

Yee Haw! Don't Those Renegades Get Around!

Here Dear Reader is a first hand report untainted by too much truth of the goings on at Railhead located in the lovely locale of Williams, AZ by our Pard Grubsteak Charlie! Ya may as well read it now 'cause you know you're gonna hear it later! So here is Charlie's accounting!

Submitted by EzGz , Town Crier

"The tale of Railhead is one of both great fun and woe. Railhead had great stages, and lots of nice folks. However Railhead is held somewhere within the bowels of Hades (well so I took a little poetic license - the range is in a lava rock quarry that only seems as hot as Hades in July). I'm not sure which circle of Hades Dante would put it in, but walking on hot, sharp, lava rocks all day has to be in one of the inner circles. (Good thing our Renegades were toughened up by EOT don't you think Dear Reader!)

*Evening festivities were held in town at a combination cowboy restaurant, bar, hotel. Darn near the perfect cowboy combination. If it also included a train station and jail it would have everything a cowboy ever needs. All evening activities were quite well done and lots of fun. Poker/movie night was fun (they showed *Rustlers Rhapsody* - not your typical B-western cowboy movie)(It was the hero Rex's karma" to "ride into a town, help the good guys, who are usually poor for some reason, against the bad guys, who are usually rich for some reason, and ride out again." Rex's knowledge is also connected to the unspecified "root" vegetables he digs up and eats)Hummm... On the final night the costumes worn were impressive (those AZ folks take their costumes seriously) and the dinner was tasty and plentiful.*

OK, let's forget for the moment that match was held in an inner circle of Hades, I shot as well as can be expected with (occasionally) broken guns. Yes, I said guns. During WB my newly acquired 97 kept spitting a shell out the loading port when the first round was chambered. I am in the process of putting a new (shorter) spring kit in the 97, and if that does not fix the issue it will be on its way back to the gunsmith. I have not seen the results but suffice it to say I was not in the top 10 for WB (but I had a heck of a good time shooting WB with Pecos Clyde and Tex).

The first day of the Cowboy main match my 1873 rifle gave me problems (weak lever return spring that was replaced just before EOT). On the 2nd day of the main match my SxS failed to lock closed (the final 3 stages, so I just held it tight and fired - what a blast!).

The final morning, at the top 10 shoot off, I was 5 seconds ahead in my first match when I reached the final targets. There were 4 SG targets, the final a finish knock-down. I shot the 1st 3 and my shotgun (final gun) would not fire the 4th and last shell. I reloaded and still no joy. I think the hammer spring broke. Obviously I got beat. Given all the above, this may surprise you, but all I can say is Yeeee Haaaw I had a good time . All offending guns are on the way back to gunsmiths for work. " Cat Ballou -- 6th Lady Senior Cat Ballou -- 6th Lady Senior And so is Charlie.

RGR Results: Tex-- 1st Wild Bunch Traditional (!)5th Gunfighter Grubsteak Charlie 2nd place 49'er 6th place overall (out of about 200) Cat Ballou -- 6th Lady Senior

Congrats to our Pards and we are glad you are home safe and sound and drinking something cool!