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Doc Goodfellow

by Long Juan

Editors Note: Many of you know that I love watching episodes of Gunsmoke on T.V. Doc Adams is one of my favorite characters, as is Jake Paladin, our own Plum Creek Doc. My Dad was a Navy doctor, who served from Pearl Harbor to Vietnam. My best friend is a doctor and my grandfather was a Navy doc. This story is dedicated to my favorite Docs.



Doc Adams - Gunsmoke

On a chilly autumn evening in Tombstone, a dark, shadowy figure crept up the stairs behind the Crystal Palace Saloon. Inside, the raucous sounds

of laughter mixed with the whirl of roulette wheels and rinky-tink piano music. The man reached the top of the stairs and looked around. Deciding his approach had gone unnoticed, he struck a match and held the flickering light up to the sign over the door. In a low whisper he sounded out the words, "George Goodfellow, MD." He opened the door quietly and slipped inside. The sound of snoring drew him to the far corner of the room. He approached the sleeping figure cautiously. It would not do to rouse the sleeping doctor without using caution. Doc Goodfellow was no ordinary doctor. A well-known pugilist (boxer), Doc was more than a match for any rough-hewn cowboy or miner.

The intruder reached out and gently tugged at the sleeping man's foot. "Wake up Doc," he said, "Curly Bill needs ya."

Doc Goodfellow was awake in an instant. He knew this was no routine house call. Curley Bill Brocius never sent one of his men all the way to Tombstone unless the matter was grave.



Doc Goodfellow

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Curley Bill was the leader of one of the most notorious bands of rustlers the West has ever known. Occasionally, one of his charges would wind up on the muzzle end of a .45 slug and the outlaw leader would put out the call for Doc Goodfellow, Tombstone's famous "gunshot surgeon."

For the next several hours, Doc Goodfellow and the outlaw messenger would twist and wind on horseback through narrow canyons of Cochise County until they reached the outlaw chieftain's hideout. There Doc would perform field surgery under primitive conditions that would astound his Eastern counterparts. In many cases, the victim was too far gone to save, but this never kept the surgeon from operating. Win, lose or draw, Doc Goodfellow would always give his patients every opportunity to pull through. This was a period in medical history of great scientific breakthrough; however, most surgeons in Eastern medical citadels preferred to be conservative in their treatment. Doc Goodfellow epitomized many frontier surgeons. Limited in their facilities, they had no choice but to experiment if their patients were to have any chance at all.

Doc Goodfellow was a "participant" in one of Arizona's most legendary

feuds. Following the shootout near the OK Corral in Oct., 1881, he tended wounded members of both factions. Before 19-year old Billy Clanton died with six bullets in him, Doc removed his boots. The young cowboy had promised his mother "not to die with his boots on." A few weeks later, the physician was called out to save the mutilated arm of Virgil Earp. Some four



Dr. George E. Goodfellow (1855-1910)

inches of shattered bone was removed from the lawman who had been ambushed by a shotgun wielding member of the opposing faction. The next victim of the fighting was Morgan Earp. Morg was gunned down, again by ambush while watching a billiard game in Hatch's saloon. One of the bullets passed through Earp and penetrated the leg of an innocent bystander named George Berry. Berry fell unconscious and expired soon after of shock, or as

County Coroner Dr. Goodfellow "formally" stated in his report. Berry was literally, "scared to death."

George E. Goodfellow began his medical career as a contract surgeon with the army at Fort Whipple, near Prescott, AZ. From there he moved to Ft. Lowell, near Tucson, for a brief stint. Finding army life dull, he set out for the boisterous new silver boomtown of Tombstone. He arrived in 1880 and for the next seven years called the city on Goose Flat Mesa home. Doc Goodfellow set up his offices on the second floor of the Crystal Palace Saloon. Old timers said he actively maintained two offices, one upstairs and the other one on the ground floor. He socialized with Tombstone's upper crust society, but frequently escorted some of Allen Street's more comely courtesans. He languished many an hour promoting horse races, wrestling and boxing matches. A former champion boxer, he had been expelled from Annapolis during his undergraduate days for extra-curricular pugilism.

