

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2007 Year in Review

Old North State Posse 2007 Activities

For Old North State Posse, the 2007 year was a very active year for the club. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during 2007.

- The club continued to work with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. to support the annual NC State Championship match, The Uprising at Swearing Creek. ONSP works to stay engaged with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. members to ensure that the club owned facilities and equipment are ready to support the annual state match. The North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. provides compensation for the use of the ONSP club equipment.
- ONSP added some much needed covered prop storage area to better protect some of the props – this was a joint effort between the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. and ONSP.
- ONSP cleaned up the prop storage area. This involved in getting rid of old props and equipment no longer of use. We still have a pile of debris that needs to get into the dumpsters as space is available.
- We bought five new timers (Dingo Dave found a 5 for the price of 4 deal.). Trying to find an ONSP timer that would work through a monthly match had become an adventure.
- The computer equipment available at the Rowan County Wildlife Club that is used for ONSP scoring was upgraded. Thank you very much Camille Eonich for donating equipment and time to make this happen.
- The scoring software used by ONSP was upgraded to a new release of the software (SASS Premier Scoring System). We hope to develop a more consistent process for getting our match registration performed in a timely manner and for producing the final match scoring results. This also has some new features we hope to exploit to more easily manage the ONSP membership information.
- A new match awards program was introduced using poker chips for the first three positions in each category and a clean shoot. The poker chips would be redeemable after the year.
- The Shoot for the Loot program was introduced to offer another option for membership participation.
- The ONSP Board of Directors worked on restructuring and reorganizing the ONSP organization and management team. The focus of the Board of Directors this year was on putting ONSP back on a sound financial footing and improving the club operations to make this a more stable and sustainable organization. Without the need to run the annual NC State Championship, ONSP is transitioning club operations back to a primary focus on putting on fun monthly matches. This is still a work in progress and will continue to be a focus in 2008 – it has proven to be one of the more time intensive activities for the Board of

Directors. The following is the ONSP Board of Directors going into the annual club membership meeting at the December match.

President: Oklahoma Charlie
Vice President: Marshal Harland Wolff
Treasurer: Dingo Dave
Secretary: Tracker Mike
Board Member: Rocky River Jeb

The ONSP Annual Membership Meeting

The ONSP annual membership meeting along with the Shoot for the Loot awards were held after the December match at the RCWA club house. Oklahoma Charlie provided a very nice steak dinner for all that were present.

The Annual ONSP Membership Meeting:

- The floor was opened for nominations for the ONSP Board of Directors – there were no nominations and the existing members were re-elected for another year.
- Two new board alternates were elected: Kill em all Kate and Joe Danby. Welcome aboard!
- It was announced that the poker chips used for match awards would be redeemable for free shoots in 2008. Seven chips of any value (including clean shoot chips) could be redeemed for a monthly free shoot. Four clean shoot chips could be redeemed for a monthly free shoot.
- The major club accomplishments for the year were reviewed.
- The Shoot for the Loot program was discussed and it was decided to run the program again in 2008 with a minor adjustment.

The 2007 Shoot for the Loot Awards

After participation by a very active group of the ONSP membership over the first 10 months of 2007, the following Shoot for the Loot awards were handed out:

49er – Hoss Blocker
Modern – Buck Sage
Frontier Cartridge – Carolina Jack
Duelist – Joe Danby
Traditional – Marshal Harland Wolff
Ladies Traditional – Camille Eonich
Elder Statesman – Salvador Dally
Sr. Duelist – Sam Carp
Ladies Sr. – Green Eyed Indian
Senior – Rocky River Jeb
Gunfighter – AR Stoner
Frontier Cartridge Duelist – John Two Feathers
Ladies 49er – Sixgun Sallie

Ladies Modern – Kill-em-all-Kate
Ladies Duelist – Myra Venge

The overall club Shoot for the Loot Champion was Sam Carp !! Congratulations Sam Carp – this effort included 5 clean shoots and participation in all 10 monthly shoots.

Old North State Posse 2008 Plans

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in 2008? This is a fairly optimistic list of club activities and it will require participation from the club membership to successfully tackle all of these in 2008. As you will notice, there are plenty of opportunities for club members to participate in some of the activities that it takes to keep ONSP operating effectively.

- ONSP will continue to work with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. to support the annual NC State Championship match, The Uprising at Swearing Creek, and help to make this a successful event.
- ONSP will run a full set of fun monthly matches. Anyone interested in another round of some form of the Shoot for the Loot?? We are always looking for help with target setup on Friday afternoon before our monthly matches. Would someone like to try their hand at writing the stages for a match?
- We need to cleanup and organize the ONSP target storage building – some of this was started in 2007.
- We will continue to look for opportunities for adding new props that are easy to use for the monthly shoots. Refurbish some of the existing props. Any volunteers??
- We will continue to look at opportunities to add additional shelter capacity for prop storage. Anyone have some cost effective options for our consideration?
- We would like to add a utility trailer for use in moving targets and props at the range. We do not always have trucks available when needed plus we are tired of beating up our own vehicles.
- We need a heavy duty drill/screw gun to keep at the range for use in putting up props.
- We will continue to evaluate the steel target inventory and replace as needed and/or add additional targets. We hope to get into a continuous replacement process with doing some each year.
- We hope to take a look at making the ONSP web site a bit more active – keep new information, pictures, etc. flowing through the site.
- We would like to finish cleaning up the ONSP organization paperwork – incorporation paperwork, current set of by-laws, renew SASS club affiliation, new liability insurance coverage, new mail address, new e-mail address, etc...