

Squinter's Comments
Annual Match

The Match was a good one. New things to do. The bank treated me and Harpe bad, but that's just the way it goes. I've typed this article 3 times now, and it has disappeared each time. So now it's short.

Work day was good, but small crowd. WE HAVE ANOTHER WORK DAY ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE SHOOT. Be there to clean up and make the range look neat and trimmed.

Thanks to Kola Kid and Hawg Runner for working on their days off.

See you soon.

Squinter

***One day of quality cowboy shooting instruction
for \$25.00.***

Too good to be true? Not in Purgatory

Spirit of the game minded Whitey McCall offered a day of instruction to club members for \$25 dollars. Money raised would go for targets. Thanks but no thanks were the responses. Sitting, wishing and hoping is not a plan to improve, you gotta work at it. Not only would you have gotten a day of practice with friends, Pig Farmer cuisine, you would have had other shooters critiquing seconds off your stage time. That may be what spurred the shootist Whitey to show you he knew what he is talking about.

Good shooting Whitey.

March in Purgatory

ONO won the match, said he shot 8000 rounds in the last few weeks practicing for the state match at Byhalia. I intend to go see him win it all this year. Maybe a few crumbs will fall an old senior's way. Consistently good shooting Doc came in second. 3rd, Parson's raw times are always fast, sometimes his misses get him. 4th, was the challenging Whitey. 5th, Kola Bear Kid had his best match to my knowledge. Freestate was 6th and was shooting BP, said he was tired of cleaning guns when others are getting ready to go to supper, he's gonna quit BP. This means he will move up the food chain. He has a surplus of black powder loaded rounds, call him if you need some. Buckbow has plenty of loaded smokeless for sale. Parsons' Pills are priced right; he ships bullets all over SASS and delivers to the range. 7th, Galvez is another guy getting better every shoot, did you know he is from south Louisiana and he rebuilds the big outboard motors. 8th, Shortstuff got a procedure which is unusual for her.

Workday Saturday 3/28/07,

Present and working were Lill and Turner, Squinter, Dirty, Freestate, Shortstuff, Gringo, Sandy Hopkins, Whitey, Parson, Jaurez Waddie, Iron Mule, Rebel Hawk. Targets were repaired and setup, range cleaned up and other things. Rebel Hawk has learned more patience than the rest of us. I saw him following Lill and Shortstuff with curtain rods. I don't do wallpaper or curtains for nobody.

Idle Gossip

Juarez Waddie was the first member of our club to slick up a Rossi lever gun and run it fast. He is back and aims to recapture his title as fast rifle. Squinter's high dollar Cowboy Indian 73 locked up on stage one costing seven misses. He may find grandbaby Luke's lost peanut butter sandwich when he cleans that gun. I tripped over the plastic tubes in the bank building in front of the rifle rack. I ran to the flip the bird targets before I regained my balance. I dropped my pistol (it had been fired) falling out the door. Stage DQ. Accidents can happen, safety! Safety!

Leatherhead outscored Diamond Lilly this month? Is he getting better or is Lill playing possum. Dirty had a clean match until he missed the flying bird on his last stage, he then missed big Bubba twice out of disgust. Dirty has new enthusiasm and you can see him working the long guns hard. Editor Paper Chaser (wannabe trail driver) is having some inner ear trouble of sorts...says he hopes to be back soon. Red Dead Revolver had a big weekend at Wyletta's this month.

Parson will run a side match challenge at 3-day. Its speed shooting balloons with blanks quick draw style. For \$5, you get a chance to beat him and win 500 bullets; proceeds go to the SASS scholarship fund I believe he said. You can challenge a friend, \$1 per balloon. This is going to be a big side match. He has been practicing for awhile; you may want to practice yourself.

Strange things that happen on a cattle drive

“A chance encounter with a party of "Sitting Bull's Indians" while driving a herd of cattle to Fort Buford, Montana, gave Edward Allison the idea that he could single-handedly bring an end to hostilities on the plains through direct negotiations. A some-time scout with the U.S. Cavalry, Allison had wide experience in the west, spoke enough of the language to be understood, and knew the Hunkpapa culture just well enough to avoid serious blunders. Somewhat rashly, and definitely at considerable risk, Allison rode to the camp in Canada in which The Gall, Sitting Bull, and about half of Sitting Bull's followers had sought refuge from the army. After a few frightening moments, Allison was accepted into the camp and was well treated, though only because he carefully concealed his identity and intentions. Despite his cordial reception, however, and despite winning over The Gall to the idea of peace, he was rebuffed by Sitting Bull. Allison left the Hunkpapa camp to relay news of The Gall's willingness to "come in," aware that he had succeeded in only half of his plan.

Receiving official approval from Gen. Alfred Howe Terry at the Standing Rock Agency, Allison rode out a second time to the Hunkpapa camp late in October, 1880. Under tense circumstances, the camp having just survived a raid by the Blackfeet , Allison convinced eighteen of Sitting Bull's followers to return to Fort Buford as "voluntary prisoners," while The Gall took his band to the Poplar Creek Agency. Sitting Bull, however, along with several of his followers, stood firm in rejecting negotiation. At Poplar Creek, Allison's plan nearly unraveled when, as Allison put it, some soldiers overreacted to the tense meeting with their former enemies, and mounted an "unnecessary" attack, killing an old woman and wounding one man. Under Allison's urging, however, the Indians refused to return fire and successfully managed to surrender without further incident.

In the meantime, Allison persuaded Crow King to ride out and defuse the situation and prevent the Indians who had escaped from alarming Sitting Bull. This done, Sitting Bull withdrew again into Canada, where he remained with only 43 families and 51 warriors, by Allison's count. Sitting Bull's forces were "so insignificant that they ceased to be regarded as enemies worthy of attention" (p. 76) and Gen. Terry ordered Allison to make no further effort to bring them in.”

Editor's note: 'found' this while surfing along for newsletter material. This excerpt, excuse the length, is from Edwin Allison's autobiography; published circa 1882 in Dayton, Ohio. from the William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan.

The Fort Buford, Montana is today the Fort Buford, North Dakota historic site. Before November, 1889 the boundary between Montana and North Dakota was “a little fuzzy”. The Fort is just East of the border between Montana and North Dakota.