Few doctors who entered Arizona during territorial days received as much recognition as Doc Goodfellow. Fewer still displayed his flair for excitement. Many doctors who "wested" to Arizona during the territorial days



lived out their lives in settlements and cities, treating every imaginable ailment from rabies, snakebite, scorpion sting and gunshot wounds - self-inflicted and otherwise. Accidents involving explosives, wagons and spirited horses were quite common. Much of the surgery was performed at the scene of the accident with only the most primitive facilities. Doctors amputated legs and arms, probed for and patched up arrow wounds, not to mention victims of various epidemics.

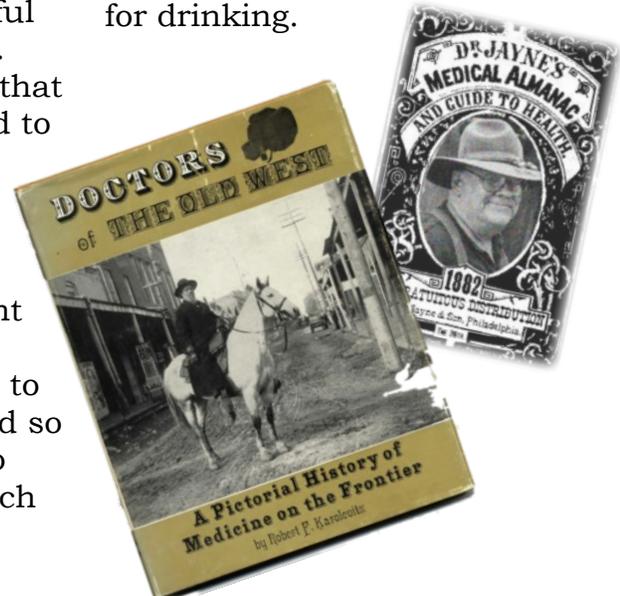
The most spectacular-appearing and greatest killers were cholera and yellow fever, although malaria and related fevers were the most prevalent and had the greatest impact. Deaths resulting from these diseases were far greater

than the casualties produced by Indians in the Post-Civil War period. During the years 1866-1895, 1,993 soldiers were killed in combat. In 1866 more than 1,200 soldiers died of cholera alone. Cholera and fevers often disabled 50 to 90 percent of the personnel at a post. Of those stricken, almost half usually died.

Many treatments for disease were more harmful than the actual diseases. Folk-remedy treatments that were common subscribed to the old adage, "a fierce disease called for an even fiercer treatment." Communicable diseases were thwarted by pungent chest rubs and asafetida bags. The theory seemed to be that the victim smelled so bad that nobody cared to come near enough to catch anything. Whiskey and

opium concoctions were as common as aspirin. Addiction to drugs and alcohol was common. It was not until the turn of the 20th century that a prescription was needed to purchase drugs of any kind.

In the late 19th century, the tide began to turn. Horse-and-buggy doctors built hospitals, delivered babies, battled epidemics and fought hard to overcome the superstitious mores of their generally uneducated clientele. The saddlebag practitioners on the frontier also overcame all kinds of natural obstacles to administer aid and comfort to their patients. Newspapers helped educate the populace on subjects relating to cleanliness, sanitation, purification of water and disinfection of fecal wastes. One newspaper criticized local saloons for soaking their spittoons in the town's irrigation ditches when others downstream were using the same water for drinking.



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President's Word:

I was not at the range on Friday before our September match or at the shoot on Saturday. **Barely There** and I are going to Walla Walla, Washington to tour an artist's studio and foundry. Hey, whatever makes the little woman happy. Well, ok, I want to see it too. Hope to see you in October.



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Long Juan Here:

