

DEF WILLIE APPRECIATION DAY
June 6, 2026 (1st Saturday)

Def Willie (Bill Johnson) has put tremendous time and effort into the Willow Hole Cowboys club over the last 16 years. He started out building a great and lasting relationship with Doc Bury'em (Charles Thomason), allowing us the use of part of his property for our shooting activities. With his tireless efforts, Willow Hole has grown into a very diversified shooting club:

- Cowboy Action
- Rimfire Steel
- Long Range BPCR, and
- Rimfire Precision Long Range

There's something going on every weekend for most any kind of shooting activity. We're presently planning on the addition of Frontier "Skirmish" type matches and Wild Bunch on a frequent basis. As part of these activities, we're planning on an expansion of the range by adding 3 new stages.

All of this is due to Bill's efforts to build the club. He has recently stepped down as "Mister Do Everything" and allowed some other folks to attempt to keep the club running "between the ditches". We want to thank him for his efforts and show him that we appreciate them, so we're having a "Def Willie Appreciation Day" on June 6th. This will include members of both cowboy and rimfire groups and consist of:

- a 5-stage cowboy match in the morning
- lunch provided by the club (burgers, dogs, chips, cookies, drinks)
- a rimfire match after lunch

We encourage members of the cowboy and rimfire groups to try the "other" match. If we have some rimfire folks that want to try cowboy, but don't have the guns, let us know – we should be able to provide loaners with ammunition with a little advance notice. You can even shoot it with single action rimfire and rimfire lever rifles.

For cowboys that want to shoot the rimfire match, I'm sure you all have suitable guns. You would need either a handgun or rifle (or both). There are categories for semi-auto pistol and revolver, as well as semi-auto or lever rifle. Either pistol or rifle can have open sights or optics.

This should be a fun day, and a good way to tell Bill "Thanks" for all his effort to build a great club.

Standard \$15 fee applies for each match