once they fire the pistol, it cannot go back into the holster

Costume requirements are the same as in SASS Cowboy Action Shooting, with the exception of: No straw hats, no "blue" jeans. You will see more Mexican border style clothing and World War I era uniforms.

The promotions for the Northwest Wild Bunch Championship have been very well received. The feedback is that our match is popular and well support-

ed. Our Wild Bunch committee has received commitments by sponsors from seven states. We have donations for a wide range of items, including guns, leather goods, and steel targets.

HRP will award the Wild Bunch Champions with handmade gold and silver trophy buckles, along with placement plaques.

Sewing volunteers, smooth wire donors needed for 1000-yd

With regards to 1000-yard range projects, we need someone to sew upwind flags, firing flags and a set of Maggie's drawers. These have to be NRA recommended size and color. COSSA will provide the plans and materials. You only need a sewing machine. Please remember that work hours are credited to your dues. Call Bill Fockler at 389-4808 if interested.

We also need some donations. If you can donate a roll of smooth fence wire and we can get seven members to do so; that will be enough wire for a smooth wire two strand fence around the operational sides of the 1000 yard range. If you can help call Bill Fockler.

Help us keep e-mail list up-to-date for "members only" information

If you received a new computer for Christmas and have mastered the mysteries of www life, please send us your e-mail address. If you are a old time computer user who has recently changed his/her e-address let us know. Send the info to <fockler@coinet.com>. There are a number of important reasons why we want to keep our e-mail list current.

We want to keep our e-mail list up-to-date so we can send members a note and quick link address when the new issue of the *COSSA Bulletin* is posted on our website <www.oregonshooting.com>. We are also using our members' e-mail address list to send new gate combos and other members-only notices.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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Lady Hawkes season kicks off on icy March day

by *Cindy VanPatten*

The Lady Hawkes women's defensive shooting group starts in March and shoots through October. There was a great turnout for the first shoot, which is usually light because of winter weather. Six first time shooters spent their two hours in front of the wood stove, learning all about safety and shooting from Range Officer Wade Palmer. All ears were alert - and warm.

Six regular shooters were on the line, attempting to load and make ready, with numb fingers. The wind was crazy that Saturday morning and the temps in the 30's, which would make it about zero, or so we thought. We considered changing our name to The Blue Man Group after a variety of body parts were mentioned as being frozen. We did some warm up drills, which included jumping up and down. Then we had a guest appearance from Tom Allen to guide us in some drills and to give us tips. We made sure we stood shoulder to shoulder, huddled together during his briefing. We really didn't want to miss a word of his sage advice, and the huddle blocked the wind.

All things considered, we had a great first shoot. Continuing the practice of last year - using the wonderful resources COSSA has to offer in its membership - this year we will also enlist experienced and talented guest speakers and trainers. In 2008, we shot with Joe Cullison at the Handgun Silhouette range in May. We shot at the CPS range and ran (walked) through a scenario with Tom Allen in June. In July we had the guidance of Scott Springer for three hours of training with a champion shooter. Our final shoot took us to Whiskey Town, where we shot with The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. We don't really like the shotguns, but the rest of it was fun, especially being able to borrow the

CPS, High Power Rifle are program topics at members' April, May meetings

Practical Shooting and High Power rifle shooting will be the program topics at the April and May COSSA members meeting. On April 9, Tom Allen, director for COSSA Practical Shooters (CPS), will define IPSC, IDPA, mixed steel, classifiers, law enforcement qualifiers and other activities on the group's annual schedule.

At the May 14 meeting, Don Crigler will address such High Power topics as service rifle, match rifle, Palma, and 1000-yard prone.



Above: Tom Allen briefing shivering Lady Hawkes. Despite cold, six new shooters, six old hands turned out for start of the season. Below: One way to beat the cold - "shooting on the move".

Photos Don Thomas



belts, holsters and pistols for the shoot.

Our membership increased last year by getting the word out about COSSA and Lady Hawkes. We had new shooters and we had old shooters and lots of

them stayed throughout the year. We are very fortunate and grateful for the shooters who have helped us. We are eager to learn, we have fun, and we like to shoot. Even when we're blue.

