

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2011 End of Year Update

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For Old North State Posse, the second half of the 2011 year proved 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 2011.

- With the move of the NC State Championship match to June in 2011, it was decided to start holding an ONSP annual match on the ONSP Nov. match date. So an 8 stage annual match, The Big Iron Showdown, was organized and held. Some version of this will be refined and improved for an on-going ONSP annual match. Yes, we know it ran too long this year. This will remain a single day event – we have no interest in anything beyond that. Going forward, we intend to list the ONSP annual match on the SASS web site link for ONSP.
- We purchased a used riding lawn mower to use to pull the ONSP trailer for setting up matches. This has helped a lot in match setup and cleanup. It is also proving useful for mowing around club equipment and props to minimize the amount of weed eating.
- Greys River Smith upgraded his gun cart and donated his old cart to the club for use as a loaner at ONSP matches. This helps with visitors or new members getting started. Thanks for this donation – it is appreciated!!
- We continued cleaning up the prop storage areas – keeping the green stuff cut down and getting rid of props that are no longer useable.
- Added some new props:
 - We now have 6 light weight frames with fabric store front facades (provided by Six String Jimmy's company) to provide some additional variation in shooting scenarios at ONSP matches. This included building some storage tubes for the fabric using some heavy duty tubes provided by Joe Danby.
 - We built a new outhouse/ticket office prop. It still needs a bit of paint but is ready to use.
- Refurbished some existing prop(s):
 - Refurbished the horse for use with our saddle for another shooting scenario. This included some work on the long gun staging units used with the horse.
 - Started working on making the wash tub more cowboy/cowgirl friendly for another shooting option.
- We continue to try and keep the ONSP web site current with Hugh Damwright's excellent technical support - <http://www.onsp.us/> In addition, Hugh Damwright has also been instrumental in helping keep the ONSP scoring software updated and in synch with the needs of the NC State Match. We recently performed our yearly software upgrade to keep the OS software current.

- We managed to dodge most of the weather in the second half of the year to get in 6 successful monthly matches including the ONSP annual match in Nov.

The ONSP Annual Membership Meeting

The ONSP annual membership meeting was held at the RCWA club house after the regular ONSP Dec. match. Many headed over to Baylee's Steakhouse and Sports Bar near the RCWA range after the annual meeting for an enjoyable gathering with our cowboy/cowgirls for some food and beverages. The following were the major annual meeting activities :

After the ONSP Dec. match awards were handed out, the annual ONSP membership meeting was held to allow input and direction from the membership for the coming year.

- The list of candidates for the ONSP board for 2012 was read. The floor was opened for additional nominations – there were none. Ballots were handed out to ONSP members to vote on five of the candidates – top five were the primary ONSP board members for 2012.
- So the following are the ONSP Board of Directors for the start of 2012.
 President: Oklahoma Charlie
 Vice President: Sisco Ron
 Treasurer: Joe Danby
 Secretary: Tracker Mike
 Board Member: KTown
 Alternate: Marshal Harland Wolff
 Alternate: Laden Payde

So we have two new ONSP board members for 2012 – Marshal Harland Wolff and Layden Payde. Marshal Harland Wolff is one of the founding fathers of ONSP (along with Oklahoma Charlie). Layden Payde has also been involved with ONSP since its early days. Both have had previous experience helping run ONSP so welcome back cowboys!

- We would like to thank both Rocky River Jeb and AR Stoner for their service for a number of years on the ONSP board. We still value your input and support on ONSP activities. Thanks!!
- The Shoot for the Loot program was briefly discussed – a number of folks were in contention for the club championship. Since the program now covers all ONSP monthly matches for the year, the final standings were computed after the Dec. match and awards will be handed out in Jan. Everyone who becomes an ONSP member for 2012 will automatically be included in the competition. 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 and includes all ONSP matches held in 2012. The 2012 Shoot for the Loot awards will be made in Jan. 2013 since the Dec. match(s) results will be included. You can join ONSP at any time during the year and we can go pick up any of your previous monthly match results so they get included.

The following are the subsequent 2011 ONSP Shoot for the Loot competition results. Participation by all of the ONSP members resulted in a very competitive event over the 2011 ONSP monthly matches. We ended up with 9 monthly match results that were included. The NC State Match in June is not part of the competition and the weather resulted in cancellations for Jan. and Feb. The following Shoot for the Loot awards were handed out:

Buckerette – Sugar Foot
Cowboy – Sisco Ron
Classic Cowboy – Cherokee Maddog
Classic Cowgirl – Filly McCoy
49er – Six String Jimmy
Duelist – KTown (Overall ONSP Champion for 2011 !!)
Elder Statesman – Rocky River Jeb
Frontier Cartridge Cowboy – Joe Danby
Frontier Cartridge – Doc Perry
Gunfighter – AR Stoner
Grande Dame – Green Eyed Indian
Ladies Cowgirl – Petticoat Pony
Ladies Duelist – Myra Venge
Ladies 49er – Sixgun Sallie
Ladies Senior – Cherokee Cass
Ladies Wrangler – Colorado Aspen
Senior – Train Wreck
Senior Duelist – Rosebrook Kid
Silver Senior – Greys River Smith
Wrangler – Marshal Harland Wolff

The overall ONSP club Shoot for the Loot Champion for 2011 was KTown !!

