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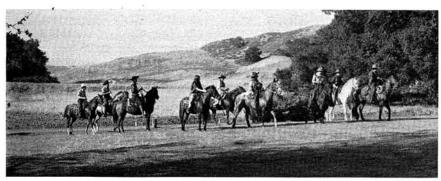
END OF TRAIL (Don Ormand)



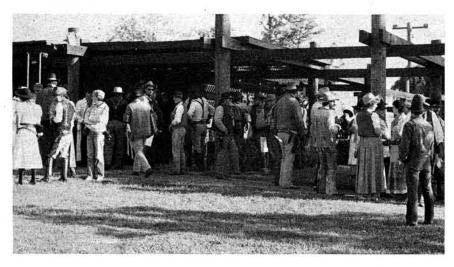
Don "TEX" Ormand, the winner of the 1986 End Of Trail, was one of the returning competitors who attended the sixth annual End Of Trail cowboy shooting competition.

The festivities opened to the stirring sounds of "The Magnificent Seven" and the arrival of the Wild Bunch in a stage coach followed by a tough looking gang on horseback.





Everything was in place to put all of the competitors back into the 1880's for three days of chewing, talking, drinking, and shooting. (Womanizing and gambling may have also been on the agenda, but, if they were, I never found out about them!)



There was lots of hoopla, shooting, people, and costumes at this years get together. 270 competitors participated in the shooting during the three day match ... and many of us were sweating it out trying to get all of our required stages in. It takes a long time to run this many people through! The Wild Bunch had designed six stages which were challenging and offered significantly more shooting than in the past. However with all of the shooters, they ran out of daylight before they ran out of shooters both of the first two days! Several of the stages were promptly "condensed" to eliminate some of the targets in order to get back on schedule.

There were a number of side events as well. There were special events for pocket pistols, derringers, buffalo guns, tightest pattern with pistol and rifle, and speed events with the shotgun and pistol. In fact there was an informal 4th shooting day just prior to the official start of the match. On that day there were a number of money pot shoots where you could put together the best team of shooters you could arrange and compete for MONEY! I got suckered into one money shoot with an old guy with a big grey beard who had a slightly better time with the double barrel shotgun than I did on a four target set. He kept trying to convince me that I was actually a little faster than he was, and I believed him!! I must have pumped \$20 into the pot trying to get that "one good run" that would have put him away! Harold "Greybeard" Itchkawich ultimately won not only the shotgun pool, put the pistol pool as well!! Pool is not the only game that has hustlers!!

The results of the 1987 END OF TRAIL have been previously reported by the Wild Bunch. However, congratulations are in order for Dennis "Rick O'Shay" Scott who won overall Top Gun honors. The top lady shooter, Snake Bit Kate shown below, came riding right out of nowhere to take top honors. This was Kate's first major match ... Jake the Snake and the other shootists from Arizona must be doing something right!



Mike "Lucky Smucky" Schmucker, as usual, did very well. This was Mike's second year to shoot under the black powder classification. He won his class again and received a gun and trophy (donated by Davis Leather) for his efforts. Outstanding!

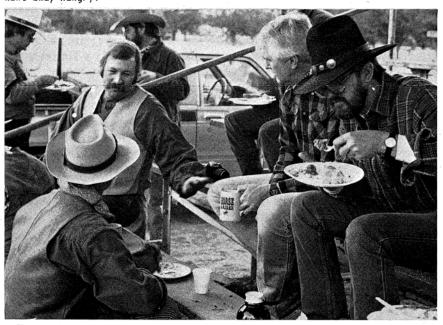


An interesting first occurred at this edition of END OF TRAIL. Five of the top six shooters this year were competing in the "traditional" class. In this class, the shooters use the old fixed sighted Colts or replicas. These guns are supposed to be more difficult to shoot and have always in the past needed a separate classification to allow these shooters to gain a little recognition. It appears that several folks have been doing lots of practicing during the past year for so many of the traditionalists to finish so high in the overall standings!

(H. Itchkawich)



The Santa Margarita Gun Club continues to sponsor matches on the third Saturday of each month at Camp Pendelton. As dictated by tradition, the final match each year is a time for feasting as well as shooting. This past December forty-one shooters participated in the annual chili feed. The group consumed five gallons of venison chili prepared by Greybeard and Sierra. The shooters brought numerous side dishes including lots of deserts ... no one went away hungry!



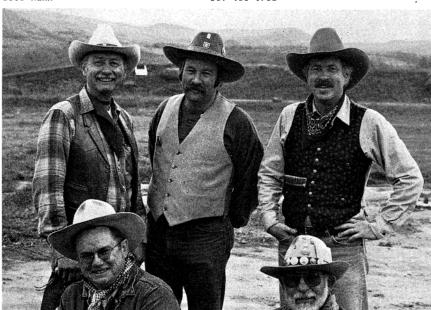
The matches at Pendelton are unique relative to the other comboy matches in the southern California area, in that the Marine Corps rifle ranges offer the opportunity for some long range rifle shooting. The rifle targets for most of the match stages are set out between 75 and 100 yards, with at least one stage always providing targets out to approximately 200 yards ("full house" rifle loads may be used on the "long range" stage).

All of the stages are designed to be tough, challenging, and, most of all, fun. (Tough and challenging in the sense that the competitor needs to be a good shot ... not fleet of foot and strong of arm ...) There is always a team event at the end of the day featuring <u>lots</u> of shooting. The team events may be more fun then the rest of the match!

