

What's New?

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Howdy Pard and Pardettes!

What a way to end the year! Our October shoot was the best! Normally we'd have been huddled up with our dusters on around the campfire trying to thaw out our fingers for the shoot but this year it was sunny and pleasant! It was great to see all your smiling faces and we had quite a few people show up who hadn't been with us for most of the year! It really made the day pretty special! Thanks to the shooters for turning out and making it a fun shoot day!

RANGE WORK

Contact Spenerdy if you want to come out yet this fall and help but we've pretty much shut down the range for the winter at this point. We might do a job or two if the weather holds out but something tells me we are on borrowed time for good weather!

What's Next?

Watch your mail for THE NTR BANQUET INVITATION! This goes out to all shooters and members for the previous year. If you haven't been a shooter or a member but still want to come to the banquet, please get in touch with Frilly Knickers. If you have new items you would like to donate to the raffles and silent auction, please feel free to bring those. We will have the regular sit-down dinner, and everyone had a great time last year. There will be a cash bar. We hold this at noon nowadays so folks can still get home before the sun goes down. Everyone loved our new venue so come and enjoy and kick up yer heels! Raffles and fun!

Members: watch for our annual nominations cycle for the NTR Board of Directors. It should be attached in this mailing of the newsletter and your email of the newsletter. If you ever wanted a hand in running the best Old West Action club around, here's your big chance!

Will NTR ever join SASS?: This question is brought up constantly and was brought up at the last banquet. A majority of banquet attendees were in support of NTR signing up for SASS. Character witnesses included past and present SASS club officers and shooters. There were also arguments against change. After much discussion and examination after the banquet, and lobbying by members, the NTR BOD voted the SASS registration down by a 3:2 margin. If you wish NTR to make any major changes, not just for SASS but for any reason, there are two ways members can guide the BOD:

1. Vote: Vote for board members friendly to your cause and demand a new vote.
2. Lobby your current board members to change their vote and then demand a new vote.

Membership has it's privileges.

SHOOTING SUBJECT OF THE MONTH – Gun Malfunctions

Well, I don't profess to be a gunsmith and knowledgeable about all things with guns and ammo but I can share some of my more perplexing experiences! And you know, these problems only show up at the most important shooting events. Never at a monthly event.

1. **The Ruger lockup:** Learned this with my first set of Ruger pistols. If the recoil of the gun is strong enough, it can cause the cylinder pin to come loose and move forward. This allows the transfer bar to hit the end of the firing pin and lock up the gun. Kept me from winning a "top gun" event at NTR!
2. **The '87 Shotgun carrier drop:** On '87 shotguns, if the carrier drops all the way to the bottom, the "two shot drop" modification won't work right. You have to use your finger to push the carrier up a bit to get the shells to feed. Kept me from winning first place Texas Black Powder Championship. The fix was a shotgun shell put down the magazine tube to tighten up the mag spring.
3. **The "open top" pistol wedge:** On my favorite match pistols, '51 Navy RM conversions, you can be a victim of the wedge that holds the barrel assembly to the cylinder pin. If that is loose, it creates slack

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between the cylinder and the firing pin (on the hammer) and the firing pin can't hit the primer to set off the round. Yup, kept me from winning first place at the Midwest SASS Regional.

4. **The brass behind the bolt '97 Pump Shotgun:** Got me a Coyote Cap (RIP) '97 once from a friend. Said the gun never really worked well except when it was brand new. I even had Cap work it over a couple of times but it never seemed as slick as it should have been. Then one winter I took the dang thing apart. Found a small chunk of brass, I figured it got shaved off of a shotgun shell by the extractor, and it was wedged behind the bolt where you couldn't see it. Removed that, cleaned the gun, and it's a VERY FAST '97 again! Still can't hit clay birds well with it but that's not the gun's fault!!!
5. **The Stoeger shotgun that won't fire:** Well, if you shoot a Stoeger double long enough, this will happen. The barrel latch spring gets weak, or if you had it slicked up, maybe the spring is too weak for the recoil of the gun. The recoil can cause the barrel to unlatch. You can tell because you will see a light primer strike on the shotgun round that didn't go off and the strike is off center slightly. This means the gun was slightly open when you shot the second shot. Hold the gun firmly and support that forearm and it should work better. Otherwise, replace that spring with something stiffer. Well, it never caused me to lose a shoot but it plagued my wife so bad that I had to suffer for it. I bought her a Stoeger and that solved the problem!
6. **The jamming '73:** Well, this is an ammo problem that will cause just about any rifle to jam up. You could get a reload with a split case. This split case round will probably fire OK if you can chamber it, but it won't grip the bullet tight enough when it's in the magazine tube. This causes the bullet to push into the case making it extremely short. Therefore, a round that is too short, won't cycle in the gun, and the rifle will jam. Use your screwknife to get it out. Solution? Do like me! Full loads of black powder! It's hard to push the bullet into the case if there is a lot of powder in there pushing back! Another reason you all should be shooting The Holy Black! - Surly Bob The Soot Lord!

Coors Beer and Candy?

Well, sort of...



Miners and cowboys lined up to enjoy freshly brewed Coors in bottles in saloons in 10 Western states beginning in the 1880s. Coors would not expand its distribution until 1976.

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THANKS SHOOTERS!

See you on the trail!

Your Pard,

Surly Bob

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Marshal, Nebraska Territorial Rangers

Your Cowboy Wisdom:

“In a World of Big Bullies, be a Heeler!”

“Remember you don’t need a certain number of friends, just a number of friends you can be certain of!”

“Don’t pick a fight, but if you find yourself in one, make damn sure you win!”

“No matter how you feel: Get up. Look Up. Show Up. *and* Never Give Up!”

Cowgirl Prayer:

“Lord, I don’t need a knight in shining armor. A Sweet Guy in Wrangler Jeans will do just fine.”

The Duke:

“If you don’t respect your elders, then I’ll just have to teach you to respect your betters!”

