



ACSA'S SHOOTER'S ECHO

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President's Corral

Well ya'll we made it through the first match and by the time you read this thought the awards banquet. Good job to those who stuck with it and came out on top. And an overall good job to everyone else that has made it fun so far.

We board members are trying to make the matches fun and are always seeking guidance from the membership as to what they want to see and do.

Railhead is on track as you have seen the applications are out and posted. Don't forget that it's our club's match so get your application in fast. Sly Puppy told me we have several applications in with more coming from our fellow shooters from out of state. We have a limit of 200 shooter so at this rate we should be filling up fast.

Many of you know of members who have had family emergencies, suffered from these economic hard times or are injured or sick. This current board has asked a member about being a Chaplain and Ricochet Ross has stepped up to take that role. I am told he's a real life preacher so if any of ya'll that know of a member who needs our help please email him at humorross@aol.com

I have been approached by a couple members about the club recognizing another category. These are not regular SASS category but at the club level we could possibly allow this. Elder Statesman Duelist, "Open" type of category where you can shoot your regular category first then an additional one in the same match and "Josey Wales" or "Outlaw" The board met and decided to add Elder Statesman Duelist and table the others for a later date and further input from members.

For those of you technical cowboys we have a club Facebook page as well as a Railhead page there. The Railhead page is a quick way to see what's up with the match and to promote the shoot. It boasts of over a 1000 fans from all over. Heck we only have room for the 200 shooters I don't know what we would do if all the fans showed up to shoot.

I personally want to thank the board, without them things would be wild. Sly Puppy has done a great job so far and is all excited about the club. Even the Judge has gotten into it being influential on the new match registration form. Tularosa Jim has been working on the awards and helping in other ways. Boots Cameron is getting the water for the matches and helping things move along. Cactus Wen, well I always wondered what Santa did in his spare time, now I know. He makes the matches and if it weren't for him we would just be cowboys and Arizona Gambler is stirred up. I can't forget all the others who make the behind the scenes easier.

If you are liking what has gone on so far give us a Shout!!!!!!
If you think of something that will make it better tell us too!!!!!!

Deputy Curly, ACSA President



SHOOTING FOR THE SILVER RULES

- 1) You must be a member for your 1st shoot to qualify.
- 2) You must declare your category at that first shoot.
- 3) You must shoot 6 Matches.
- 4) You must beat the shooters in your category and they must be members .
- 5) The category must have at least two shooters, they don't necessarily have to shoot 6 matches.
- 6) You can not win the Silver Buckle 2 years in a row. You can still shoot in that category and win a buckle but not the Silver.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Sun City Kid
Sun City Gal
Addie Rose
Robyn DaVault
Ginny Lee



PRAYER CORNER

Please keep these shooters & their Families in your thoughts & prayers



Gold Duster's Wife

NEXT MONTH
Ben Avery Shooting Facility

SET-UP	Friday 3/11
MATCH DAY	Friday 3/12
Sign-Up	8:00am
Long range	7:30am
Shooter's Meeting	8:45am
Main Match	9:00am

SHOOTER'S EXPO AT BEN AVERY ————— MARCH 26TH AND 27TH
WE NEED A FEW VOLUNTEERS

Yet another greatACSAAwardsBanquet

One of the benes of being a member of a fine old shooting club like ACSA is the opportunity to take part in its annual Awards Banquet. Here's where you can join in the fellowship of good food and great company and (if you shot good in the prior year) you can bask in the warm glow of ego-boosting as you receive one of the very nice awards the club passes out to the better shooters.

For ACSA, this takes on an extra feature, since the Banquet is held in the saloon at Bill Johnson's...with its fantastic array of Old West memorabilia hung on the walls. It's almost like going back for a visit with the Earps!

Things started off this year with an "attitude adjustment" hour, lubricated with members' choices of adult and family beverages. Naturally, all the dudes and dudettes were dressed in their finest old west apparel to add to the ambiance, with lots of stylish frock coats and petticoats in evidence.

Then, with a mad dash to the back room, dinner was served. Plates were heaped with barbecue chicken and ribs, plus extremely tender beef brisket and pulled pork. Mashed taters, corn on the cob and fresh garden salad rounded things out, while both cherry and apple cobbler satisfied cowboy sweetteeth. Nobody goes away hungry from *this* feast!

Now it was time to say "Thanks" and "Well Done".

Things began with the presentation of special awards to last year's Board of Directors. *And Special they were:* Beautiful old west-style wooden plaques, surmounted with full-size Bowie knives, each personally engraved with the recipient's alias. These were very fine...and most appreciated by Big Tim and his crew, most of whom put in not one but *two* years giving their all for the club. Congrats, guys and gals!

Big Tim made an impassioned speech, thanking all the folks who came out to help set up and tear down monthly and Railhead shooting stage during 2010...and presided over the drawing, with The Judge, for some nice gifts for these deserving folks.

Then came another very special award, the annual "Cowboy Of The Year" Award. This year's recipient is a guy who shows up to help at virtually every occasion, and then shows up again to photograph activities for posterity...our own Deadeye Al. A most deserving honor! Al's photos add a lot of pleasure to our ACSA memories.

But the reason most folks attend the Banquet is to latch on to one of the Top Five Buckles (or even the #1 Silver Buckle) in the club's year-long "Shoot For The Silver" competition. With so many shooting categories offered by ACSA, there were lots of smiling faces as the winners' names were called out.

Throughout the ceremony, lots of door prizes (from free passes to Railhead 2011 to clothing items to timers to primers) were handed out to folks with lucky number tickets. I lost track of how many items were given, but just about everyone walked out with something under their arm.

Well, the band played "Good Night, Ladies" around 7:00 and most folks headed for their buckboards for the ride home. A few diehards stuck around to share a bit more time with their pards before they drew the curtain on this year's Banquet.

If you were there, I know you had a great time. If you missed it, you'll want to make plans to be there *next* year, bucko!

By Wooper Crane