Bring lots of ammo for all of your guns when you come to Pendelton. You can count on four to five stages for each match as well as the team event(s). In addition to the structured shooting, there is usually ample time to check out any new firearms you may have acquired or a new load for one of your older

The match fee will remain at \$5 for each shooter in 1988. A can of powder (shooter's choice) is provided for the top two shooters of each match. Five hundred primers (shooter's choice) are provided to each of the members of the winning team. For more information concerning the shooting program at Camp Pendelton, please contact any of the following individuals:

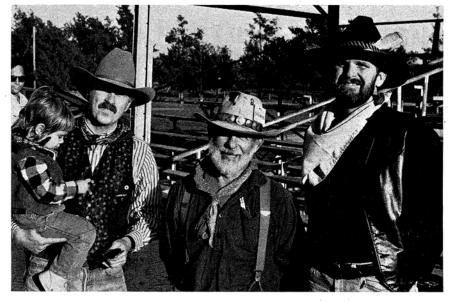
Harold "Grevbeard" Itchkawich 619-727-9160 Loren "Iron Horse" Pfautz 619-728-9892 Bill Hahn 619-433-1738



The winners of the December 1987 match are as follows:

OVERALL		STAGES						
ist - Lucky Saucky	(rear, center)	i - Tex	Pistol only					
2nd - Tex	(rear, left)	2 - Midway	Rifle only					
3rd - Paydirt	(rear, right)	3 - Greybeard	Two Guns					
4th - Midway	(front, left)	4 - Midway	Pistol					

December winners Paydirt and Midway are two relatively new cowboy shooters and are really starting to make a name for themselves. Both are beginning to consistently show up in the top half dozen shooters each month. Super Shooting!



The winners of the November 1987 match are shown above. 1st - Greybeard (c), 2nd - Paydirt (1), and 3rd - Shawneetown (r)

COWTOWN (Jim Martin)

The SOUTHWESTERN COWBOY SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP was hosted by the Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association at Cowtown, Arizona the 26th and 27th of September 1987. This match has the distinction of being the <u>first</u> sanctioned Single Action Shooting Society (S.A.S.S.) match to be held. There were three stages shot each day followed by pot shoots in the afternoons and team events.

Trophies were given for the top six place match winners as well as for first and second place in each of the six stages. The overall first place prize was supplied by S.A.S.S. - a complimentary entry to the 1988 END OF TRAIL match. Merchandise prizes were awarded to many of the other winners including a Dillon reloading machine to the second place finisher.

Rick Morrill won top overall honors and Gail Snow was the top woman competitor. The best costume winners were Don Wright from Garden Grove, California and Charlene Burford from Cave Creek, Arizona. The junior trophy was taken by Heath Hare. Heath is eleven years old, and this was his second junior's trophy! He handled himself well ... finishing ahead of several senior shooters! The complete match standings are listed below.

We had a celebrity guest show up and I spent about an hour talking with him about old times. Jock Mahoney played the Range Rider and Yancy Derringer as well as Tarzen in Tarzen Goes to India. Jocko started out as a stuntman and later turned to acting. He has been a supporter of shooting as far back as 1959, which is when I met him at the Sahara Fast Draw National Championship in

Our next big match, the Arizona State Championship, is scheduled for the 19th and 20th of March 1988. This will be the second time the Arizona State Championship has been held. Food and camping will be available. More details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

SOUTHWESTERN COMBOY SHOOTERS CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	RICK MORRILL	2:56.87	19. GARY TRYON	4:31.17
2.	FRED PARRY	2:67.82	20. TONY CIPPERONI	4:34.57
3.	MIKE VOST	2:71.49	21. KEN LUNDSHOW	4:35.27
4.	PAUL BURFORD	2:78.82	22. KIM TOWSON	4:39.88
5.	JIM RODGERS	2:80.36	23. HEATH HARE	4:44.49
6.	MIKE PAQUE	2:91.63	24. DENNIS HALL	4:59.02
7.	JAKE JACOBSON	2:97.12	25. CHRIS POLLACK	4:62.38
8.	JERRY JORDAN	3:17.60	26. CHARLENE BURFORD	4:69.17
9.	TOMMY HARE	3:20.40	27. KASS MORRILL	4:80.59
10.	MIKE SINCLAIR	3:91.53	28. RONALD NEWLAND	5:02.19
11.	TED CHERNICKY	3:93.74	29. DON SNOW	5:37.98
12.	TERRY RUSSO	3:94.61	30. GEORGE DIBOS	5:86.92
13.	DON WRIGHT	3:97.75	31. LILY RODGERS	5:88.39
14.	DON RUESH	3:99.17	32. DONNA VOGT	6:16.25
15.	DAVE LAUVE	4:00.49	33. RENDA JOHNSON	7:51.59
16.	HARPER CREIGH	4:14.61	34. DAN KOONTZ	DNF
17.	BILL WALLER	4:16.60	35. BOB JAMES	DNF
18.	GAIL SNOW	4:28.01	36. SHAWNEE VAHJDA	DNF

STAGE WINNERS

Stage 1	Stage 4
1st - Mike Vogt	ist - Fred Parry
2nd - Fred Parry	2nd - Mike Vogt
Stage 2	Stage 5
1st - Jake Jacobson	1st - Paul Burford
2nd - Ted Chernicky	2nd - Jim Rodgers
Stage 3	Stage 6
1st - Paul Burford	1st - Chris Pollack
2nd - Bob James	2nd - Paul Burford

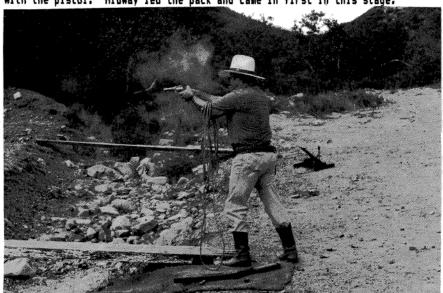
TEAM WINNERS

1ST TEAM	2ND TEAM
Jack Jacobson	Mike Paque
Don Wright	Mike Sinclair
Dennis Hall	Tony Cipperon

SHOWDOWN 1987 (Ray Smith)

This year's SHOWDOWN is only a memory now, but what a memory it is! The skies were crystal clear and the temperature soared into three digits. This made for some <u>real</u> hot and tired cowboys by the end of the weekend. We had seven trying stages over the two days and side matches a'plenty. But when the prize table was loaded up at the end of the last day, everyone knew that it had been worth it. Two tables were overflowing with everything from guns to hand crafted rattlesnake belts and buckles. A special thanks goes to all of the sponsors who donated prizes and awards.

