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IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER

By Coyote Calhoun, SASS #201

The Eighth Annual Territorial Governors Summit held during the 5th SASS Convention at the Rivera Hotel is now behind us. We had a record 189 Territorial Governors representing 296 clubs. This is the largest number of Territorial Governors to assemble to date.

It seems only yesterday we were in the New Frontier Hotel for the first Summit in 1999. There are many of memories from that first Summit, and believe it or not, most of them are good. In looking back at the Summits in years past, each Summit has continued to get better and better. We know each other better and work more in unison to serve the sport as a

whole.

The Summit format was changed slightly this year. On the first day, Hipshot outlined our purpose and laid the usual ground rules. The rest of the day was used for discussion of this year's agenda items. The second day was comprised of the final agenda item discussions and the dispensing of the voting ballots.

The third day started with reports from committees and was followed by the Range Officer Refresher and Rules Clarification Session. New this year, the Range Officer Refresher and Rules Clarification Session was helpful in clearing up some misunderstood or misinterpreted rules. The session proved to be very enlightening and was beneficial to all who attended. We plan to make the Clarification Session a regular part of the Summit agenda in years to come. This session ended with distribution of the voting results.

Included in this Territorial Bulletin you will find minutes of all meetings and the voting results. We are extremely proud of the fact we had 296 clubs participate in the voting this year. We are hoping next year we can exceed these numbers. ❖

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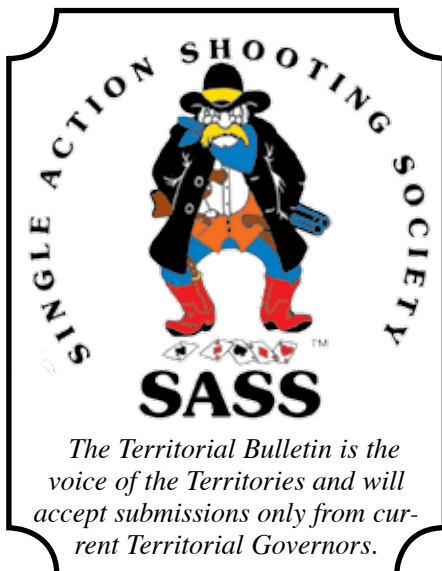
Renewal Form Now On-line

It is that time of year when clubs renew their SASS affiliation. SASS Action Club Affiliation is free and runs from January through December. Clubs must renew their affiliation annually.

SASS Club renewal has never been easier. There are two ways your club may renew its SASS affiliation. All clubs were mailed a renewal packet a few weeks ago, and in it you will find the renewal application. Simply complete the renewal form and mail it to Aim Me Home at the SASS Office, or you may go on-line to the following link and submit your renewal on-line.

www.sassnet.com/clubrenewalform.php

The club's Territorial Governor or contact person of record may submit the renewal application. All clubs are requested to have their renewal in by January. So, if you have not renewed, please do so as soon as possible. If your club has elections later in the year it is easy to change officer's names by calling the office and asking for Aim Me Home, the SASS Clubs Administrator. ❖



SASS TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS SUMMIT 2006 MINUTES

Thursday's opening session of the SASS 8th Annual Territorial Governors Summit was begun with a call to order at 9:06 a.m. by Hipshot. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence, and a special remembrance in memory of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day and all veterans who have served for their country.

Cody Conagher was recognized to introduce a special memorial raffle in memory of Miss Anne.

Hipshot introduced the administrative staff, RO Committee, and Wild Bunch members present.

Moderator - Hipshot SASS #7

Recording Secretary/Parliamentarian -
San Quinton SASS #4818

RO Committee Representative & Time Keeper -
Quick Cal SASS #2707

Aim Me Home - SASS Clubs Administrator

Hipshot outlined the purpose of the TG Summit along with the goals and objectives of the sessions.

Hipshot explained the voting structure and mechanics. The sessions would adhere to the rules as written in the TG Bulletin, which would be strictly enforced. Territorial Governors and the official proxy holders would vote via ballots on Saturday and the votes will be binding if passed by at least a 2/3s majority. Issues passing but not receiving a 2/3s majority would be sent to all Territorial Governors for a final vote. Time limits were allotted for each agenda item. Unused time would be allowed to carry over to other items.

