



FEATURED COWBOY/COWGIRL

THIS ISSUE FEATURES COWGIRL ANITA GUNN.

CHRONICLE: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN COWBOY ACTION SHOOTER?

ANITA GUNN: I HAVE BEEN A COWBOY ACTION SHOOTER FOR 6 1/2 YEARS.

CHRONICLE: WHERE DID YOUR ALIAS COME FROM?

ANITA GUNN: RUSTY AND I WERE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF ME SHOOTING AND I SAID TO HIM THAT IF I DID START SHOOTING THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO BUY MORE GUNS, WHICH COST A LOT OF MONEY, AND DID WE HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT. HE SAID TO ME THAT MY ALIAS COULD BE ANITA GUNN BECAUSE I NEEDED GUNS. I CHOSE TO SPELL GUN WITH 2 N'S TO MAKE IT SEEM MORE LIKE A LAST NAME.

CHRONICLE: WHAT CATEGORY DO YOU SHOOT AND WHY THIS CATEGORY?

ANITA GUNN: . I SHOOT LADY 49R. I LIKE TO SHOOT AGE BASED CATEGORIES SO THAT CAN DRESS HOW I WANT AND SHOOT WHAT I WANT AND NOT BE TOLD WHAT I CAN AND CANNOT DO. I DON'T LIKE RESTRICTIONS. BESIDES, WHAT GIRL DOESN'T LIKE TO SHOW OFF HER AGE AND LET THE WORLD KNOW HOW OLD SHE IS. LOL.

CHRONICLE: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT COWBOY SHOOTING?

ANITA GUNN: FIRST AND FOREMOST, I LOVE THAT I HAVE AN AMAZING HOBBY THAT I GET TO SHARE WITH MY HUSBAND FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES. I LOVE THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS THAT WE HAVE ACQUIRED THROUGH SHOOTING. IT IS FUN TO HAVE FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES ALL OVER THE WORLD. I REALLY ENJOY GETTING TO TRAVEL AND SHOOT IN NEW PLACES. I AM A BIT OF A COMPETITOR AND LOVE THE ADRENALINE RUSH. I ENJOY COMPETING WITH MYSELF AND TRYING TO IMPROVE MY SKILLS. I'M NOT GOING TO LIE, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE DAY THAT I GIVE MY HUSBAND SOME STIFF COMPETITION.

CHRONICLE: WHAT'S YOUR ADVICE FOR SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO TRY IT?

ANITA GUNN: NEVER UNDERESTIMATE YOURSELF AND YOUR SHOOTING ABILITIES. I REALLY DISLIKE WHEN YOU INVITE SOMEONE TO COME GIVE IT A TRY AND THEY SAY THAT THEY WOULDN'T BE VERY GOOD OR FAST. WERE ANY OF US VERY GOOD OR FAST WHEN WE FIRST STARTED? I WAS VERY INTIMIDATED AND SLOW WHEN I FIRST STARTED BUT HUNG IN THERE. I DID NOT HAVE GUN EXPERIENCE BUT EVENTUALLY GAINED IT. ONE REASON I WANTED TO SHOOT WAS BECAUSE I DID NOT WANT TO BECOME A WEEKEND WIDOW. I ALSO LOVE THAT MY HUSBAND AND I WILL ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON, WITH THE SAME GOALS AND DESIRES FOR TRAVEL DESTINATIONS. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PLENTY OF CLOSET SPACE.

RO SAFETY COURSE REFRESHER TIDBITS AND NEWS

Proper Coaching vs. Improper Coaching

- ✓ Proper coaching is not considered RO Interference and will never be grounds for a reshoot.
- ✓ Improper coaching *by the TO* that either impedes the shooters progress or results in a procedural penalty *may be* grounds for a reshoot.
- ✓ Any Procedural penalties are the responsibility of the shooter; an RO/TO who does NOT provide coaching, is not responsible for a shooters procedural penalties. NOT coaching does not waive any procedural penalties.
- ✓ "Coaching" is defined by guidance from the TO only and does not include anyone not currently in a Range Officer position. ★

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UTAH WESTERN HISTORY TIDBITS