Seventy-one cowboys and comgirls showed up from all over the country and Europe to try out what the West End boys had put together. On Saturday there were four stages to challenge their shooting skills. Stage 1 was called "Rescue of the Golden Spike". This stage started behind a barricade with rifle in hand and nine bad guys down range. The nine bad guys were all "must hit" targets, which left lots of spent brass on the ground! After hitting all nine targets, the shooter moved to the line shack where the Golden Spike was stashed. On the way to the line shack, the shooter had the option of stabbing or throwing his knife at another bad guy for bonus points. Once in the line shack, the shooter finds a shotgun on the wall which is used to dispatch six more desperados right outside. After this, the cowboy grabs the Golden Spike and runs to his waiting pony for a get-a-way. But, wouldn't you know it, there are five more bad guys blocking his escape route who had to be removed with the pistol. Midway led the pack and came in first in this stage.



Horse Thieves" was the second stage on Saturday and required not only skill with all three guns but also a certain amount of coordination with a rope! This scenario started with the homesteader outside giving his shack a yearly whitewash. All of a sudden, the Comancheros attack and begin stealing his horses! Well, this settler did what any good settler did in those days, he started shooting. From inside the shack with a rifle, he had to shoot nine of the vermin, and again they were all must hits. After shooting these nine, he sees that they are about to make off with his prize stallion. Realizing he is out of rifle ammo (which was usually the case!), he picks up his shotgun and a rope and starts advancing towards the horse. On the way six more of the pesky devils appear in his path and are dispatched with the shotgun. Finally, upon reaching the creek, the settler discards his shotgun and uses his pistol to deal with the five remaining horse thieves. And last, but not least, he crosses the creek and ropes his valuable steed! There was a healthy bonus if the horse was roped from the end of the bridge, about eight feet away. Lucky Saucky ran this stage all day and evidently saw what not to do, because he showed everyone how to do it the fastest!

Stage III was a quick little ditty called "Trouble in Town". In this one, the shooter had to slink up next to the door of the cantena, and on the "go" signal, jump into the doorway and quickly drop his six tormentors using his pistol. The roustabouts were only seven feet away and all shooting was done from the hip. Everyone soon learned that Hang Fire Hank is deadly fast in this kind of shooting, and you would not like to cross him in a dark alley!

The last stage on Saturday was an eighty yard rifle shoot at some prairie chickens. These are pretty small targets at this range, and were difficult to hit, even if you were young enough to be able to see them! Appaloosa proved to have the hot hand that day.

After the shooting was over for the day, everyone congregated by the chuck wagon to talk about the day's boo-boos and victories. The winners of the side events were announced and paid their bounties. Meanwhile, the aroma of cooking steaks and bubbling beans fill the air. After dinner, the tables were moved aside, a music box hooked up, and the square dancers rounded up. Red Leg's pappy did the calling honors, and the music and stomping feet lasted well into the night.

Sunday morning was clear as a bell with a slight breeze stirring. There was a minor tremor to get everyone out of bed and moving in the morning. Again, it was just plain hot. On this day, there were three additional stages plus a long range (two hundred yards plus) rifle stage for a separate trophy and a team event in the afternoon.

The first stage was called "The Salvation of the Goliad Church". In this event the shooter (who played the role of the Texas Ranger in the spirit of the old tradition "one riot - one ranger") started outside the church which had been taken over by a gang of bandidos. From a slit in the church door, the ranger had to shoot at the nine bandidos hiding in the back of the church. After that, he grabbed his shotgun and pistol, walked down the center aisle, and, using his pistol, took care of the bandidos hiding in amongst the pews. Upon reaching the alter, the shotgun was used to finish off the last six bandidos. This stage was completed fastest by Great Dane.

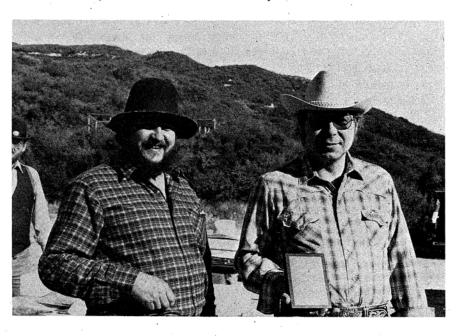
Next was "Payroll Robbery". In this stage, the shooter is a payroll guard sitting in the wagon when the action begins. When the would be robbers attack, the guard jumps out of the wagon with a rifle in hand and, from under the wagon, shoots nine of the thieves who are galloping toward him. After his rifle is empty, the guard sees the wagon horse has been shot, so he takes the money and his shotgun and runs for cover. On the way, he has to use the shotgun against six varmints hiding by the trail. After reaching cover in the ditch, he draws his pistol and starts shooting at five more varmints hiding in the rocks. As if things were not bad enough already, just as the pistol shooting starts, an old mountain man comes riding out of the hills and directly into the line of fire! The guard must exercise extreme caution to make sure that only the bandits get shot - a poor shot might get the old man (and that carried a very stiff penalty!). Brazos proved to be the best payroll guard in the crowd.

