

Old North State Posse Chronicle 2012 End of Year Update

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For Old North State Posse, the second half of the 2012 year continued to be a busy time for the club. The following is a recap of the major activities which the ONSP team tackled during the second half of 2012.

- The second annual The Big Iron Showdown match was successfully held in Nov. We had about 50 shooters and the match seemed to run a bit smoother than the first annual match. We added awards for all match categories this year and introduced some new award plaques. SASS has already contacted us about getting the date for the 2013 match posted in the SASS environment. So the intention is to do it again in 2013!
- Targets:
We continue to manage the ONSP target inventory with the help of Train Wreck and Sisco Ron. We are continuing to refurbish our steel inventory by replacing the older steel. Rubicon Ryder has also been helping with some target modifications. Thanks guys – your help continues to be much appreciated.
- ONSP Equipment Shed:
 - Started work on replacing the white trim on the shed – some new trim components for the corners of the buildings have been cur and painted. It has started rotting out so we are starting a replacement effort as time allows.
 - Need to finish sealing the roof shingles on both ends of the shed – wind blows water under the shingles in heavier rain events. One end has been completed.
 - We added a lumber rack under the shelter on the back of the equipment shed. This now provides a place to keep lumber for the various projects out of the weather and easily available.
 - Did some minor landscaping around the equipment shed in an effort to reduce some mud and minimize erosion.
- Continued working on a project to refurbish some of the tables in the RCWA berms that we use for our matches. We put new carpeted tops on several smaller tables that were in bad shape and reinforced the legs. We will now start looking at some work on some of the larger tables that we use for loading and unloading tables that need some repair work.
- We continued cleaning up the prop storage areas – keeping the green stuff cut down, getting rid of props that are no longer useable and keeping the bee population under control.

- Hugh Damwright and Tracker Mike have continued maintaining the ONSP web site. Remember the ONSP web site is now available via www.onsp.us for those that were not already aware of the change. Do not forget that Hugh reactivated the cowboy profile function on the ONSP web site. We hope to start having a camera available at monthly matches and a form to fill out with your initial profile info. You can also send Hugh your profile info as well.
- We had very good weather in the second half of the year and held 6 successful monthly matches including the ONSP annual match in Nov. This is the first time in many years that we did not have a single match cancellation for the entire year.

The ONSP Annual Membership Meeting

The ONSP annual membership meeting was held at the RCWA club house after the regular ONSP Dec. match. Many headed over to Baylee's Steakhouse and Sports Bar near the RCWA range after the annual meeting for an enjoyable gathering with our cowboy/cowgirls for some food and beverages. The following were the major annual meeting activities :

After the ONSP Dec. match awards were handed out, the annual ONSP membership meeting was held to allow input and direction from the membership for the coming year.

- The list of candidates for the ONSP board for 2013 was read – it was the seven existing 2012 board members. No other candidates had requested to be included. The floor was opened for additional nominations – there were none. Thus the existing seven 2012 ONSP Board members were re-elected for 2013.
- So the following are the ONSP Board of Directors for the start of 2013.
Oklahoma Charlie – President and Match Director
Sisco Ron – Vice President
Joe Danby - Treasurer
Tracker Mike – Secretary
KTown
Marshal Harland Wolff
Layden Payde
- After the Jan. match, the 2013 ONSP Board decided to formalize the Match Director position which had previously been an informal position/function. The ONSP By-Laws have been updated to reflect that change. Just trying to clarify the roles and responsibilities and to make sure we had someone designated for each monthly match.

- The Shoot for the Loot program was briefly discussed – a number of folks were in contention for the club championship. Since the program now covers all ONSP monthly matches for the year, the final standings were computed after the Dec. match and awards will be handed out in Jan. Everyone who becomes an ONSP member for 2013 will automatically be included in the competition. It is a fun venue for those that like to focus on shooting accurately and are at most of the monthly matches. If you are not familiar with the program, there is a detailed rules description on the ONSP web site – the rules for 2013 have been posted. The competition starts with the Jan. match and includes all ONSP matches held in 2013. The 2013 Shoot for the Loot awards will be made in Jan. 2014 since the Dec. match(s) results are included. You can join ONSP at any time during the year and we can go pick up any of your previous monthly match results so they get included.

