

The  
Mine Branch  
Epitaph

Newsletter of the  
Gunpowder Creek  
Regulators, Inc.



Sept. 2002



COWBOY ACTION  
SHOOTING CLUB  
Lenoir, NC



### Annual Meeting

As prescribed by our by-laws, the annual meeting for our club was held following September's match. The first item on the agenda was election of officers. The results of the vote are as follows:

President~Horsetrader

Range Master~Ripshin

Secretary Treasurer~Hannah Dubyatu

Top Hand~Herdzman

Safety Officer~Walking Bear

Board Member~Right Handy

Board Member~Useless Doug

The next item on the agenda was discussion regarding our annual match. Horsetrader presented a proposal to move the Mallie Woods Memorial Shoot to a different date. Having our annual match on the third Saturday could result in visitors unfamiliar with our 'members only' policy traveling great distances to shoot with our club and not being allowed to do so. The October date was originally chosen to generate funds for yearly insurance premiums. With the growth of our club being what it has over the past two years, it is no longer necessary for such a match to be held during that particular time of the year. It was recommended that our annual match be held in April, Mrs. Woods' birth month, and holding it on the second Saturday so that visitors would not be excluded from any of our regular monthly matches. It was also recommended that there be no registration fee for members to shoot at our annual match, charging only for the meal. Having a free match would be the club's way of saying Thank You to our members and allow the club to 'give something back' to those who have helped us grow. These recommendations were accepted by our members and will take effect next year. This year's annual match was not affected by this proposal. Our Fourth Annual Mallie Wood's Memorial Shoot will be held on April 12, 2003. Our regular monthly match for April will be the following weekend.

It was also decided that for this year's match door prizes would not be requested of the members. The economy has limited many businesses to what they can donate and the members did not feel that is important for every participant to receive a door prize.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Match ~ Members Only ~ October 19th ~ 10 a.m.**

## Happy Anniversary

The following members are celebrating their anniversary as a Regulator in the month of September;

Ross Rutherford	Two years
Marshall Ben Simkins	Two years
Blue Eyed Stranger	One year
Ranger Lone Wolf	One year

Thank you for being a part of our family.

## Another Milestone!

We never dreamed that fifty shooters would join our club when we started out several years ago. However, we reached that milestone in July of 2001 when everyone's best friend Hiem joined up. This month we reached another milestone, #100!

We welcome the following shooters who joined our club in September;

Robert 'Big Jake' Hosey

Susan 'Sly' Hosey

Kristen 'Angel Girl' Hosey

Shannon 'Tumbleweed' Hosey

Zachary 'Little Jake' Hosey

\*Joe 'Traveler' Woods #100\*

Stephen 'Diamond Back' Dennis

Elizabeth 'Carolina Gem' Dennis

Chris 'Silvercreek Kid' Benfield

Elizabeth 'Lil Bit' Sigmon

Ray 'Sonoma Kid' Pierce

Ed 'Jake Slade' Wade

Tony 'Tin Star Tony' Deas

Kathy 'Catawba Kate' Laughlin

and

Jim 'Barrel Head' Laughlin

We're proud to have each of you and look forward to shooting with you!

**D**id you know that the hit TV show GUNSMOKE was originally a radio program? Of course you did, but do you know who the stars were? Staring as Matt Dillon was William Conrad, Howard McNear (Floyd the barber from Andy Griffith) as Doctor Charles Adams, Parley Baer (The Mayor from Andy Griffith) as Chester Wesley Proudfoot, and Georgia Ellis as Kitty Russell. GUNSMOKE was on radio from April 26, 1952 to June 18, 1961. During the nine years on the air there were 413 radio stories, many of which were later adapted to the television series.