

OCTOBER COWBOY MATCH: (Ray Campbell) Regulator Gazette October 26, 1897

HeadLine: Stranger Ends Dick Holliday's Rein of Terror: A stranger road quietly into town for the October Posse. He went by the handle of Deputy Gene. He stopped by the Hard Times Saloon and after a couple of drinks proceeded to blow away all the competition for stage one. After watching Deputy Gene's fancy shooting on stage one Dick Holliday (an aging Regulator gunfighter) and the rest of the posse knew they had their work cut out for them if they were going to keep up. Before the smoke cleared from the October Posse Deputy, Gene had to leave so before the scores were totaled up Holliday awarded him a First Place pin since there was no doubt as to the match winner.

HeadLine: Regulator Women Enjoy a Roll in the Hay: Missalot Missy and Notorious Nora both had hay in their hair after stage two. The stage required the Cowgirls to start shooting the pistol and shotgun from the horse and then dismounting and running over and taking cover behind the hay bails. The long range rifle was fired at five Pigaloes and the Western Zebra through a four inch gap between the hay bails. To score points for the Western Zebra the cowgirls had to shoot a head shot. I seem to recollect that both ladies scored the hit. Missalot edged out Notorious for the stage but Notorious Nora got the award for having the most hay in her hair.

As always there were a few memorable moments from the match. Holliday had a massive rifle jam on stage four and he tried to use the jam as an excuse for losing the match but when the club score keeping firm of Dewey, Cheatem and Howe figured the scores it was determined that if Holliday had shot the stage in one second rather than 47 seconds that Deputy Gene would still have cleaned Holliday's clock. It should also be noted that Gunsmoke also beat Holliday for the first time (Officially). Gunsmoke had claimed a victory a year or so ago but after an audit of the scores (by Holliday) Holliday claimed the win. By the way, Gunsmoke's Norinco 97 which puked at last months match was repaired by Gunsmoke with some Spearmint glue and some bailing wire and held together to help him beat Holliday.

Doc Clock maintained his conservative shooting style and dead eye accuracy to claim the victory over the other Senior cowboys. Lonesome Larry didn't like the handle that Holliday gave him a few years ago and has changed his name to Col. Case Hardin.

Scores went as follows: First Flight: Deputy Gene, Gunsmoke, Dick Holliday, Mad Dog, Col. Case Hardin.... Second Flight: Decon Dave, Slow Hand, Carbine Kid, Silverado, Haight Ladies: Missalot Missy, Notorious Nora. Seniors Cardiac Care Posse: Doc Clock, Tom Two Times, Tom Two Feathers, Idaho Spud, Blacksmith

We had 18 shooters at this months posse which I think may be a record by one or two shooters. It was a real treat to have Deputy Gene show up and show us how to really play the

game. After he left I heard someone say "Who was that masked man" but he really didn't wear a mask. The next years gun club calendar looks like the Cowboy matches will held on the third Saturday so you can be sure when they are. November's match is scheduled for the 23rd so we hope you can attend. To keep up with cowboy shooting in the area you can look at www.buccaneergunclub.org or look at Deputy Gene's site at www.northcarolinacowboys.com Thanks to all that attended this months fracas and as always.....Take a kid shooting.....

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