
THE LONG RIDERS, INC.

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From The Trail Boss Loco Poco Lobo

Are you ready to shoot? I am; it has been a long winter, but I did not hibernate. One of my winter projects is complete and ready for your viewing pleasure. Go to <http://www.long-riders.org/> and take a peek. Yes, the **LONG RIDERS** now has a website – complete with the shooting calendar, match scenarios, match scores, membership information, newsletters and much more! If you have any suggestions, please drop me a line.

Annual Meeting Recap

Our **LONG RIDERS** Annual Membership meeting was at Shortsville on February 23rd. The meeting started with the **VILE BUNCH'S** annual reports, the Election of Officers, and club business/open forum.

You newly elected slate of officers are as follows:
Trail Boss (President) – **Loco Poco Lobo** a.k.a. Marissa Andolino
Foreman (Vice President) – **Raunchy Rick** a.k.a. Dick Schultz
Paymaster (Treasurer) – **Death Nell** a.k.a. Kelly Adams
Clerk (Secretary) – **Cactus Jack** a.k.a. Greg Travis
Safety Officer – **Nawlins Kid** a.k.a. Sam Andolino

Unfortunately, the **LONG RIDERS** and **VILE BUNCH** proposal for a barrier was rejected by the Shortsville membership. Although the Shortsville Board supported the idea, the skeet league shooters threatened to boycott shoots at Shortsville if a berm was created. Since this is one of the biggest sources of revenue for the club, they had to turn us down.

Survey Results & New Business

We discussed the key points made by the membership in the survey responses.

- Starting on time – it is okay if we are only 10-15 minutes late in starting; one of the difficulties this past year was soliciting posse leaders; the **VILE BUNCH** will describe the Posse Leader's duties to solicit more volunteers.
- Long Range – allow people to shoot more than 1 gun, if time permits; we do NOT want to hold up posses; people need to inform the scorekeeper what gun they are going to use.
- Sometimes the shoot runs long - this can be due to the number of people that attend a shoot and therefore the number of posses; we need a minimum number of people on each side of the posse to cover the assignments.
- Resetting Fallen Targets – multiple suggestions were made; shoot where the target was, designate a replacement target, etc.; the **VILE BUNCH** was asked to determine the appropriate procedure and inform the posse leaders during the scenario walk-through and the shooters at the safety meeting.
- The "flexible coaching/mentor system" - worked well and we should continue it.
- Member's List – some members would like to have a list of all **LONG RIDERS**, including contact information (phone number and/or email); we will have to poll the members to include them on the list.
- Website – the **LONG RIDERS** now has a website; it will have photos, scenarios, newsletters, description of the **LONG RIDERS**, Shooter's Handbook (with info on costuming, guns, ammo, when and where we shoot, etc.), membership applications, **VILE BUNCH** contacts, By-Laws, sale items, SASS link, etc.
- Income & Expenses – income from the 3-Day Shoot and monthly matches has decreased over the last few years; there are many reasons (loss of members, members unable to shoot any longer, moving out of the area, ammo too expensive, gas too expensive, etc.); postage and printing costs are increasing year over year.

The **VILE BUNCH** proposed:

- Continue to solicit new memberships through the Rochester Gun Show and website
- Reduce costs by creating an electronic newsletter for those that have Internet access
- Meeting attendees also proposed that we save by printing a handful of scenarios for monthly shoots and post them for each stage. We will also have a handful for visitors. Members with Internet access can print their own at their leisure from the website.
- The membership voted to increase membership dues by \$5, starting in 2009. Monthly shoot fees and 3-Day shoot fees will remain the same.

Open Floor Discussions

- The 3-Day Shoot theme is "The County Wars of the Old West".
 - We will stay with the caterer from last year.
 - Participation in raffles and auction are down. The membership would like them to continue.
 - We could have monthly 50-50 raffles to raise money for raffle items.
 - Need to continue non-cowboy items for wives/non-shooters and their families.
 - We need more variety in the casino games.
 - The auction can sometimes run late.
 - We need to "even the playing field" with the pazoozas. The **VILE BUNCH** will take a look at this.
 - Continue with the gun door prize and raffle.
 - Help is needed to cleanup late Friday to prepare for the Saturday 3-Day Shoot.
- We will continue to have the Long Range incorporated as a 5th scenario (May – September).
- We will continue to have potluck lunches at the April and October shoots with 3 scenarios plus the long range stage.
- The Shortsville grounds where we shoot could be flattened and grass seeded. The membership is not sure that this can be done. One of the members has a roller and is willing to bring it

out, but filling it with the well water would probably deplete the well.

