

RENEGADE NEWS

“A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.” SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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I hope everyone will forgive me for not getting the October Newsletter out....I can make excuses all day long that are valid but regardless – I didn’t get it done and for that I do apologize!!! Now, onward and upward....here is what has been and is going to be happening.

LONG GUN & HANDGUN NEWS

In September we “practiced” for the Turkey Shoot by shooting an amended Turkey Shoot match schedule....by amended, we had aggregate winners that aren’t in the regular Turkey Shoot schedule. Here are the results:

MATCH	YARD & TARGET	1 st	2 nd
	PERCUSSION		
1	25yd. Turkey	Danny Cantrell - 24	Angie Cantrell - 15
2	50yd. Deer	Danny Cantrell - 15	Angie Cantrell - 9
	Aggregate		
	MUSKET		
7	25yd. Small Buffalo	Roger Fowler – 28x	Danny Cantrell – 11
8	50yd. Antelope	Roger Fowler – 24	Danny Cantrell - 11
9	100yd. Large Buffalo	Roger Fowler – 12	
	Aggregate	Roger Fowler – 64x	
	LADIES		
12	25yd. Crow	Linda Lollis – 5	Angie Cantrell – 22
13	50yd. Small Buffalo	Angie Cantrell – 20	Linda Lollis – 11
14	100yd. Large Buffalo	Linda Lollis – 5	Angie Cantrell – 1
	Aggregate	Angie Cantrell - 43	
	GREYBEARD		
15	50yd. Bear	Charlie Coker – 24x	
	SMOOTHBORE		
20	25yd. Med. Buffalo	Gary Black – 42	Wayne Lollis – 33
21	50yd. Lg. Buffalo	Gary Black – 24	Wayne Lollis - 22
	Aggregate	Gary Black - 66	
	NOVELTY		
22	25yd. Turkey Eye	Charlie Coker – 6	Danny Cantrell - 3

The last weekend in October couldn’t have been more perfect if we could have custom ordered the weather: good temperature, slight breeze, sunshine.....it was near to perfect for our 42nd Annual Turkey Shoot and 1st

Annual Chili Cook-Off. We had excellent attendance to the shoot; 32 registered shooters. Our first endeavor at a Chili Cook-off was also a success! We had three entrants and from the report of the judges and later the “eaters”, these three entries should all have had a 1st Place prize. We were so thrilled that Nancy Howell who writes the “Outdoors” column for the newspaper agreed to be one of our Chili judges. She and her two sons along with her neighbor and a friend of her boys came out Saturday afternoon. What really nice folks and I think they might be interested in coming out again and shooting with us.....I’ve included Nancy’s article from the Times Record News on 11-02-12.

Muzzle-loading event a perfect fall treat

The perfect fall day was upon us, without a cloud in the sky. Early morning chilliness had given way to warm sun. The winds were practically nonexistent. As we exited the vehicle, we could smell the gunpowder — not the usual smell of our 12 and 20 gauge shotgun shells, though. This residual odor was heavy with sulfur.

The boys and I, along with two friends, traveled to a remote location near Electra. Our destination? The home of the Red River Renegades, a black powder, muzzle-loading only, gun club. A two-day target turkey shoot was in progress, and an inaugural chili cook-off was in need of judging.

The terrain was classic North Texas, covered in mesquite, cactuses, rocks, and residual cow patties. Longtime members Jim and Patty Lawrence extended this invitation a while back, and the enticement of authentic Texas chili was just too good to pass up. Our party was up for whatever the day might bring.

The range was set up with targets at 25, 50, and 100 yards. Once you get past the unique smell, you realize how much louder



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these muzzle-loaders are. We were given ear protection as we ventured closer to take a look. Men and women lined the 100-yard covered fire line, with an amazing assortment of guns. There were rifles of varying sizes, both hand-held and on tripods. One man even had a flintlock pistol, a beautiful weapon, by the way. All loaded the guns in the same manner, the way our forefathers did way back when.