The last stage of the match was "Coyotes in the Night". In this stage, you are a tired compoke who has turned in for the night. But just as you are about to drift off into dream land, the coyotes start to sing! Being the ornery cuss that you are, the shooter jumps out of his bedroll, grabs his pistol and a kerosene lantern, throws open the line shack door, and sees six coyotes milling around nearby. While holding the lantern high over his head for the best light possible, the rangler does his best to send the coyotes to that great prairie in the sky! Our best coyote fixer turned out to be Greybeard.

The team event consisted of four people with shotguns on horseback and thirty plates down range. Their job was to see who could put all of their plates down the quickest. The winning team consisted of Rambo, Midway, Greybeard, and Yosemite.

After all of the smoke cleared, it was time to get down to the best part; the awards. We had plaques for the first five overall, the top three cowgirls, stage winners, long range rifle, the top two international shooters, and some special awards. The plaques for first place and top cowgirl contained a gold belt buckle. For second place overall and second cowgirl, the plaque contained a silver belt buckle. In addition to the plaques, each shooter, starting with number one overall, got to take their pick of the prizes on the tables. This continued until the bottom of the lineup was reached. Because of the abundance of donated prizes from some really super sponsors, we discovered we had more prizes than we had shooters (much more!). We decided that when number seventy-one came up, they would take two prizes. We then called everyone back up a second time starting from the bottom to pick out another prize. This was warmly received by all in attendance!

The overall ratings are indicated in the match report which follows. Lucky Smucky was the winner again this year! The top three women were: Kid Sticks, Irish Clementine, and Rattlesnake Rachel. Congratulations!

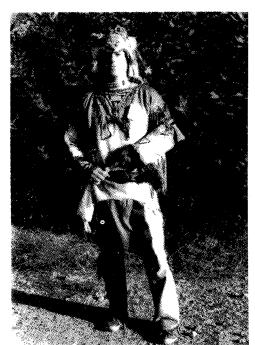


The top two international shooters, Fast Fritz and Red Fritz, received the "Long Rider" award for traveling the furtherest distance to participate in the match.



The "Sooner Award" for earliest sign up went to Deaf John.

SHOWDOWN - cont.



The "Hose Award" went to Thundercloud. He neatly punched several .429 inch holes in our targets before we could talk him out of using his full house .44 magnum loads! The "Best Costume Award" also went to Thundercloud.

The "Why Me? Award" went to Montana Dan. He had done a very conscientious job of practicing and generally preparing himself for the match. This was to be the match where he would become a real contender ... but his pistol fell out of his holster on the first day ... and you just cannot win when you DNF a stage! The "Long Range Repeating Rifle Award" went to Midway. The "Long Range Single Shot Rifle Award" was taken by Avenger.



Well that about wraps up the 1987 SHONDOWN, but before I close the book, I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's match. Every major match is always the result of lots of hard work by lots of folks, but I would like to especially thank Don "Tex" Ormand for developing the basic scenarios for each of the match stages, the Livesay brothers Shawneetown and Dakota for the Goliad Church props, David "Appaloosa" Paul for the nifty horses (shown above), and Conrad "Stumpy" Zeman for the range art work. And last, but not least, a very special thanks to all of the kind sponsors who made the fabulous prizes possible. The sponsors are listed below:

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The 1986 SHOWDOWN stage winners were (1-r):Ron "Preacher" Brault, Don "Tex" Ormand, Mike "Red Legs" Day, Mike "Lucky Smucky". Schmucker, and Roy "Dusty"



Practice match winners: (back 1-r) Deadly Redly, McCloud (with his new 1851

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5	MAX MCQUEEN			82,39	2	80.75	2	5.86	23	197.85	49	86.31	. 7	88.49	10	17.98	8	101	5
18	BRAZOS			141.3	26	115.87	20							70.87			14	102	6
	GREAT DANE					100.7								112.87				106	7
	DEAF JOHN																		
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	DURANGO KID					108.94								80.18					9
17	DEADLY REDLY			155.16	34	113	17	5,44	15	157.25	28	80.0B	3	88,07	9	22.32	24	130	10
3	McCLOUD			112.82	9	108.98	14	4.2	5	171.88	40	108.86	28	89.1	11	22.72	26	133	11
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	REDLEG					163.16								117.28					14
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23	BALLARAT BILI	Ĺ		142.91	27	127.1	28	6.31	27	102.81	3	139.35	53	102,22	20	18.43	10	168	16
41	SIDEWINDER			135.46	21	136.1	34	4.3	6	164.17	33	98.53	17	101.94	19	29.63	42	172	17
20	SHRUNEETOWN			143.69	28	105.09	9							94.09					18
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32	STUMPY			85.87	4	103.6	7	7,44	45	148.21	23	112.85	31	106.16	26	36.44	58	194	22
63	DOC BONES			126.11	16	129.53	29	7.04	38	156.43	27	106.7	26	121.83	46	19.26	12	196	23
70	THUMPER			139.8	24	121.51	24							114.42					24
	PINETOP PETE					108.8								102.78					25
	MONTANA DAN					120.42								96.42					26
	LONGRANGER					178.83				160.03				117.7					27
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	BIG JOHN																		
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	BADLANDS JOE					137.03								111.45				265	40
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9	SHANE		2	21.74	60	180.84	56	7.05	39	187.46	48	94.98	13	126.12	52	28.28	39 3	307	49
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66	TEXAS RANGER			205.5	55	145.35	39	7.12	42	224,71	65	114.4	32	121.21	45	29.04	41	319	54
29	ONE-EYED JACK	K .		245.15	66	146.1	40							117.74					55
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	PRONTO PIKE					127.08		10,78	60	207.78	53	126.37	42	130.25	56	41.58	69	350	59
14	SARA SOTA		IJ	207.61	56	140.1	38	6.78	35	184.33	46	140.22	35	130	55	39.82	65	350	60
26	BUFFALO BOB					161.47								132,79			64		61
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	RAMBO					239.95		9.09						168,			37		67
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MAN AGAINST MAN



In a recent match father and son, Thumper and Dr. Slipsnake, square off to see who works best under stress. Not only did Dr. Slipsnake (foreground) put

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PEOPLE AND PLACES

The following photographs depict some of the shooting scenarios seen during the past couple of years and high light a few of the winners.



