

Wet Cowboys? I don't think so!

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Right in the middle of a drought, Mother Nature decides to give us some rain on the Sunday of the June Bend of Trail match. I'm not complaining! We really needed the rain. The weather forecasters had been calling for heavy rain since Friday and it had not materialized. Early the morning of the match it was apparent they would be right this time.

We decided to set up to shoot from under the cover on A Range. By doing this we could accommodate around 20 shooters before we would have to set up another target set on B Range to utilize that cover. And, 20 shooters are what we had. It is a good thing we consider ourselves family, because it was pretty crowded, especially during the heavy downpours that came and went most of the day.

Beer Slinger had set the targets in a way that, with minimal effort, changes could be made to keep the shooters interest. Because we weren't limited by the depth of our normal bays, the targets were set closer to the maximum SASS recommended distances. This combined with poor visibility and mud covered targets, resulted in everyone having a few more "misses" than usual. But, everyone seemed to enjoy the challenge and the opportunity to shoot on a very rainy day without getting wet.

The Bend of Trail section of the website has undergone a major overhaul and now has match stories, scores and stages posted. Check it out at [RoanokeRifle.com](http://RoanokeRifle.com).