I immediately felt an appreciation for these folks, because it was evident they took this very seriously. There is an art to not only shooting these historic-looking guns, but also to loading them safely with ammunition. I got the distinct feeling that there’s a lot of pride in this hobby, and if you want to be good at it, you must do the time. As I watched the methodical way the guns were shot and reloaded, I had newfound admira-

tion for our ancestors, who used similar weapons on historic battlefields during the Revolutionary and Civil wars. During the heat of battle, I cannot imagine shooting, having to measure powder, load a ball or bullet, use a bullet starter and/or ramrod to position it, prime it with a percussion cap, all before firing again. Our great-great-grandfathers must have had years of practice.

This club began in 1970, and after 42 years, it’s still going strong. Many of its members have been in it for the duration, becoming lifelong friends, raising children together. Now they bring their grandchildren. My kids enjoyed the playground while there, which has a seesaw complete with antique tractor seats. Modern day playgrounds don’t have such equipment, deemed unsafe by 21st century standards. My boys ran and played, kicking up dust and trying their best to avoid cactus spines and cow pies.

Once the shooting wound down for the day, the wonderful smells coming from the chili cookers filled the air — a welcome change from sulfur-tinged powder. Four of us judged

the concoctions, and man, it was a tough decision. All were amazingly good. It took a fifth judge to break a tie. After trophies were awarded, the huge pots of chili were taken to the picnic shelter, where a spread of cornbread, drinks, and a vast array of desserts awaited us.

As the sun set in the west, the fall coolness returned. No worries, though, as we feasted on spicy chili, warming our insides to a cozy temperature. What a picture-perfect ending to the day! I looked around at the group gathered in the early evening light, and knew I was among new friends. The longhorn herd ventured back among us. Laughter and conversation continued as my boys and our friends said our goodbyes and headed back to the big city. I have a distinct feeling I’ll be back for a return visit — especially if there’s chili.

TRN outdoors writer Nancy Howell can be reached at howelloutdoors@sbcglobal.net with story ideas, outdoor calendar items or pictures for this page. Pictures of children hunting, fishing, or just enjoying the outdoors are particularly welcomed.

Thank you Nancy for coming out, for judging our 1st Chili Cook-off endeavor and for all the kind words in the paper.

Our Chili Cook-Off participants and winners were as follows:

1st Place was won by Jack Shepherd — most of you know him from his excellent brisket at our Shotgun Soiree and this past May Shoot.

2nd Place was won by Jim Lawrence and Chester Zachary with their “Good Neighbors Chili”. Chet and his wife Magaly were first time range visitors and from the sounds of things they had a really good time.

3rd Place was won by Tori Brown and Brandy Pence with their “Daddy’s Girls Chili”. Most of you know these two young ladies – they belong to Mike and Bobbie Pence! Their whole crew was there with their matching “Animal” t-shirts. They would have won hands down for enthusiasm!!!!!! We may look into adding that as an additional award next year.

At any rate, I don’t believe anyone went away from the range on Saturday hungry. Angie Cantrell didn’t enter the cook-off but she added some outstanding chili to the evening festivities. Linda Lollis brought cornbread and her yummy seasoned crackers – I caught Jim Lawrence eating some of those before the meal even started!!! We had some super desserts so everyone got their fill.

Thanks to everyone who helped out in making this one of the most successful events we have had in a while. Let’s keep the good times rolling. Remember, we are one of the few black powder clubs in the state still in existence.

Here are the winners of this year’s Turkey Shoot:

