

# In Sights

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**MARCH 2009** • Next Member's Meeting: **TUESDAY, March 3rd @ 7:30 PM.**

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## NRA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR CLASS

**May 30 -31**

**Bill Tidwell**

**NRA Training Counselor**

### Possible Courses

**Rifle • Pistol • Shotgun  
Black Powder Rifle**

**Please select your desired class on the  
Clubhouse signup sheet. The actual class  
to be offered will be determined by early  
April.**

**!!Club Members who pass the course  
offered will earn a  
\$50 rebate from the Club!!**

**Call the Club for more information.**



## Pistol Fun Shoot

~Bill McElfresh~

♥♥ The Valentines  
Day theme Pistol  
Fun Shoot was suc-  
cessful with seven-  
teen people blast-

ing away at various heart shaped targets. Since love  
is not a guarantee, we also had some gambling type  
targets. Barney the dinosaur misunderstood and  
offered his own version of the Valentines Day Mas-  
sacre. Poor Barney!

From the competitive aspect, we have 4 categories  
this month: rim fire & center fire for both Men and  
Women. We know where their true love lies –  
shooting! The Fun Meter pegged at the following  
points for these trigger squeezers.

Men's rim fire: Robert Reis 440, Mike Maciel 430  
(1X) and Chuck Castle 410. Men's center fire: Robert  
Reis 390, Wencie Gonzales 360 and Dave Domingo  
350. Women's rim fire: LP 160, Ale Barboza 150  
and Pam Cole 120. Women's center fire: Pam Cole  
130.

Thanks to LP McElfresh and Ale Barboza for score-  
keeping and administrative duties. The next Fun  
Shoot will be on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** and will have  
the good old St. Patrick's Day theme. Everyone's a  
little bit Irish right? Sign up at 8:45 and shooting  
starts at 9 AM.



## Kid Shoot

By Bill McElfresh

As I scan the line in preparation for the next command, I take special note of the concentration and intensity of the kids focusing on their sights and listening for permission to squeeze the trigger. As the next command leaves my lips, there is a short pause and then 10 rounds are sent down range toward their targets. What a great way to spend a Friday night! We had 26 kids show up in January to participate in the Kid Shoot. We had some kids show up who have never held any firearm before and we had kids who have some experience. Those Friday nights are always rewarding for us instructors and coaches and I'm sure the kids feel the same way.

At our February Kid Shoot, we had 22 fine young Americans come out to learn and practice the art of shooting 22 caliber rifles. We had several new shooters and all shooters ages ranged from 5 to 14 with the average being about 10. Each Kid Shoot starts out with Safety and Basic Marksmanship classes and this one was instructed by Lee Williams. The kids then got to go to the indoor range to learn the range commands and get firearm familiarization. Coaches Marvin Mello, Lee Williams, Joe Kroeze and Ed Brown were on hand as well as several parents to help out these young shooters. A few minutes after that hot lead was screaming toward the targets. Smiles magically appeared and the kids eagerly reloaded and took careful aim in preparation for their next shot.

The next Kid Shoot will be on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 PM. Bill sez: "Grab a kid or two and come on out. They'll be glad you did!"



# Two Rivers Posse

## "Down By The River"

### SHENANDOAH

**January 25 • Durham Ferry**—Well, as wintery as it was at the last shoot, it was like spring at this one with an occasional chilly breeze. A preview, I'm sure. The weather was pleasant and the shooting was hot. The big three, Nate Clayton, Wobblin' Bob; and Lefty Vaquero were nip and tuck for all six stages and there was just a shade over four seconds difference among the bunch at the end and they represented three different categories. Lefty came on with a bang, so to speak, taking stages five and six with Nate blazing one, two, three, and four. Bob also cleaned the match along with Badman Bob, Sutter Lawman, Sintree Tulait, Tejano, and Mariposa Slim. The scenarios were quick and fun and there was a lot of grinnin'. That's

how it was Down By The River.

#### Top Guns

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Traditional	Nate Clayton	Molly Magoo
1 <sup>st</sup> Elder Statesman	Dirty Pete	
1 <sup>st</sup> Senior	Wobblin' Bob	Pocket Change
1 <sup>st</sup> Gunfighter	Ricky D	
1 <sup>st</sup> Duelist	Hank Dodge	
1 <sup>st</sup> Senior Duelist	Bighorn	
1 <sup>st</sup> Frontier Cartridge Duelist	Niles Canyon	
1 <sup>st</sup> Frontier Cartridge	JW Trader	
1 <sup>st</sup> Modern	Lefty Vaquero	
1 <sup>st</sup> Young Gun	Soul Shootist	
1 <sup>st</sup> 49er	Bulldog Rick	Lady Bulldog
1 <sup>st</sup> Silver Senior	Sutter Lawman	

