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Headline: "Over the Hill Gang" Well Represented at May Match.....

The "Over the Hill Gang" Alias the "Guys Over 65 Years of Age Gang" made up half of the posse at the May Shootout.....Not only were they well attended but they shot well also—in fact, Roberdale came in second in the match. Other members of the Gang took 3 other places in the top ten scores.....Congratulations to them all and when they get another day off from the Regulator Resthome we hope they will all return.....just a side note, one of the gang named Idaho Spud had a little gun trouble which was traced to his using Geritol to clean it rather than Hoppes #9. Spud was heard to say that he thought it smelt a little funny and that his Geritol had been tasting funny—i guess he got the bottles confused.

Stage Two seemed to give the "Over the Hill Gang" the most trouble. The stage required the shooter to be riding his or her horse with reins (i guess that's how you spell it) in hand when a shot went by his or her head (politically correct you know since we had a Cowgirl in the posse). When the shot went by the shooter then had to swing around on the horse and shoot while riding the horse backwards. Several hernias were aggravated and knees and hips were heard popping but the stage was completed by all.

The best laugh of the day came when Roberdale attempted to shoot stage number three...The first few shots were with the shotgun but when it came time to shoot the 10 pistol shot...Oooops...no pistols.....Mr. Roberdale excused himself from the gunfight and went back to the loading table to retrieve his two six shooters.....Being the good ole cowboys we are, we let him repeat the stage.

The new range shelters came in handy since it got a little warm that day, the only problem was that when it came time to reset the steel and get the range ready for the next shooter—all the posse was under the shelter looking the other direction.....well you can't have it all i recon.....

Scores went as follows—the Seniors did so good that i'm going to list all shooters in order and note the Senior Cowboys.....Dick Holliday, Roberdale (Senior), Gunsmoke, Mad Dog, Idaho Spud (Senior), Prosper Kid (Senior), Lonesome Larry, Slowhand, Doc Clock (Senior), Duplin Kid, Tom Two Times (Senior), Farm Boy, Blacksmith (Senior), Tom Two Feathers (Senior). Missalot Missy won the Cowgirl division.....We need more cowgirls to give her a run for the money.....

Thanks to all that attended and be sure to look at www.buccaneergunclub.org to get the date for the next match.....and don't forget....."Take a kid shooting".....Respectfully submitted.....Louis La manure