



ACSA'S SHOOTER'S ECHO

APRIL 2011

PRESIDENT'S CORRAL

Well folks, the Expo was a success for ACSA. We introduced many to our sport and even signed up a couple new members. Our club has many other opportunities to show our sport so these events need volunteers to help, plus some of these events have benefits, like the gun show this past week end. No one has spoke up, so I had to pass it up. It would have gotten members who participated into the show for free.

One of our board members decided to retire early. Judge Harshly decided to give up his position as club secretary. He has done a fine job and will be missed. On the other side, we are considering a new member as secretary. The board will discuss the role with him and see how it goes. We will keep ya'll posted.

Railhead is really picking up steam, there are around 120 shooters signed up so far, so if ya'll are planning to shoot it get them applications in soon. We have been getting sponsor items in and I can tell you, ya'll will be wanting them thar raffle tickets. A little hint on one sponsor, it starts with R and ends in R.

I personally want to thank the board and all the volunteers thus far. Without your support and participation none of this would be possible. Like I had mentioned before, the board wants everyone to have fun at the shoots so if there is anything you can think of to help in that regard feel free to suggest it to any of us.

As far as monthly matches, we need posse marshals to help with each posse, making sure the scores are sent back to the stat house for entry. Also making sure the scores are correct.

Next year is Arizona's 100th Anniversary for statehood. Winter Range was considering shooting a date closer to the 14th of February which would be on our regular monthly shoot. It still is being discussed and should they change their date, Fire and Ice would also be shot on our normal week-end that month. We are considering making our match a slightly larger match to accommodate Game and Fish wanting an event to mark the anniversary. It is still some ways off so planning it now would be to our advantage. If we do something bigger it would take cooperation from the Winter Range folks along with Cowtown's group to pay tribute to Arizona being a State for 100 years; give it some thought ; suggestions would be appreciated. It is YOUR CLUB and seeing it grow and continue with fun shoots would be great.

Deputy Curly
President, ACSA



Thanks to Whooper for giving us great articles.

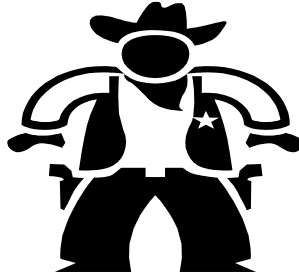
EXPO 2011 - YEE HAW !!!!!!!
THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO
THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR
HELPING OUT.

Arizona Doc
Blue Ridge Ranger
Cactis Chris
Cantina Corina
Dark Alley Dave
Damascus Jon
Dead Eye Al
Janette Sarbo
Larson Pettifogger
Sunshine Kay
Sugar Cookie
Swiss Kid
The Fixer
True Grit Gary

NEW MEMBERS
ACSA would like to welcome
these shooters!!!!!!

Care Bear
Cincinnati Gal
Desert Walker
Ned Beale
Sandy Stu





Tough Nuts of the Old West

By Whooper Crane

In the Old West (or the *Wild West* if you prefer) there were a number of guys who made their livings with their guns – some as owlhoots and some as lawmen. And...there were also quite a few who liked to blur the line between these titles by using their guns to support themselves on *both* sides of the law.

One of the most famous of these latter guys was a fellow who made a big name for himself in the dime novels of the time: Bat Masterson.

Bat was born in Quebec, Canada, but moved to Kansas with his family when he was about 14. He soon tired of the “farmer trade” and set off with his brothers for the excitement of The West.

He worked for a while for the Santa Fe Railroad before graduating to the more lucrative trade of buffalo hunting. In 1874, he and a handful of fellow buffalo hunters held off the attack of the notorious Quannah Parker and a sizeable band of Indian warriors at Adobe Walls in Texas. Soon after, he joined up with Gen. Nelson Miles as a military scout.

Unfortunately, in 1876 Masterson killed a Sgt. King of the 4th Cav. over a lady’s affections in a saloon shootout in Mobeetie, Texas. Like so many killings in those days, he was acquitted due to “unsubstantial evidence”.

The next year, Bat opened a saloon in Dodge City, Kansas where he got into trouble with the law for taking part in a jail break.

These brushes with the law didn’t keep the citizens of Ford County from electing him Sheriff that Fall, however. (See what I mean about working both sides of the law?) Time proved, however, that Bat was primarily a gambler and secondarily a lawman.

Even so, in later years he would become one of the most respected members of the Dodge City Peace Commission, which also boasted the likes of Luke Short, Charlie Bassett and Wyatt Earp, among others.

Bat had an Arizona connection, too. In February of 1881 (the same year that the Earps and The Cowboys had their dustup near the OK Corral), Bat arrived in town to try his hand at outgambing the local miners for their pay. He settled in at The Oriental Saloon and was quite successful there.

In one occasion, he saved his old pal Luke Short’s life by distracting another one of his pal’s (gambler Charlie Storms) attention...just as Charlie was about to plug Luke with his .44. Unfortunately, Bat was unable to save Charlie’s life later in the evening when Charlie and Luke went at it out on Fremont Street. The Oriental missed old Charlie.

Bat had several questionable brushes with the law, including the revenge killing of cowboy Jack Wagner who had killed Bat's brother Ed in Dodge City. But, once again, Bat was acquitted.

Bat's reputation, both as an outlaw and as a lawman, grew as the "excitement literature" of the day, the *Dime Novels*, often used him as a main character in their lurid (and usually fabricated) stories of the Wild West.

In his later years, Bat was hired by *The New York Morning Telegraph* as one of its sports reporters. He gained such a following that he was later promoted to sports editor and, still later, to Vice President. His stories of early days on the frontier (both real and "created") kept readers enthused and eager for more.

In 1921, at age 67, Bat "died with his boots" on, slumped over his typewriter, having finished his final story.

Bat's life ended as a respected journalist and law-abiding citizen. But there were many, including his old pal Wyatt Earp, who remembered him from his younger days...as a guy who bounced back and forth on both sides of the law, with no particular preference for either.

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JACKRABBIT'S CORNER

Did You Know!!!!!!!

The first train robbery in the United States was committed on October 6, 1866 by the Reno brothers (John, Frank, Simeon and William) near Seymour, Indiana.

Three of the brothers were lynched by vigilantes in New Albany, Indiana, in 1868.



NEXT MONTH Ben Avery Shooting Facility

SET-UP	Friday 5/13
MATCH DAY	Saturday 5/14

Long range	7:30am
Sign-up	8:00am
Shooter's Meeting	8:45am
Main Match	9:00am

PRAYER CORNER

Please keep these Shooters in your Thoughts & Prayers

Cactus Wen's family for the passing of his Mother-in Law

Mean Rayleen's Mother

