



# Walnut Grove Gazette

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## Return of the Gazette

With every new year, some things fade away and other things become new. This can be said for the Walnut Grove Rangers. Last year our property owner passed away and we (the Rangers) were forced to move from our home of 10 years to a new location, provided by Two Gun Terry's son-in-law.

The physical move was taxing to say the least. Moving the stage fronts, the targets, stands, equipment...etc. With a dozen or more members from all over the state coming to help, everything came together and nothing was damaged.

We have now been in our new location in Ellenboro for a year. We've had good success with our matches and everyone that has come out to shoot with us seems to be pleased.

As we enter into 2012 we should do what we can to talk up the NEW Walnut Grove Gun Club and get more cowboys and cowgirls to come out to the Range and shoot with us. I am very proud of what we have done as a club, as a group, as a family. Let's get others involved.

## New Shooter and Visitor

Over the past year we have had several folks come out and shoot with us. Some have joined up and become Rangers, other have just come out to watch the goings on at our new club. We all need to be vigilant to get the word out to other clubs and bring their shooters to our range whether they join our club or just visit. Please get the word out that we are still shooting.

## Clean Match

This section of the Gazette is set aside to recognize those pard's that shot a Clean Match and received a Clean Match Token.

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## Anniversaries, Birthdays and Special Events

Please let me know if you are having a Birthday, Anniversary or if there is a special event or something happening that is special to you that you would like the rest of the gang to know about. Please email me at the email address listed below.

## Safety Matters

After the Annual Match a few folks brought some issues to my attention.

I know we run a relaxed match, but safety isn't going to be compromised in the process. I want the folks that come to the Grove to feel at home, comfortable and leave with the feeling that they are welcome to come back again and again. But observing poor gun handling or getting swept by a cross-draw shooter, they may think twice. We all know that when transporting your long guns, the muzzles HAVE to be up. When you're drawing and holstering from a cross-draw rig, you

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have to do the dance or at least start the stage with the cross-draw hip forward so the muzzle of the pistol being drawn doesn't cross the 170 degree plain.

The Loading and unloading tables must be manned at all times.

Spotters should watch each shooter and call it as you see it, not just go along with the other spotters. The benefit of the doubt goes to the shooter. You're not helping anyone if you saw two misses, but see another spotter holding up three misses. Call it as YOU see it.

## Help Wanted!

Our next Set up day will be on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Targets will need to be placed, dry runs will need to be preformed and the targets need to be painted. The more help we get the less time is expended. It's hard to set the range with only 2 or 3 people.

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