

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2016 End of Year Update

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For Old North State Posse, the second half of the 2016 year was pretty active – we had a run of good weather and good match turn out. We took advantage of the weather to get a few things done at the range. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the second half of 2016.

- **Targets and Target Stands:**
 - Train Wreck was able to get 32 new targets for a very nice price – a mix of tombstones, circles and squares. Thank you Train Wreck ! Also thanks to Tex James and Rubicon Ryder for helping to get the targets moved.
 - We added 3 new vertical target stands. Tex James made this project happen by getting his son to do the fabrication/welding. We had been talking about doing this for a number of years.

- **ONSP Equipment Shed:**
 - We are planning on having Red River Ray and Three Cut put some siding on the equipment shed to match the work they did last year on the roof and eaves.
 - We re-hung the doors on the equipment shed, painted them, and added new trim in preparation for new siding.
 - We finally extended the shelter on the back of the shed out to the fence line – some of that material had been hanging around for almost 5 years. There is still some additional work to close in some of the new area but the roof is on so we can get some additional stuff out of the weather.

- **Prop Activities/Efforts:**
 - Finished refurbishing the old foam rocks.

- 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.

- **On-line Resources:**
 - Tracker Mike has continued maintaining the ONSP web site (www.onsp.us). 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
 - Continued maintaining the ONSP Facebook site – 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 when requested 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 software in the RCWA club house. We have started looking at some different scoring software that has a much more integrated approach to capturing scores in real time on the berms. Requires some capital investment for a fairly robust Wi-Fi setup. Noticed at least one other shooting venue at RCWA (IDPA I think) is using a similar type setup now.

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. 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 2017 was read – Joe Danby, KTown, Layden Payde, Sisco Ron, Tracker Mike, Train Wreck and Tex James. This list included 7 of the 7 ONSP 2016 board members.
- 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 2017. 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 2017.
 - Joe Danby
 - KTown
 - Layden Payde
 - Sisco Ron
 - Tex James
 - Tracker Mike
 - Train Wreck

Officers for 2017 will be elected at first match in 2017 so results not available for 2017 since Jan. match was snowed out. Results will be posted on the ONSP web site when available.

- The 2017 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 2017 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 2017 have been posted. The competition starts with the Jan. match and includes all ONSP matches held in 2017. The 2017 Shoot for the Loot awards will be presented in Jan. 2018 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 2016 ONSP Shoot for the Loot competition results. Participation by all of the ONSP members resulted in a very competitive event over the 2016 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 2016 Shoot for the Loot awards were handed out:

Buckaroo – Hot Diggity Dawg
 B-Western - KeyHay
 Cowboy – Nunn Faster
 Cattle Baron – Rocky River Jeb
 Duelist – Stonefire Slim
 Double Duelist – Sisco Ron
 Elder Statesman – Sandhills Slim
 Frontier Cartridge – Doc Perry
 Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter – AR Stoner
 Frontier Cartridge Duelist - KTown
 Silver Sr. Frontier Cartridge Duelist – Train Wreck
 Frontiersman – Capt. Jeb Forrest
 Forty-Niner – Mustang Dave
 Gran Patron – Salvador Dally
 Gunfighter – Tom Bullweed
 Senior Gunfighter – Dingo Dave
 Cowgirl – Little Boots
 Lady Gunfighter – Colorado Aspen
 Lady Sr. Duelist – Myra Venge
 Lady Forty-Niner – Hillbilly Hannah
 Lady Silver Senior – Ms Jewel
 Grande Dame – Green Eyed Indian
 Senior – Whiskey River Bill
 Silver Senior – Rubicon Ryder **ONSP 2016 Club Champion! Congratulations!**
 Silver Senior Duelist – Rosebrook Kid
 Wrangler – Three Cut
 Wild West – Layden Payde

The overall ONSP club Shoot for the Loot Champion for 2016 was Rubicon Ryder!!

Congratulations Rubicon Ryder with 132 total points ! Myra Venge (127 points) was a close second – just one less clean shoot. The 2016 Shoot for the Loot was again 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, clean shoots and the attendance bonus were deciding factors. There were 7 participants that shot every ONSP monthly match in 2016 – Rubicon Ryder, Myra Venge, Rocky River Jeb, Green Eyed Indian, Layden Payde, Barbwire Benn and Tracker Mike. Let's roll it out and get started again in Jan.!!

Old North State Posse Plans for First Half of 2017

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the first half of 2017 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 2017.
 - 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 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 2017 new shooter clinics scheduled at this time. If we have interested parties, we are happy to schedule a Sunday afternoon. We also 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 2017 – Nov. 2 – Nov. 5 .
 - 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 2017:
 - The NC State Championship match will occur on the ONSP November monthly match date. This will be Nov. 2 – Nov. 5.
 - The ONSP annual match, The Big Iron Showdown, will be held on the regular 1 April match date. Match details and applications are available on the ONSP website (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 and Papa Chet who usually write the stages, Ace of Clubs, Rosebrook Kid, Tex James, Whiskey River Bill, Joe Danby and Layden Payde.
 - Would someone like to learn how to use our scoring software to do monthly match registration and scoring? We badly need some help with this match function. Yes being comfortable using computer based software is a requirement. 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
 - The plans are to have some new siding put on the equipment shed. The prep work for this has been completed.
 - We need additional shelter capacity for prop storage. The shelter on the back of the equipment shed has been extended – the roof is on with some additional side work to be accomplished. The addition of an additional storage shed will be evaluated after we have finished the work on the existing equipment shed – depends on available funds.
 - We will be doing some refurbishment work on the range tables prior to the state match – new carpet and/or stability repairs. May even add some new small tables for use on the firing line. We are going to build new loading/unloading tables for the new berm.

- With our 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 as money allows.
- The range trailer badly needs a new bed.
- We will continue to refurbish some existing props as time and money allows.
 - As always, there is some train car refurbishment needed – clean up and painting.
 - The fences need some refurbishment work.
- 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.
- Reminder: We still have a supply of ONSP badges now available. As usual, these are sold at the club's cost - \$50. See Train Wreck 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 2017. The yearly ONSP membership fee will remain at \$15 for 2017 (\$25 for family). You can renew at your first ONSP match in 2017 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 about 60 ONSP members in 2016 which was normal for our usual numbers in the 60s. Our membership fees are used to cover most of the ONSP annual liability insurance bill which is our largest recurring expense so your support is appreciated !

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 2017 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.

Joe Danby

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