TO THE EARLY MORMON SETTLERS NORTHERN UTAH WAS ONE OF THE COLDEST PLACES ON EARTH. BISHOP HAMMOND OF HUNTSVILLE, A FORMER WHALER IN THE ARCTIC REGIONS, REPORTED IN THE DESERET NEWS ON FEBRUARY 6, 1883, THAT THE WEATHER IN HUNTSVILLE, UTAH, WAS MORE SEVERE THAN HE HAD EVER EXPERIENCED IN THE REGIONS OF "ETERNAL ICE AND SNOW." HIS STATEMENT ONLY CONFIRMED WHAT NORTHERN UTAHANS HAD BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT ALL ALONG. FREEZING WINDS, HEAVY SNOWS, AND CHILLING TEMPERATURES MADE LIFE DIFFICULT, IF NOT UNBEARABLE, DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

OF COURSE, SOME WINTERS WERE WORSE THAN OTHERS. IN 1862 AN ENORMOUS SNOWSTORM HIT OGDEN VALLEY. ACCORDING TO LOCAL ACCOUNTS, GEORGE MARSH BRONSON WENT OUTSIDE TO FEED HIS SHEEP ON THE MORNING AFTER THE STORM. TO HIS SURPRISE, NOT ONE SHEEP COULD BE SEEN! TAKING A CLOSER LOOK, HE DISCOVERED THAT THE HERD HAD BEEN BURIED IN THE SNOW AND HAD MANAGED TO STAY ALIVE BY BREATHING THROUGH SMALL AIR HOLES IN THE SNOW. AFTER AN ENTIRE DAY OF DIGGING, HE RECOVERED ALL THE SHEEP.

THE WINTER OF 1875 MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE WORST EVER. FOLLOWING A STORM IN MARCH TEMPERATURES IN NORTHERN UTAH REACHED AS LOW AS 55 DEGREES BELOW ZERO. CHILDREN RECEIVED FROSTBITE BY WALKING ONLY SHORT DISTANCES TO SCHOOL. IN SOME AREAS SNOW REACHED A LEVEL OF FIVE FEET. SOME PEOPLE WERE HOMEBOUND FOR MONTHS.

HIGH LEVELS OF SNOWFALL INCREASED THE DANGER OF SLIDES. SNOW SLIDES IN JANUARY 1875, AS RECORDED BY LDS HISTORIAN ANDREW JENSON, TOOK MANY LIVES IN THE WASATCH FRONT CANYONS, INCLUDING TWO SEPARATE SLIDES IN LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON THAT KILLED A TOTAL OF TEN, ONE IN BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON THAT KILLED FIVE, AND A UTAH COUNTY SNOW SLIDE THAT KILLED ONE. THE LOSS OF LIFE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE WINTER. ON MARCH 3 A SLIDE IN LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON KILLED W. G. THOMAS. ON MARCH 12 A TRAGIC SNOW SLIDE HIT THE SMALL TOWN OF LIBERTY, WEBER COUNTY. JAMES BURT WAS LEAVING FOR WORK AT 8 O'CLOCK THAT MORNING WHEN HE TURNED TO SEE HIS HOME, WIFE, AND FOUR CHILDREN CARRIED AWAY BY THE SLIDE. WHEN THE HOUSE FINALLY STOPPED NEARLY FOUR BLOCKS AWAY, NEIGHBORS RUSHED TO THE SCENE TO RESCUE THE FAMILY. ALL WERE SAVED EXCEPT THE LITTLE GIRL. SHE HAD EVIDENTLY FALLEN FROM HER HIGH CHAIR WHEN THE SLIDE HIT THE HOUSE AND DIED INSTANTLY. THIS SNOW SLIDE TOOK EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH. DAVID E. CHARD, INTERVIEWED AT THE AGE OF 94, SAID THAT A HAYSTACK HAD BEEN SWEEP AWAY WITH THE SLIDE AND, A DAY LATER, HE SAW "AN OLD COW SITTING ON TOP OF THE STACK, MUNCHING HAY."

