

The Sussex County Shootout

The 17th annual Cowboy Action Shooting, Delaware State Championship was held on May 19th - May 20th at the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club, hosted by Paden's Posse. This year we had 64 shooters competing in the "Reel to Real Westerns" Sussex County Shootout.

All the stages were based on movie scenes with an actual line from a movie used to start the bullets flying. This year's state winners are Hazel Pepper, a.k.a. Karen Bell and Cobb Creek, a.k.a. Matt Jenkins. Clean match winners were also recognized and given a "Clean Match" badge for bragging rights. The hi-light stage was a mine shaft, named the Slower Lower Delaware mine. It was complete with water cascading down in the shaft that each shooter shot their rifles through. To start the stage off, the shooter pushed down on a "Dynamite" plunger setting off a black powder shot gun blank to blow up the mine, yelling "Fire in the Hole". We even had a "Peg leg" pirate shooting with us who was also our "Spirit of the Game" recipient, Cholula Mike. The Black powder shooters help with mosquito control with all their fire and smoke.

There was a Friday night dinner after the side matches, hosted by the "Sherriff" and his lovely bride, Lori who also started the Saturday morning meeting off by singing the National Anthem. The banquet on Saturday evening was attended by many and enjoyed by all. We had a costume contest, side match awards and dancing. Have you ever seen ladies in formal 19th century ballroom dresses doing the Electric Slide? Well, we had it, complete with one Wrangler in chaps joining in on the fun! We finished off Sunday with a team shoot, ice cream social and the awards with lots of smiling faces.

On behalf of Paden's Posse and the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club, I want to thank everyone for coming out again this year and enjoying our shoot. We hope you will join us again next year. Shoot straight, shoot clean and most of importantly, have fun.



Electric Slide



Costumes at their Best



Sherriff and Lori



Da Boys



Pretty Ladies



Side Match



"Peg Leg"



Mosquito Control



Lady Shooters



Delaware State Champs
Cobb Creek & Hazel Pepper



Spirit of the Game

Cholula Mike



Top Cowboy & Cowgirl
Jack Sazerac & Dueling Des



The Mine