From the President/Match Director:

Welcome to the second edition of the Rough Rider Range Report. We have some exciting news for our shooters, vendors, and guests. First is the official announcement of our 2020 theme: “A Salute to the Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad”. We are excited about this theme because the completion of the railway linking East and West was so instrumental in the development of all things “cowboy” and “western”. We are working diligently to ensure that all of our stages and stage fronts reflect this very important time in American history.

We are also starting a two-part series on the role that our volunteers play in making Winter Range such a huge success. Truly, our volunteers are as important to Winter Range as the railroad was to westward expansion. We’d love to have you be a part.

If the way to a cowboy’s (or cowgirl’s) heart is through his stomach, you need to seriously check out this year’s dinner menus on the next page. Survey responses from the last few years have requested a change from the same old cowboy grub. Well, we’ve listened and I think you will be more than satisfied with our new caterers and their offerings. Don’t forget, food court vendors will stay open late Thursday and Friday nights for dinner prior to the evening festivities; and yes, the Rough Rider Saloon will open Wednesday through Saturday as soon as the range is declared cold.

Stay tuned, there’s more to follow in the next edition.

BLACKJACK ZAK, President/Match Director
**Winter Range Report continued…**

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**The Importance of Volunteers**

*Winter Range* is a year-round effort that would never happen without the efforts of a dedicated cadre of hard-working volunteers. On any given day, somebody somewhere is working to make the next match a reality. Last year volunteers donated more than 7500 hours of their time.

Here’s a view of how it breaks down.

**Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders.** This is the Board of Directors of Winter Range, there are 21 members at the present time. They meet monthly from September through April and each Board member has a specific area of responsibility. The Executive Committee meets as needed between board meetings and during the summer months to transact the business end of things and to do long-range planning.

**Work Parties.** Led by our Range Master and Volunteer Coordinator Nine Toe Joe, this is “where the rubber meets the road”. Tools, materials, and flying elbows combine to build stage fronts, props, and anything else needed to make each WR special. But it’s not just for the brawny construction type. There are jobs for every age and ability; painting, cleaning, and organizing supplies to name a few.

Watch for more information on our Arizona Territorial Rangers and Wednesday Side Match Volunteers in the next issue.

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**2019-2020 Work Parties**

Come be part of the fun

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For more info or to confirm dates and times contact Nine Toe Joe at *bdemaree1@msn.com*

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!! Don’t Forget!!

Make your Hotel, Airbnb, and RV reservations early.

Find more RV info here: [http://winterrange.com/camping.html](http://winterrange.com/camping.html)

And Hotel info here: [http://winterrange.com/lodging.html](http://winterrange.com/lodging.html)

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**Food News!**

*Wednesday’s* Complimentary Shooter and Vendor Appreciation Dinner will be catered by Blue Ribbon BBQ, a long-time favorite food court vendor. Dinner will be a pulled pork sandwich with cole slaw and chips.

*Saturday’s* Banquet will be catered by Carefree Catering. Dinner will be:

- Fresh rolls with butter
- Carved sirloin with demi-glace
- Chicken in shallot and thyme gravy
- Mashed Idaho potatoes with roasted garlic
- Seasonal vegetables with tomatoes and herbs

**Saturday Tickets are limited to 300 BUY THEM EARLY**

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That’s all for now and hope to see you down the trail at WR 2020!

*If you think this newsletter is a bunch of horse #\%&$ and don’t want any more, just reply and we’ll take you off the mailing list.*