

## **Old North State Posse Chronicle 2014 End of Year Update**

### **Old North State Posse 2014 Activities**

For Old North State Posse, the second half of the 2014 year ended up being a bit slower for a change – a stretch of weather toward the end of 2014 that did not cooperate. When the weather impacts attendance, it slows down club/match support activities to match the revenue available. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the second half of 2014.

- The fourth annual The Big Iron Showdown match was held in Nov. under very wet conditions. We had about 12 hardy shooters that persevered. The SASS NC State Black Powder Championship was again included as part of the match. If you could not find a match to suit your preferences at the ONSP annual match then we are out of ideas..... The ONSP Board decided to move the match to a new date for 2015 – primarily to get away from the Southeast Regional date. The new date is on the April ONSP monthly match date which will be April 4<sup>th</sup> in 2015.
- Targets and Target Stands:  
Not much new activity to report.
- ONSP Equipment Shed:
  - We added a portable loading porch for the equipment shed. This allows the setup and teardown crews easier access when loading/unloading the trailer.
  - We did get RCWA approval on some paint colors for repainting the ONSP equipment shed.
  - We have made no progress on the ONSP equipment shed refurbishment.
- 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. Pulling the trailer with the heavy equipment loads finally cracked the rear frame area where the hitch was mounted. Much thanks to Long Branch Louie for welding the frame up and helping to fabricate a more robust hitch, We also did some needed maintenance/tune up while we had the mower available. So it continues to chug along with a new drive belt.
- On-line Resources:
  - Tracker Mike has continued maintaining the ONSP web site ( [www.onsp.us](http://www.onsp.us) ). With the new website code base, making changes and

updating has gotten a bit easier. We will probably do a bit more cleanup this winter. We are always happy to add your cowboy profile to the website or update an existing profile. Just send your request to Mike at [trackermike@ymail.com](mailto:trackermike@ymail.com)

- There has been a new Facebook page created and linked to the website – thought we would see how that might be used to keep up with and discuss ONSP activities. This is primarily intended for ONSP members/regulars.
  - ONSP also continues some financial support for the Carolinas Cowboys website which benefits all of the cowboy clubs in the area.
- Upgraded the SASS scoring software a couple of times as well as the range computer in the RCWA club house.
  - The weather has not been good to us at the end of the year. Even though we shot the Nov. and Dec. matches, it was not nice. The very limited attendance impacts the club revenue which impacts the ability to tackle some projects.

### **The ONSP Annual Membership Meeting**

A brief ONSP annual membership meeting was held at the RCWA club house after the regular ONSP Dec. match awards were handed out. It was a minimal turnout due to the wet weather conditions. The following were the major annual meeting activities:

After the ONSP Dec. match awards, 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 2015 was read – Joe Danby, KTown, Layden Payde, Sisco Ron, Tracker Mike, Train Wreck and Tex James. This list included 6 of the 7 ONSP 2014 board members plus one new candidate, Tex James. Oklahoma Charlie has decided to focus on the new ALPhAS/CQTAS competition matches. We would like to thank Oklahoma Charlie, one of ONSP's founding members, for his many years of 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 – as usual there were none. Thus the seven candidates for ONSP Board members were elected for 2015. Welcome aboard Tex James. 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 2015.

Open – President and Match Director

Sisco Ron – Vice President

Joe Danby - Treasurer

Tracker Mike – Secretary

KTown

Layden Payde

Train Wreck

Tex James

Note: The newly elected board has not yet met (the Jan. match was cancelled which is where this election normally takes place) to determine officers for 2015 so we have listed the prior officers until such time as we make changes. The 2015 officer positions will be posted on the ONSP website when we finally get a board quorum together.

- The 2015 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 2015 will again be automatically 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 2015 have been posted. The competition starts with the Jan. match and includes all ONSP matches held in 2015. The 2015 Shoot for the Loot awards will be presented in Jan. 2016 since the Dec. match(s) results are included in the final results. 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 2014 ONSP Shoot for the Loot competition results. Participation by all of the ONSP members resulted in a very competitive event over the 2014 ONSP monthly matches. We ended up with 10 monthly match results and the ONSP annual match that were included. The NC State Match in June is not part of the competition.

The following 2014 Shoot for the Loot awards were handed out:

Buckaroo – Hot Diggity Dawg

Cowboy – Earl E Bird

Cattle Baron – Salvador Dally

Duelist – Stonefire Slim

Double Duelist – Sisco Ron

Elder Statesman – Rocky River Jeb

Forty-Niner – Mustang Dave

Frontier Cartridge – Doc Perry

Frontier Cartridge Duelist – KTown

Senior Frontier Cartridge Duelist – Train Wreck

Frontiersman – Capt. Jeb Forrest

Gran Patron – Ace of Clubs

Gunfighter – AR Stoner

Grande Dame – Green Eyed Indian

Cowgirl – Little Boots  
Lady Duelist – Myra Venge  
Lady Forty-Niner – Hillbilly Hannah  
Lady Senior – Cherokee Cass  
Lady Silver Senior – Ms Jewel  
Lady Wrangler – Ablazin' Grace  
Senior – Tex James  
Silver Senior Duelist – Rosebrook Kid  
Silver Senior – Whiskey River Bill The ONSP 2014 Club Champion !!  
Wrangler – Three Cut  
Wild West – Layden Payde

**The overall ONSP club Shoot for the Loot Champion for 2014 was Whiskey River Bill !!** Congratulations Whiskey River Bill with 89 total points ! Tex James (86 points) was a close second. Followed closely by Doc Perry (85 points), Salvador Dally (82 points), Ace of Clubs (81 points) and Rocky River Jeb (80 points). The 2014 Shoot for the Loot was very competitive and went down to the last match to determine a winner – 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 2014 – Salvador Dally, KTown, Tex James, and Tracker Mike. Let's roll it out and get started again in Jan.!!

## **Old North State Posse Plans for First Half of 2015**

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the first half of 2015 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 2015.
  - 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 2015 new shooter clinics scheduled at this time. We can only hold these on 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at RCWA. There are 4 of these dates in 2015 – Jan., May, Aug. and Oct. If there is enough demand, we can schedule one of those 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. We will continue to be available at 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 in dropping by on a Friday setup day 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 2015 – June 4 – 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 2015:
    - The NC State Championship match will occur on the ONSP June monthly match date. This will be June 4 - June 7.
    - The ONSP annual match, The Big Iron Showdown, will be held on the regular 4 April match date. Match details and applications are available on the ONSP website ( [www.onsp.us](http://www.onsp.us) ).
    - 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, Whiskey River Bill, Tom Cody, 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. Matches will be cancelled if we do not have anyone available to handle this function. See Tracker Mike if interested.
- 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
  - 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.
- With our immediate target inventory needs addressed, we continue to look at both adding some specialty target stands to provide some different target scenarios and refurbishing some of the older pole 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 have a new plastic coating applied 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 another saloon themed frame store front with traditional saloon type door (doors have been donated by Stonefire Slim/Colorado Aspen). Maybe add a saloon bar.
    - Build a new coffin.
    - 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 2015. The yearly ONSP membership fee will remain at \$15 for 2015 (\$25 for family). You can renew at your first ONSP match in 2015 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 2014. 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 2015 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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