The entire first session was spent discussing the first three Action Shooter agenda items. See each individual item below for detailed discussions.

First session was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The entire second session was spent discussing the remaining three agenda items. See each individual item below for detailed discussions.

Second session called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Hipshot.

Open Discussion Items were covered as detailed below.

Action Shooting Voting ballots were disbursed at 10:45 a.m. Votes were cast, and the meeting

was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. There were 189 Club Governors or representatives present and 107 proxies represented. The total possible votes available this year was 296.

Second session was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Third session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Hipshot

The Chiz discussed the new SASS Mounted Shooting Program.

Additional Open Discussion Items were covered as detailed below.

Information from Quick Cal, Chairman of the RO Committee, was presented to update the entire TG body on matters that have come before the committee.

Changes in verbiage and corrections of conflicts within the RO material will continue to be made as situations arise.

Cal discussed each of the items below in detail with the recommendations made by the RO Committee.

1. Berm Marshal/Stage Driver Authority

- a) Berm/Stage marshals do not have the authority to overrule Posse Marshal and/or Timer Operator/Spotter calls.
- b) They do not have authority to overrule or

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make a "safety" call.

- c) We should not move to having the Berm/Stage Marshal as the Timer Operator for ALL shooters.

A section will be added to the RO Courses to define the Stage Marshal position.

2. De-cocking of ANY firearm will incur a penalty.
 - a) Does it apply to ALL firearms? YES
3. A straw poll was taken about when the stage actually starts. The RO Committee recommended the stage starts upon the sound of the timer when the shooter is correctly started as per the RO Course guidelines. This item will be discussed throughout the next year and added to the TG Agenda for 2007, as appropriate. Approximately 90 percent of the attendees were in favor of this suggestion.
4. SASS will create an "Official Answers/Rules Clarification" type forum on the SASS Wire in an effort to allow members to have a ready reference point. This will be added by Coyote Calhoun and updated only by Coyote Calhoun. Sections for the Firearm Modifications issues as well as all other rules will be maintained.
5. A straw poll was taken about how Minor Safeties are assessed. The RO Committee recommended there should be only one Minor Safety penalty assessed per firearm per stage. This item will also be discussed throughout the next year and added to the TG Agenda for 2007, as appropriate. The majority of the attendees were in favor of this suggestion.
6. Issues of Rule Enforcement were addressed. Cal offered a phrase of wisdom in regard to assessing penalties. A failure to award a shooter with any penalty earned effectively penalizes all other shooters in a match. (so, what was the consensus?)
7. There will be no adopted "SASS Standard" blackpowder ammunition. Ammunition manufacturers may only advertise their product(s) meet the appropriate published load requirements, but SASS will not endorse any manufacturer's ammunition product.
8. Coaching is not considered RO Interference and therefore will never be grounds for a re-shoot.

9. The Territorial Governor Forum is intended to allow an open debate/discussion of items of interest regarding our sport. Those discussions must be kept on the TG Forum ONLY. Posting them to the regular wire forums or providing the information to non-TG members creates hard feelings and makes the process MUCH more difficult to achieve. Violators will receive a warning from the Moderators.

The remainder of this session was dedicated to refresher coverage and discussions about the RO courses and rule enforcement.

The voting results for Action Shooter items were distributed.

Third session was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by San Quinton

TG Meetings in 2007

National Championship - Winter Range
March 7 – 11, 2007

Southeastern Regional - Mule Camp
May 24 – 27, 2007

World Championship - END of TRAIL
June 15 – 24, 2007

High Plains Regional - Hell On Wheels
July 5 – 8, 2007

New England Regional - Great Nor'Easter
July 25 – 29, 2007

Midwest Regional - Guns of August
August 9 – 12, 2007

Four Corners Regional - Outlaw Trail
August 16 – 19, 2007

Northwest Regional - Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup
September 20 – 23, 2007

Northeast Regional - Mason Dixon Stamped
September 27 – 30, 2007

Western Regional - Last Stand at Chimney Rock
October 11 – 17, 2007

Southwest Regional - Showdown at Ormsby's Ranch
October 11 – 17, 2007

SASS Convention
December 6 – 9, 2007

SASS TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS SUMMIT AGENDA ITEM DISSUSSION

1. *Should the Uberti 1873 percussion revolver be allowed as a Frontiersman Category revolver?*

This was miss-worded last year and is being voted on again. It was voted on in previous years as a legal main match revolver but not as a Frontiersman Category legal revolver.

