

## Old North State Posse Chronicle 2012 Mid Year Update

### Old North State Posse 2012 Activities

For Old North State Posse, the first half of the 2012 year has been a busy time for the club. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the first half of 2012.

- Many of the ONSP club members were involved in supporting the 2012 NC State Championship which was the major club effort in the first half of 2012. 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 also ONSP members that are also active North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. members. 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 it pretty well in 2012 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 following ONSP members helped on workdays for getting ONSP props ready for the match:  
Ace of Clubs – made every work day except for a rain out !  
KTown  
Rosebrook Kid  
Joe Danby  
Frank Lovening  
Dingo Dave & Sixgun Sallie – master painters !
  - We had a number of ONSP folks that helped on setup day – I think things got setup in record time.
  - The berm ambiance/decorating crew did good – included Colorado Aspen, Stonefire Slim, Green Eyed Indian, Sixgun Sallie, Myra Venge and others.
  - Thanks to Red River Ray, Three Cut and Rubicon Ryder for bringing the motorized equipment used at the match and helping get the match equipment torn down and put up.
  
- The ONSP club members made their presence well known in a number of larger matches including the 2012 NC State Championship in the first half of 2012.

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

Marshal Harland Wolff – NC State Champion Cowboy and Top Cowboy Overall  
Red River Ray – Top Gun Men Shoot-off Winner

Red River Ray – 49er State Champion & Cat.  
Sugarfoot – Buckarette State Champion & Cat.  
Three Cut – Cowboy State Champion & Cat.  
Little Boots – Cowgirl State Champion & Cat.  
Rocky River Jeb – Elder Statesman State Champion  
Doc Perry – Frontier Cartridge State Champion & Cat.  
KTown – Frontier Cartridge Duelist State Champion & Cat.  
Capt. Jeb Forrest – Frontiersman State Champion  
Green Eyed Indian – Grand Dame State Champion & Cat.  
Sixgun Sallie – Lady 49er State Champion & Cat.  
Myra Venge – Lady Duelist State Champion & Cat.  
Tracker Mike – Senior Gun Fighter State Champion  
River Rat Randy – Silver Senior State Champion & Cat.  
Marshal Harland Wolff – Wrangler State Champion and Cat.

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

An ONSP club member that had a good showing at a major match in the first half of 2012:

Winter Range – National Championship  
Red River Ray – Wrangler National Champion ! Fifth overall !

Outstanding accomplishments for the ONSP membership so far in 2012 !!

- Just a reminder - ONSP 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 - the newcomer

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.

- Targets:
  - We continue to manage the ONSP target inventory with the help of Train Wreck and Sisco Ron. Thanks guys – your help has is much appreciated.
  - We sold some surplus targets to other NC clubs.
  - We added 20 knock down targets that will start showing up in ONSP monthly matches from time to time.
  - We added two target stands for holding clay targets or other small knock down targets.

- New props:
  - Added new rail fences – 2 units fabricated and donated by KTown and at least 8 units fabricated and donated by Greys River Smith. Thanks !!
  - Buckboard – Rosebrook Kid fabricated and donated this prop to ONSP. Thanks!!
  - Added some additional sand bags for securing props.
- Refurbished props:
  - A custom seat and table for use with the water tub was fabricated and donated by Rosebrook Kid. Thanks!!
  - Repainted the cab of the train engine – thanks Sixgun Sally and Dingo Dave.
  - Repainted the lone picket fence that was still around before the new fences were added – thanks Sixgun Sallie.
  - Installed new tops on a couple of smaller tables used on the berms – getting ready to do the remaining three smaller tables in need of new tops. Thanks to Ace of Clubs for this effort.
  - Built a new light for the train engine.
- 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 old gallows prop was finally scrapped – thanks to KTown and his brother.
- Hugh Damwright has continued maintaining the ONSP web site. Remember 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. We hope to start having a camera available at monthly matches and a form to fill out with your initial profile info. You can also send Hugh your profile info as well.
- The weather has provided some monthly match challenges during the first half of 2012. Rain threat a couple of months and the heat wave got us for the July match. But with cowboy spirit prevailed and all of the monthly matches took place. ONSP membership (yearly membership runs from Jan. thru Dec.) is up slightly this year. We currently have 61 ONSP members for 2012.

## **Old North State Posse Plans for Second Half of 2012**

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the second half of 2012 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. The following will be the focus for 2012.

- 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 scheduled two new shooter orientation sessions for 2012. The first was held June 30 with a decent turnout on a very hot day. Some of the participants of that June session shot their first cowboy match at the ONSP July match. The second session is scheduled for Sept. 29.
  - 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 2013 – May 30 - 31 and June 1.
  - ONSP will continue running a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for 2012:
    - The ONSP annual match, The Big Iron Shootout, will be held at our regular Nov. match date. This will be an 8 stage match with a break for lunch (included in the match fee). This will include regular SASS categories as well as special Big Iron categories – hopefully something for everyone.
    - 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. We already have an agenda item to discuss – rank point scoring vs total time scoring for the ONSP monthly matches. We can do either just want to see what the membership would prefer.
    - 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.
      - Always looking for anyone who would like to learn to run the scoring software – this includes both the match registration process and the subsequent scoring and match results processing.

- 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.
  - We are going to build some new racks under the existing shed to store all of the spare lumber so it is easier to access and is out of the weather.
  - 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 move some sand from the end of the parking lot to back of the ONSP equipment shed to build a grass free parking area for the train cars and engine. This would help preserve the train cars. Looking for the use of a Bob Cat or tractor with a front end loader for a couple of hours – may decide to rent one if necessary.
  
- 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 will address the rebuilding of the train engine – it started falling apart when it was moved for this year’s state match. It has to get done before it is used again.
  - The old water trough needs to be refurbished.
  - Build a new coffin.
  - Repair table tops used in the berms as needed.
  - We would like to put a layer of fiberglass on the fake rocks and get them painted so they are useable again.
  - 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.
  
- 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 2012 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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