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JSR Happenings

By Harley Davidson,
SASS #47309

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We are into March and the weather still thinks it is January! Hopefully mother nature will smile upon us and give us the sunny weather predicted for Saturday's shoot.

For those of you interested, Derringer Donna is trying to get a group of SASS members from the local clubs together to be in the Pear Blossom Parade April 8th. Watch for information on the JSR Fire or call Donna at 535-6291 for details. She may also be calling members to let them know what

is going on.

Planning for our annual in August continues. The application for the 2006 event will be available online in April so be on the lookout. Applications will also go out in the mail shortly thereafter.

Until next time...

KNIGHT VISION

By Jed I. Knight, SASS #36423

February's JSR shoot had 16 frozen shooters. Stages this month were written by J.D. Walker, The Colonel, M.T. Dawson, Jed I. and Sourdough Smitty. A big JSR "Thanks" to all who helped "shuck steel"!

I learned something from the process used to make "B Western" its own SASS Shooting Category. It is my understanding that the process should be to:

A.) Get the local clubs to recognize it

B.) Discuss it with "your TG" and encourage them to promote it at their various meetings around the country. In hopes that eventually it finds its way onto the Voting Agenda at the SASS Convention in December.

I am very interested in promoting "Frontier Gunfighter" as its own category. As many know I waited quite some time for Frontier Cartridge Duelist to be a SASS recognized category (shooting that way even when it wasn't) and I still have a very strong connection with this category. But now I believe it is time for "Frontier Gunfighter" to come into its own. With the help and support of the SASS Shooters, locally and beyond, that is a strong possibility. And for those of you who think that a "local newsletter" maybe starting a little small, I'd point out to you that, with the advent of the internet, the world has become even smaller. It is possible for every member of SASS to make a difference.

There is obviously a strong interest in the Frontier Gunfighter category. This last year we saw an attempt to merge it with the Frontier Cartridge category. That failed - and I think that one of the main reasons is the effect it would have had on both Frontier Cartridge (a category shot "Traditional style") and the 'smokeless' Gunfighter categories. Those arguments were discussed for months and the decision has been made so I won't address them again here.

There are many who would say that we have "enough categories", if not "too many", already. And I respect that opinion and at times I even agree (attend any monthly match and you'll see a lot of 1st place awards given!). But, I think we have to encourage folks to shoot in their style, and if that means at a monthly match with a couple of dozen shooters you have the majority "winning" first place in their respective categories, well "more power" and "so be it".

I really feel that there is great interest from the Black Powder (Darksiders) group to be able to shoot (competitively) with both pistols out belching smoke and fire.

If you look at the smokeless categories (specifically those with shooting "style" requirements) and compare them to the BP categories we have "Traditional" which is essentially (continued on Page 4)

Special Points of Interest:

- What do you think about "Frontier Gunfighter"? Read *Knight Vision*
- Congratulations to our two cowboy nominees for the Jefferson Award! See page 3 for details!
- Can you guess the JSR Cowboy? See page 4

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February Match Scores

February 18th, 2006

Alias	Class	Time Stage 1	Time Stage 2	Time Stage 3	Time Stage 4	Time Stage 5	Total Time (sec)	Class Rank	Overall Rank
Purgatory	Gunft	39.48	36.13	32.16	32.28	25.75	165.80	1	1
Col. Cornelius Gilliam	FC	39.50	37.60	31.88	33.05	25.53	167.56	1	2
Ramblin Dave	Senr	38.83	37.54	32.67	33.93	27.08	170.05	1	3
Snake Oil Willy	Mod	49.66	46.53	37.53	44.80	42.37	220.89	1	4
Sourdough Smitty	FC	49.27	53.22	36.61	54.32	31.88	225.30	2	5
Treacherous Jack	Trad	47.29	47.25	61.68	46.70	42.45	245.37	1	6
Jed I Knight	FC D	60.15	73.15	40.21	53.06	43.10	269.67	1	7
Bear Bones Smith	Senr	48.22	62.74	40.93	89.54	29.91	271.34	2	8
Mongo	Senr	76.55	59.03	43.11	56.07	44.81	279.57	3	9
Bull Puckey	Trad	61.81	54.18	48.10	44.90	74.99	283.98	2	10
Bloody Bill Anderson	ElderS	71.51	74.56	41.94	49.62	52.45	290.08	1	11
JD Walker	Senr	80.81	77.44	47.11	58.02	42.61	305.99	4	12
Deacon Doug	Trad	72.01	77.05	54.44	58.81	47.98	310.29	3	13
Rogue River Ranger	Veteran	84.66	62.24	48.20	59.98	61.15	316.23	1	14
Guano	C C	60.36	67.54	66.82	69.16	53.31	317.19	1	15
MT Dawson	Trad	63.00	51.29	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	16

It was

TOO GOLD

to shoot a
CLEAN Match!!!

February Business Minutes

February 13th, 2006

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by president Jed I Knight. Meeting was at Angelo's Pizza.

Secretary Report: Minutes from December meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes as written by Just Bill, 2nd by H.Apple. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: By Long Henry. We have \$3,600 plus change. Will give detailed report next month.

Ashland Gun Club report: by Just Bill, There is three acres for sale at a cost of \$400, 000, which is thirty feet away from the club house.

