

# Western Jamboree



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## A Western Jamboree

Theme:           \*\*We roped em' in with a Western Jamboree\*\*

The Club:       \*\*Looked like Dodge City at our annual Jamboree\*\*

Welcomed guests were greeted by gunfire, whoops and hollers. As members entered the clubhouse, they signed a register book and the new arrivals were announced to the saloon crowd. They were dressed in almost every kind of country attire that could be imagined.

Our ballroom had been transformed into the Long Branch Saloon. A deal had been made with the local sawmill to save pine slabs for us. Then a bar was constructed with the pine slabs. The back bar was made with the same pine slabs with many mirrors. With the help of the liquor houses, displays of fake bottles were made, including huge, oversize bottles. The ceiling was covered in pine boughs. On the walls were caricatures of western scenes, cowgirls and old Doc Holliday.

We had the bartenders all dressed up in derby hats, white shirts with pulled-up sleeves held by fancy garters and colored vests. An Indian, Tonto, was sweeping the sawdust floor. Of course, the bouncers kept busy adding to the fun.

There was a jail and hanging Judge Parker's court and bench, all made of pine slabs. A Marshall and deputies had been secretly appointed to haul varmints to jail for trial. We had several arrests for some minor offenses.

We had a variety of entertainment, one of the ladies of the club had been persuaded to form a can-can girl chorus; they put on a real show. There was a western band, square dancing, special numbers and readings of the famous "The Face on the Bar Room Floor" and the "Shooting of Dan McGrew". Spontaneous numbers by several club members highlighted the evening. Prizes were given for the best costumes.

There was no dinner served, but the dining areas were done in a western motif with longhorns, scenes of the Old West, tables covered with red-checkered tablecloths, whiskey bottles with candles. There was an old fashioned chuck wagon filled with western and Mexican foods, which the cook served all night.

At the high point of the evening, there was a train robbery of the famous Border train. The train replica was designed from the picturesque old "Iron Horses" used in the 1800's. The train has been exhibited widely and we were able to obtain it for the party.

Until the last gun was stashed away, the clubhouse reverberated with the sound of gunfire, squalls and western jargon in one of the most successful parties we have had.

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