Becky Munden and Don "Tex" Ormand, winners of the 1986 END OF TRAIL.



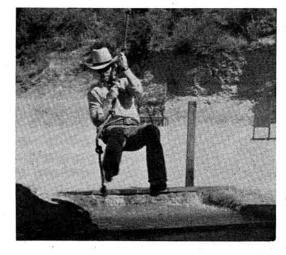


Mike "Lucky Smucky" Schmucker and Eva "Fanny Oakly" DeRosier, winners of the 1986 SHOWDOWN.

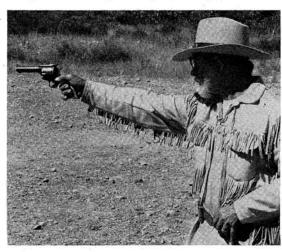




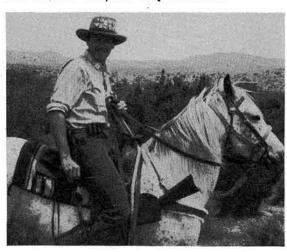
The participants of the 1986 NATIONAL SHOOTOUT at Cowtown and the 1986 National Champion, "Hang Fire" Hank Marguards



Brent "Doc Holiday" Minhardt swinging across the chasm after lighting the dynamite to destroy the bridge and shooting his way to safety!



Shown above is Harold "Greybeard" Itchkawich who runs the Los Pistoleros de Santa Margarita matches at Camp Pendelton. Greybeard was the winner of the second National Championships held in October 1987 at Lake Elsinore. That win makes him the 1987 National Champion! Congratulations!



Live horses have actually been used in a cowboy match! Shown above is Mark Brogan on his trusty steed at the Pioneer Town match sponsored by Gary DeRosier.

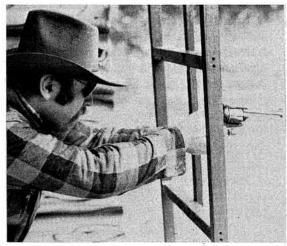




Camp Pendelton offers lots of space with plenty of room to move around. Harry "Dakota" Livesay and nephew Steve are seen at bottom of previous column in a typical three gun stage. After using their pistols to steal the gold, they beat a hasty retreat with their (empty) shotguns in hand, and ultimately, use their rifles to hold off the pursuing posse!



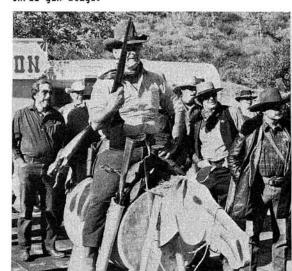
The cowboy shooters have proven to be a hardy lot. The West End range is in the San Gabriel mountains where high winds, snow and sleet, and (as seen above) rain are common occurrences. Precious few of the matches have ever been called because of inclement weather ... and this match was no exception!



Lucky Smucky is seen above defending the homestead.



National Champ, Hang Fire Hank, shows good form with his rifle behind his dead horse in another three gun stage.



Conrad "Stumpy" Zeman is ready to begin his three gun stage from horse back. Stumpy is responsible for the super art work visible on the West Endrange.

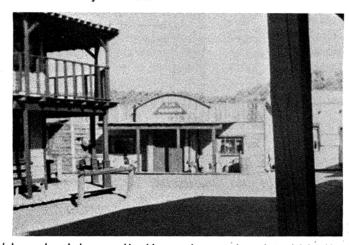
Even though most of these pictures were taken at Camp Pendelton and the West End, these are definately not the only places to go to shoot ... these guys have just taken lots of pictures. Each of the clubs are encouraged to take pictures, start your own scrap books, and begin building a pictorial history of your shooting programs. Submission of select pictures to the newsletter will almost certainly cause them to be published.



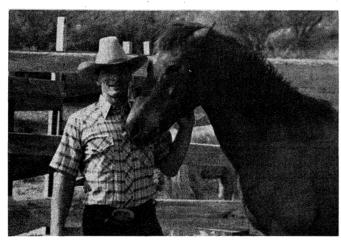
The Wild Bunch enjoy a trip to town, but are <u>not</u> pleased with their hotel bill!

ARIZONA CHAMPIONSHIPS (Jim Rodgers)

The Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association has scheduled the second annual Arizona State Cowboy Shooting Championship for Saturday and Sunday 3/19/88 and 3/20/88 at Cowtown, Arizona near Phoenix. This SASS sanctioned shoot is Arizona's number one shooting event. Comboys, gamblers, bandidos, rustlers. miners, and soiled doves from several states are expected to drift into Cowtown for the states largest shoot.



Cowtown (shown above) is an authentic western movie set owned by the famous movie stunt man and generally nice guy, Ron Mix (shown below). Cowtown is nestled among the giant saguaro cacti in Arizona's beautiful high Sonoran desert. So pack up your shooting irons and join these Arizona vaqueros for a fun filled weekend of cowboy shooting in Cowtown.