The following are the 2012 ONSP Shoot for the Loot competition results. Participation by all of the ONSP members resulted in a very competitive event over the 2012 ONSP monthly matches. We ended up with 10 monthly match results and the ONSP annual match that were included. The NC State Match in June is not part of the competition. The following 2012 Shoot for the Loot awards have been handed out:

Buckerette – Kat A. Klizum
 Cowboy – Train Wreck
 Cattle Baron – Ace of Clubs and Salvador Dally
 Classic Cowboy – Cherokee Maddog
 Duelist – Stonefire Slim
 Elder Statesman – Rocky River Jeb and Brown Summit Kid
 Forty-Niner – Layden Payde
 Frontier Cartridge – Doc Perry
 Frontier Cartridge Duelist - KTown
 Frontiersman – Capt. Jeb Forrest
 Gunfighter – Tracker Mike (Overall ONSP Champion for 2012 !!)
 Grande Dame – Green Eyed Indian
 Lady Cowgirl – Ablazin' Grace
 Lady Duelist – Myra Venge
 Lady Forty-Niner – Colorado Aspen
 Lady Senior – Cherokee Cass
 Lady Wrangler – Calamity Allie
 Senior – Rubicon Ryder
 Senior Duelist – Rosebrook Kid
 Silver Senior – Ten Spot
 Wrangler – Marshal Harland Wolff
 Wild West – Three Cut

The overall ONSP club Shoot for the Loot Champion for 2012 was Tracker Mike !!
 Congratulations Tracker Mike with 107 total points ! AR Stoner (105 total points) was a very close second. Gunfighters rock!! Followed closely by Marshal Harland Wolff (100 total points), Rubicon Ryder (98 total points) and KTown (97 total points). The

2012 Shoot for the Loot was the most competitive yet – especially after a number of shooters took advantage of the Big Iron Showdown that had double points. In addition, we had a Shoot for the Loot first and it actually happened twice. We had two categories that ended up tied for first place – so we have two awards for both of those categories. This was also the first time we had multiple participants that shot every single monthly match - there were actually 5. Let's roll it out and get started again in Jan.!!

Old North State Posse Plans for First Half of 2013

So what are some of the areas that we would like to address in the first half of 2013 and beyond? As usual we have a list of things we think that we need to eventually address. As you will notice, there are plenty of opportunities for club members to participate in some of the activities that it takes to keep ONSP operating effectively. Just get in touch with a Board of Director member if you see an activity with which you would like to assist.

- The ONSP membership feels very strongly that we need to continue our efforts around both recruiting new folks to cowboy action shooting and helping new participants get started and improve. The following will be the focus for 2013.
 - Making sure we have a good process at monthly matches to identify potential new participants that drop by and watch. Please take the time to welcome visitors and be willing to answer any questions they may have. Make them feel welcome. We now have handouts available at each match - make sure they are offered a copy.
 - Make sure we identify new cowboy action shooters (first time shooters) at each match and make sure that we have good coaches assigned for their first match or two.
 - We continue to try to update the ONSP web site info to try to better identify what new cowboy action shooters should expect and how to get ready to participate.
 - We are tentatively scheduling a couple of cowboy action shooting clinics in 2013 – March 30 (Sat.) and Sept. 22 (Sun.). These clinics will provide opportunities for both current cowboys/cowgirls to work on improving skills and allow new folks that are interested to try shooting a stage or two while trying out some guns. Ktown is organizing this effort.
- ONSP will continue to work with the North Carolina Cowboys, Inc. to support the annual NC State Championship match, The Uprising at Swearing Creek, and help to make this a successful event in 2013 – May 30 – June 1 .
 - This will include a work day or two to get the props and equipment ready. Keep an eye open for a notice on the workday(s).