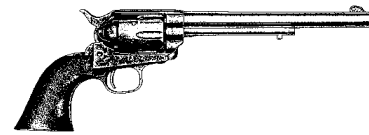
- The **VILE BUNCH** can purchase additional targets at their discretion.
- We will continue to offer "\$5 Off" a shoot (except 3-Day) to those who attend setups.
- Scenarios – have some stages where not all 3 guns are used. Use 1 or 2 guns and have some reloads. Publish reloads in the newsletter.

As discussed at the Annual Meeting, the April shoot will have 3 scenarios AND a long range scenario. Please go to the website for more details on the scenarios. After the shoot and cleanup, we will adjourn to the clubhouse for a potluck lunch afterwards. Please contact **Raunchy Rick** to sign-up your dish to pass. I am looking forward to a great year. I hope you are too!

See you out on the range!

L.P.L.

2008 SHOOTING SCHEDULE



April 27

June 22

August 22, 23, 24

October 26

May 25

July 27

September 28

Registration:	8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.
Safety meeting:	9:15 A.M.
Commence shooting	9:30 A.M.

Get Yer Guns... and Ammo

For the April shoot, you will need:

15 Pistol, or 30 for 2-gun shooters
25 Pistol Caliber Rifle for main stages
14 Shotgun

2 or 4 for Derringer or Pocket Pistol

**** NO RELOADS in this month's scenarios ****

OPTIONAL Long Range: 10 rounds for rifle caliber, single shot, pistol caliber, .22 or 5 rounds for handgun. NOTE: to make time for the potluck lunch **only ONE gun** will be shot for the long range this month, so please plan accordingly.



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Foreman's Report Raunchy Rick

Howdy,

Well here we go again, the beginning of a new shooting season is finally almost here. I know those of us who reload have spent the winter reloading every bit of empty brass, cleaning guns and prepping ourselves up for another fun time on the range.

I would like to talk about the responsibility of the Posse Leader. First of all he/she should arrive at the range and get signed in and get their equipment to the pavilion before 9AM so that we can start the walk through with the Trail Boss, Foreman and Safety Officer, and other posse leaders. The purpose of the walk through is so that everyone will understand the course of fire, and clarify any questions or safety concerns. The next thing for the Posse Leader to do is call out the names of the folks in his/her posse and assign what tasks they will be asked to do for that days shoot. Because there will be two posse leaders at each stage one will read the scenarios while the other acts it out, to help clarify any questions about the course of fire. Normally the Posse Leader will run the timer, and also help the shooters by answering questions they may have, assisting them if they need help. More importantly, being the closest person to the shooter, they will be watching and listening for squibs. They are also watching the shooter to insure they are being safe.

Normally for the first and last shoot of the season we will have a dish to pass for our lunch, we are going to continue doing so this year. So please let me know what you decide to bring so that have an even balance of food.

Because the weather is so unpredictable we will set up accordingly, maybe three stages maybe five. Myself I'm hoping for five.

Lookin' forward to seeing you all in April.

Raunchy Rick



Safety Officer's Report Nawlin's Kid

Howdy Pard,

Now that spring is here, it is time to get ready. For reloaders - start your presses! Start your reloading now before the first shoot.

Safety Tip of the Month:

Cross- drawers, we always talk about the cross-draw shuffle, but in reality it doesn't exist. In the SASS Shooters Handbook, it states

"The user must "twist" their body, if necessary, to ensure the muzzle never breaks the 170-degree safety rule during the process." So, plant your weak side foot, twist your body, then shoot.

See you down the trail.

Nawlin's Kid



From the Editor



Well pard, my time as editor is drawing to a close as this cowpoke starts filling new duties in the **LONG RIDERS** ranks, now that the **VILE BUNCH** has appointed me as Scenario Hand. In the meantime though, I thought it would be important to describe the needs of the editor's job, in case other members are considering filling the position but may not know what's needed. This is an essential function because it gives the members their scores, advertises upcoming events, and acts as a tool for the **VILE BUNCH** to tell the **LONG RIDERS** about upcoming events, including items needed for the next month's scenarios.

Essential equipment/skills:

- Computer with e-mail, internet, Microsoft Office software (must have Word, Excel) and an inkjet or laser printer. A high speed connection like Roadrunner good but not required.
- Two special fonts that need to be installed in Windows- they only need to be installed once.
- Note, if other software is more to your liking (than Word or Excel) that's fine, just keep in mind that mailing labels need to be generated from an Excel file.
- Skills: Word, Excel, cut and paste photos into Word, basic printing.

I will be more than happy to put together a more detailed list of steps I use for the newsletter, for whomever may wish to take on the appointment.

Hopefully this will show that this position is not difficult or very time consuming. It's been a privilege serving you for these past few years, thank you. I hope the new editor will enjoy serving you as much as I have.

Jeremiah Grimm