Congratulations KTown – he was the only ONSP member to shoot all 9 months included in the 2011 competition (68 total points). Joe Danby (67 total points) was a very close second. Rocky River Jeb and Green Eyed Indian (60 total points) were tied for third. KTown pulled it out with the attendance bonus for attending 100% of the matches.

The major ONSP activities, as covered in this newsletter, for 2011 were reviewed and discussed. In addition, a discussion about outstanding ONSP needs and projects was held. Those needs and projects are discussed in the plans for 2012. As always, we have more things we would like to do than we have funds to accomplish so we will need to set some priorities and look for some creative solutions.

Old North State Posse Plans for First Half of 2012

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the first half of 2012 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 feels very strongly that we need to continue our efforts around both recruiting new folks to cowboy action shooting and helping new participants get started and improve. The following will be the focus for 2012.
 - Making sure we have a good process at monthly matches to identify potential new participants that drop by and watch. Please take the time to welcome visitors and be willing to answer any questions they may have. Make them feel welcome. We now have handouts available at each match - make sure they are offered a copy.
 - Make sure we identify new cowboy action shooters (first time shooters) at each match and make sure that we have good coaches assigned for their first match or two.
 - We continue to try 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.
 - We are tentatively scheduling a couple of 5th Saturday cowboy action shooting clinics – June 30 and Sept. 29. These clinics will provide opportunities for both current cowboys/cowgirls to work on improving skills and allow new folks that are interested to try shooting a stage or two while trying out some guns. Ktown is organizing this effort.
- We will work on providing improved ONSP members info via the ONSP web site. The number one priority is to provide an ONSP active membership roster. This will probably be improved functions via the profile function.
- 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 2012 – May 31 – June 2 .
 - 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(s).
- ONSP will continue running a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for 2012:
 - The NC State Championship match will occur on the ONSP June monthly match date. This will be May 31 - June 2.
 - The ONSP annual match will be held on the regular Nov. match date. Details will be provided later in the year on the match details.

- After the December monthly match, the annual ONSP membership meeting for electing your Board of Directors for the next year and deciding on club direction/priorities will take place at the RCWA clubhouse. Please plan on attending– your input for the next year is needed and appreciated. We will head somewhere after the meeting for food and beverages – details closer to that time.
- Monthly match opportunities:
 - We are always looking for help with target setup on Friday afternoon before our monthly matches. They usually get together around 3:00 to 3:30 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 or review them with someone who will be at the Friday setup.
- The maintenance of the grounds immediately around the ONSP equipment shed is the responsibility of ONSP. This requires some monthly maintenance to keep the green stuff under control. Some assistance with this effort would be appreciated – you just need some weed eater skills. The liberal use of Roundup this past year has helped make this an easier task.
- We need additional shelter capacity for prop storage. We have started acquiring some of the materials to extend the shelter on the back of the equipment shed. This will require a work day or two for this to progress.
- With most of our target inventory needs addressed, we are going to look at adding some new and different target stands. Hopefully this will allow us to provide some different target scenarios.
- We will continue to refurbish some existing props as time and money allows.
 - The train engine needs some serious refurbishment.
 - The water trough needs to be refurbished – Rosebrook Kid has volunteered to work on this one.
 - The tombstones will be refurbished and fixed so they are easier to use.
 - The foam rocks will be fiber glassed as time and money permits.
- 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 would like to add some light weight fence and/or hitching post props. There are some new plastic fence options that are simulated wood if we could find a good price for some limited quantities.
 - 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 have a supply of ONSP badges now available. As usual, these are sold at the club's cost - \$50. See Joe Danby or Tracker Mike if you would like an ONSP badge.

REMINDER: ONSP membership dues run on a calendar year. So it is time to renew your membership for 2012. The yearly ONSP membership fee will remain at \$15 for 2012. You can renew at your first ONSP match in 2012 or send it in earlier if you would prefer. If it is a renewal and none of your contact info has changed, you do not need to fill out a membership form – just indicate it is a renewal. You can send to:

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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 2011 for ONSP !! It takes the help of all of the membership to make the operation of ONSP a sustainable and successful process. Again the ONSP Board does appreciate the feedback from the membership on what is working and what is not working.

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