

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2013 End of Year Update

Old North State Posse 2013 Activities

For Old North State Posse, the second half of the 2013 year continued to be a busy time for the club. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the second half of 2013.

- The third annual The Big Iron Showdown match was successfully held in Nov. We had about 60 shooters and the match seemed to go well – good weather and a fun match. The SASS NC State Black Powder Championship was included as part of the match this year. If you could not find a match to suit your preferences then we are out of ideas..... It is our current intent to run the same annual match scenario for 2014.
- Targets:
Our primary ONSP target focus was on shotgun targets during the later part of 2013 with the help of some of the cowboy community. Shawn Hagler (Herdzman) from up Lenoir way did an excellent job refurbishing our older Handle Bar Doc shotgun targets – new target faces and refurbished frames. In addition, we purchased 12 new shotgun targets from Richard Crotts (Nathan Hawkes). These new shotgun targets are smaller versions of the larger shotgun targets that Richard built years ago for ONSP. This completes our shotgun target refurbishment. Thanks Shawn and Richard !!
- ONSP Equipment Shed:
 - Started work on replacing the white trim on the shed – some new trim components for the corners of the buildings have been cur and painted. It has started rotting out so we are starting a replacement effort as time allows. New trim for the rest of the shed has been acquired and primed.
 - Did some minor landscaping around the equipment shed in an effort to reduce some mud and minimize erosion.
- Completed the refurbishment of the loading/unloading tables in the RCWA berms that we use for our matches. We put new carpeted tops on several smaller tables that were in bad shape and reinforced the legs. RCWA purchased much of the lumber for this project – thanks for the assistance Buckshot. Also, thanks to Rosebrook Kid and Ace of Clubs for the manual labor assistance.

- Completed refurbishing a mine ore cart donated by the Statesville club. We will start using it at some matches in 2014.
- We continued cleaning up and organizing the prop storage areas – keeping the green stuff cut down, getting rid of props that are no longer useable and keeping the bee population under control.
- We have had to perform some maintenance on the mower we use for match setup. KTown put some tubes in the rear tires and it now looks like we need to do the front tires. We had problems with the battery and have added a solar trickle charger that now keeps it charged. On a longer range note, we are starting to look for a used 4 wheeler to replace the mower we are currently using to pull the trailer for match setup. This would also allow us to move stuff around the range property as well when needed which we cannot now do with the mower. We are only interested in a 2 wheel drive since they are cheaper but unfortunately harder to find. So we shall see how this search turns out.
- Hugh Damwright and Tracker Mike have continued maintaining the ONSP web site (www.onsp.us). A rewrite of much of the ONSP web site code is under way to bring it closer to newer coding standards and to provide some consistency in the code base that has had many authors over the years. Hopefully this will improve the access to ONSP web site info via tablets and smart phones when finished.
- Upgraded the SASS scoring software a couple of times on the range computer in the club house.
- We had good weather in the second half of the year and held 5 successful monthly matches including the ONSP annual match in Nov. The Dec. match was cancelled – just too muddy after Friday night rain.

The ONSP Annual Membership Meeting

A brief ONSP annual membership meeting was held at the RCWA club house after the regular ONSP Jan. match since the Dec. match (the usual annual membership meeting) was cancelled due to muddy range conditions. Most folks headed home to warm up after a cold Jan. match so it was an abbreviated post match gathering. The following were the major annual meeting activities:

After the ONSP Jan. match awards and the 2013 Shoot for the Loot 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 2013 was read – Joe Danby, KTown, Layden Payde, Oklahoma Charlie, Sisco Ron, Tracker Mike and Train Wreck. This list included 6 of the 7 ONSP 2013 board members. Marshal Harland Wolff decided to not run for re-election this year with increased time demands from both family and the start up efforts for the new ALPhAS/CQTAS competition matches. If you want to play cowboy with some modern weapons, you need to go check out the ALPhAS/CQTAS matches being held on the fourth Sat. at RCWA. We would like to thank Marshal Harland Wolff for his input and contributions to ONSP activities as an ONSP Board member.
- No other candidates had requested to be included on the board prior to the meeting. The floor was opened for additional nominations – there were none. Thus the seven candidates for ONSP Board members were elected for 2014. If you have interest in serving on the ONSP Board in the future, please let an ONSP Board member know of your interest.
- So the following are the ONSP Board of Directors for the start of 2014.
Oklahoma Charlie – President and Match Director
Sisco Ron – Vice President
Joe Danby - Treasurer
Tracker Mike – Secretary
KTown
Layden Payde
Train Wreck
Note: The newly elected board has not yet met to determine officers for 2014 so we have listed the prior officers until such time as we make any changes.
- The 2014 Shoot for the Loot program was briefly discussed – it will be run under the same rules as last year. Everyone who becomes an ONSP member for 2014 will automatically be included in the competition. It is a fun venue for those that like to focus on shooting accurately and are at most of the monthly matches. If you are not familiar with the program, there is a detailed rules description on the ONSP web site – the rules for 2014 have been posted. The competition starts with the Jan. match and includes all ONSP matches held in 2014. The 2014 Shoot for the Loot awards will be made in Jan. 2015 since the Dec. match(s) results are 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 2013 ONSP Shoot for the Loot competition results. Participation by all of the ONSP members resulted in a very competitive event over the 2013 ONSP monthly matches. We ended up with 9 monthly match results (Dec. was cancelled) and the ONSP annual match that were included. The NC State Match in June is not part of the competition.

