

## **Old North State Posse Chronicle 2011 Mid Year Update**

### **Old North State Posse 2011 Activities**

For Old North State Posse, the first half of the 2011 year got off to a slow start for the club. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the first half of 2011.

- Many of the ONSP club members were involved in supporting the 2011 NC State Championship which was the major club effort in the first half of 2011 with the move of the event to the first weekend in June. 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 this year in the actual match. The club continues to work with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. to refine our support for the annual 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. As usual, there are ONSP members that are also active North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. members. The North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. provides some compensation for the use of the ONSP club equipment so we try to make sure everything is ready for the annual match. We seemed to have it covered pretty well in 2011 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. Thanks for the help!!
- The ONSP club members made their presence well known in a number of larger matches including the 2011 NC State Championship in the first half of 2011.

The following ONSP members won category awards at the NC State Championship:

Marshall Harland Wolff – NC State Champion Cowboy and Top Cowboy Overall  
Sixgun Sallie – NC State Champion Cowgirl and Top Cowgirl Overall  
Red River Ray – Top Gun Men Shoot-off Winner  
Colorado Aspen – Top Gun Lady Shoot-off Winner

Salvador Dally – Cattle Baron State Champion  
Rocky River Jeb – Elder Statesman State Champion  
Green Eyed Indian – Grand Dame State Champion  
Sixgun Sallie – Lady 49er State Champion  
Myra Venge – Lady Duelist State Champion  
Tracker Mike – Senior Gun Fighter State Champion  
River Rat Randy – Silver Senior State Champion  
Marshall Harland Wolff – Wrangler State Champion

There were many others that placed at award levels in the available categories.

There were a number of ONSP club members that had good showings at other major matches in the first half of 2011:

Winter Range – National Championship

Sixgun Sallie – Second in Lady 49er

End of Trail – World Championship

Risin' Outlaw – Duelist World Champion – Congratulations !!

Rubicon Ryder – Fourth in Senior

Myra Venge – Fifth in Lady Duelist

Sixgun Sallie – Sixth in Lady 49er

Outstanding accomplishments for the ONSP membership so far in 2011 !!

- ONSP now has five Regulators as members:

Dingo Dave – currently providing TG services for another club or two

Marshal Harland Wolff – one of our experienced veterans in these processes

Oklahoma Charlie - one of our experienced veterans in these processes

Sixgun Sallie - current ONSP Territorial Governor (TG)

Tracker Mike - awarded at EOT in June

This is a good situation for ONSP. Hopefully we will keep everyone informed as to any of the SASS changes being discussed and/or voted on so everyone has an opportunity to discuss and voice their opinion. Please feel free to contact any of these folks with your input or questions on the various topics of discussion.

- We have finished up the upgrades to the ONSP target inventory. With the most generous assistance of Sisco Ron and Train Wreck Tim, we have added some new steel that has increased our target inventory and allowed us to retire the rest of the older targets that were showing the effects of years of use. These efforts have positioned the ONSP target inventory to support club activities for the foreseeable future. A most sincere thanks to both of these cowboys for this help!
- All of the broken shotgun targets were repaired and put back into service.
- We now have 6 frames (3 door and 3 window frames) that we can use as props for our matches. Six String Jimmy has provided the fabric fronts for 4 of these 6 frames and is working on the remaining two.
- We continued cleaning up 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.
- The train car refurbishment project was completed. New metal roofing was installed on the train cars – thanks for the help Ktown. Thanks to Buck Sage and Rocky River Jeb for finding us some roofing at an affordable price. This effort had to be accelerated after one of the spring storms flipped 3 of the 4 train cars and tore up 2 of the old roofs.
- Hugh Damwright had a busy time maintaining the ONSP web site. Our web site domain name (oldnorthstateposse.com) registration expired and we were unable to get the owner (a previous ONSP member) to renew it. Hugh rounded up a new domain name (onsp.us) and got it installed in a timely fashion. So the ONSP web site is now available via [www.onsp.us](http://www.onsp.us) for those that were not already aware of the change. Do not forget that Hugh reactivated the cowboy profile function on the ONSP web site. If you would like to have your photo and info included, please contact Hugh Damwright.
- 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 have already had a couple of software upgrades this year and another in the works.

- We have added some additional folks that are becoming quite proficient at using the scoring software to run an ONSP monthly match. Sixgun Sallie and Dingo Dave recently successfully run a monthly match. Nettles has recently started coming up to speed. Colorado Aspen and Perilous Patty continue to help in this role as well. Thanks so much for your help!
- The weather was a bit rough at the start of 2011 including storms that caused some prop damage. We did not have matches in Jan. and Feb. due to wet weather and range conditions. It has gotten better as the year has progressed. This impacted our membership renewals (yearly membership runs from Jan. thru Dec.) which typically start in Jan. and has had obvious revenue impact. We currently have 55 ONSP members for 2011.

### **Old North State Posse Plans for Second Half of 2011**

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the second half of 2011 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.

- ONSP would like to acquire a vehicle for towing the utility trailer at the range. This vehicle would be left at the range – probably permanently attached to the trailer. This would make it much easier on our volunteers when setting up and tearing down for matches. Golf carts and four wheelers are just not in our budget at this time. We would like to find a used riding mower with a good running 15+ hp engine and good tires. Put a hitch on it and have at it. If anyone has any sources or suggestions, then let us know.
- 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. The following will be the focus for 2011.
  - 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.
  - We will hold a stage at the end of a monthly match for potential new members to shoot a stage or two if they are interested. Please let Ktown or Tracker Mike know during the match that someone is interested. We may be able to accommodate during a match if a berm is open.
  - Make sure we identify new cowboy action shooters at each match and 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.
- 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 1- 2.

- ONSP will continue running a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for 2011:
  - Big Iron match at our regular Nov. match. The Big Iron match will have a 150 power factor requirement to participate in the Big Iron categories. The details for this match are still being refined at the writing of this newsletter. There will be extra Shoot for the Loot points for participating in the Big Iron competition. You will be able to shoot the Nov. match in the regular SASS categories if you wish to.
  - 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. Details on location and time will be provided closer to that event. Please plan on attending— your input for the next year is needed and appreciated.
  - Monthly match opportunities:
    - We are always looking for help with target setup on Friday afternoon before our monthly matches. They usually get together around 4 to 4:30 at the range. Thanks to some of our regulars that help with this: Oklahoma Charlie, Ktown, Joe Danby, Ace of Clubs, Layden Payde, Tracker Mike, Greys River Smith and Rosebrook Kid.
    - 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 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 plan to add some light weight fence and/or hitching post props. There are some new plastic fence options that are simulated wood.
  - We would like to put a layer of fiberglass on the fake rocks and get them painted so they are useable again.
  - 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 ONSP badges 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.

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 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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