

## **Old North State Posse Chronicle 2017 End of Year Update**

### **Old North State Posse 2017 Activities**

For Old North State Posse, the second half of the 2017 year was very active. The SASS NC State Championship match was held in Nov. and we had 4 monthly matches ( Sept. was rained out). The following is a recap of the major activities that the ONSP team tackled during the second half of 2017.

- **Targets and Target Stands:**
  - Couple of shotgun targets were broken during the SASS NC State Championship match. Long Branch Louie welded up the broken components – see if they will hold up for further abuse.
  
- **ONSP Equipment Shed:**
  - We purchased a new smaller utility trailer for use with the ONSP ATV/4 wheeler. It proved very effective during use of the state match.
  - Ordered new belts for the lawn/garden tractor used to pull the equipment trailer used for match setup/tear down. The old belts no longer pull a loaded trailer.
  
- **Prop Activities/Efforts:**
  - No additional activities.
  
- **ONSP Club Actions**
  - Renewed the SASS club affiliation – ONSP is a SASS affiliated club for 2018.
  - Purchased some new scoring notebooks and got those put together. The old ones had worn out and contained some obsolete information.
  - Updated the medical emergency contact info. The urgent care sources had all moved.
  
- **RCWA related news:**
  - New range access gates and procedures have been implemented. ONSP was given a lock back key that allows us to lock the new range electronic badge control gate open during match activities.
  
- 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.
  
- As usual, a significant number of the ONSP club members were involved in supporting the 2017 SASS NC State Championship which is always a major club

effort in the second half of the year. 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 again this year in the actual match. The club continues to work with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. to refine our support for the annual SASS 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. Not a lot of equipment prep work occurred this year – no officially designated work days. The North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. provides compensation for the use of the ONSP club equipment so we try to make sure everything is ready for the annual state match. We seemed to have covered the key stuff pretty well in 2017 with a number of our ONSP club members helping with the match setup on Tuesday and Wed., running side matches and helping clean up the range and putting the ONSP equipment away on Sunday.

Again thanks to all of the ONSP membership that pitched in to help with the state match efforts!! There were many more in the cowboy community that were major contributors to this effort - just some recognition for the ONSP membership.

- The ONSP club members made their presence well known at the 2017 SASS NC State Championship.

The following are most of the ONSP members who won category related awards at the SASS NC State Championship:

Red River Ray – NC State Champion Cowboy and Top Cowboy Overall  
Sixgun Sallie – NC State Champion Cowgirl

Red River Ray – 49er State Champion & Cat.  
Brown Summit Kid – Cattle Baron State Champion  
Green Eyed Indian – Cattle Baroness State Champion & Cat.  
Doc Perry – Frontier Cartridge State Champion  
KTown – Frontier Cartridge Duelist State Champion  
Ms Jewel – Gran Dame State Champion & Cat.  
Salvador Dally – Grand Patron State Champion & Cat.  
Sixgun Sallie – Lady Senior State Champion & Cat.  
Colorado Aspen – Lady 49er State Champion  
Myra Venge – Lady Senior Duelist State Champion & Cat.  
Mustang Dave – Senior State Champion  
Dingo Dave – Senior Gunfighter State Champion  
Stonefire Slim – Duelist State Champion & Cat.  
Hot Diggity Dawg – Buckaroo State Champion & Cat.

There were many other ONSP members that placed at award levels in many of the available categories. As always, great job !

**Also congratulations to Three Cut (Old North State Posse) for his NC Cowboy Top Hand award !!** Well deserved recognition for a very hard working cowboy.

- Upgraded the SASS scoring software a couple of times as well as the range laptop computer software. We have put together a Wi-Fi network configuration for use at some point in the future. This fairly robust Wi-Fi setup will be installed at the equipment shed for use during matches when it is decided to move toward some electronic scoring solution. This remains a low priority effort.
- On-line Resources:
  - Tracker Mike has continued maintaining the ONSP web site ( [www.onsp.us](http://www.onsp.us) ). If you have any requests or see updates that are needed, just send your request to Mike at [trackermike@ymail.com](mailto:trackermike@ymail.com) It is currently being reconfigured for 2018 ONSP activities.
  - Continued maintaining the ONSP Facebook site – it is slowly gaining traction with more of the ONSP members. This was originally intended primarily for ONSP members/regulars but has become a good source of contact for potential new members as well.
  - ONSP also continues some financial support when requested for the Carolinas Cowboys website which benefits all of the cowboy clubs in the area.
- ONSP membership (yearly membership runs from Jan. thru Dec.) is up from last year. We ended up with 62 ONSP members for 2017 – up from 61 in 2016. Thanks for the support !

