

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2009 End of Year Update

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For Old North State Posse, the second half of the 2009 year continued to be a very active time for the club. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the second half of 2009.

- Many of the ONSP club members were involved in supporting a very successful 2009 NC State Championship which was the major club effort in the second half of 2009. Thanks to all who helped – it is much appreciated and we hope that all continue to find ways to assist. It was good to see the very good participation by the ONSP membership this year in the actual match. The club continues to work with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. to refine our support for 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. We seemed to have it covered pretty well this year. It should also be noted that ONSP members continue to serve at the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. level as well.

The ONSP club members made their presence well known in the 2009 NC State Championship. The following ONSP members won category awards:

Kill-em-All Kate – NC State Champion Cowgirl and Top Cowgirl Overall
Red River Ray – NC State Champion Cowboy
Kill-em-All Kate – Top Gun Lady Shootoff Winner
Rubicon Rider – Top Gun Men Shootoff Winner

Hoss Blocker – 49er State Champion
Dirty Dog Alf – Buckaroo State Champion
Hugh Damwright – B-Western State Champion
Wicked Wanda – Classic Cowgirl State Champion
Southern Draw – Cowboy State Champion
J.M. Brown – Duelist State Champion
Spinter Hauser – Elder Statesman State Champion
Frontier Cowboy – Twelve Mile Bluff State Champion
Sixgun Sallie – Ladies 49er State Champion
Myra Venge – Ladies Duelist State Champion
Ms Jewel – Ladies Senior State Champion
Green Eyed Indian – Ladies Silver Senior State Champion
Kill-em-All Kate – Ladies Wrangler State Champion

Rubicon Rider – Senior State Champion
Tracker Mike – Senior Duelist State Champion
Rocky River Jeb – Silver Senior State Champion
Red River Ray – Wrangler State Champion

There were many others that placed at award levels in these categories.

Outstanding accomplishments for the ONSP membership in 2009 !! This does not include all of the other regional (Mule Camp and Mason Dixon) and other state match honors that the talented ONSP group took home in 2009.

- We have continued with upgrades to the ONSP target inventory. With the most generous assistance of Sisco Ron, we have added some new steel that has increased our target inventory and allowed us to retire some older targets that were showing the effects of years of use. These efforts have positioned the ONSP target inventory to support club activities for the foreseeable future.
- The maintenance of the ONSP web site (www.oldnorthstateposse.com) is being transitioned to Hugh Damwright after a number of years of excellent support from Camille Eonich. Thanks so much for your support and assistance Kim and thanks to Ken for volunteering.
- We added four of the foldable tables from Saddleburr Jack like those he built for use at Wagram in staging guns around stage props. These have worked well and we are ordering two more so we will have two available for each berm at our monthly matches.
- We continued cleaning up the prop storage areas – keeping the green stuff cut down and getting rid of props that are no longer useable. We welded up a number of broken targets that were found lying around and put them back into service.
- We have added some additional help learning how to use the software to perform the monthly match registration and scoring process. As always, thanks to Six Gun Sallie and Perilous Patty for their help. In addition, Hugh Damwright and Colorado Aspen are now providing some additional help. We continue to look for help in this area so if you are interested, please contact Tracker Mike.
- We added some signage to the ONSP equipment shed at the range. It identifies the club as associated with Cowboy Action Shooting and points to the ONSP web site for info.
- With the exception of our Dec. match, we managed to dodge a lot of wet weather in the second half of the year to get in 4 successful monthly matches plus the state match.

The ONSP Annual Membership Meeting

The ONSP annual membership meeting was held at the RCWA club house on the afternoon and evening of the regular ONSP December match which was cancelled due to weather. The following were the major meeting activities:

The major ONSP activities, as covered in this newsletter, for 2009 were reviewed and discussed. Of special note, a Bond derringer was awarded to Sisco Ron for his continued assistance with addressing our target inventory upgrade.

Next, the year long ONSP Shoot for the Loot competition results were announced and recognized with nice cowboy awards. After participation by a very active group of the ONSP membership over the first 10 months of 2009, the following Shoot for the Loot awards were handed out:

49er – Dingo Dave
B-Western – Hugh Damwright
Duelist – Oklahoma Charlie
Wrangler – Three Cut
Senior – Flat Iron
Senior Duelist – Tracker Mike
Silver Senior – Rocky River Jeb
Wild West – AR Stoner
Ladies 49er – Sixgun Sallie

The overall ONSP club Shoot for the Loot Champion for 2009 was Flat Iron !!

Congratulations Flat Iron – this effort included 5 clean shoots. AR Stoner and Oklahoma Charlie were 2nd and 3rd respectively in the overall competition.

