

Regulator Gazette

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Headline: Sheriff Foils Boot Hill Ambush

Sheriff Johnson had not kept it a secret that he was going to visit the grave of the recently ambushed deputy Fiffe. He was hoping the Dickweed Pelling gang that he suspected of ambushing the Deputy, would try to finish the job of doing away with with the Sheriffs Office in Regulatorville. It was about dark on Saturday when he entered Boot Hill. The hair on the back of this neck was tingling so he was pretty sure the Pelling Gang was lying in wait. He heard a leaf crunch from behind a nearby tombstone. Seeing nothing he quickly drew his 44 and fired a round at a nearby tombstone which ricocheted behind the tombstone he was worrying about. The bullet struck Dickweed Pelling behind the right ear and took him out of the fight. The Sheriff ducked behind a nearby grave marker and reloaded the single round he just fired. Just in time as it turned out as the rest of the Pelling Gang popped up and started shooting. The Sheriff came well prepared for the fight as evidenced by the empty pistol, rifle. and shotgun shells on the ground. When the smoke cleared, Pelling and 15 members of his gang lay ready for the undertaker.

The above was stage one of five stages at our match. Gunsmoke Morrison's wife Missalot Missy Morrison was also shooting the match . After Gunsmoke told her his secrets for shooting the stage she shot it with no misses. The stage required the shooter to bounce the first round off the tombstone and try to hit the cowboy which was close by with the same bullet. Probably half of the fifteen cowboys and cowgirl in the posse got credit for the bonus by bouncing the round into the cowboy.....We only had one cowboy that did not even hit the tombstone.....you guessed it—Gunsmoke Morrison. We hate it when that happens although it sure was funny at the time. Gunsmoke recovered well and came in second in the match.

Scores went like this: First Flight-Dick W. Holliday, Gunsmoke, Mad Dog, Little Mix and Wishbone.

Second Flight: Deacon Dave, Duplin Kid, Slow Hand, Lonesome Larry, Killer Karl.

Seniors Flight: Roberdale, Idaho Spud, Dock Clock, Tom Two Feathers.

Ladies Flight: Missalot Missy (She needs to change her handle as i'm pretty sure she had the fewest missed shots of anybody in the posse)

We had fifteen shooters at the April fracas and i'm pretty sure everybody had a good time. Except maybe Doc Clock who's rifle was gone after the smoke cleared from the match. Someone left a nicer rifle but Doc was kinda partial to his. A special thanks to our blacksmith "Pounder Pate" for pounding out the new steel we shot in the match. Also a special thank you to Burton Steel who supplies the steel. We still need more lady shooters to keep Missalot Morrison with some competition and also some junior shooters. We had a couple of new shooters by the names of "Killer Karl" Busick and "Tom Two Feathers" Fisk. Welcome to the Buccaneer Range Regulators.

The next match is May 18th so come if you can. Info about the Regulators and other scheduled **Buccaneer** matches can be found at www.buccaneergunclub.org or www.northcarolinacowboys.com. Don't forget—Take a kid shooting.....Respectfully submitted.....Ned Bluntline