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## July update from Dusty Chambers:

Howdy Members!

We had several of our members do well at EOT this year. Barbary Coast made 1st Ladies Modern, Calvin N Hobbes got 6th Traditional, Handlebar Bob was 6th in BW, Reverend Trinity shot to 7th in BW, and Will Bill Munch made a showing at 16 in Duelist, with Yuma Jack and Black Irish Charley shooting too. With almost a thousand shooters, our folks did well, congrats to their efforts! If I forgot anyone, let me know for future note.

Shindig Plans are coming around soon, the club will have another raffle gun this year to draw at the match. We will be selling early tickets, as we now have the gun in hand. It's a 1887 12 gauge, new and we will be looking to have an action job on it, ready to go at Shindig. The flyer should be out first of August to let folks know about the event.

The first club belt buckle is in and will be on display this Saturday at the registration office. Another is getting made and this one will have the club badge in the center and will be displayed as soon as it gets here. These are running \$85 shipped, about the same amount as a good badge.

The new Wyatt Earp Trail Walk is up and running for side match shootin' this week, along with a new setup for man on man. Bring plenty of ammo!

The new privy is in working order now and the old ones are out of order. A big "Thanks" to all the workers on this project. Please help keep them clean.

See Ya Saturday!

Dusty Chambers

## **June 10, 2006**

### **Overall Winners:**

1) Calvin N Hobbes 2) Boots Fits 3) Barbary Coast 4) Picoso Kid  
5) Handle Bar Bob 6) Reverend Trinity 7) Blacky Vela 8) Lonestar Hoss  
9) Travelin' Jones 10) Two Shot Tex

### **Class Winners:**

*"B" Western – Handle Bar Bob*  
*Classic Cowboy – Yuma Jack*  
*Elder Statesman – Double Dare Kid*  
*Junior Boys – Bubba Shot*  
*Ladies 49er – Ima Gutshooter*  
*Ladies Modern – Barbary Coast*  
*Ladies Traditional – Fatal Star*  
*Men's 49er – Travelin' Jones*  
*Men's Duelist – Bar Diamond*  
*Men's Frontiersman – L.W. Hannabas*  
*Men's Frontier Cartridge – Pinata Kid*  
*Men's Modern – Picoso Kid*  
*Men's Senior – Hopalong*  
*Men's Super Senior – Stampede Al*  
*Men's Traditional – Calvin N Hobbes*  
*Men's Senior Duelist – Dangerous Don*  
*Gunfighter – Two Hog Jim*

### **Clean Match:**

*Barbary Coast*

### **Only 1 Miss:**

*Calvin N Hobbes, Boots Fits, Dragon, Dusty Mann, Dragon*

### **Billy Dixon Long Range:**

*Men's Single Shot – Crazy Clyde*  
*Men's Lever Action – Dirty Dog Dale*  
*Ladies Single Shot – Ima Gutshooter*

### **June 10 Speed Stage Winner:**

*Picoso Kid*

### **Trail Walk:**

*Travelin' Jones*

# *June 25, 2006*

## **Overall Winners:**

1) *Picosa Kid* 2) *Jonah Stark* 3) *Woody Duit* 4) *Kickshot*  
5) *Hopalong* 6) *Shotgun Professor* 7) 8) *Silas Slaughter* 9) *Buck Bradley*  
10) *Stampede Al*

## **Class Winners:**

*"B" Western – Blue Thorn*  
*Junior Boys – Bubba Shot*  
*Junior Girls – Smokin' Cheyenne*  
*Ladies 49er – Odessa Star*  
*Ladies Traditional – Six Goin' South*  
*Men's 49er – Picosa Kid*  
*Men's Gunfighter – Sweet Tooth*  
*Men's Senior – Hopalong*  
*Buckaroo – White Stag*  
*Men's Super Senior – Jonah Stark*  
*Men's Traditional – Polecat Tumlinson*  
*Senior Duelist – Bar Diamond*  
*Cody Dixon Lever – Vine Garoon*

## **Clean Match:**

*Jonah Stark, Shotgun Professor*

## **Only 1 Miss:**

*Bad Hand*

## **June 25 Speed Stage Winner:**

*Picosa Kid*

## Long Range Equipment By Jonah Stark

More and more interest is being shown in our long-range side matches each month, so I thought I'd cover a few opinions concerning equipment.