Trophies and awards will be offered in the following categories:

High Overall: 1st - 6th place High Junior

High Woman: 1st - 3rd place 1st & 2nd for each stage (at least 6 stages)

Two team pot shoots are also planned. Naturally, awards will be given for the most authentically dressed man and woman. SASS rules and guidelines will be in force.

For further information please contact

Kaff Morrill HCB 2 Box 394 Cave Creek, Az 85331 602-585-0367 (evenings)

Jim Rodgers 7540 E. Onyx Scottsdale, Az 85258 602-991-8019 (days) 602-998-0421 (evenings).

The cost for the shooting will be \$25. Registration for the match will occur at the range. Camping is also available at Cowtown for \$5 per night (no hook ups). A barbecue is planned for Saturday night. If you want to be included in the barbecue, the cost is \$8.95, and you must let Kaff or Jim know you are coming as soon as you can (so they can buy the right number of steaks). In fact, if you let them know you plan to attend the match, you will receive a special flyer containing all relevant match information. Come on out ... the shooting program has changed a lot over the past year ... try it,

OUTLAW AND LAWMAN HISTORY

The National Association for Outlaw and Lawman History, or NOLA, formed in 1974, fosters an interest in the history of outlaws and lawman of the old west. Associated with NOLA are history buffs, writers, researchers, gun and memorabilia collectors, photographers, genealogists, and others -- all interested in characters like Butch Cassidy, Wyatt Earp, Jesse James, the Pinkertons, and many, many others

NOLA is affiliated with the University of Myoming in Laramie. The organization's considerable collection of books, manuscripts, art work, memorabilia, and other items are in the NOLA display room in the Western Research Center at the University.

In addition to research, the association sponsors an annual rendezvous in some city of historical significance. At this meeting members share information and experiences, listen to noted speakers, take historical tours. and have a good time. The association, from time to time, also sponsors dedications, memorials, celebrations, and other meetings throughout the United States.

NOLA would like for people interested in the old west to join their association. By joining, you help support the vital work of uncovering the mysteries of the old west and bringing them to public discussion. You will receive a quarterly magazine devoted to the latest in research on outlaws and lawmen, presented in a scholarly manner. You will also get a newsletter, published four times annually, detailing the organization's widespread interests and activities. Membership can be obtained by sending your name, address, and \$25 (for one years membership) to:

> NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR OUTLAW AND LAWMAN HISTORY Membership Office P.O. Box 1701 Hamilton, Mt 59840

The fifteenth annual rendezvous will be in San Jose 7/27 - 7/30/88 at the Red Lion Inn. There will be a number of knowledgable persons speaking on a variety of subjects, mostly dealing with California outlaws and lawmen. The keynote speaker will be author and historian William Secrest. Other speakers will include author and professor Jack Burrows, author John Bossenecker. historian Ben Trawick, researcher and collector Robert Jernigan, editor and researcher Charles Clough, and researcher Chuck Callison.

One of the largest collections of rare and new outlaw and lawman history book dealers will be on hand. In addition, a number of exhibits and historical tours are planned. These will include a special exhibition of a John Wesley Harden collection, a living history reenactment by Gunfighters of the Old West, and a bus tour of Tiburcio Vasquez's grave, home, and old Monterey Jail. If interested in any more information, please write to:

> NOLA Rendezvous P.O. Box 2026 Niles, Ca 94536-0026

or call Lenore Conway (Sacramento) in the evenings at 916-489-5522.

S.A.S.S REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The current directory of cowboy shooters contains names from all over the country as well as Canada, France, Germany, New Zeland, and Japan. Although there are numerous pockets of shooters throughout the United States, by far the largest concentrations of cowboy shooters are in Arizona and California. The shooters in these two states are now organized well enough to become recognized regions, each with their own shooting directors.

The S.A.S.S Regional Directors are:

Arizona Jake Jacobson 602-298-1492 Northern California Dennis Mader 916-989-2973 Southern California Don Ormand 714-858-8995

COWBOY CHRONICLE

The COMBOY CHRONICLE is planned to be a quarterly publication sponsored by and for the members of the Single Action Shooting Society (S.A.S.S.). The first few issues will be sent to the entire mailing list (over 800 names at this point!) to ensure that everyone is aware of the various shooting programs and S.A.S.S. However, once S.A.S.S. becomes firmly established, the newsletter distribution will be restricted to S.A.S.S. members only. The message is clear, get signed up with S.A.S.S. as soon as you can!!

The COMBOY CHRONICLE is meant to be the voice of the comboys. Both clubs and individuals may submit material for publication in the newsletter. Match results, advertising for upcoming events, opinions, articles of general interest, etc. are all welcome. The editor reserves the right to attempt to turn the material into English and make the copy fit into the newsletter columns.

Photographs add a lot to any newsletter, and lots of photos are planned for the COWBOY CHRONICLE. BLACK and WHITE photos are by far the best, although color photos with plenty of contrast will also work. Take photos at your matches. Action pictures are hard to come by, but, with a little thought, add a lot to a stage description. Pictures of winners are always appropriate. Be sure your subject fills the picture, that there are no shadows on their faces, and shooting glasses (and watches, etc.) are not in evidence. The exception for shooting glasses is, of course, if the subject is actually shooting, he/she must be wearing their glasses!

Advertising is encouraged in the Cowboy Chronicle. Business cards will be reproduced at \$10/card/newsletter edition. Shooters will support shooters. SASS members will do business with other SASS members, when they know what you have to offer. If you are interested in having your card included in the next newsletter, please contact the editor.

The COMBOY CHRONICLE editor is Don "TEX" Ormand. He can be reached at 714-858-8995 in the evenings. Newsletter material may be sent to:

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WEST END GUN CLUB (Ray Smith)



Just in case you have not heard, for the past year the cowboy shooting program at the West End Gun Club has been under new management. Ray "Ricochet" Smith, shown above, was elected to be the shooting director in December 1986 and is now serving in his second year.