All discussion from the floor was opposed to allowing the use of this gun in the Frontiersman Category. Arizona Tom offered a view on the current use of this firearm. It seems there is little use in existence and therefore is not an issue.

Results - FAIL 90-For 202-Against 4-Abstain

2. *Should the Senior and Elder Statesman Category be divided into smaller divisions and dividing both by age 60 to 65, 66 to 72 and 73 and up.*

This would accomplish dividing both categories and creating only one new category.

Hipshot asked for a straw poll on the splitting of the Senior Category. The vast majority were in favor. Gold Canyon Kid offered a motion to amend this Agenda Item to split ONLY the Senior Category as 60 & up, 65 & up. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The actual agenda item will read as:

Should the Senior Category be divided into smaller divisions by ages 60 and older and 65 and older? These changes will affect ONLY the Senior and Ladies Senior Categories and will actually add only two new categories.

A great deal of discussion ensued on the naming of the categories. Suggestions were wide ranging as to the naming conventions but no consensus was reached. The most popular suggestions were to leave the 60+ category as Senior and name the 65+ category as Silver Senior.

Results - PASS 239-For 55-Against 2-Abstain

3. *Should we adopt the following Stage Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Directors Guide?*

It is time we addressed a standard in "Understood Stage Behavior!" A set of Stage Conventions are a list of standard actions every shooter is expected to know and follow on every stage. They are as follows:

STAGE CONVENTIONS

Unless stated otherwise in stage descriptions, all the following will apply at SASS matches.

1. All knockdown shotgun targets may be reengaged until down.
2. All knockdown targets (shotgun, rifle, or revolver) must go down to count.
3. All staged guns will have their barrels pointed safely down range, and where possible, all long guns staged horizontally shall be staged where no part of the firearm hangs over the edge.
4. Staged shotguns will be open and empty.
5. Shooters may not start a stage with ammunition in hand.
6. Long guns will be discarded open and empty with their barrels pointed safely down range.
7. Revolvers are returned to leather after the shooting string.
8. Revolvers are drawn and used in accordance with the shooter's category.
9. Safe gun handling is the shooter's responsibility. The 170-degree safety rule is in effect. The basketball traveling rule when there is a live round under the hammer is in effect.
10. If no starting position is given the shooter shall stand fully erect with revolvers holstered, hands at their side not touching any firearm.
11. Cowboy port arms is defined as the butt of the long gun at or below the waist of the shooter, the muzzle at or above the shoulder, and the long gun held with both hands.
12. Interpersonal Conflicts WILL NOT be tolerated at this event.

Hipshot offered an explanation why these Stage

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Conventions were developed. Some members in attendance felt these Conventions are not necessary. Others feel strongly these Conventions would make Stage Descriptions shorter and lessen the burden on Stage Writers. Tex clarified this item really would not require a vote since it will not actually be a new or changed “rule,” but is on the agenda because of the impact on matches. A clarification was also offered stating these conventions offer match officials a defensible position when confronted by a shooter.

Lester Moore offered a motion to change this agenda item to document these Conventions in the RO-I Guide in addition to the Match Directors Guide. This motion was seconded and passed by a wide majority. The agenda item will now read as:

Should we adopt the following Stage Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Directors Guide and the RO-I Course materials?

The Elder Katie offered a motion to change the agenda item to read as follows:

Should we adopt a set of recommended Stage Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Directors Guide and the RO Course materials?

The motion was seconded and passed. Each item was then discussed individually.

3. All staged guns will have their barrels pointed safely down range and where possible, all long guns that are staged horizontally, shall be staged where no part of the firearm hangs over the edge.

