**MARIAH WAS NOT VERY NICE**

By Pete Pedone

They call the Wind Mariah. It’s actually spelled two ways: Maria or Mariah. Either way, when she’s out in force, it can get mighty cold. She has what they call a “wind chill factor” about her, and when that’s added to the existing temperature, it can get awfully annoying. Not to worry, the Pine Mountain Posse handled Mariah with aplomb—actually thumbing their noses at her while running up some impressive Valentine’s Day shooting scores. Sorry Mother Nature, we are Cowboy Action Shooters and you will just have to live with us—we are not wimps!

Top gun for the day was Whisperin’ Wade, with a total time of 138.00 seconds for 5 not so easy stages. Wade ran away with the Gunfighter category while Hoss Reese did the same for the Wrangler category. The Old Peoples category was captured by yours truly, while Sunrise Bill took first place in the Forty-niner category. Arctic Annie led all lady shooters by winning the Duelist category, while GDub squeaked by Pepper G to capture the Forty-niner category.

The Legend was top Senior Gunfighter, while Cherokee Sam took the Frontier Cartridge Senior category. Street Howitzer was top gun in the B Western category, and Tetherow Tex LaRue made lots of smoke again while winning the Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter category. Well, that was one advantage of having Mariah around she blew that smoke away before it had a chance to bother anyone—never the less we are not certain which is the greater evil, Mariah or the smoke? Diamond Willow put together some hot chicken soup to warm our souls, and the club house was kept roasty toasty by our always reliable pot bellied stove—it don’t get any better than this folks! For overall and category scores, please visit our website at: [www.pinemountainposse.com/](http://www.pinemountainposse.com/) you’re a Daisy if ya do! PP.