The West End Gun Club holds its cowboy matches the first Saturday of each month at its range in the Lytle Creek area near San Bernardino. The shooting starts at 10 AM and consists of three to five stages plus a team event.

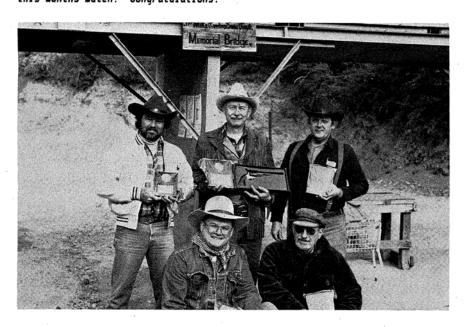
Coin conches are awarded to the first five place finishers after each match. The first time a shooter places in the top five he/she is given a hat band on which to mount the conches. Additionally, a gun (usually a pistol, but sometimes a rifle or shotgun) is given to the top overall finisher. The gun, however, is awarded to an individual only once per calendar year. If you win a match and have already won a gun, the prize then shifts down to the second place winner. Twelve cowboys will win guns this year at the West End Gun Club. The top three ladies are also recognized after each match. Additionally, the West End Gun Club sponsors the annual SHOWDOWN where trophies, plaques, shooting accessories, and the like are awarded for prizes.

During 1987 the West End Gun Club Combat Pistol/Cowboy shooting program awarded in excess of 100 guns (mostly pistols) and over \$16,000 in in merchandise, shooting accessories, and gift certificates. While this is a lot, the main attraction remains the shooting program and the fun derived from the shooting itself.

The West End stages are challenging ... but not to the point where you have to be an Olympic gymnast to compete. Our stages are designed and run by shooters for shooters. The range officers have the necessary skills in scoring, timing, an competing to both make good judgement calls and to critique a competitor's shooting technique. We want our matches to be run smoothly and fairly, and for each of our competitors to improve their shooting ability over time.

We do lots of shooting, so bring lots of ammo to the matches. The shooting often lasts until late afternoon, and weather permitting, we often host an informal barbecue where everyone brings their own steaks and drinks. Some say the social gathering after the shooting is the best part of the day!

The January match was a bit shorter than usual due to the cold weather. It appears everyone was cold except TEX ... he had another one of those days when everything seemed to go right for him! The January match is always very special at the West End. This is the Mike Swarthout memorial match. We give special plaques for this match, drink a toast to Mike's memory, and fire a traditional twenty-one gun salute. Mike was always very supportive in getting new shooters involved in the sport. His favorite expression after the match was "Ya'll done good!" Shown below are the winners: 1st - Tex, 2nd - Great Dane, 3rd - Ricochet, 4th - Midway, and 5th - Deaf John. Tex, who picked up an 1851 Navy Colt in .44 cal. in December, took home a matching pistol from this months match! Congratulations!





In case any body has not noticed, the shooters are getting a lot better looking at the West End! Lady winners this time were Kid Sticks, Calamity Joan and Cottontail



Shown above is Easy Smith pouring the traditional 101 proof Wild Turkey, and below is the honor squad for the twenty-one gun salute.



The January match results are given below:

WEST END GUN CLUB - JANUARY 1988

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			STAGE		STAGE		STAGE		TOT	DUL.	TOTAL	
Ē.	SHOOTER	A/R	1	RI	2.	RZ	3	R3	RPS	RNK	TIME	
	******	***	****				****	**	**	***	*****	
28	TEX		13.34	3	41.46	1	33, 29	1	5	1	88,09	
12	GREAT DANE		13.43	4	49.79	3	36.93	2	. 9	2	100.15	
21	RICOCHET		13.18	2	70.21	12	41.02	6	20	: 3	124.41	
	MIDURY		16,41	8	56.18	5	45.37	10	23	4	117.96	
26	DEAF JOHN		13.78	5	56.39	6	51.93	16	27	5	122.1	
	SMUCK		15.93	7	88.92	21	39.03	3	31	б	143.88	
	REDLEG		20.84	11	47.88	2	54.96	19	32	7	123.68	
	DERDLY REDLY		11.39	1	82.11	19	47.76	13	33	. 8	141.26	
	DR. SLIPSNAKE		14.93	6	100.96	24	39.21	4	34	9	155.1	
	SHAUNEETDUN		19,82					. 8	38	10	147.04	
	WINN CHESTER		21.43	13	81:49	18	45.79	11	42	11	148.71	
	HARD TACK		20.97	12	63.42	?	63.24	24	43	12	147.63	
	IRISH MIKE		26.4	19	52.69	4	60.4	21	44	13	139.49	
	THUMPER		48.21		66.17	. 8	39.63	. 5	44	14	154.01	
	KID STIX		21.84			9			46	15	149.52	
	GAMBLER		21.66	14	79.69				46	16	153.53	
	WALT		31.11	23	66.76	10	51.07	15	48	17	148.94	
	WILD WES		28.29			11	54.27	18	49	18	150.68	
	PAY DIRT		33.97			17	42.72	7	49	19	157.71	
	STONED RANGER		37,97			13	43.86	9	50	20	153 .94	
	SOMEBODY		19,21					28	51	21	166.77	
	TEXAS RANGER		23,44		80.32			20	54	22	159,39	
	STUMPY				113.39				57	23	181.37	
	1.6.		31.88						60	24	179.76	
	THE KID				106.31				72	25		
	SOUR DOUGH SAM				107.03				74			
	WEED LEAPER				102.33				77	27	317.1	
	WILD SHOT				99.79				82	28	236,36	
	BADLANDS		•		115.16				83		224.39	
	MISS A LOT MIKE				105.5				88			
	CALAMITY JOAN				122.95				89		259.28	
	COTTONTALL				137.55				92			
	TURTLEY				141.74				96	33		
	SLOW POKE JOHN		49.5	32	187.32	35	100.68	33	100		337.5	
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COTO COWBOYS