Twin offered a motion to amend this item as follows:

3. All staged guns shall have their barrels pointed safely down range. All long guns that are staged horizontally shall be staged lying flat where at least the rear of the trigger guard is on the staging area.

Doc Faraday offered a motion to remove item 3 entirely. This motion was seconded and soundly defeated. Twin’s motion carried.

11. Cowboy port arms is defined as the butt of the long gun at or below the waist of the shooter, the muzzle at or above the shoulder and the long gun held with both hands.

It was suggested the “standing fully erect” verbiage be added to this item also for clarity. The final version will read as follows:

11. Cowboy port arms is defined as standing fully erect with the butt of the long gun at or below the waist of the shooter, the muzzle at or above the shoulder, and the long gun held with both hands.

The Elder Katie offered a motion that this agenda item be adopted as amended. The motion was seconded and passed overwhelmingly.

Results - PASS 235-For 59-Against 2-Abstain

4. Should we outlaw all short and long sleeve tee shirts and tank tops in all categories? Note: Short sleeve blouses would remain acceptable only in ladies categories.

There was no discussion on this item. ALL governors in attendance were overwhelmingly in favor of this idea.

Results - PASS 272-For 23-Against 1-Abstain

5. *Should we change the penalty for shooting out of category as follows: First offence in a match is a Procedure Penalty, and the shooter must subsequently comply with the category requirements or change category. Second offence in the same match is a Stage Disqualification. Third offence in the same match is a Match Disqualification.*

At the present time the penalty for shooting out of category is a procedure for each stage the shooter violates the rule. This includes, but is not limited to, not wearing the specified number of items in Classic Cowboy, not making enough smoke in the blackpowder categories, and shooting with a two handed grip in a Duelist category.

There was a suggestion from the floor to make the penalty a 30 second Spirit of the Game violation. A clarification on this issue was offered that a penalty could only be assessed when an offence is first noticed and would not be retroactive in the event stages already completed. Discussion ensued dictating moving a shooter into another category should be done carefully to ensure no competitive advantage from one category to another.

Results - PASS 265-For 30-Against 1-Abstain

6. *Should we make the following changes in our*

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2006 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Coyote Calhoun at 1:40 p.m., Thursday December, 7, 2006.

Attendees: Southeast – San Quinton
 Northeast – CodyConagher, Chuckaroo
 Midwest – Deadwood Stan, 7 Mile Tom
 Western – Desert Dawg, 5 Jacks
 Southwestern – Cole Blue Steel
 Southwest Blackpowder Shootout – Texas
 Allene, Just a Hand
 Southwestern Territories – Smoke in the Valley
 Northwest – Elder Kate, Doc Faraday
 Australian – Virgil Earp
 High Plains – Deputy Cuny
 New Zealand – James B Wright
 High Plains Blackpowder Shootout –
 Sweetwater Bill, Bat Masterson
 New England – Chelsea Kid, Emma
 Good Cook, Doc McCoy, Barrister
 Bill, Eastern Tenderfoot, Boston
 Lady, Yankee
 RO Committee – Quick Cal

Chiz asked for feedback from the New England Regional. All went very well.

Chiz discussed the attendance of the Regional matches in relation to previous years.

Coyote Calhoun thanked all in attendance for successful Regional events and encouraged everybody in attendance to work together to make their matches more successful.

The Northwest Regional will move to Washington in 2007 headed up by Crisco and Ricochet Robbie to be held in late September.

The High Plains Regional will be held the second week of July in 2007.

Coyote Calhoun will once again be attending most of the Regional events.

The mounted event program was discussed for the Regionals. Discussion was offered by the Regional events that have had mounted programs for additional opportunities. Regional events are encouraged to promote the mounted events but if there is not sufficient opportunity, then it is understood and accepted. Chiz announced enhancements to the Mounted Shooter program that may be of assistance to Regionals that can accommodate a mounted match.

Chiz emphasized the presence of the Marlin rifle at each Regional event for the SASS Scholarship fund raiser.

All Regionals are encouraged to respond positively to the sponsors. A “thank you” should be sent to each sponsor.