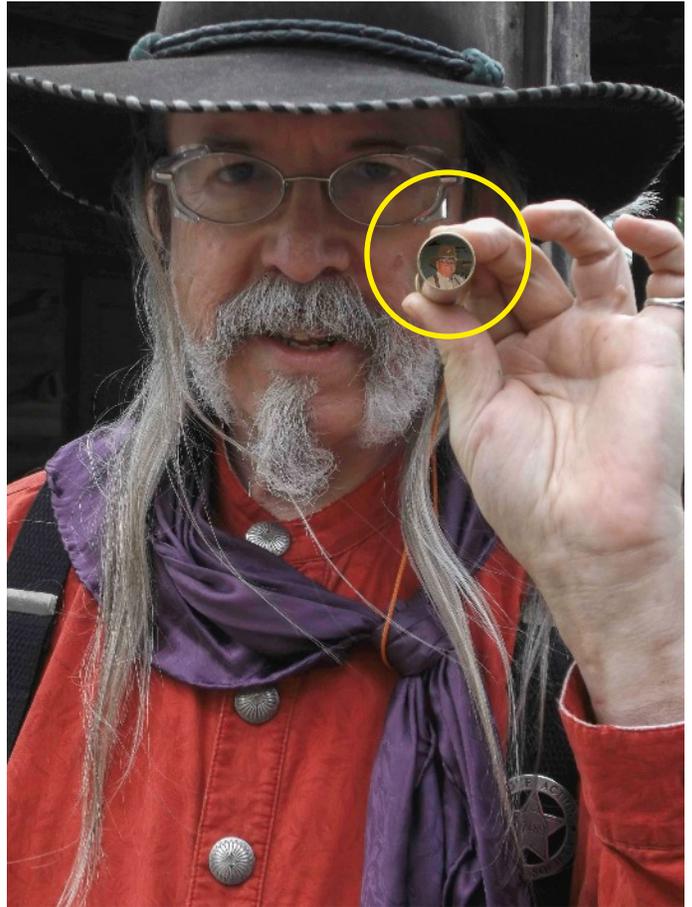
Like Dragon Hill Dave, I plan to be on the road. For me, it will be the October match, the first one I've missed in almost four years. **Powder Keg Patty** and I will in in Ireland for two weeks with friends. We plan to do some sightseeing and to play some golf, weather permitting. Scores and photos for the October match may be delayed as a result. My apologies.

September Match Report

We had a good, if hot and humid match this month. We had 62 shooters, not a bad turnout given the weather and the fact that it was the first weekend of dove season. Scores have been emailed to shooters and club members and have been posted on the Plum Creek website. Congratulations to our 14 (23%) clean shooters, our category winners and our top ten, which included **Ivory Venom** and her father, **Hopalong Herbert**. Speaking of **Ivory Venom**, she gets a gold star and is hereby mentioned in the dispatches. She is a teacher in real life, which may explain why she is the only one who read and followed all of the scorekeeper guidelines, including sending her score sheets to the saloon after her posse finished shooting each stage. Thanks Ivory. Hope everyone else will be a good student of Ivory at the next match.

FIND DELTA RAIDER

We had another record month of finding **Delta Raider**. Nineteen readers found him hiding in Abilene's brass shotshell in the August issue. Hereby mentioned in the dispatches are **Nichols Creek, El Sabre, Preacherman, Marshal John Henry, Kit Carson, Skyhawk Hans, Lincoln Drifter, Johnny Morris, Big John Mesquite, Sixwire, Hairtrigger Hayes, Meadow Biscuit Slim, Czexican Dave, Lefty Leo, Jarhead Jake, Delta Raider, Skinny Steve, Wildcat Bob and Sheriff Robert Love**. Let's see who can find Delta Raider this month.



