

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2013 Mid Year Update

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For Old North State Posse, the first half of the 2013 year has continued to be 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 2013.

- A number of the ONSP club members were involved in supporting the 2013 NC State Championship which is always the major club effort in the first half of 2013. 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 2013 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
KTown
Rosebrook Kid
Joe Danby
 - We had a number of ONSP folks that helped on setup day. With KTown facilitating the positioning of the steel and major props, the major equipment was in place by about 3:30 – very efficient.
 - The berm ambiance/decorating crew did good – included Colorado Aspen, Stonefire Slim, Green Eyed Indian, Rocky River Jeb, Sixgun Sallie, Dingo Dave, Myra Venge, Rubicon Ryder and I am sure others.
 - Thanks to Ten Spot and his wife for manning the unloading table on the side match berm. Ktown and Rubicon Ryder were running the side match berm.

The ONSP club members made their presence well known in a number of larger matches including the 2013 NC State Championship in the first half of 2013.

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

Three Cut – NC State Champion Cowboy and Top Cowboy Overall
Six Gun Sallie – NC State Champion and Top Cowgirl Overall
Six Gun Sallie – Top Gun Ladies 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
Ace of Clubs – Gran Patron State Champion & Cat.
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.
Ms. Jewel – Lady Silver Senior 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 other ONSP members that placed at award levels in the available categories.

There was also a large NC contingent at the 2013 SC State Championship earlier in the year. The following ONSP members did well:

Sixgun Sallie – Top Cowgirl Overall

River Rat Randy – Silver Senior Category Champion
Sixgun Sallie – Lady 49er Category Champion
Ms. Jewel – Lady Silver Senior Category Champion
KTown – Frontier Cartridge Duelist Category Champion
Green Eyed Indian – Grand Dame Category Champion

Outstanding accomplishments for the ONSP membership so far in 2013 !!

- 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

Hopefully this 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 and Target Stands:
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.
 - Added some new large cowboy targets.
 - We sold some older large cowboy targets to the New Bern club that covered the cost of 5 new tripod type target stands.
 - After trying the 5 new target stands and liking their performance, we purchased 10 additional new tripod type target stands.
 - Built new racks for storing the new tripod target stands.
 - Long Branch Louie repaired a tall target stand that had been broken for a while.

- Prop Activities/Efforts:
 - We added some new brass shakers for dumping the brass when it is returned to the shooter at the unloading table. This project was handled by Frank Loving. Long Branch Louie provided some stand fabrication assistance as well. Thanks for the help – much appreciated!

 - Refurbished props:
 - We completed renovating the train engine!! This finishes up the renovation of all of the train components. We still have a few trim items we would like to do but all of the major work is finished.
 - Rosebrook Kid completed some maintenance work on the buckboard prop and the seat for the water tub. Thanks!!
 - Completed renovating all of the small range tables used on the berms.

 - Built a rack under the shed behind the equipment building for storing lumber that has been bought for various projects.

 - 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 Ktown demolition crew got rid of the old train engine remains.

 - Hugh Damwright continues to assist in maintaining the ONSP web site. Remember the ONSP web site is available via www.onsp.us. Do not forget that Hugh reactivated the cowboy profile function on the ONSP web site. Round up that cowboy/cowgirl photo and we will be glad to get it setup for you. You can send Hugh or Tracker Mike your photo and appropriate profile verbiage you would like included.

 - The weather has actually been fairly friendly to us so far this year for our monthly matches – a couple of marginal days but ok in the end. But the cowboy spirit prevailed and all of the monthly matches took place. ONSP membership (yearly membership runs from Jan. thru Dec.) is about the same as last year. We currently have 60 ONSP members for 2013.

Old North State Posse Plans for Second Half of 2013

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the second half of 2013 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 2013.
 - 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. The handouts are now in the back of the score sheet note books.
 - 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 2014 – June 5 thru 7.

- ONSP is currently negotiating a possible contract with the ALPhAS/CQTAS three gun shooting venue for providing the use of some ONSP equipment. The ALPhAS/CQTAS group now has a monthly RCWA match date – the fourth Sat.

- ONSP will continue running a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for 2013:
 - The ONSP annual match, **The Big Iron Showdown**, 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 now includes three different match options:
 1. The SASS NC State BP Championship
 2. The Big Iron categories for those that want to shoot big iron
 3. The regular SASS categories

- 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:
 1. 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 the first part of the year: Ktown, Joe Danby, Ace of Clubs, Layden Payde, Tracker Mike, Tex James and Rosebrook Kid. Buckshot Bowers was also usually in attendance.
 2. Always looking for anyone who would like to learn to run the scoring software – this includes both the pre-match registration process and the post-match scoring and match results processing. We will continue to look at using the ACES system to capture shooting results during the match to facilitate getting post match scores produced in a timely manner. This has been a collaborative effort of a number of the members.
- 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 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 acquire some gravel to build a grass free parking area for the train cars and engine. This would help preserve the train cars. We have marked off a location – it has been too wet to try to get heavier loads back in that area.
- With most of our target and standard target stand inventory needs currently addressed, we are going to look at adding some specialty target stands (for example a vertical rack). Input from the members on suggestions they might like to see is always appreciated. Hopefully this will allow us to provide some different target scenarios.
- ONSP has volunteered to refurbish the loading and unloading tables on the five berms where we shoot our matches. Thanks to Buckshot Bowers and RCWA for providing most of the lumber for this project. This project has just started.
- 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.
 - Refurbish water troughs – we have a new one donated by Iredell. This would include building a well type platform for the hand pump.

- Refurbish the ore cart donated by Iredell.
 - Build a new coffin.
 - 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 2013 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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