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Headline: Regulatorville City Java is scene of shootout.....

Aging gunfighters Doc Clock and Tom Two Times were having their morning coffee on the front porch at Regulatorville Port City Java. As aging gunfighters tend to do, they were comparing tales of each others exploits, and of course each was trying to outclass the others tale. Finally they had run out scars to compare and bear mauling exploits to discuss so naturally the subject came to who was the best shot. As it became obvious that telling shooting tales was not going to settle the argument, a shooting contest was determined to be the surest method of determining who the best shot was. They determined the best shot was the shooter that could hit the coffee can on the back shelf of the coffee bar five times Since each had mixing some of Doc's home brew with the coffee, the fact that the shop was full of customers didn't seem of much concern to either of them. The pair flipped a coin to determine who went first and Tom Two Times lost the toss. Doc Clock went first and stuck his 45 through a hole in the window and started shooting. Needless to say the patrons of the shop thought it was an ambush and started returning fire. By the time the smoke cleared Doc had emptied both his pistols, his rifle and his shotgun and the coffee can had at least five holes in it. This reporter tried to count the holes but there were too many to count. As Sheriff Holliday was taking Doc Clock to the slammer the Doc was trying to talk his way out of it by telling the Sheriff the story of the bet but Tom Two Times was nowhere to be found to back up Doc's story.....

Headline: The Tortoise Versus the Hare.....A fast draw story in the Ole West

The First Semi-Annual Bicentennial fast draw contest was held at the conclusion of the May Posse (For those who left early after the match, you didn't miss much). For some reason the May Posse got over a little earlier than expected and there were a few bullets left in everybody's belt and it was determined that if we didn't shoot 'em that they might go bad before the next match. Slowhand did not participate since his bullets had already gone bad (i just had to put that in...sorry Slowhand). So a fast draw contest was devised to burn up the extra ammo. The contest consisted of seeing who could draw their five shooter the fastest and shoot (and hit) a tombstone. The Posse headed out to Boothill and selected the tombstone to be shot. After measuring a few, the tombstone of Aliwicious Dickweed Holliday (a very distant relative of Dick Holliday) was selected. Since Dick didn't like the old buzzard anyway he didn't object. The contest quickly became the battle of the Tortoise versus the Hare.....The Tortoise became the slow and deadly accurate person of Idaho Spud. The Hare was the fast and sometimes deadly Dick Holliday. Spud went first and put out five shots that struck the tombstone in 5.27 seconds. Dick Holliday's turn came up later and leashed a hail of fire that was over in 3.22 seconds.....but.....Dick's last shot went into the ground and he was penalized 5 seconds for the miss. That made Dick's final time 8.22 seconds and dropped him to third place.....The first few scores went like this.....Idaho Spud 5.27, Roberdel 6.14, Dick Holliday 8.22, Col Case Hardin 9.62. So....until the next time we do this, Idaho Spud is the fast draw champion.....

The may Posse has 17 cowboys and one cowgirl in attendance.....The order of finish went something like this.....

Aging gunfighters....Roberdel,Idaho Spud, Doc Clock, Carbine Kid, BlackSmith, Tom Two Times, Tom Two Feathers

First Flight....Dick Holliday, Mad Dog, Dynamite Dan, Cherokee Jim, Deacon Dave

Second Flight....Duplin Kid, Col Case Hardin, Lonesome Dave, Doc Brown, Slowhand

Cowgirl.....Slowpoke

Since Spud must have practicing his fast draw and therefore forgot to buy the prizes, the winning shooters got a free shoot in June.

We'll be back at it on the third Saturday of June so be with us if you can and we'll plan on having another good time.....Also...if you have one, please bring your long range rifle to the June match as we plan to shoot the Quigley Bucket at 400 yards. This will be after the regular stages are completed. If you don't have one and want to play don't worry, because in true Regulator fashion we will have one you can shoot. As usual we will make up the rules on the spot but it should still be a good time. So until we see you in June.....Take a kid shooting.....Ned Bluntline