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

A brief ONSP annual membership meeting was held at the RCWA class room after the regular ONSP 2017 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 2018 was read – Joe Danby, PaPa Chet, Rubicon Ryder, Sisco Ron, Tracker Mike, Train Wreck and Tex James. This list included 5 incumbents and 2 new members. Layden Payde and KTown decided to take a break from official ONSP Board duties – many thanks for their efforts and look forward to their continued support.

- 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 2018. 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 2018.
  - Joe Danby
  - PaPa Chet
  - Rubicon Ryder
  - Sisco Ron
  - Tex James
  - Tracker Mike
  - Train Wreck
 Officers for 2018 were subsequently elected at Jan. meeting at RCWA.
  - President – Tex James
  - Vice President – Rubicon Ryder
  - Treasurer – Train Wreck
  - Secretary – Tracker Mike
  
- The 2018 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 2018 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 2018 have been posted. The competition starts with the Jan. match and includes all ONSP matches held in 2018. The 2018 Shoot for the Loot awards will be presented in Jan. 2019 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 2017 ONSP Shoot for the Loot competition results. Participation by all of the ONSP members resulted in a very competitive event over the 2017 ONSP monthly matches. We ended up with 8 monthly match results and the ONSP annual match that were included. The NC State Match in Nov. is not part of the competition and we had two weather cancellations.

The following 2017 Shoot for the Loot awards were handed out:

- Buckaroo – Hot Diggity Dawg
- B-Western – Key Hay
- Cowboy – Wild Mustang
- Classic Cowboy – PaPa Chet
- Cattle Baron – Brown Summit Kidd
- Duelist – Stonefire Slim
- Double Duelist – Sisco Ron
- Elder Statesman – River Rat Randy

Frontier Cartridge – Doc Perry  
Sr. Frontier Cartridge – Long Branch Louie  
Frontier Cartridge Duelist - KTown  
Sr. Frontier Cartridge Duelist – Frank Loving  
Frontiersman – Capt. Jeb Forrest  
Forty-Niner – Boone Doc Willy  
Gran Patron – Salvador Dally  
Gunfighter – Sagebrush Sackett  
Senior Gunfighter – Tracker Mike  
Cowgirl – Petticoat Pony  
Lady Gunfighter – Colorado Aspen  
Lady Sr. Duelist – Myra Venge     **ONSP 2017 Club Champion!**  
Lady Forty-Niner – Hillbilly Hannah  
Lady Senior – Sixgun Sallie  
Grande Dame – Ms Jewel  
Cattle Baroness – Green Eyed Indian  
Senior – Tex James  
Silver Senior – Rubicon Ryder  
Silver Senior Duelist – Rosebrook Kid  
Wrangler – Three Cut  
Wild West – Barbwire Benn

**The overall ONSP club Shoot for the Loot Champion for 2017 was Myra Venge!!** This is the first cowgirl club champion since the Shoot for the Loot started. Congratulations Myra Venge with 99 total points ! Wild Mustang (84 points) was second. The 2017 Shoot for the Loot was again very competitive and went down to the last match to determine some of the category winners – as usual the effect of the Big Iron Showdown with double points, clean shoots and the attendance bonus were deciding factors. There were 5 participants that shot every ONSP monthly match in 2017 – AR Stoner, Frank Loving, Long Branch Louie, Tex James and Train Wreck. Let's roll it out and get started again in Jan.!!

### **Old North State Posse Plans for First Half of 2018**

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the first half of 2018 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 2018 new shooter clinics scheduled at this time. If we have interested parties, we are happy to schedule a date/time to make it happen. 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. Get in touch with Tracker Mike if there is interest in going through our new shooter clinic.
- 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 2018 – Oct. 31 – Nov. 4 .
    - 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 2018:
    - The NC State Championship match will occur on the ONSP November monthly match date. This will be Oct. 31 – Nov. 4.
    - The ONSP annual match, The Big Iron Showdown, will be held on the regular 7 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 2:00 to 2:30 at the range. Thanks to our usual setup crew – KTown and Papa Chet who usually write the stages Tex James, Whiskey River Bill, Joe Danby, Rubicon Ryder, Myra Venge 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.
- We will be doing some refurbishment work on the smaller range tables that we use for ONSP matches – they have significant wear and tear. May even add some new small tables for use on the firing line.
- 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. This will be a high priority.
- We need to put a new hitch assembly for a 2 inch ball on the new trailer. Then we do not have to change the hitch ball to switch between the two trailers.
- The train needs some repair and maintenance before it is ready for use again.
- 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 used on the stages 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.

We have about 62 ONSP members in 2017 which is normal for our annual numbers which are usually in the 60s. Our yearly 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 first half of 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

PaPa Chet

Rubicon Ryder – Vice President

Sisco Ron

Tex James - President

Tracker Mike - Secretary

Train Wreck - Treasurer