

Mine Branch Epitaph



Newsletter Of The Gunpowder Creek Regulators

Fall 2008

Buffalo Bill has Come And Gone ...but the Memories still linger!!

Well the Buffalo Bills Wild West Show has come and gone... and what a match it was! The carnival atmosphere and festivities had smiling faces all around town. Even the uncertainty of gas availability and volatile pricing did not keep 48 shooters from taking the road through Happy Valley to Mine Branch. The MW9 had several new targets, a new look to some old standards, along with fast and furious side matches built right into the match. Gunpowder Creek Regulators were presented some very interesting and fun stages. To mention a few...an old-time shooting gallery with knock-down ducks; a rifle string that simulated a "strong man;" and a moving pistol target that gave the look of a cowboy riding a bucking bronco. Only three regulators made it through the match clean and received the coveted clean match award ~ Congratulations on a clean match to Fannie Kikinshoot, Brushy Mountain Jack, and River Rat Randy. A shotgun and gun cart were raffled. All shooters received a "prize" by picking a rubber duck from the tub. Some excellent prizes were donated!

Last but not least, Congratulations to our new Ladies Club Champion, SIXGUN SALLIE and to RIVER RAT RANDY, who remains our Men's Club Champion and Top Overall Shooter.

"Milk, please."

BY Chilkoot

Billy Nighthawk paused just outside the batwing doors and after adjusting the bundle in his shirt, cast a nervous look at the patrons in the dim light of the saloon. Billy sensed no trouble and so casually entered and made his way unhurriedly to the bar. A dark man stood at the far end, his right leg bent at the knee, boot heel pressed against the wall. The wall bore the marks of many such abuses. The floors were littered by burnt matches and the detritus (whatever that means) of many of men fresh off the trail. The bartender, a neatly townie asked, "What'll it be waddie?". Billy glanced at the dark man and replied, "milk please". Idle chatter stopped. Dice chattered to a stop. Hands braked at the roulette wheel. All eyes immediately focused on Druid Goodwin at the end of the bar. "What the hell did you ask for?". Milk ..if that's OK. "Barkeep give the boy a milk if that's what he wantsBUT first he's goin' join me in a mans drink!!" Druid loosened his pistol in it's holster and slowly and menacingly advanced toward Billy. The bartender poured one glass of milk and another full of dark, lumpy liquid marked "Druid's Favorite" on a hand written label. "Now, friend, less'n you got a good reason you'd best down the snakehead juice a'for you reach for that milk. Billy's hand moved in a blur, the left reached inside his shirt and put the kitten on the bar at the milk and simultaneously his right hand drew, cocked and stuck the long barreled sixgun at Druid's nose Druid responded, "Well, that's different, sir, I misjudged you ...my mistake, no hard feelings and pardon me whilst I find my way to the gents".

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MW9 CATEGORY WINNERS

Men's Senior

River Rat Randy

Ladies '49

Sixgun Sallie

'49

Bullshead Bill

B-Western

Double Shot O'Rielly

Classic Cowboy

Four Finger Jon

Duelist

Risin' Outlaw

Elder Statesman

General Tray Hollow

Frontier Cartridge

Back Home

Gun Fighter

El Hombre Jorge

Junior Boys

Sidewinder

Ladies B-Western

Cherokee Cass

Ladies Frontier Cartridge

Cheeki Girl

Ladies Traditional

Silvera Durango

Modern

Dusty Gunfighter

Ladies Modern

Elm Savannah

Senior Duelist

Morgan Astrobilt

MW9 Winners (cont.)

Silver Senior

Splinter Hauser

Traditional

Chopper Dog



Past match clean shooters

June NO Clean shooters

July Bonehead Baker, Greasy Creek
and Doc Cherokee

August Flat Iron, Hiem and
Sidewinder

Congratulations to all!!



The Annual Club Meeting was held after the MW9 and the business at hand was the election of the board of directors. A motion was made that the current directors be elected for another year ..that motion was seconded and passed with an unanimous vote.

◇ ALL FOR NOW ◇