

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2008 End of Year Update

Old North State Posse 2008 Activities

For Old North State Posse, the second half of the 2008 year remained very active for the club. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the second half of 2008.

- Many of the ONSP club members were involved in supporting a very successful 2008 NC State Championship which was probably the major club effort in the second half of 2008. Thanks to all who helped. The club continues 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 ONSP owned facilities and equipment are ready to support the annual state match. The North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. provides some compensation for the use of the ONSP club equipment so we need to make sure everything is ready for the annual match.

The ONSP club membership made their presence well known in the 2008 NC State Championship. The following ONSP members were recognized for their accomplishments:

Island Girl – NC State Champion Cowgirl and Top Cowgirl Overall
Three Cut – NC State Champion Cowboy
Kill-em-All Kate – Top Gun Lady Shootoff Winner

Hoss Blocker – 49er State Champion
Dirty Dog Alf – Buckaroo State Champion
Four Finger Jon – Classic Cowboy State Champion
Wicked Wanda – Classic Cowgirl State Champion
Oklahoma Charlie – Duelist State Champion
Jackson Lee McGillicuddy – Frontiersman State Champion
Sixgun Sallie – Ladies 49er State Champion
Myra Venge – Ladies Duelist State Champion
Kill-em-All Kate – Ladies Modern State Champion
Ms Jewel – Ladies Senior State Champion
Green Eyed Indian – Ladies Silver Senior State Champion
Tracker Mike – Senior Duelist State Champion
River Rat Randy – Silver Senior State Champion
Three Cut – Traditional State Champion

It should also be noted that earlier in 2008, that two of the ONSP members won both national and world championships in their respective categories and another won a world championship:

JM Brown – Senior Duelist - National and World Championships for 2008

Wicked Wanda – Classic Cowgirl - National and World Championships for 2008
Highfalutin Hunter – Buckaroo - World Champion for 2008

Outstanding accomplishments for the ONSP membership in 2008 !! This does not include all of the other regional (Mule Camp and Mason Dixon) and other state honors that this talented group took home in 2008.

- We continued to clean up the ONSP web site and make sure that information on the web site is current and the site operates as intended. The ONSP web site has been updated for the 2009 activities – ONSP and Shoot for the Loot applications for 2009 are now available via the web site. As always, thanks to Camille Enoich for her continued support on this effort. She continues to refine the ONSP web site to make updating information and getting ready for the next year easier.
- ONSP continued cleaning up the prop storage areas. We finally got all of the old scrap and prop junk in the dumpsters. The storage shed was emptied of some stuff that was either junk or simply not used. We have added some new storage units in the storage shed to help keep things organized going forward. We also recently completed refurbishing the bolts used to hang the targets and getting them better organized with some new metal storage units. The threads had gotten damaged on many of the bolts so we cleaned those up. We also now have a list of some other equipment that is no longer being used that we hope to “relocate” to a better home. See the surplus equipment list.
- The scoring software used by ONSP was again upgraded to a new release of the software (SASS Premier Scoring System). We still need to find some additional members that are interested in learning how to use the software to perform the monthly match registration and scoring process. We did have a couple of new volunteers at the Dec. match. If you are interested, please contact Tracker Mike.

The ONSP Annual Membership Meeting

The ONSP annual membership meeting was held after the regular ONSP December match at the RCWA club house. The ONSP Dec. match was highlighted by the addition of an All Round Cowboy competition that included some non-shooting activities such as throwing tomahawks and knives, roping, shooting a bow and arrow, using a bull whip and throwing dynamite. The following were the major meeting activities:

The normal Dec. match results were announced and recognized.

The All Round Cowboy competition results were announced and recognized. **Boot Hill was acknowledged as the All Round Cowboy competition winner** - edging out Oklahoma Charlie, Rocky River Jeb, Stinky Jim and Splinter Hauser. Congratulations to all who participated in the activities which included roping, tomahawk/knife throwing,

bull whip, bow and arrow and dynamite throwing. Boot Hill received an engraved pocket watch acknowledging the All Round Cowboy award.