Coyote Calhoun discussed the issue of date conflicts with State and Regional level matches. The administration of the SASS office is working to assist in resolving and preventing any conflicts.

The SASS Regional event sponsors will remain essentially the same.

The State of Kentucky is moving from the Southeast Region to the Midwest Region effective 2007.

Virgil Earp reported on the Australian Regional as very successful. Mounted Shooting is in the works within the Australian Regional.

James B Wright reported the New Zealand Regional was successful as well.

All Regional events must submit registered shooters to the SASS office in advance of their match so the membership database can be cross checked. SASS will provide a contact person at the SASS Office to whom to submit the information and to resolve any conflicts. The SASS Number and full alias are all that is required.

The Territorial Blackpowder Championship program was discussed. All representatives reported good participation. Pins will be available once again from the SASS office.

Coyote Calhoun is the contact person for the Regional events.

Each Regional event will host a Territorial Governor’s meeting. All TG’s from the Region should be encouraged to attend the meetings at their respective events. Each Regional event is also required to schedule RO courses and should encourage instructors within the Region to participate. Each Regional is encouraged to seek out new sponsors and vendors for their matches.

Door prizes were discussed. ALL prizes from the SASS office and sponsors should be given through a drawing process. Shooter prizes are not required for all shooters.

Tex reminded everybody to send an article and pictures to the SASS office expeditiously following the event.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Submitted by San Quinton



2006 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Coyote Calhoun at 2:30 P.M., Friday December 8, 2006.

Attendees: Yukon Marshal – AK, Wind Drifter – AK, Railroad Bill – IL, Padre P W – IN, Doc McCoy – VT, NH, Barrister Bill – MA, CT, RI, Mad Monk McGuire – SC, Boston Lady – MA, CT, RI, Yankee – MA, CT, RI, Eastern Tenderfoot – MA, CT, RI, Pale Wolf Brunelle – OR, J M Brown – NC, Cody Conagher – MD, WV, Last Word – WV, Twin – WV, Shenandoah – CA, Easy Lee – MS, Charming – NV, Leatherneck – MS, Rattlesnake Blake – LA, The Elder Katie – WA, Doc Faraday – WA, Just a Hand – TX, Texas Allene – TX, Mo McDandee – WA, Dakota Doc – MI, Lucky Lennie – MI, Beehive Bushwacker – UT, Jubal Sackett – UT, T. A. Chance – AZ, Mist Chance - AZ

Coyote Calhoun welcomed the attendees to the meeting. He also announced the move of the Northwest Regional to Washington for 2007.

The State of Kentucky is moving from the Southeast Region to the Midwest Region effective 2007.

Coyote Calhoun discussed the issue of date conflicts between State and Regional level matches. The administration of the SASS office is working to assist in resolving and preventing any conflicts.

Effective 2007, SASS will add a new requirement to the State Championship assignment process. SASS will give first preference to clubs that hold at least six monthly matches annually. Application dates are from Jan 1 – May 1. If more than one club applies for the State Championship, the club will be chosen by the Territorial Governors from the State. If no application is received by May 1, SASS will generally award the State match to the first club to apply. Clubs who have previously held the State match will be notified by the SASS office for the upcoming application process. The State match application will be added to the online process within the SASS website. Club affiliation can be accomplished via the same process.

Door prizes were discussed. ALL prizes from the SASS office and sponsors must be given through a drawing process. Shooter prizes are not required for all shooters.

State Match fees range from \$85 – \$125. Some include meals and banquets within the match fee.

Ideas were shared about different kinds of awards offered at State matches. The package supplied from the SASS office could possibly be changing in the upcoming year. SASS will continue to supply the State Championship buckles and the top male and female winner from the State will be awarded a certificate of entry

to their respective Regional match.

The majority of the States in attendance use the Rank Scoring process to score their matches. State matches may continue to choose their scoring method individually.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Submitted by San Quinton

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scoring processes for both time and rank scored matches?

Match Disqualification - Mathematically eliminate the shooter from ALL AWARDS. All times are erased

Stage Disqualification - Shooter is given a disqualification for the stage only. Shooter can overcome the penalty and may win a category award over another shooter.

