

# **Coyote Creek Chronicle**

## **Newsletter of the Bayou Bounty Hunters**

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### **THOUGHTS ON GUN CONTROL**

*(Presented by Crazy Emmitt at the Annual Membership Banquet)*

The Second Amendment does not GIVE us the right to own guns. The Founding Fathers recognized every citizen had the right to resist the tyranny of an oppressive government, by force if necessary. The Second Amendment is there to protect a right that we already had. It is not about hunting and target shooting.

Is it impossible for a bunch of ragtag civilians with small arms to resist the full might of a government sponsored military? It happened once in this country in 1776 against the mighty British army. It happened once in Afghanistan in the 1980's with a ragtag bunch of civilians with small arms against the might of the Soviet army. It is currently happening now in Afghanistan, as a ragtag bunch of civilians prevents the U.S. military and the Afghan government from gaining full control of the country.

In the American Revolution, we had the same kinds of firearms as the great British Army, (*muzzle-loading muskets*). Today's American citizens should have the same kinds of firearms as the great U.S. Army (semi-auto rifles with large magazines).

So-called "gun safety" organizations are not trying to make us safer. They are trying to ban guns entirely. Read their mission statements. If they cannot do it at once, they will do it in small steps. So pro-gun organizations oppose even small steps. They believe that each step is just one more in a long line of steps to come that will eventually eliminate the Second Amendment entirely.

There are 270 million civilian guns in U.S. = 40% of all civilian guns in the world. If 1% were used in murders, there would be 2 million, 700 thousand murders each year.

2009 = 13, 756 murders / 9,203 by firearm

352 by **RIFLE** (including semi-autos)

623 by **BLUNT OBJECT**

815 by **HANDS, FISTS, and FEET**

Yes, Guns are designed to kill. That is the purpose. They are designed for fighting. That is why they are also very effective for self-defense and for hunting.



## Range Officer I & II Classes Offered in March

Perhaps the thought of taking an RO class has crossed your mind, but you have asked yourself the question, "But why?" If you have no plans to be a posse leader, you may have thought there is no need for you to participate in such a class. **WRONG!!!**

Any time we play a game, we know the rules of the game. Ours is a competitive sport where the rules sometimes change from year to year. In addition, you need to know the rules of the game to personally support your position when a call is made regarding an action that you have taken where you feel you acted accordingly.

Another important reason to take an RO class is so you can be familiar with the rules of the game as you travel from club to club. One of the reasons for the development of the RO programs was to make sure that there is consistency in the rules from the east coast to the west coast, and actually throughout the world as there are SASS clubs in countries throughout the world today.

There will be two upcoming Range Officer classes (RO I and RO II) held at Coyote Creek in March. If you would like to register for either of the two classes, contact Soiled Dove. If you have participated in a previous class, it is highly recommended that you to occasionally audit RO class to update yourself on changes that have taken place. See below: Chevron Refresher Course.

**RO II Class: Sunday, March 3rd at High Noon. - Cost of the class, \$25**

**RO I Class: Saturday, March 30th at 9 AM - Cost of class, \$10**

*(RO pins will be distributed upon completion of the class.)*



### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**"DIXIE DEADEYE" AKA TINA BROCKMANN**

**"DUKE CITY DEADEYE" AKA ERICH BROCKMANN**

**"RED RIVER RUDY" AKA RUDY TUCKER**

**"THUNDER" AKA BILL HOOD**

**(ALL NEW SKEET CLUB MEMBERS)**

### **WELCOME BACK TO COYOTE CREEK!**

**"BAD THUNDER" AKA JAMES SHAFFETTE, JR.**

### **RO Chevron Refresher Program**

*Announcing an exciting new addition to the RO Program that SASS has put in place for 2013. This new program will allow clubs to recognize a member who has taken an RO Course for the first time, or a refresher course, and is current on range operations and safety rules with a dated "chevron" that attaches to the back of the RO pins.*

*There will now be a \$5 fee charged the day of the class for those taking a refresher Course to cover the cost of the dated backer. The backer will be included for new members taking either of the RO Courses.*

## **HEY, GET THE LEAD OUT.....**

Lately, there has been a lot of talk about lead poisoning from paint, old plumbing, and yes, ammunition/shooting. This article is about potential **lead poisoning** from firearms and ammunition. The State of Louisiana has sent out brochures to shooting ranges and clubs regarding the potential of lead poisoning. Unfortunately, this is not left-wing hype, it is for real.

I have a very good friend a committee who has resigned his post due to health reasons. About two years ago he started to become less involved with the Committee. When I had the chance, I asked him why he was becoming disengaged. The story he related to me was chilling. He said that he had been diagnosed with kidney cancer, and had been preparing to undergo chemo therapy. At the last moment, he decided to have a second opinion. Following extensive blood work, it was discovered that he was not suffering from lead poisoning not kidney cancer. His kidneys were indeed involved, however. He underwent a lengthy process of kelation (*the removal of lead from his blood and tissues*). After over a year his lead levels reached the acceptable limits. Unfortunately, the damage to his kidneys was permanent; however, the damage was halted.

Then about four months ago he resigned from the committee without explanation. I immediately called him, and inquired as to what the problem was. He told me only that it was due to health reasons, and he asked that I not tell anyone else (Due to discretion, I have not revealed his name; but also due to the message it sends I am telling his story). His story continues.

As time went on he noticed that he was experiencing general weakness and malaise (*tiredness*). He again went through a lengthy diagnosis process, and it was discovered that he was no longer producing red blood cells. The condition was determined to have become irreversible and potentially life shortening. I asked about several medical remedies, and he related that in his case they were a long shot as well as immediately life threatening. He and I have been friends for many years as well as each other's confidants when dealing with committee matters.