IN ADDITION TO THE LIBERTY TRAGEDY, OTHER SNOW SLIDES IN MARCH 1875 CAUSED DESTRUCTION THROUGHOUT NORTHERN UTAH. ON MARCH 18 A SLIDE IN DRY CANYON NEAR PROVIDENCE, CACHE COUNTY, KILLED A BOY. EZRA J. CLARK AND HIS SONS JUSTUS AND JOHN WERE CUTTING TREES TO MAKE RAILROAD TIES WHEN A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND CAUSED A SNOW SLIDE. EZRA GRABBED A TREE BRANCH AND TOLD JUSTUS TO CLIMB ON. WHEN HE DID SO THE TREE SNAPPED AND SENT THE BOY INTO THE RUSHING SNOW. HE WAS FOUND DEAD AN HOUR LATER.

A SNOW SLIDE IN GREEN CANYON EAST OF PARADISE, CACHE COUNTY, ON MARCH 17 CARRIED JAMES SMITH A HALF A MILE. WHEN THE MOVEMENT FINALLY STOPPED, SMITH FOUND HIMSELF ON THE VERGE OF A CLIFF 40 FEET HIGH. HE WATCHED AS SNOW TUMBLED OVER THE EDGE. LUCKILY, HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND RETURNED HOME. THE WINTER OF 1875 WAS ONLY ONE OF MANY CHILLING WINTERS THAT NORTHERN UTAH HAS EXPERIENCED OVER THE YEARS. BUT ITS EFFECT LEFT LASTING MEMORIES FOR THOSE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF NATURE'S PATH. AN ARTICLE IN THE OGDEN JUNCTION ON MARCH 13, 1875, DESCRIBES THE GENERAL FEELING ABOUT THE WEATHER THAT YEAR: "JUST AS WE THOUGHT WINTER WAS GONE FOR GOOD AND ALL, NOW COMES ANOTHER BLINDING SNOW STORM THAT COVERS ALL THINGS WITH A THICK WHITE SHEET AND FILLS THE AIR WITH GLOOM." SPRING MUST HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY WELCOME TO NORTHERN UTAH SETTLERS IN 1875.

Yvette D. Ison History Blazer, April 1995

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SHOOTS

LEGENDS 2018, APRIL 23-28 REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND HERE: [HTTP://WWW.DIXIEDESPERADOS.COM/2018-LEGENDS-REGIONAL.HTML](http://www.dixiedesperados.com/2018-LEGENDS-REGIONAL.HTML)

EDITORIAL OPINION

“CAUGHT IN THE ACT!” ~ BY MAISIE GRACE

Pals. Friends. Buddies. Pardners. Whatever you call ‘em, these two seem to emulate the true meaning of the “Cowboy Spirit” whenever you bump into them. Some folks have even mistaken them for brothers. And although they aren’t related, I guess they really are brothers in the ways it matters most.

Crackshot Craig and **Longwalker** have been cowboy shooting for a “good-long-while.” You’d be hard pressed to find bigger smiles or bigger hearts on any range. These two consistently show the rest of us what this “Cowboy shooting thing” is really about. Friendship.



Watching these two interact with each other and with other shooters, you get a solid example of the kind of character you want to replicate. Great shooters who don’t brag – even though they have the stuff to back it up. Helpers who build up other shooters and offer advice in a humble way. And kindness that just leaves you smiling as big as they do.

If you haven’t had a chance to meet these two, walk up and introduce yourself the next time you see them at a shoot. You’ll be glad you did. And if you need a time and place – they’re helping to run the monthly shoots for the “Cowboys of Utah” club every 2nd Saturday at the WASR/Big Salty Range in SLC.

The world of CAS is about the shooting; but it is built on the cornerstone of friendships. Friendships like the one between Crackshot Craig and Longwalker. We all want to be better shooters...but if we’re working first at being better friends, I think we’ll hit that bullseye a lot sooner.

“COWBOY QUOTES TO LIVE BY”



TRUST EVERYONE, BUT ALWAYS CUT CARDS.

BE SURE TO TASTE YOUR WORDS BEFORE YOU SPIT THEM OUT.

IF IT’S NOT YOURS, DON’T TAKE IT, IF IT’S NOT TRUE DON’T SAY IT, IF IT’S NOT RIGHT DON’T DO IT.

LIFE ISN’T ABOUT WAITING FOR THE STORM TO PASS. IT’S ABOUT LEARNING TO DANCE IN THE RAIN.