The following 2013 Shoot for the Loot awards were handed out:

Buckurette – Kat A. Klizum
Cowboy – Nunn Faster
Cattle Baron – Salvador Dally
Duelist – Stonefire Slim and Oklahoma Charlie
Elder Statesman – Brown Summit Kid
Forty-Niner – Layden Payde
Frontier Cartridge – Doc Perry (Overall ONSP Champion for 2013 !!)
Frontier Cartridge Duelist - KTown
Frontiersman – Capt. Jeb Forrest
Gran Patron – Ace of Clubs
Gunfighter – Tracker Mike
Grande Dame – Green Eyed Indian
Cowgirl – Ablazin’ Grace
Lady Duelist – Myra Venge
Lady Forty-Niner – Colorado Aspen
Lady Senior – Cherokee Cass
Lady Silver Senior – Ms Jewel
Lady Wrangler – Calamity Allie
Senior – Rubicon Ryder
Silver Senior Duelist – Rosebrook Kid
Silver Senior – Ten Spot
Wrangler – Marshal Harland Wolff
Wild West – AR Stoner

The overall ONSP club Shoot for the Loot Champion for 2013 was Doc Perry !!

Congratulations Doc Perry with 103 total points ! Mr Clean Shooter was hard to keep up with!! Ace of Clubs (94 total points) was a close second. Followed closely by KTown (91 total points) and Layden Payde (88 total points). The 2013 Shoot for the Loot was very competitive – as usual the effect of the Big Iron Showdown with double points and clean shoots were deciding factors . There were 4 participants that shot every ONSP monthly match in 2013 – Dakota Two Guns, KTown, Layden Payde and Tracker Mike. Let’s roll it out and get started again in Jan.!!

Old North State Posse Plans for First Half of 2014

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the first half of 2014 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 2014.
 - 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 which are in the back of the scoring notebooks 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 mentors/coaches assigned for their first match or two. Help the new folks start off on a positive note.
 - 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 currently have no 2014 new shooter clinics scheduled at this time. We can only hold these on 5th Saturdays at RCWA. There are 4 of these dates in 2014 and they all fall on dates that have conflicting activities. We are having discussions about some alternatives for engaging new shooters in 2014. We are going to start opening up the Friday setup sessions for potential new cowboy shooters that would like to come try it out. We would like to ask that we get a heads up if someone is interested so we can be prepared. We are also going to try to use our regular monthly matches for allowing potential new shooters some opportunities – we have occasionally done this in the past.

- 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 2014 – June 5 – June 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(s).

- ONSP will continue running a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for 2014:
 - The NC State Championship match will occur on the ONSP June monthly match date. This will be June 5 - June 7.
 - The ONSP annual match, The Big Iron Showdown, will be held on the regular 1 Nov. match date. Match details will be provided later in the year.
 - 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. Thanks to our usual setup crew – KTown (usually writes the stages), Ace of Clubs, Rosebrook Kid, Tex James, Joe Danby and Layden Payde.

- 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.
- We hope to become a bit more proficient using the new ACES electronic score collection process using tablets and/or smart phones. We have tested the process - some initial components have been procured. We have added a shelf on the outside of the ONSP equipment shed for the router during the matches.
- The maintenance of the ONSP equipment shed and the grounds immediately around the ONSP equipment shed is the responsibility of ONSP.
 - 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.
 - A major priority is some refurbishment of the exterior trim on the equipment shed. The original trim has started to deteriorate and needs to be replaced before it starts causing other problems. The trim around the roof line also needs some refurbishment. New trim has been purchased and primed.
 - A coat of paint for the equipment shed is needed.
 - Need to finish sealing the roof shingles on both ends of the shed – wind blows water under the shingles in heavier rain events. One end has been completed.
 - 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.
 - We would like to acquire some gravel to build a grass free parking area for the train cars and engine. This would help preserve the train cars. We have marked off a location – it has been too wet to try to get heavier loads back in that area.
- With our immediate target inventory needs addressed, we are going to look at both adding some specialty target stands to provide some different target scenarios and refurbishing some of the older target stands.
- We will continue to refurbish some existing props as time and money allows.
 - Refurbish water troughs – there are two that need some work. This would include building a false well platform on which to mount the hand pump.
 - The foam rocks will be fiber glassed as time and money permits.

- With the completion of refurbishing the berm loading/unloading tables, we intend to add some more small tables that are left in the berms for use as needed. It reduces the wear and tear on the loading/unloading tables that range users keep dragging out from the shelters – they eventually break the legs dragging them. It helps our monthly matches as well because we do not have to bring many tables to the berms for shooting positions.
- 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.
 - Build a new coffin.
 - We are considering building a new gallows that is on skids (easier to move) so we have an elevated shooting platform.
 - We would like to create some new horse props on which we could mount some saddles (we have saddles) for use in that shooting from horseback experience.
 - We have some 55 gallon metal drums that we would like to have painted so they look like old wooden barrels – improve the ambiance.
- Reminder: We still 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 2014. The yearly ONSP membership fee will remain at \$15 for 2014 (\$25 for family). You can renew at your first ONSP match in 2014 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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We had 64 ONSP members in 2013. Our membership fees are used to cover most of the ONSP annual liability insurance bill which is our largest recurring expense.

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 2013 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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