2012 TURKEY SHOOT WINNERS

#	Yardage & Target	1st	2nd	3rd
PERCUSSION				
1	25yd. Turkey	Bill Hendricks - 43	Jeff Lathrop - 42	Michael Payne - 41
2	50yd. Deer	Brian Ghent - 29	Jeff Lathrop - 26x	Michael Payne - 24
3	50yd. Raccoon	Brian Ghent - 29	Michael Payne - 23	Ethan Cantrell - 18
4	100yd. Large Buffalo	Bill Hendricks - 31	Dean Moeller - 28	Bobbie Pence - 21
FLINTLOCK				
5	25yd. Turkey	Michael Payne - 43	Howard Payne 39	James Elam - 14
6	25yd. Nightmare	Michael Payne 49x	Howard Payne - 20	James Elam - 9
7	50yd. Fox	Howard Payne - 31	James Elam - 18	Michael Payne - 15
8	75yd. Antelope			
MUSKET				
9	25yd. Small Buffalo	Roger Fowler - 37	Don Zirkle - 32x	James Elam - 18
10	50yd. Antelope	Roger Fowler - 38x	Don Zirkle - 20	James Elma - 18
11	100yd. Large Buffalo	Roger Fowler - 24	James Elam - 19	Don Zirkle - 6
HANDGUN				
12	25yd. Bear	Michael Payne - 75x	Brian Ghent - 57x	John Christoff - 55
13	50yd. Large Buffalo	Michael Payne - 70	Brian Ghent - 44	Jim Lawrence - 37
LADIES				
14	25yd. Crow	Angie Cantrell - 29	Linda Lollis - 6	Misty Cantrell
15	50yd. Small Buffalo	Linda Lollis - 13	Angie Cantrell - 7	Misty Cantrell - 6
16	100yd. Large Buffalo	Bobbie Pence - 34x	Angie Cantrell - 10	Misty Cantrell - 3
GREYBEARD				
17	50yd. Bear	Jeff Lathrop - 49xxx	James Elam - 39	Charlie Coker - 38
JUNIORS				
18	25yd. Small Buffalo	Ethan Cantrell - 35	Ty Smith - 26	Evan Cantrell - 20
19	50yd. Deer	Ethan Cantrell - 35	Ty Smith - 22x	Evan Cantrell - 6
SUB-JUNIORS				
20	25yd. Small Buffalo	Tyler Richardson - 25		
21	50yd. Large Buffalo	Tyler Richardson - 28		
SMOOTHBORE				

22	25yd. Medium Buffalo	Howard Payne - 47	Wayne Lollis - 44	Gary Black - 42
23	50yd. Large Buffalo	Howard Payne - 34	Gary Black - 28	Don Zirkle - 24
NOVELTY				
24	25yd 5 Crows	Jeff Lathrop - 2		

Now, onward and upward.....We are heading into the holiday season and everyone is going to be busier than bees in spring but let's not forget our monthly shoot on November 28th. We'll be all fat and sassy from turkey and dressing so that should give us all a good balance.

MATCH SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER, 2012

MATCH	YARDS & TARGET	SIGHTS	POSITION	SHOTS
BENCH				
1	25yd. Nightmare	AM	Bench	Best 5 of 7
2	75yd. 100yd. Bull	AM	Bench	5
3	100yd. Pistol Bull`	AM	Bench	5
BENCH AGGREGATE				
PERCUSSION				
4	25yd. Wolf	AM	OH	5
5	50yd. Medium Buffalo	AM	OH	5
6	50yd. Pistol Bull	AM	OH	5
PERCUSSION AGGREGATE				
FLINTLOCK				
7	25yd. 100yd. Bull	OPEN	OH	5
8	50yd. 25yd Pistol Bull	OPEN	OH	Best 5 of 7
9	100yd. 50yd. Pistol Bull	OPEN	OH	5
FLINTLOCK AGGREGATE				
MUSKET				
10	25yd. Small Buffalo	ISSUE	OH	5
11	50yd. 100yd. Bull	ISSUE	OH	5
12	100yd. Large Bandit	ISSUE	OH	Best 5 of 7
MUSKET AGGREGATE				
HANDGUN				
PISTOL				
13	25yd Bull	AM	OH	5
14	50yd. Bull	AM	OH	5
REVOLVER				
15	25yd. Bull	AM	OH	5
16	50yd. Bull	AM	OH	5
HANDGUN AGGREGATE				
LADIES				
17	25yd. Small Buffalo	AM	OH	5
18	50yd. 100yd. Bull	AM	OH	5
19	100yd. 50yd. Pistol Bull	AM	OH	Best 5 of 7
LADIES AGGREGATE				
LADIES HANDGUN				
20	25yd. Bull	AM	OH	5
21	50yd. Bull	AM	OH	5
LADIES HANDGUN AGG.				
SUB-JUNIOR (11 & under)				
22	25yd. Turkey	AM	BENCH	5
23	50yd. Pistol Bull	AM	BENCH	5
SUB-JUNIOR AGGREGATE				
JUNIOR (12 - 16)				
24	25yd. Turkey	AM	OH	5