If you don't already have any equipment, before you purchase anything, come and see what others are using, ask questions and try out some of our guns, etc.

The first decision really needs to be what type of rifle you want. Will it be a single shot or a lever action? Either one is a good choice. For the lever action, the Marlin or the Winchester is about your only choice. The Marlin is a side eject, the Winchester is top eject. The single shots generally seen are the 1874 Sharps, Remington Rolling Block, Springfield Trapdoor, High or Low Wall 1885 Winchester and the break open H & R type rifles. Each type has its weak and its strong points and its best if you can have the chance to handle some other individual's rifle. Cost can also be a factor in making your choice.

Once the rifle choice has been made, a decision on caliber is next. The type rifle chosen may limit you in the choice of caliber. Are you recoil sensitive? If so, take that into consideration when deciding caliber. The heavy recoiling rifles, even with the lighter loads will be the .45-70 and the .40-65. The .30-30, .32-40 and .38-55 are all much milder if you are sensitive to recoil. Availability of components must be considered. The .40-65, .32-40 and .38-55 are much more limited in available components. Accuracy in any of the available calibers is about equal, especially at the distances we shoot.

Will you reload for your long-range rifle or buy factory ammunition? Here, you will find factory ammunition availability very limited for the .32-40, .38-55 and the .40-65. Remember, only lead bullets are allowed. Gas checks may be used on the long-range targets, but no jacketed bullets are allowed.

What type sights will you want? Dovetailed barrel sights or tang sights? For the lever action, the Marble or Lyman tang sights are probably the best choice. The Marble has click adjustments while the Lyman has marks on the elevation staff. The Marble has wind age adjustment, while the Lyman does not. However, once the rifle is sighted in, you normally will not be changing the wind age adjustment while shooting. Either sight is a good choice. I have a Marble on my .38-55 and a Lyman on my .45-70 lever actions and cannot tell any difference between the two as far accuracy is concerned. I also have Lyman's on my two main match rifles that work very well. No sight with a glass lens is allowed. However, the old style tube sight may be used at our range.

For the single shot, the tang mounted rear sight with a globe type front sight seems to work best. The front globe with replaceable inserts allows the most versatility, but once you decide which insert you prefer, you probably will not be changing them. Front sights with wind age adjustment is another choice, but are somewhat difficult to adjust on the line and maintain safe muzzle direction. The preferred choice is to have wind age adjustment in the rear sight. I prefer the Soule type vernier tang sight, but any of them with the screw type wind age adjustment will work. The tang sights come in long range, mid range and short range. The mid range will work very well at our range, but if you ever get the chance to shoot out to 500 or 600 yards, the long range will serve you better and work well for our range. Barrel mounted ladder sights are available for both the single shot and the lever action. However, the ladder sight is not very conducive to accurate long range shooting and most people do not do well with them.

We shoot supported and unsupported in our side matches. For supported, you will need to make or buy a set of cross-sticks. These should be made out of wood and not some type of metal. While we will allow metal shooting sticks at our monthly matches, other clubs will most likely not allow them. Shooting sticks are very cheap and easy to make. Look at what the other shooters are using and then make your own set.

Okay, now that you have all of your equipment, what's next? Load some rounds and come to the next side match. You will enjoy it much more if you don't try to load "hot" loads. Velocity for any of the above cartridges can be held in the 1200 to 1500 feet per second range and remain very pleasant to shoot. If you exceed 1500 fps, consider using gas-checked bullets to prevent leading. Don't try to use one sight setting for all four ranges. Yes, it can be done, but you will most likely find that you are not very competitive. Some individuals may find that they have difficulty understanding vernier sights and/or how to determine what height sights are required when changing either a rear or a front sight. I have written another article that will appear in the Newsletter that should help those that experience difficulties when adjusting sights.

'Til next time, shoot straight and keep your head down.

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