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IT WAS COLD!

But at least ten brave (?) souls, plus a new youngster, showed up. After much slippin', slidin', and a bit of actual shootin' on the side, it was declared a snow job. The sidematch was postponed as none of the participants would "volunteer" to check out the hits on the buffalo up on the hill. Look for it to happen in March.

Memo from the Marshall:

Cowboys and Cowgirls, With their anti-gun reputations preceding them, our current administrators (Ed: unwittingly) have provided a favorable environment for a resurgence in the shooting sports. While not their intent, the fact that they have caused one of the biggest gun sales years in memory must be the source of no little embarrassment. Be that being as it may, it has also given us the opportunity to show off our sport in some new venues. You are probably familiar

with the local gun shows and the CAS booth we always man.

To this can be added the recent NRA week hosted by Cabela's at which Utahn Tex led a weekend crusade. With some volunteers, posters and pictures, a DVD, and their own equipment, they were able to showcase our particular brand of shooting to the many customers who frequent Cabela's. If you've ever done a show, you'll agree it's a lot of fun. Moreover, it is an opportunity to introduce CAS to new shooters and potential members. I, myself, am the product of a chance meeting at a gun show. It's all Sackett's fault that I am a member today.

This is the prelude to yet another opportunity to show our stuff. We are seeking some volunteers to man a booth at the 100th anniversary BSA Scout O Rama at the Weber Fairgrounds Convention Center. Here's the rub—we have moved our regular

shoot in May from the 4th Saturday to the 3rd Saturday (5/15) in order to accommodate the State Black Powder Shoot in Price. The Trapper Trails Scout O Rama, mentioned above, is on the 15th. The show is from 9:00 to 3:00 which directly conflicts with our shoot. This means I need a half dozen noble shooters to make a sacrifice and man the booth instead of shooting that weekend. Those of you who might be shooting Blackhawk War and the state shoot will find this an excellent weekend to re-load ammunition and otherwise prepare for Price. Whatever the case we would love to have a few folks step up and volunteer to take care of the Scout O Rama that weekend. Please let us know. (Ed: I'll be going. So, let me know if you are willing to help. Last year, it was a blast. Ours was the busiest exhibit and all the youngsters were really excited.) Thanks for your continued support,

Marshall Sly

Ramblings from the Range Master:

Hope you can come out and take a shot (or two or three) at the new targets we have just purchased: 6 cowboys, 6 tombstones, and 6 coffins. These are armor plated and LARGE (Seniors and Elder Statesmen, take note). They were tested at the Jan match and showed no splash back at all. (It was snowy and you could see exactly how the lead dispersed, on the ground parallel with the target line). The board is working on replacing the rest of our "old" targets, as well as acquiring some Specialty ones. So come on out and make some pinging noise.

Col. Butch Simons

Cabelas Show:

On 6 and 7 Feb Cowboy Action Shooting in Utah was on center stage at Cabela's in Lehi. Cowboys and cowgirls from the Wasatch Desperadoes dressed up in full regalia and put on their best manners to introduce customers to the fun and friends to be found in CAS and SASS membership. They chatted with hundreds of interested visitors to the Big Game Musuem, showing off their guns and explaining how the sport of CAS works. Displays included videos of our illustrious president shooting a clean stage at a monthly shoot (Ed: very unusual), pictures on DVD made by Lucas Boy, Lee Kay shoots, and 2007

Ruckus pictures. Two steel targets were set up by Sanpitch Kid. There were presentation boards for Castle Gate and cowboy shooting in general, handouts of Utah club contacts, and WD business cards. Copies of the Cowboy Chronicle were available for review. Cabela's event manager, Tom Bean, received many favorable comments from employees and customers as to the quality of the display and the friendly personalities of all involved. I want to personally thank everyone that assisted in the effort by sharing supplies, attending the event or just moral support. I couldn't have done it with out you all.

Utahn Tex"

(Ed: see pictures at end. Note that Irish Jack Mick and Dogwoman also helped but missed the picture taking.)

27 Feb 2010 Match

Theme: Lincoln Shot at Ford Theater
Stages: 4
Sidematch: Pocket Pistol/
Derringer

27 Mar 2010 Match

Theme: St Pat
Stages: 4
Sidematch: Anything Goes

This side match was postponed from Jan. It will be a long range shoot (approximately 116 yards) at the buffalo on the hill. It will allow any SASS/period type rifles or pistols in either

rifle or pistol calibers using appropriate SASS approved ammo.

Heads up - May Match:

It was brought to the board's attention that, if the May match were held on the fourth Saturday as usual, it would conflict with the State Black Powder match being held in Price. This would force some of our members to have to decide which shoot to attend, an action that could cause a lot of them serious brain damage. So, in the interest of maintaining the health of all the shooters, the WD match for May has been moved to 15 May, the THIRD Saturday. Those of you that use some form of calendar (as opposed to those who write on the back of their hands), please take note.

Rampage

Yes, the board has actually started long range planning for Rampage. One area of concern is the Prize Committee. Utahn Tex has been "chairman" for the last couple of such roundups and has done an OUTSTANDING and EXEMPLARY job! The board felt that it was unfair to continuously saddle him with the task. So, we are formally asking someone from the membership to step and take on this effort for this year. If you are willing, please let Sly or myself know. (Utahn, if you want, you can still volunteer.)