**February 7 • Durham Ferry** — Lefty Eastman, black powder and white smoke and all, smoked stage one but a balky gun tripped him up on stage two. Wobblin' Bob slicked stages two and four but a couple of misses on stage five undermined his plan. Lefty Vaquero blazed stage three just to show what he could do and Nate Clayton held the cards on stage five. Badmann Bob was consistent, efficient and fast and topped stage six to finish on top of the list. Good shootin' Bob. Ol' Tejano claimed to have never shot a clean match until our last match in January and now he's started a string of two in a row. If it was anyone but my good friend Emily keeping score I would be suspicious. He was joined in that tidy condition by Cherokee Doll and Sintree Tulait. It was a well oiled shoot with straight forward stages with just enough twist to keep us awake and to demonstrate that no target is too big or too close to miss. Shenandoah showed up with a real '49 pocket pistol and pumped two rounds into Mongo slick as a whistle. Mariposa Slim is just itchin' to be a Cattle Baron but we're not going there until the first match in March. Hangin' Hank continues to be our lone Old Fart and once again topped his category. It was another beautiful day on the San Joaquin and we all had a real good time. That's how it was Down By The River.

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1 <sup>st</sup> Traditional	Doc Burwood	Molly Magoo
1 <sup>st</sup> Elder Statesman	Mariposa Slim	
1 <sup>st</sup> Gunfighter	Coyote Mann	
1 <sup>st</sup> Duelist	Quicksilver Slim	
1 <sup>st</sup> Senior Duelist	Big John Durham	
1 <sup>st</sup> Frontier Cartridge Duelist	Lefty Eastman	
1 <sup>st</sup> Frontier Cartridge	Sweet Tooth Kelly	
1 <sup>st</sup> Modern	Lefty Vaquero	
1 <sup>st</sup> Buckeroo		Spitfire
1 <sup>st</sup> Senior	Badmann Bob	
1 <sup>st</sup> Silver Senior	Shenandoah	

Our next shoot will be  
Saturday,  
March 7th!



The Cowboy Way

*Before you let anybody measure you for that big wooden overcoat, make sure that you've wrung all of the life out of your livin'*

# HIGH POWER RIFLE MATCH

MATCH DIRECTOR: KERRY JOHNSON



NRA Club #: R0562 CMP Club #: 62254

BENCH	COMPETITOR NAME	CLASS (HIGH MASTER, MASTER, EX- PERT, SHARPSHOOTER, MARKSMAN, OR UNCLASSIFIED)	OFF- HAND	SIT- TING-R	PRONE -R	PRONE 1	PRONE 2	"X"S	TOTAL
JANUARY 4, 2009 • RELAY 1									
1	TIM McDONALD		92	92	95	88	88	4	455
2	WENCIE GONZALES		61	67	13	27	64	1	232
3	TONY ABBOTT		78	74	72	77	69	2	370
4	SHARON ABBOTT		61	55	47	69	55		287
5	AARON EWING		91	86	78	89	93	3	437
6	ROY MARTIN		81	75	79	83	88		406
7	CHUCK CASTLE		79	89	86	85	91	2	430
8	MEGAN WILTON								0
9	VERNE TAYLOR		80	80	92	79	96	5	427
10	TOM CASTLE		70	76	43	48	34	1	271
11	WILL CASTLE		54	67	59	56	59	1	295
RELAY 2									
6	BRIAN WINGO		68	60	77	67	78		350
7	KERRY JOHNSON		87	92	74	73	60	1	386
8	MEGAN WILTON		42	40	58	30	11		181
9	CALLUM TAYLOR		58	63	63	79	52		315
10	TOM CASTLE		51	57	45	35	46		234
11	WILL CASTLE		68	65	49	51	72	3	305
FEBRUARY 1, 2009 • RELAY 1									
1	BRIAN WINGO		77	76	43	47	40		283
2	ARNOLD STRECHER		76	40	68	74	78		336
3	JIM YOUNG		71	80	90	82	76	2	399
4	TIM McDONALD		88	92	87	89	94	6	450
5	AARON EWING		86	95	94	96	88	3	459
6	ROY MARTIN		88	94	96	95	94	9	467
7	KERRY JOHNSON		82	87	68	83	66		386
8	JOE KROEZE		73	56	42	64	44		279
9	CALLUM TAYLOR		74	77	89	64	70	1	374
10	SHARON ABBOTT		66	86	73	67	68		360
11	TONY ABBOTT		80	94	78	80	85	2	417
RELAY 2									
7	CHUCK CASTLE		88	76	90	95	92	9	441
8	MIKE MACIEL		85	82	52	68	55	2	342
9	VERNE TAYLOR		74	76	91				241
10	GREG GORES		82	92	91	87	94	4	446
11	DAVID STRECKER		74	73	39	71	83	2	340



# FREEZARSE RENDEZVOUS

BY: NED & AVA NELSON

THE FREEZARSE RENDEZVOUS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! WE HAD MORE THAN 100 PARTICIPANTS AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN.