- ONSP will continue running a full set of fun monthly matches. Remember the following schedule of events for 2013:
 - The NC State Championship match will occur on the ONSP June monthly match date. This will be May 30 - June 1.
 - The ONSP annual match, The Big Iron Showdown, will be held on the regular 2 Nov. match date. Details will be provided later in the year on the match details.
 - Monthly match opportunities:
 - We are always looking for help with target setup on Friday afternoon before our monthly matches. They usually get together around 3:00 to 3:30 at the range.
 - Would someone like to learn how to use our scoring software to do monthly match registration and scoring? Always looking for some more participants. See Tracker Mike if interested.
 - Would someone like to try their hand at writing the stages for a monthly match? Just remember that if you write stages, you will need to be available to set them up on Friday afternoon or review them with someone who will be at the Friday setup.

- We hope to start evaluating the new ACES electronic score collection process using tablets and/or smart phones. Some initial components have been procured. We will start testing an initial configuration to see how it will work in the ONSP environment.

- The maintenance of the grounds immediately around the ONSP equipment shed is the responsibility of ONSP. This requires some monthly maintenance to keep the green stuff under control. Some assistance with this effort would be appreciated – you just need some weed eater skills. The continued use of Roundup has helped make this an easier task.

- Equipment shed repairs:
 - Finish work on replacing the white trim on the shed. It has started rotting out so we are starting a replacement effort as time allows.
 - Need to add some additional supports under the shed on the end with the steel and target stands.
 - Need to finish sealing the roof shingles on both ends of the shed – wind blows water under the shingles in heavier rain events. One end has been completed.
 - Add a shelf on the exterior for a Wi-Fi router. Materials have been procured.

- We need additional shelter capacity for prop storage. We have started acquiring some of the materials to extend the shelter on the back of the equipment shed. This will require a work day or two for this to progress.

- With most of our target inventory needs addressed, we are going to look at adding some new and different target stands. This will be a higher priority for 2013. We have identified a supplier of some folding tripod type stands that look very nice. We will be buying several of these and give those a try. We will also start refurbishing some of the existing stands. We are also talking about some vertical target racks – this will require some fabrication on our part.
- We are going to add some brass shaker units for use at the unloading tables. These will have screen bottoms to separate the brass and the sand and gravel. This will help provide cleaner brass and keep the dirt from accumulating on the unloading table carpet. Frank Loving has volunteered to do head this effort.
- We will continue to refurbish some existing props as time and money allows.
 - The train engine needs some serious refurbishment. This is now a top priority prior to the 2013 State match – the skids have finally crumbled. The train engine is not usable until it is rebuilt.
 - The water trough needs to be refurbished .
 - The foam rocks will be fiber glassed as time and money permits.
- We will continue to look for some opportunities to add some new props to the ONSP inventory and repair some of the existing stuff. Probably will schedule some repair work as part of the preparations for the NC State Championship.
 - We would like to create some new horse props on which we could mount some saddles for use in that shooting from horseback experience.
 - We would also like to add some type of elevated platform to shoot from for a different type of effect – shooting down at targets.
- Reminder: We still have a supply of ONSP badges now available. As usual, these are sold at the club's cost - \$50. See Joe Danby or Tracker Mike if you would like an ONSP badge.

REMINDER: ONSP membership dues run on a calendar year. So it is time to renew your membership for 2013. The yearly ONSP membership fee will remain at \$15 for 2013 (\$25 for family). You can renew at your first ONSP match in 2013 or send it in earlier if you would prefer. If it is a renewal and none of your contact info has changed, you do not need to fill out a membership form – just indicate it is a renewal. You can send to:

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From the ONSP Board of Directors, we would like to thank all of the ONSP membership and those non-members as well who have provided their support to make this a successful 2013 for ONSP !! It takes the help of all of the membership to make the operation of ONSP a sustainable and successful process. Again the ONSP Board does appreciate the feedback from the membership on what is working and what is not working.

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