APRIL 2009

SUNDAY MON TUE WED THUR FRI SATURDAY

			1	2	3	4 CPS speciality match, Law Enforcement Qualifiers, 9 a.m.
<p style="text-align: center;">Choice of 3 work parties</p> <p>Work parties are so much fun COSSA is offering members a choice of three in April. The work parties will be held on April 11, 15 and 29. Meet at the Training Center at 10:30. Bring gloves, a lunch, a drink, and dress for our usual variable Central Oregon weather. Please call Bill Fockler at 389-4808 if you plan to come.</p>						
5 Cowboy Action: Horse Ridge Pistoleros, 9 a.m. ■ IDPA match, 9 a.m.	6 7 p.m. COSSA executive board meeting ■ Prineville Police Dept.	7 7 p.m., HRP meeting`	8	9 7 p.m. COSSA meeting, VFW hall, 4th & Olney, Bend	10	11 Lady Hawkes: Women's defensive, shooting, 9 a.m. ■ Pine Mountain Posse, shooting Silhouette, 9 a.m. ■ Range work party, 10:30 a.m. Call Bill Fockler, 389-4808
12 Handgun Silhouette, big bore & 1/2 scale, 9 a.m. ■ Cowboy Action: Pine Mountain Posse. 9 a.m.	13	14	15 Range work party, Bill Fockler, 389-4808. ■ USFS Law Enforcement, training	16	17	18 COSSA Kids, 10 a.m. ■ IPSC match, 9 a.m. ■ Cowboy Action: HRP, Wild Bunch shoot, 9 a.m.
19 Cowboy Action: Horse Ridge Pistoleros, 9 a.m.	20	21	22	23	24	25 ■ Great Basin Sharpshooters, BPCR, Buffalo, 9 a.m.
26 Handgun Silhouette, small bore, field pistol & 1 /2 & 1/5 scale, 9 a.m.	27	28 Range work party, 10:30 a.m. Call Bill Fockler, 389-4808	29	30	<p style="text-align: center;">Posse trying out Silhouette</p> <p>The Pine Mountain Posse will hold its first two-day shoot of the year on April 11-12, Easter weekend. On Saturday the Posse will shoot Silhouette under the tutelage of Joe Cullison at the Silhouette Range. A potluck dinner will follow for those who want to camp out.</p> <p>On Sunday the group will shoot its normal Bonus W3G stage and four SASS stages. A potluck lunch will follow.</p>	

2009 COSSA DISCIPLINES & EVENTS

COSSA KIDS

Regular Shoots: 3rd Saturday of the month all year

Contact: Don Thomas, 389-8284, or Mark Fero, 548-5566

COSSA PRACTICAL SHOOTERS (CPS)

Regular shoots: 1st and 3rd Saturdays and 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month April-October. Matches begin at 9 a.m. Abbreviated schedule November-March on 1st and 3rd third Saturdays; shooting at steel targets. Matches begin at 10 a.m.

During warmer months, CPS has IPSC Steel the 1st Saturday; IDPA the 2nd Sunday; regular IPSC the 3rd Saturday; a Speed Steel or multi-gun match the 4th Sunday.

Contact: Tom Allen, mixed steel, miscellaneous, 593-7202; Bill Garland Sr., IPSC, Law Enforcement Qualifiers; Michael Boyd, IDPA, 416-8416

COWBOY ACTION: HORSE RIDGE PISTOLEROS

Regular shoots: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month all year

Contact: Mitchell Howard, 389-4037

COWBOY ACTION: PINE MOUNTAIN POSSE

Regular shoots: 2nd Sunday of the month year around; group lunch after shoot

Contact: David Romine, 647-7175

GREAT BASIN SHARP SHOOTERS BPCR, BUFFALO

Regular shoots: 4th Saturday of the month, April-October. Match will

include a mid-range shoot of 100-500 yards, along with the 600-1,000 yards shoot. Single shot or lever action rifle, lead bullets, no gas checks, black powder, no weight limit on rifles
Contact: Rod Campuzano, 330-8802

HANDGUN SILHOUETTE

Regular shoots: Year round: 2nd Sunday, big bore & 1/2 scale; 4th Sunday, small bore, field pistol, 1/2 & 1/5 scale. Matches begin at 9 a.m. year round.

Contact: Joe Cullison, 317-8801

HIGH POWER RIFLE

Regular shoots: To be announced
Contact: To be announced.

LADY HAWKES: WOMEN'S DEFENSIVE SHOOTING

Regular Shoots: Monthly on 2nd Saturday of the month, March-October

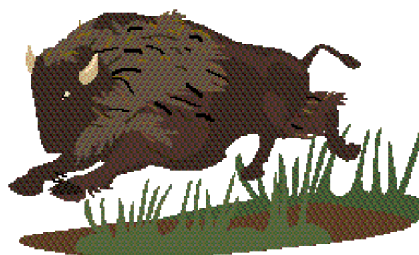
Contact: Cindy VanPatten, 771-7355

MILLICAN VALLEY BPCR SILHOUETTE

Regular shoots: To be announced
Contact: To be announced

SHOTGUN

Contact: Chris Yeager, 317-8506; Bob Bates, 389-4242



SPECIAL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES

ODFW Hunter Ed Field Day, March 14, May 9, August 16

Prineville Police Department, training. April 6, June 14, evening of November 18-19

Central Oregon Reserve Peace Officer Academy, firearms classes. May 2, 9, 16, 23; June 4; October 31

US Forest Service, training. April 15-16, May 5-6

1st Annual Great Northwest SASS Wild Bunch Championships, hosted by Horse Ridge Pistoleros. May 30-31

Youth Safari Challenge, hosted by COSSA. May 30

US Treasury Department, training. June 3 September 2

Gunfight in the Badlands, hosted by Pine Mountain Posse. June 13-14

14th Shootout at Horse Ridge & Governor's Cup, hosted by Horse Ridge Pistoleros. July 23-26

Handgun Silhouette State Match, August 6-9

COSSA Sight-in Clinics, August 22-23; September 12-13