TG Report by Colonel: The full modification rules are on the SASS wire .shotgun requirements: the only legal pump action shot gun is the model 97 Winchester or reproduction. No extreme lever wraps and/or padding are allowed.

Vote was taken on modification document; all were in favor Except Just Bill.

Shoot report;

- Ashland -Too cold? 34 shooters.
- Roseburg-Problems with IPSIC shooters, missing targets
- Merlin-came out Saturday 24 shooters did not shoot due to rain. Returned Sunday with 14 shooters.
- Klamath Falls-19 shooters Barbarosa Mike shot a clean match!!!

New Business;

Annual shoot Sweetwater made a motion to keep the shoot on the same day 2nd by Sourdough. Voted and passed.

Discussed flyer for annual shoot, \$85.00 per shooter \$60.00for significant other.

H Apple will be a match sponsor for donating a derringer. Sweetwater will also be a sponsor for donating a .44cal black powder pistol and a shoulder holster.

Just Bill found brass tumblers for \$39 dollars at Harbor Freight,

Vote to buy three for door prizes past. H.Apple will pick them up.

Scenario writers:

J.D Colonel, M.T.Dawson. Bill and Jed.

Motion to adjourn by Sourdough 2nd by Shooting Silver Star. Motion carried.

MONDAY

SHOOT'S

Merlin Marauders

1st Saturday

Klamath Cowboys

2nd Sunday

JSR

3rd Saturday

Umpqua Regulators

4th Sunday

The Jefferson Award Special Program Gives Children Hope

Two of our very own cowboy shooters were honored as two of the twelve local Jefferson Award nominees. Congratulations to MT Dawson and Katchemak Kate (also known as Wicked Wendy). In honor of their recognition, JSR is donating \$100 to Hope Equestrian to help continue the great work they do. If you are interested in donating to this program they are a non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible. To donate send your check to PO Box 1034, Ashland, OR 97520 or make a donation online at www.hopeequestrian.com.

The following is the story published at www.kdrv.com for NewsWatch 12:

BY RON BROWN

A few months ago, we asked you to nominate people who provide outstanding service to children in our area. Of the more than 100 nominations, 12 were selected for a "Jefferson Award."

In our third weekly profile of Jefferson Award winners, we look at two people whose love of horses is giving kids with disabilities a chance to grow and bloom.

Oriana Tschudi is four years old. She cannot talk or walk yet, but she can ride a horse, and that's helping her overcome her disabilities.

Jeremiah Song is 13 years old, but suffers from a form of autism brought on by carbon monoxide poisoning. These are two of the dozens of children learning to find themselves by riding and caring for horses at Hope Equestrian Center.

The program directors are Brian Morris and Wendy Elerick who use their love of horses to help kids, and some adults, be all they can be. Morris says working with the kids is therapy for him, t o o .

"It's amazing," he says. "If you're not in a good mood, you come out here. Little girls like Oriana, they will make the rest of your day

just great. They just brighten your soul."

Elerick gives a lot of the credit to the kids and the volunteers who keep the program going.

"Every day I'm out here I get to work with heroes and angels, and there's nothing more rewarding," she says. "Every day I learn something new from the kids. They have so much to share and so much love to offer, and I'm always taught something new. And I'm surrounded by people that care."

To hear the kids and parents tell it, it's Morris and Elerick who are the heroes.

"Some of these kids can't speak, and they get on the horse and they just come to life," says Bridgett Song, whose child go to Hope Equestrian. "It's just because Brian and Wendy know how to push each child and how to bring the best out of each child."

Lisa Tschudi, Oriana's mother, also praises Morris and Elerick. "They give her just the right amount of pushing," says Tschudi.

Morris says they try to keep classes to three students at a time, so there's plenty of room for personal attention.

For old Hank, the horse that

patiently carries Ori and Jeremiah around the arena, it's just another day of love. He's another of the heroes Wendy talks about, along with the volunteers who help guide the students on and off Hank, and on their path to recovery.

Hope Equestrian will hold its first annual fundraising dinner and auction on Saturday, April 22 at the Jackson County Padgham Pavilion. For more information, call 776-0878, or e-mail the organization at info@hopeequestrian.com.



Caring
for Kids

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Monthly Match

March 18th, 8:30am

Ashland Gun Club

Business Meeting

April 10th, 6:30pm

Angelo's Pizza, Phoenix

Monthly Match

April 15th, 8:30am

Ashland Gun Club

Business Meeting

May 8th, 6:30pm

Angelo's Pizza, Phoenix



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KNIGHT VISION

(Continued)

equal to "Frontier Cartridge", "Duelist" which is obviously the Smokeless equivalent to "Frontier Cartridge Duelist" yet when it comes to "Gunfighter" us BP shooters only have the option of competing directly against those shooting Smokeless.

I am interested in discussion, both PRO and con, regarding this subject. Please feel free to send your views to our newsletter or join us online at the JSR Fire. I had an opportunity to discuss this with the Match Directors and TG's from two local clubs, Jefferson State Regulators and Merlin Marauders - they have "okayed" shooting the category at their local clubs. I will spread the word at the other clubs I shoot with and hope that you will do the same.



Can you name this JSR cowboy?

Watch for the answer in the April issue