Did Not Finish - Disregard overall scores so the shooter cannot finish in front of anyone who shoots all the stages. Does not affect other potential awards such as stage wins.

Cody Conagher offered a motion to change the Match DQ from ALL AWARDS to All Main Match Awards. The motion was seconded and passed by a wide margin.

A great deal of discussion ensued in reference to a DNF and MDQ being essentially equal. Some TG's believe there can be mitigating circumstances such as illness that should not be scored the same as a shooter making an election not to shoot one or more stages of a match.

Arizona Ranger made a motion to adopt the MDQ and SDQ verbiage as amended and remove the DNF wording from the agenda item. The motion was seconded and passed.

Results - PASS 273-For 21-Against 2-Abstain

Submitted by San Quinton



SASS MOUNTED SHOOTING

FIRST SASS MOUNTED SHOOTING

SUMMIT BLAZES A NEW TRAIL FOR 2007

NEW RULES AND POLICY SANCTIONED

By Chiz, SASS #392

The first SASS Mounted Shooting Summit held during the 5th SASS Convention at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas blazed a new trail for SASS' 2007 Mounted Shooting program. 19 SASS Mounted Shooting members attended representing Arizona, California, Colorado, Maryland, Montana, Nevada, and New Mexico.

Day one of the Summit focused on the presentation of the new SASS Mounted Shooting Program. The new Club Affiliation binder was introduced in detail. The completely revamped binder is designed to help clubs develop and prosper and includes guides to starting, building, and promoting a SASS Mounted Shooting Club along with Range Officer training courses, match production, and Range Master guides as well as scoring guidelines, forms, and software. On display and/or handed out during the meeting were the new SASS Mounted Shooting Arena Barrel Cover and Banner, Trailer Decal, Bumper Decal, Club Affiliation Application, Membership Application, Introduction to SASS Mounted Shooting DVD, and Course of Fire Stage Book.

The meeting also covered the new SASS Mounted Shooting Advisory Board, its purpose, function and staffing. A new SASS Mounted Shooting Scoring software program by CeDe Tom was also introduced. The program is designed to be a club management system that not only handles scoring but can print invoices, certificates, track points, and club membership. The new SASS Mounted Shooting Points system was explained as was the new SASS Belt Buckle Awards program. SASS will premiere a new buckle design after the first of the year.

The meeting was visited by Jim Rogers, SASS Mounted Shooter and CMSA Chairman of the board, and T.C. Thorstenson, SASS Mounted Shooter and President of MSA who both expressed their support for SASS and its new Mounted Shooting program and shared views on how the new SASS Mounted Shooting program could succeed.

Day two of the Summit was devoted to voting issues on the agenda. A proposal to create an ideal arena conditions document as part of the MRO II guide was adopted and sent to the National Advisory Board to produce standards and guidelines. In addition, it was agreed a rifle shooting committee be formed to establish rifle rules and guidelines for a SASS Mounted Rifle Shooting Division.

A No Alibi Rule was put in place for all SASS sanctioned matches. There are no squibs, high primers, or misfires accepted. There shall be no re-rides or scoring adjustments for ammo problems.

Other rule changes included the adoption of the Two Balloon Rule. The new rule reads; If a contestant hits more than one balloon with one shot, they may use the unfired round(s) to make up misses of the same color while maintaining the course of fire. In addition, the Description of a Match was clarified to read; A "match" is an event that provides the opportunity for division move-ups and is conducted under the rules and guidelines set forth in the SASS Mounted Shooters Handbook.

One additional item concerning points and move-ups for Matches conducted below the annual match level was added to the agenda and received a vote. Matches conducted below the annual match level presently not eligible for points and move-up be eligible for points and move-ups effective immediately. The ruling passed and documents will be updated to reflect the new changes. It was noted clubs must notify SASS of eligible match schedules.

Although no changes will be made to the current SASS Mounted Shooting, issues voted on at the 2006 Summit have been given a one-year SASS Sanctioned test period and will be ratified for final inclusion into the Handbook during the SASS Mounted Summit in 2007.