More docs and their wares



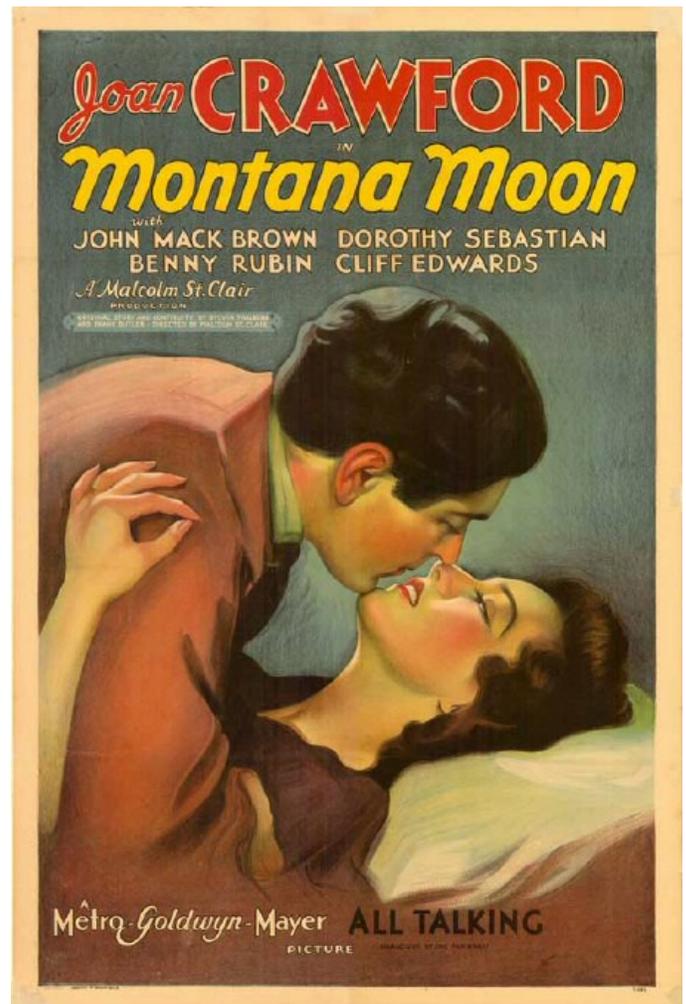
Stories from Jake (Paladin that is): Training Frontier Doctors

Frontier physicians often insisted, I'm "no doctor," I'm just someone who knows "something about healing." Most were right! Some trained as a drugstore assistant, mixing prescriptions until they learned what medicine was prescribed for which ailment. Others attended a few months of college and received a medical degree. Still others simply purchased their M.D. from a diploma mill. The best trained were those who served as apprentice to an established doctor. In 1875, one doctor described his apprentice-trained colleagues as "honest, conscientious, hard-working men, who are inclined to place great weight on their experience and rather contemptuous of what they call "book learning and theories." Usually, three years as an apprentice was considered sufficient. The apprentice read the doctor's books - biology, anatomy, chemistry, physiology and pharmacy. He mixed *plasters* and went on house calls with the doctor until he acquired enough medical knowledge and skill to strike out on his own.

Editors Note: A poultice is a damp mixture applied thickly to the skin, with or without a layer of cloth (sometimes of a specific variety) over top to hold it in place. A plaster is a poultice allowed to dry to a shell, as opposed to being kept moist or replaced when dried out.

Montana Moon (1930)

How about one more film Dragon Hill Dave did not write about? Montana Moon was a 1930 musical western starring Joan Crawford and Johnny Mack Brown. It was the story about a budding romance between a rich New York City girl and a Texas cowboy. Montana is the name Brown gave Crawford in the film, which introduced the concept of the singing cowboy on the screen. Interestingly, censors required removal of all shots of drinking because the country was still under prohibition. This meant that scenes in which Joan gets tipsy had to be cut. Those scenes explained Joan's flirtatious behavior, so instead of seeming innocently drunk, the character comes off as promiscuous.



Joan Crawford playing Joan Prescott in *Montana Moon*

RO's Corner: Words Have Meaning

We had some inquiries after the match about the stage instructions for the rifle sequence on one stage. The sequence in question read as follows:

Engage both R1 and R7 at least two times AND KD the cowboys. Only cowboys left standing and misses on R1 and R7 count as misses.

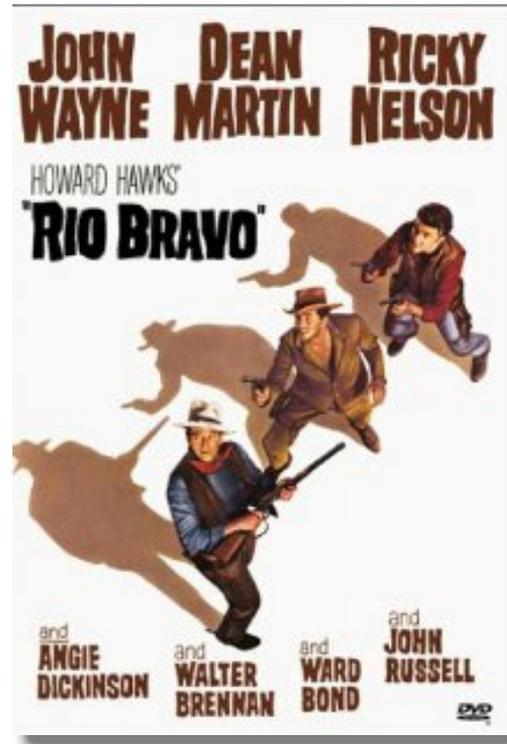
At least one posse apparently did not read those instructions to require shooting both R1 and R7 at least twice each, with only six other shots to knock down the five cowboys. Words have meaning. "Engage both R1 and R7 at least two times" is pretty clear. If the shooter shot R1 twice, then used seven shots to knockdown the cowboys, leaving only one shot for R7, the shooter should have been awarded a P. We hope to avoid similar mistakes in the future. Please read the stage instructions carefully. If there is any question, please ask before anyone on the posse shoots the stage. We want to be sure everyone shoots each stage the same way and that scoring is accurate and fair to all. Thanks