25	50yd. Pistol Bull	AM	Bench	5
	JUNIOR AGGREGATE			
	SMOOTHBORE			
26	25yd. Large Buffalo	AM	OH	5
27	50yd. Large Bandit	AM	OH	5
	SMOOTHBORE AGGREGATE			
	GREYBEARD			
28	25yd. Small Bandit	AM	OH	5
29	50yd. Large Bandit	AM	OH	5
	GREYBEARD AGGREGATE			
30	NOVELTY		OH	

It was brought to our attention at the Turkey Shoot that some folks are getting a little lax with their safety measures and habits. Here is an article on the proper positioning of the hammer when loading a black powder muzzle loaded gun:

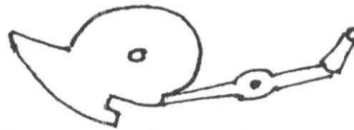
FLINTLOCK AND PERCUSSION LOADING SAFETY



This is the position of the sear and tumbler with the hammer all the way down in the fired position.



This is the position of the tumbler and sear with the hammer at half-cock position. **THIS IS A SAFE POSITION BECAUSE OF THE NOTCH IN THE TUMBLER.**



This is the position of the tumbler and sear in the full cock ready to fire position. **THIS IS NOT SAFE DURING THE LOADING PROCEDURE.**

Loading and shooting sometimes becomes so routine that sometime basic safety procedures can be overlooked. Case in point is the safe position of the hammer after a shot and returning to the bench to reload.

FIGURE 1

This is with the hammer all the way down after a shot. This is a safe position to reload however there may be a cap on the nipple and make seating the ball all the way down on the powder, which is not good. You may want to bring the hammer back to remove the old cap.

FIGURE 2

This is with the hammer at half-cock. *This is the **only** safe position when the hammer is back because of the notch to prevent the sear from slipping off the tumbler.*

FIGURE 3

This is the position with the hammer all the way back and ready to fire. This is not safe during reloading. Some shooters pull the hammer all the way back after firing to remove the old cap and leave it there to reload. **IT WILL TAKE ONLY A BUMP TO MAKE THE GUN GO OFF. THIS IS NOT A SITUATION WE WANT TO HAVE BETWEEN THE BENCH AND THE FIRING LINE!**



SHOTGUN NEWS

Well, in September, we shot Sporting Clays (some of us for the first time) and it was so much fun! If you haven't tried it, you really should, it is quite different from either Trap or Skeet. In October we shot Trap and I literally couldn't hit my backside with both hands.....first time ever I scored a big fat 0. Linda Lollis was hitting a lot better so needless to say, she took first prize in Ladies. Good shooting Linda. The wind was doing weird things with the birds so the men had some problems as well....we won't go into scores but let's say Ken Adair took first place with a 12 and that was just about perfect for the conditions! This month we ended up not shooting due to so many members who usually shoot not being able to come out that Sunday. Oh well.....we will make it in January cause we don't have a shoot in December except the hang-over shoot Sunday following the Christmas party.

Speaking of Christmas Party..... Roger & Pat Fowler have graciously offered to host this year's event. It will be at their lovely home at 10960 Longley Road, - off the K-May Road. The party is scheduled for Saturday, December 15th from 6:30 pm until..... Everyone needs to bring a gift for the Chinese Gift Exchange as well as your favorite "finger food". We thought finger food would be easier for the Fowlers since Roger will still be recuperating from his back surgery. Hope everyone can make it to the party; we always have such a good time.

A sad note; I got a call from Norma Bolin yesterday morning telling me they have had to take Travis to Hospice. He is at the Johnson Road location in Room #2. Please keep this family in your prayers. Travis is fighting a hard battle.

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