SASS MOUNTED SHOOTING SUMMIT

Meeting Minutes

Day 1 - Friday, December 8

In Attendance:

Chiz, SASS Mounted Shooting Director

Johnnie Concho & Wildcat Kate, SASS
National Spokespersons

Aim Me Home, SASS Clubs Administrator

19 total in Attendance

Chiz began the meeting by allowing all to introduce themselves. States represented included Arizona, California, Colorado, Maryland, Montana, Nevada, and New Mexico.

The meeting was visited by Jim Rogers, SASS Mounted Shooter and Chairman of the board of CMSA who expressed his support for SASS and its new Mounted Shooting program and shared some views on how the new SASS Mounted Shooting program could succeed.

Day one of the summit focused on a presentation of the new SASS Mounted Shooting Program. It was explained the program will be launched in January 2007 with many materials ready and available this day. On display and or handed out was the new SASS Mounted Shooting Arena Barrel Cover and Banner, Trailer Decal, Bumper Decal, Club Affiliation Application, Membership Application, Introduction to SASS Mounted Shooting DVD and Course of Fire Stage Book.

The new club affiliation binder was discussed in detail with samples of the new SASS Mounted Shooting poster, flyer and ad. The \$49.95 affiliation fee was explained as was the Insurance program that covers all equestrian shooting clubs and organizations.

The new SASS Mounted Shooting Advisory Board was explained; its purpose, function and staffing. The board members will be announced in January.

The new SASS Mounted Shooting Scoring software by CD Tom was explained. The program has been designed to be a club management system that not only handles scoring but can print invoices, certificates, track points and club membership, manage stages, and show where missed targets and procedural are coming from.

The new SASS Mounted Shooting Points system was explained. A discussion arose that addressed points for club matches below the Annual Match level. This was later addressed and resolved on day two of the summit.

The new SASS Belt Buckle Awards program was explained. SASS will premiere a new design after the first of the year. The design will be the first project for the National Advisory Board.

Day one of the SASS Mounted Shooting Summit concluded with open discussion.

Day 2 - Saturday, December 9

In Attendance:

Chiz, SASS Mounted Shooting Director

Johnnie Concho & Wildcat Kate, SASS
National Spokespersons

16 total in Attendance

The meeting was visited by T.C. Thorstenson, SASS Mounted Shooter and President of MSA who expressed his support for SASS and its new Mounted Shooting program and shared some views on how the new SASS Mounted Shooting program could succeed.

Agenda Items/Voting Issues

Rule Book Status – It was explained there will be no changes made to the SASS Mounted Shooting Handbook in 2007. Issues voted on at the 2006 Summit will be given a one-year SASS Sanctioned test period and ratified for final inclusion into the Handbook during the SASS Mounted Summit in 2007.

Course of Fire Book Status – Completed. Course of Fire books were handed out during the meeting. Books are now available from SASS.

Agenda Items

- Arena Conditions - MRO
- Project was referred to National Advisory

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Board to produce standards and guidelines.

The issue was discussed at length. Some suggestions included minimum requirements for a safe arena and a document outlining what is considered the ideal conditions. It was suggested the document be part of the RO II Guide. A proposal submitted by Buckskin Doc will be the basis for the project.

- Rifle Shooting Division
 - Proposal: Establish a rifle committee to establish rifle rules and guidelines for a SASS Mounted Rifle Shooting Division
 - Passed. It was agreed that a rifle committee be established.
 - No Alibi Rule – Rule
 - Proposal: A no alibi rule shall be put in place for all SASS sanctioned matches. There are no squibs, high primers, or misfires accepted. There shall be no re-rides or scoring adjustments for ammo problems.
 - Passed – 14 yes; 2 no

The issue was discussed at length. The benefit of the doubt goes to the shooter and the fact that the match producer supplies the match ammunition were points made toward a no vote on this proposal. The fact that a faulty action job and the fact that a no alibi rule has resulted in better ammo production, along with shooters taking responsibility for mis-indexing even though the round may go off in a neutral gun were topics for a yes vote on this proposal. It was agreed that contestants desire consistent rules where possible among the mounted organizations in order to compete seamlessly from match to match across the country. The issue of delaying the match by having to check guns and ammo, etc. was not so much the driving factor in most attendees opinion for a yes or no vote, rather that the checking of guns and determination of faulty primers, etc. still put a subjective determination on the part of the MRO which is not desirable.

