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## Outlaws break out of jail and rob Depot!

The Walnut Grove construction crew worked a little over time during March and got a lot accomplished. The new 42 foot board walk is in place with the new jail and train depot on top of it. The lower half of the jail is fronted with the upper half ready for the plywood. The depot stud walls are in place and are in need of wall covering. We shot the May match as is and everyone seemed to really like the improvements. Once finished the jail will have 3 upper windows with bars and the lower window will also have a couple of bars for the shooters to shoot through.

The Station or depot will have a double hip roof depicting the old stations of yester year. Real windows in the front of the station with the 15 foot shooting platform already in place. We shot stage one as stage one this month, but next month we may shoot one and two together and just shake up the shooting sequence.

We moved the splatter guards away from the loading table at stage one cause some folks talked about how hard it was to spot. However as anyone who worked the loading table can tell you we need to put that back. With the pistol targets in your laps, the lead was really flying. Over on stage 2, when your standing on the platform, it's really cool shooting down at the pistol targets and having a really clear view of the rifle targets down range. No more looking for them between the pistol targets.

## New Shooters and Visitors

Over the past year we have had several folks come out and shoot with us. Some have joined and become Rangers; others have come out to see what's going on. I'm pleased to announce the newest member of the Ranger clan. Rhett Butler, son of Diablo's Pistolero came out to shoot with us and he joined up as well. Let Rhett know we're glad to have him the next time you see him.

## 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

I spoke of this cowboy earlier, this time it's congratulations. Rhett Butler had a Birthday this month. He turned 24 years young back on 5-07. Rhett is also a Marine and an Iraq Veteran. Let him know we appreciate his service to our country.

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## Safety Matters

### First, Last and Always

Our sport, by its very nature, has the potential to be dangerous and a serious accident can occur. Every participant in a SASS match is expected to be a safety officer. Each shooter's first responsibility is for his or her own safe conduct, but all shooters are expected to remain alert for actions by others that are unsafe.

## Awards

We have decided to start handing out certificates for category winners the following month of each match. One question arose during this decision. Should we give an award to someone that only shot against themselves. Ex. Only one Classic Cowboy or only one Ladies 49'er... Your thoughts would be appreciated.

## Help Wanted!

Our next Set up day will be on Sunday May, 27th 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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## ~WGR Construction Crew~

Break time is over!!! We got a really good start on the new stages back in March, but we're not finished. There is still a lot that needs to be done.

Please come out to the Grove and help on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The gate should be open by 8:00 am.

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