I cannot tell you how painful it is to see such a wonderful competitor and friend go through this. It would be nice to tell you that this ends well - a story book ending. I am sorry to tell that that is not the case. His condition has not gotten better, but has not deteriorated more aggressively at this time. I have told this story to encourage all of my shooting pals to **start practicing good lead hygiene, and have their lead levels medically checked**. It is a small

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thing to do so as to be able to continue your sport and remain healthy. I just had my lead level checked, and found it to be within normal limits. It was a relief to know that I am not currently at risk of lead poisoning.

*THERE ARE SOME SPECIFIC THINGS THAT YOU CAN NOW DO TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION FROM HAPPENING TO YOU. NEXT MONTH, I WILL ADDRESS THESE ITEMS WITH YOU, AS DOVE ONLY GAVE ME THIS ONE PAGE OF SPACE.*

I look forward to seeing you all on the range. ***May the Good Lord take ashinin' to ya, and remember to keep yore powder dry.***

***RATTLESNAKE BLAKE***



## **Fisher House Charity Match**

***March 22-24, 2013***

***All proceeds from this match & donations benefit***

***Fisher House in Gulfport, MS***

**Supporting America's military in their time of need, FISHER HOUSE provides "a home away from home" that enables family members to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury .**

The **Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher House** at Keesler provides a comfortable home-away-from-home for families of seriously ill patients at the Keesler Medical Center and the Biloxi/Gulfport Veterans Health Administration Hospitals.

The criteria for occupancy is that the guest be (1) either a member of the "support team" of the patient hospitalized at these facilities or (2) a patient in an outpatient status.

Built in 1992 at no cost to the government, the 5,000 square foot, two-story Keesler Fisher House is the sixth of 43 Fisher Houses donated to those in need of lodging by the late Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher of New York. The intent was, and still is, to provide home-like accommodations. Operating costs are underwritten by nominal guest fees and **by contributions to the non-profit Fisher House of Keesler, Inc., a Mississippi 501(C)3 tax-exempt corporation.** The hope is that with enough donations, we can reduce or eliminate guest fees altogether in the future.



## Youth Program

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> / 1:00  
p.m.

At the Club House



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### Firearm Safety & Practical Shooting Instruction on the Range

**Goal:** *To introduce young people to the responsibilities and enjoyment of the shooting sports within the framework of the traditional Old West firearms while using single action revolvers, rifles and a 410 shot gun.*

**Our #1 priority is SAFETY.** *There will be qualified firearms instructors present and certified local range officers of the Bayou Bounty Hunters to assist in developing the shooting skills of these young folks. Our intent is to provide a family-friendly shooting environment which can be enjoyed by all.*

*Our young shooters under the age of fourteen, who are referred to as buckaroos and buckarettes, shoot 22 caliber revolvers and rifles and a 410 shotgun in competition. Participants will receive training in NRA safety instructions & Cowboy Acton Shooting Orientation in order to embed the importance of **SAFETY 1<sup>st</sup>** and **fun on the shooting range.***

Contact Gregory or Bettye Boggs / 985-796-9698  
for registration for the class.

*Parental participation is required in order for the youth to participate.  
A signed waiver will be provided at the first session.*

**Experience the Fun, Excitement and  
Traditions of our Old West History and Lore!**

### ***Bayou Bounty Hunter Top Shootist Award***

We are pleased to announce the **Top Shootist Award** which is being sponsored by **Kistachie Moon**. It will be awarded to top shooter (*male and female*) during a 12-month period competing in categories that require only one-handed unsupported shooting styles.



## Annual dues are payable in January of each year.



If you are a member of **Florida Parish Skeet Club**, your membership dues are payable to the **skeet club**. Please send those dues to Nick Brocato or you can bring them to the monthly match.

If you are a member of the **Bayou Bounty Hunters** (*and not the skeet club*), your membership dues are payable to the **Bayou Bounty Hunters**.

You can pay your BBH dues to Cameo Rose at the monthly shoot, or you can mail it to her at the following address: **Terry Calvert - P. O. Box 10056 - Gulfport, MS 39505**

## What's the Call?

You are running the timer for a new shooter. After shooting the rifle, he lays his rifle down with the level closed. You yell "Lever! Lever!" attempting to "safely assist the shooter through the course of fire." However, he does not hear you, pulls out his pistol and fires a round down range. He completes his first pistol rounds and holsters the first pistol. He then opens the lever of his staged rifle, then continues with the second pistol. Since he is a new shooter and the lever was opened before moving to the unloading table, is there a penalty?

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**Were you right?:** According to SASS rules "Long guns will have their actions left open and the magazine/barrels empty at the conclusion of each shooting string..." This condition may be corrected prior to the next round being fired from the next gun. When going to the section that defines Minor Safety Penalties, the rule reads "Not leaving a long gun action open at the end of the shooting string or before the next firearm is fired." So, the shooter earned himself a minor safety penalty for leaving the action closed on a long gun (*same applies to a shotgun*) since he sent a round(s) downrange with another firearm.

*This is frequently left as a 'no call' since the firearm action was opened before the shooter got to the unloading table, but this is not correct. Here is where the confusion lies. IF the long gun was the last gun fired and the shooter heads to the unloading table AND opens the action before the firearm leaves his hand at the unloading table, there is no penalty.*

## Upcoming Events



**Sat., Feb 23 - Conceal Carry Class at the Club House**

**Sun., March 3 - Range Officer II Class at High Noon**

**March 22, 23, 24 - Fisher House Charity Match**

**Sat., March 30 - Range Officer I Class at 9:00 a.m.**

**Sun., April 14 - Youth Program**

**April 19-21st - Showdown in Purgatory annual match**