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

- Dingo Dave had decided to take a break from the ONSP Board of Directors so there was a BOD position open. We wish to thank Dingo Dave for his efforts – they have been much appreciated ! Sisco Ron was nominated to fill the open position and elected – welcome aboard Sisco Ron.
- The floor was opened for nominations for any of the other ONSP Board of Directors positions – there were no new nominations and a motion was made and seconded to re-elect the existing members for another year.
- So the following are the ONSP Board of Directors for the start of 2010.
President: Oklahoma Charlie
Vice President: Sisco Ron
Treasurer: Joe Danby
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 2010. An effort will be made to see if we can get better club participation this year. It is a fun venue for those that like to focus on shooting accurately and are at the match every month. If you are not familiar with the program, there is a detailed rules description on the ONSP web site. The competition starts with the Jan. match. You can join at any time during the first 3 months and we can go pick up any of your previous monthly match results so they get included.
- We have decided to refer to the ONSP Dec. match as the The Annual Throwback Match. We will try to use some match activities from the earlier years of SASS and ONSP for the Dec. match each year. The intent this year had been to do hold an 8 stage monthly match which was the norm in years past. Since we got rained out this year, we will probably give it another try in 2010.

With the various awards and club business out of the way, Oklahoma Charlie catered a **very good prime rib dinner that was enjoyed by all that were present.** The meeting was concluded with a round Bandit Bingo (Dirty Santa) – Splinter and Shirley ended up with both BB guns that appear to be headed for the grand children.

Old North State Posse Plans for First Half of 2010

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the first half of 2010 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.

- The ONSP membership seemed to feel very strongly that we needed to improve our efforts around both recruiting new shooters and helping introduce them to cowboy action shooting. Yes, Tom Bullweed there are some others that agree with you. Tom had brought this up in 2009 and we have never gotten as organized as we should. So with that said, we want to look at some of the following options:
 - Manning a table at a couple of gun shows in the area to promote cowboy action shooting.

- Holding a couple of new shooter orientation sessions. We tried a trial session last year that had limited success – not enough advertising exposure and the weather was very hot. We will get some dates identified (in cooler weather) and start looking for opportunities to advertise. These sessions will be open to not only new cowboy action shooters but any of our cowboy/cowgirl community that feels they would benefit.
- Making sure we have a good process at monthly matches to identify new shooters and make sure we have good coaches assigned for their first match. We are also going to update the ONSP web site info to try to better identify what new cowboy action shooters should expect and how to get ready to participate.
- 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 2010 – Nov. 4 – 7.
 - This will include a work day or two to get the props and equipment ready. Keep an eye open for a notice on the workday.
- ONSP will continue running a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for 2010:
 - 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. This will be Nov. 4 – 7 .
 - After the December monthly match, 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. A meal will be provided for a minimal charge – Shoot for the Loot participant’s meals are covered. Please plan on attending– your input for the next year 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? Always looking for some more participants. See Tracker Mike if interested.
 - Would someone like to try their hand at writing the stages for a monthly match? Just remember that if you write stages, you will need to be available to set them up on Friday afternoon.
- We need additional shelter capacity for prop storage. Anyone have some cost effective options for our consideration? At the very least, we will extend the shed on the back of the equipment shed.
- We will continue to evaluate additional upgrades to the ONSP steel inventory. We probably need to evaluate the target stand inventory with our increased target inventory and see what is needed.

- We will continue to look for some opportunities to add some new props to the ONSP inventory and repair some of the existing stuff. Probably will schedule some repair work as part of the preparations for the NC State Championship.
 - We will focus on renovating some or all of the train props this year. They have served us well but are showing a lot of wear.
 - We plan to add some light weight fence props. There are some new plastic fence options that are simulated wood.
 - We are going to try some new light weight store front props. Steel frames with fabric graphics produced by Six String Jimmy.
 - We would like to create some new horse props on which we could mount some saddles for use in that shooting from horseback experience.
- We are working on ways to make the ONSP web site a bit more active – keep new information, pictures, etc. flowing through the site. We will be reactivating the cowboy/cowgirl profile section of the web site and finding a way to post photos of club activities. Hugh Damwright is already working on these efforts.

ONSP Surplus Equipment List

- There will probably be some additional steel targets available once we have had an opportunity to reassess what we have. Check with Oklahoma Charlie on availability and price.

From the ONSP Board of Directors, we would like to thank all of the ONSP membership and those non-members as well who have provided their support to make this a successful 2009 for ONSP !! Again the ONSP Board does appreciate the feedback from the membership on what is working and what is not working.

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As well as Dingo Dave – thanks for your efforts on the BOD as well !