THE WEATHER WAS GREAT FOR JANUARY. COLD BUT SUNNY AND NOT TOO WINDY WHICH WOULD MAKE NED'S TARGETS EVEN HARDER TO HIT. THINGS LIKE CHARCOAL HANGING ON A STRING CAN GET VERY CHALLENGING WHEN THE WIND BLOWS!

WE HAD A NICE GROUP OF TRADERS: BEAR CLAW TRADER, LADY HAWKE, LAME PONY, OLD SAGE TRADING POST, AND REV. & MRS HAWK HELD OUR CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNING. JIM ZURN SET UP HIS PRE 1840S CAMP AND THERE WERE A NUMBER IN THE TIN-TEEPEE CAMP.

WE ARE GRADUALLY BUILDING A REPUTATION AS A GOOD SHOOTER'S RENDEZVOUS WITH AN INTERESTING TRAIL AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE. COME ON OUT NEXT AUGUST FOR THE DURHAM FERRY AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES!



## BLACK POWDER

~Tony Abbott~

The Black Powder group held its monthly meeting and shoot on Valentine's Day. After a brief meeting 10 shooters tried their skill on 4 sets of targets: 5 rounds, crow, at 25 yards; 5 rounds, buffalo, at 50 yards; 5 rounds, standard club target, 50 yards; and 5 rounds, crow, 50 yards; total 250 points possible. Conditions were windy, but that did not bother the Old Man of the Mountains, Joe Kroeze, in the slightest, as evidenced by the following scores:

Joe Kroeze	158	Bob Barker	128
Tony Abbott	119	Fred Jones	113
Bill Watts	96	Pat Delano	84
Chris Pond	67	Megan Cathcart	63*
Dennis Cathcart	58*	Bob La Rosa	15

\*Did not shoot 25 yd. crow

Our next meeting and shoot will be March 14, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in black powder shooting is welcome to attend.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

# MARCH 2009

\*Club Closes @ 5:30 pm

1 Hi Power Rifle 9am	2 Trap 9am Vernalis 4-H Rifle Training 4-5:45pm	3 Club Member Meet- ing 7:30 pm	4 Trap 6pm New Jerusalem 4-H 3:30-6pm	5	6 Kids Shoot 6pm	7 Trap Practice 10-4 Cowboy Shoot
8 Pistol Fun Shoot 9am	9 Trap 9am Vernalis 4-H Rifle Training 4-5:45pm	10	11 Trap 6pm New Jerusalem 4-H 3:30-6pm	12	13	14 Trap Practice 10-4 Black Powder 9am Hunter Ed Class 7am-6pm
15	16 Trap 9am Durham Ferry M! Garands 2:30-5pm	17	18 Trap 6pm	19	20	21 Trap Practice 10-4
22 Cowboy Shoot	23 Trap 9am	24 Board Meeting 7pm	25 Trap 6pm	26	27	28 Trap Practice 10-4

# APRIL 2009

\*Club Closes @ 6:00 pm

			1 Trap 6pm	2	3 Kids Shoot 6pm	4 Trap Practice 10-4 Cowboy Shoot Turlock & Lathrop Sea Cadets
5 Hi Power Rifle 9am	6 Trap 9am Vernalis 4-H Rifle Training 4-5:45pm	7 Club Member Meet- ing 7:30 pm	8 Trap 6pm	9	10	11 Trap Practice 10-4 Black Powder 9am Hunter Ed Class 7am-6pm
12 Pistol Fun Shoot 9am	13 Trap 9am Vernalis 4-H Rifle Training 4-5:45pm	14	15 Trap 6pm	16	17	18 Trap Practice 10-4
19 Trap League	20 Trap 9am	21	22 Trap 6pm	23	24	25 Trap Practice 10-4
26 Cowboy Shoot	27 Trap 9am	28 Board Meeting 7pm	29 Trap 6pm	30		

**PUBLIC RANGE INFORMATION** *Must be U.S. Citizens or legal resident, must not be prohibited from access to firearms (e.g. felon, or under court order) and under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. 18 and over must present valid ID with photo. All local, state and federal laws apply.*

**HOURS** Open 7 days a week! -Tuesdays Open 10am -Daily Open 8am to \*Sunset (check in office) (Ranges closed/restricted for Club events)

**PUBLIC FEES** (daily except Trap) Adults \$15 • Children \$8 • Archery \$8 • Trap \$4.50 per Round

Memberships available through MSI



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## Winter Trap League

**Five-person teams are now forming for the upcoming  
Valley Oak Winter Trap League!**

**Shoots will be held every other Sunday starting January 25, 2009 for 8 times. In the past, shoots have been held at several valley locations, including Angels Camp, Escalon, Livermore, Oakdale, Stockton, and Waterford. Manteca Sportsmen will be hosting on April 19, 2009. This is the first time the event has been held here in many years and we are excited to be included in the schedule.**

**Contact me at 209-627-5611 for further information. Happy shooting! Gary Schmidt, Trap Chairman**

