

To the SASS Community:

I am Dragon Hill Dave, the President of the Plum Creek Shooting Society since its inception in 2012. A false and terribly destructive rumor is floating around in Texas about my club, the Plum Creek Shooting Society, and the stretch raffle it held at the 2013 Texas State Championship. This rumor claims that all of the proceeds of the stretch raffle were supposed to go to the SASS Scholarship Fund and that the SASS Scholarship Fund has received no benefit at all from Plum Creek's activities. An even more malicious and false variant of this rumor is that our landowner kept the money for himself instead of sending it to the SASS Scholarship Fund. **These rumors are false and should stop.**

Let me address the ugliest rumor first-- our landowner, Delta Raider, is a decorated Vietnam veteran who, along with his wife, built a wonderful Western town and Pavilion at their Agarita Ranch near Lockhart, Texas. They have opened their land and their hearts to Cowboy Action Shooters. Delta Raider is also a Life Member of SASS and a Territorial Governor for another local club. For years Delta Raider ran the cowboy shooting operation, but in April 2012 we formed an independent club that uses the range at the Agarita Ranch. It is the club that put on the Texas State match in 2013.

Delta Raider did not receive the proceeds of the stretch raffle, period. The club is a separate entity. We rent the range from Delta Raider, paying him on a per shooter basis. He probably spent more than what we paid him to make his place the best possible for the shooters. Whoever started this terrible lie about him please stop, and those of you who have heard it please spread the truth.

Shotglass agreed to do a stretch raffle for our club with the expectation that the club would be donating some funds to the SASS Scholarship Fund. There was never any agreement or expectation that all the funds collected or that any specific amount would be donated.

We spent a lot of money on this shoot and the raffle prizes. Plum Creek invested heavily in range improvements, targets, banners, badges, buckles, door prizes and stretch raffle prizes to deliver a top notch shooter experience for the 2013 State match. We spent \$3000 on guns, a gun cart, and a Dillon 650 that we included in the raffle and gave away as shooter's prizes.

We didn't do a good job handling our money and our costs. We had some unexpected expenses as well as a little too much first time enthusiasm to put on the best shoot possible without closely considering the budget.

In the end our expenses significantly exceeded our proceeds even including the stretch raffle monies collected. Several of us made up the difference, over \$3,000, out of our own pockets.

We all believe the Scholarship fund is a huge opportunity but when it came time to think about donations to the SASS Scholarship fund, the club had no money. I honestly don't know what we were supposed to do—we are a voluntary organization and we had no money left—in fact we owed a lot to others. How could we make a donation?

But the SASS Scholarship Fund did not suffer. My wife Barely There and I made a \$1000 donation to the SASS Scholarship Fund on behalf of the Plum Creek Shooting Society. The SASS Scholarship Fund did receive a donation as a result of the State shoot—the club just couldn't afford to make it.

After months the club is finally in the black again thanks to the support of our 90+ members and the Central Texas shooter community. To show our commitment to the SASS Scholarship Fund, the Plum Creek Shooting Society will donate \$100 from each of its monthly shoots for the next year to the SASS Scholarship Fund beginning in April 2014. And I will back that with my personal guarantee.

To those who have heard or passed on the false rumors I have addressed I ask that you stop and take positive efforts to spread the truth. Help us assure that our reputation suffers no more from this.

And if you haven't shot with us at the Agarita Ranch, schedule a date to come see what our range has to offer (Our 10 stage annual match, **Battle of Plum Creek**, is just around the corner, May 1-4—see details at www.pccss.org)