- Two Balloon Rule – Rule
 - Proposal: If a contestant hits two balloons with one shot they may use the remaining round to pick up a target they may have missed.
 - Passed 14 yes; 2 no - with modified wording: If a contestant hits two or more balloons of the same color with one shot they may use the remaining

round to pick up a target of that same color they may have missed while maintaining the designated course of fire.

The issue was discussed at length. The need to maintain a fast forward motion was a point made toward a yes vote on this proposal. The competitive edge for the shooter who hits two or more balloons was a point made toward a no vote on this proposal. It was agreed that setting a stage in a manner using the RO materials is not being always followed and does create a greater opportunity for hitting multiple balloons with one shot. It was agreed that clarification was needed on the proposal and that the new wording gave the needed clarification.

- Description of a Match – Rule
 - A “match” is an event that provides the opportunity for division move-ups and is conducted under the rules and guidelines set forth in the SASS Mounted Shooter Hand Book
 - Passed - unanimous vote - with modified wording: A “match” is an event that provides the opportunity for division move-ups and SASS points and is conducted under the rules and guidelines set forth in the SASS Mounted Shooter Hand Book.

The issue was discussed at length as to what a “match” consists of, how many stages, etc. and whether or not there was SASS points and how many points were awarded at each “match”; and what a “match” was for club’s qualifying requirements to be awarded State and/or Regional “match”. The modified wording provided the needed clarification.

Added Item:

- Points and move-ups for Matches conducted below the annual match level - Rule
 - It was discussed Matches conducted below the annual match level presently not eligible for points and move-up be eligible for points and move-ups effective immediately.
 - Passed – Documents will be updated to reflect the new changes. Clubs must notify SASS of eligible match schedules.





END of TRAIL 2007

Stage Driver Application



SASS is looking for a group of experienced Stage Drivers for END of TRAIL 2007. Qualified applicants will be RO II qualified and have documented experience as a major match Burm Marshal/Stage Driver. END of TRAIL Stage Drivers will join a dedicated team that will ensure safety and consistency for the World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting and will be required commit their time from a minimum of Tuesday June 19 through Sunday June 24, preferably starting on Friday June 15. Benefits for the END of TRAIL Range Officer will include a main match participant entry and a complimentary official END of TRAIL shoot on the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday prior. END of TRAIL Stage Drivers will also be provided parking and on site meals Wednesday through Sunday. Any questions, call Hipshot at (714) 337-8004.

Name _____

Alias _____ SASS# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Are you a graduate of ROI _____ ROII _____ Are you an ROII Instructor? _____

Are you a Territorial Governor? _____ Have you been an RO at END of TRAIL? _____

Have you ever been a Match Director? _____ If so where? _____

Have you ever been a Posse Marshal/Burm Marshal? _____ If so where? _____

Other qualifications. _____

This application does not guaranteed you a position as a Stage Driver at END of TRAIL. Preferences will be given to the most qualified and experienced personnel. You will be notified as to your selection.

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SASS COWBOY ACTION MATCH MANAGEMENT & SCORING SYSTEM

Simply the Best Way to Track Monitor and Manage
All of Your Cowboy Action Shooting Match Needs!

The Match Management & Scoring System

The Match Management & Scoring System uses MS Access as its database engine. Since the install program includes the MS Access runtime module you won't need to purchase any additional software.

If you own MS Word the Match Management & Scoring System will extract mail merges for name and address labels. You can create your own specialized match certificates and the system will merge category winners into these templates.

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The Match Management & Scoring System is capable of scoring by rank points, total time or category total time just by selecting the check box you want.

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- Computerized posse assignments
- Print stage score sheets
- Print individual personalized score cards
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- Score by individual or by posse/stage
- Print your own certificates
- Print confirmation letters
- Print dinner tickets
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- Vendor registration
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