Unlikely Western Actors

Dragon Hill Dave wrote some really neat stories to go with our stage instructions for the September match. Unfortunately, in his absence, they were lost in the shuffle. So his efforts do not go unrecognized, here is each of those short stories.

The Oklahoma Kid (1939)

Humphrey Bogart as villain Whip McCord is showing off his new derringer by passing it around to poker players in the saloon. One of the poker players is **James Cagney** as Jim Kincaid, the Oklahoma Kid. When the derringer gets back to Bogart, he turns it on the poker players and demands their money saying “The strong always take from the weak.” Cagney opens his hand to show two rounds he took from the derringer and says “And the smart take from the strong.”



Rio Bravo (1959)

In *Rio Bravo*, singer **Ricky Nelson** played a young gunslinger named Colorado Ryan who comes into town with a wagon train and helps John Wayne (John T. Chance) enforce the law in Rio Bravo. Pat Wheeler, the wagon train leader, tells Colorado that he told the sheriff that Colorado was one of the best. Colorado, in that shy Ricky Nelson way, says “Well, I’ll tell you what I’m a lot better at, Mr. Wheeler... that’s minding my own business.”

Little Big Man (1970)

Dustin Hoffman plays Jack Crabb, a half breed who witnesses Army troops slaughter his Indian family, becomes a drunk, then an Indian scout for Custer. When Custer asks his advice about going down into the Little Big Horn, Jack triumphantly thinks to himself "I have him." Then they have this chat:

Jack Crabb: General, you go down there.

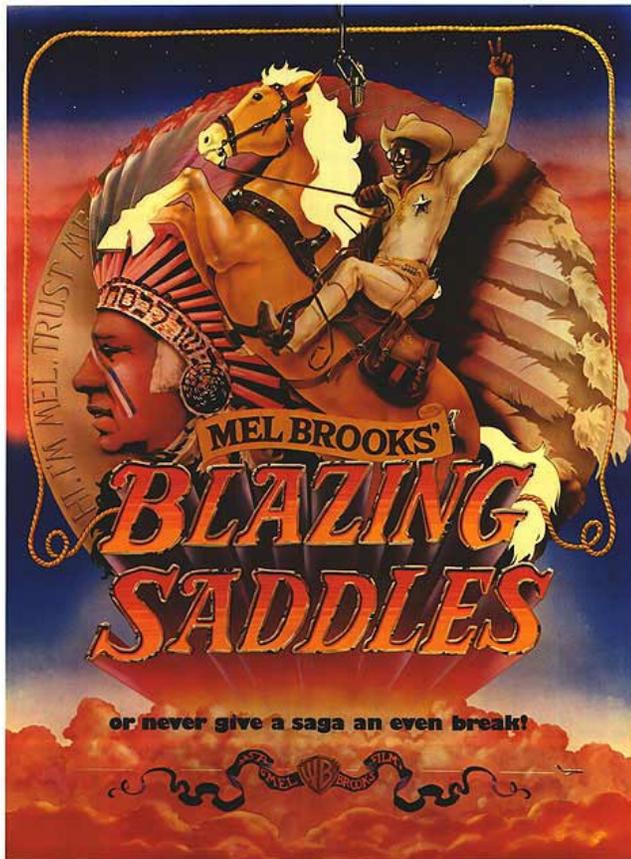
General Custer: You're advising me to go into the Coulee?

Jack Crabb: Yes sir.

General Custer: There are no Indians there, I suppose.