Next, the year long ONSP Shoot for the Loot competition results were announced and recognized with nice cowboy bust awards. After participation by a very active group of the ONSP membership over the first 10 months of 2008, the following Shoot for the Loot awards were handed out:

49er – Dingo Dave
Classic Cowboy – Tracker Mike
Modern – Buck Sage
Duelist – Joe Danby
Traditional – Three Cut
Ladies Traditional – Calamity Allie
Senior – Flat Iron
Silver Senior – Rocky River Jeb
Wild West – AR Stoner
Ladies 49er – Sixgun Sallie
Ladies Silver Sr. – Green Eyed Indian
Ladies Duelist – Myra Venge

The overall ONSP club Shoot for the Loot Champion for 2008 was AR Stoner !!

Congratulations AR Stoner – this effort included 2 clean shoots and participation in all 10 monthly shoots.

With the various awards out of the way, Oklahoma Charlie supplied a very nice dinner for all that were present.

Subsequently, the annual ONSP membership meeting was held to allow input and direction from the membership for the coming year.

- The floor was opened for nominations for the ONSP Board of Directors – there were no new nominations and a motion was made and seconded to re-elect the existing members for another year.
- There was an open board alternate position open - AR Stoner was elected to this position. Welcome aboard!
- So the following are the ONSP Board of Directors for the start of 2009.
President: Oklahoma Charlie
Vice President: Joe Danby
Treasurer: Dingo Dave
Secretary: Tracker Mike
Board Member: Rocky River Jeb

Alternate: Kill em All Kate
Alternate: AR Stoner

- The Shoot for the Loot program was discussed and it was decided to run the program again in 2009.
- There was also some discussion about the All Round Cowboy competition and whether we would do that again in 2009. It appeared that the majority of the members enjoyed the change in pace for a monthly match and that some version of this would be fun to do again.

Old North State Posse Plans for 2009

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in 2009 and beyond? As usual we have a list of things we think that we need to eventually address. 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. Just get in touch with a Board of Director member if you see an activity with which you would like to assist.

- 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 in 2009.
- ONSP will run a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for the rest of 2008:
 - The October monthly match is the last month of The Shoot for the Loot program.
 - The NC State Championship match will occur on the ONSP November monthly match date.
 - The December monthly match is the awards ceremony for The Shoot for the Loot participants AND the annual ONSP membership meeting for electing your Board of Directors for the next year and deciding on club direction/priorities. Please plan on attending – your input is needed and appreciated.
 - Monthly match opportunities:
 - We are always looking for help with target setup on Friday afternoon before our monthly matches. They usually get together around 4 to 4:30 at the range.
 - Would someone like to learn how to use our scoring software to do monthly match registration and scoring? We need some more participants. See Tracker Mike if interested.
 - Would someone like to try their hand at writing the stages for a monthly match?
- 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 will continue to look for some opportunities to add some new props to the ONSP inventory.
 - We are discussing the addition of some new fold up tables that can be used for staging props and guns in matches. It makes them easy to move around where needed and store in the equipment shed. Saddleburr Jack made some tables of this type that were used in the 2008 NC State Championship. These tables are apparently period correct from the Civil War time period.
 - We would also like to create some new horse props on which we could mount some saddles for use in that shooting from horse back experience.
- We will continue to evaluate the steel target inventory and replace as needed and/or add additional targets.
- We will continue to look for ways to make the ONSP web site a bit more active – keep new information, pictures, etc. flowing through the site. We are still looking at reactivating the cowboy/cowgirl profile section of the web site and finding a way to post photos of club activities.

ONSP Surplus Equipment List

In the process of cleaning up the ONSP prop storage area, we have identified some equipment that is no longer being used. We would like to find a new home for the following items:

- A full size trailer bed (single axle) with rollers for easy loading. This was used for moving the train cars before we installed eye bolts on the train car skids for towing them. Best offer gets it.
- We have part of a case of very nice mugs from the 10th NC State Championship (the last one run by ONSP) if anyone would like one.