Jack Crabb: I didn't say that. There are thousands of Indians down there. And when they get done with you, there won't be nothing left but a greasy spot. This ain't the Washite River, General, and them ain't helpless women and children waiting for you. They're Cheyenne brave, and Sioux. You go down there, General, if you've got the nerve.

General Custer: Still trying to outsmart me, aren't you, mule-skinner. You want me to think that you don't want me to go down there, but the subtle truth is you really don't want me to go down there!



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Blazing Saddles (1974)

In *Blazing Saddles* **Alex Karras** played Mongo, an immensely strong, slow-thinking (but surprisingly philosophical) henchman sent by Taggart and Lyle to kill Bart but who then befriends the hero and becomes a good guy. To defeat Mongo, Sheriff Bart (Cleavon Little) hides a bomb in a big candy gram. Mongo is pleased: "Mongo like candy."



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The Magnificent Seven (1960)

Shakespearean trained actor **Robert Vaughn** played an on-the-run gunman Lee, one of the Magnificent Seven who was in the midst of a crisis of confidence when he was recruited. As they sit around planning the defense of the town, Lee grabs at three flies - opens his hand and says "One. There was a time when I'd have gotten all three."

More Dispatches

Mentioned in the dispatches for responding to the questions in the message about our September match are Marshal John Henry who guessed wrong, Jake Paladin for correctly identifying Ricky Nelson and Walter Brennan, but the wrong movie, and Newt Ritter, all the way from New Hampshire. Newt identified all but Robert Vaughn. Had to give him the U.N.C.L.E. Hint.

September Match Photos

Thanks to Dutch Van Horn and Six Goin' South for the photos this month.



Another of Dutch Van Horn's photos, this time showing Ivory Venom shooting all 3 guns at once. She's already fast enough Dutch. She doesn't need any help.



Texican Rangers, Tricky Tunes & Chasen Aces, shoot at Plum Creek for the first time.



Diamond Kate lookin' good!



Who's wearing all this stuff?



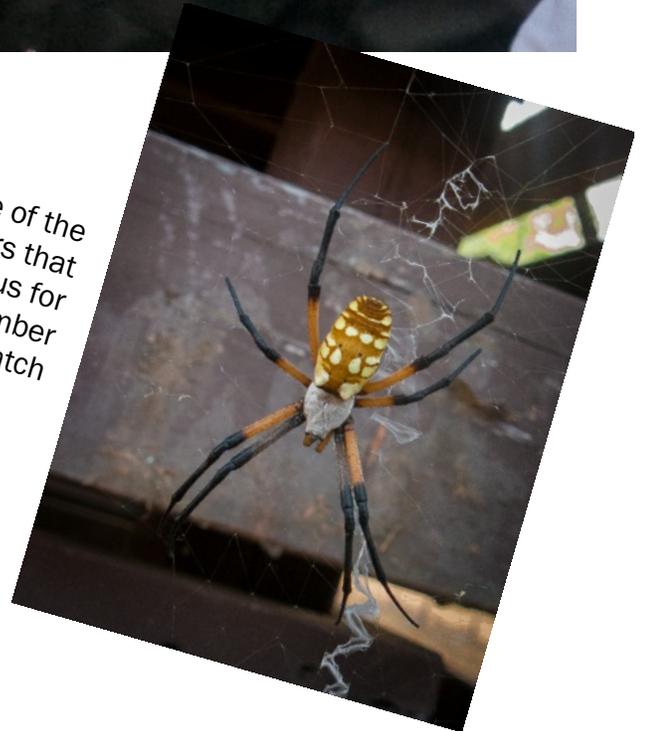
True Blue Cachoo goes headless!

Schoolmarm, shooter and scorekeeper extraordinaire, Ivory Venom was the only one who followed instructions and sent her posse score sheets to the saloon after every stage.



Lucky "Lawrence of Plum Creek" Nickel

One of the spiders that joined us for the September match





I tried six times to get Agarita Annie to look up. Bisbee Jackson posed nicely the entire time.

Phantom always has this incredible look of concentration as he begins each stage



Texas Cutie shooting her first match at Plum Creek AND she shot it CLEAN!!



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It was good to have Wild Hog back on the firing line. Scooter timing.

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