The results of the December practice at Coto are reported below:

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SHOOTER	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	TOTAL TIME	PLACE
Deadly Redly	24.86	17.66	00.01	04 57		
Doc Holiday	23.53	17.64 24.22	22.01 26.70	34.57	99.08	1
Gray Beard	38.25	11.68	22.97	24.68 37.92	99.13 110.82	2
Texan	30.34	19.45	17.35	44.50	111.64	3
Tex	35.13	22.31	17.55	40.20	115.19	. 5
Sidewinder	31.97	23.64	28.69	31.20	115.50	. 6
Ashmaker	28.34	27.08	31.53	28.57	115.52	7
Chicken Foot	38.08	19.95	21.26	38.10	117.39	8
Thumper Capt'n	26.12	24.08	40.02	30.97	121.19	9
Deaf John	34.53 42.44	18.92	22.28	46.64	122.37	10
Nobody	38.60	18.42 20.93	27.66 33.24	34.64	123.16	11
Alias	20.93	21.78	30.61	30.92 50.40	123.69 123.72	12 13
Paydirt	33.90	23.46	29.97	37.42	124.75	14
3 Finger Bob	28.83	47.40	25.95	24.82	127.00	15
Brazos	23.12	18.25	25.22	61.46	128.05	16
Judge Roy Bean	39.16	21.51	41.15	28.62	130.44	17
Claim Jumper	34.51	39.97	28.84	31.85	135.17	18
Richochet Roy	30.12	27.12	40.75	40.14	138.13	19
Snake River Sam Rapid Roy	32.53 23.56	18.62	25.32	62.90	139.37	20
Pine Top Pete	44.95	22.16 35.65	39.58 32.01	56.40	141.70	21
Snake	47.17	18.16	37.31	30.57 42.57	143.18 145.21	22 23
Chuckwagon	30.17	29.31	27.18	59.77	146.43	24
The Tennessean	32.06	21.48	36.53	56.77	146.84	25
Dr. Slipsnake	38.79	30.24	26.63	51.25	146.91	26
Misfire	58.57	17.85	20.55	52.12	149.09	27
Diamond Bill	52.30	17.68	31.02	50.74	.151.74	28
Red Eye	42.60	19.62	38.63	51.40	152.25	29
Passin' Thru AKA	43.21	30.05	34.90	48.66	156.82	30
Sara Sota	48.84	24.54	31.69	52.45	157.52	31
Pronto Pike	44.42 39.35	32.22	31.51	49.77	157.92	32
Prairie Pete	38.92	26.35	32.98 46.47	58.24 51.34	162.17 163.08	33 34
Chicken Jack	54.29	37.12	28.09	44.48	163.98	35
Dakota Jack	41.90	34.23	34.11	53.88	164.12	36
Hipshot	30.10	15.19	32.01	88.33	165.63	37
Calamity Jo	53.69	37.00	29.93	45.62	166.24	38
Bob Steele	39.12	25.71	27.20	75.73	167.76	39
Half Fast George	50.97	38.32	31.70	47.24	168.23	40
Buford McHog The Reb	55.58	26.21	22.60	65.18	169.57	41
Slow Sam	44.06 48.29	29.99 18.44	35.42 46.00	60.21	169.68	42
Appaloosa	46.96	21.95	36.14	58.58 69.49	171.31 174.54	43 44
R J Poteet	36.61	25.60	46.66	68.31	177.18	44
Cactus Jack Slade	58.36	34.12	32.63	53.98	179.09	* 46
Buffalo Buns	33.01	33.84	49.69	63.13	179.67	47
R J Heck	45.98	24.32	35.44	74.00	179.74	48
Red Dog	52.80	30.69	44.61	53.60	181.70	49
McShagnasty	43.46	21.69	46.79	69.97	181.91	50
Loco Yorba Jessie	46.32 49.10	26.84	57.13	51.97	182.26	51
Red Ryder	33.37	28.84 45.65	47.05 52.46	57.48	182.47	52
				51.28	182.76	53
2 Dogs .	48.37	27.86	51.93	56.16	184.32	54
3 Finger Lee	57.78	17.84	34.46	75.06	185.14	55
Heavy Duty	62.69 42.78	22.98	24.92 42.37	82.57 75.68	193.16 193.69	56 57
Back Packer Bucolic Buffalo	28.26	32.86 23.94	33.84	112.00	198.04	58
Cimmaron	59.04	48.44	44.94	45.84	198.26	59
Scatter Shot	47.73	30.63	54.62	66.93	199.91	- 60
Gary The Kid	47.58	35.16	59.63	59.69	202.06	61
Maverick	33.50	42.68	39.23	87.69	203.10	62
Butch Cavehee	51.05	35.80	45.65	71.08	203.58	63
Bloody Hand	49.78	28.15	48.18	86.45	212.56	64
Dutch	58.07	34.39	26.55	94.65	213.66	65
Grouchy	57.63	27.35 42.27	47.63	84.98 75.09	217.59 222.86	66
Pecos Pullet SOBB	59.51 54.15	41.39	45.99 42.37	85.44	223.35	67 68
Sneaky Pete	45.25	40.07	41.98	96.21	223.51	69
Wiley Coyote	61.30	33.04	34.45	95.13	223.92	70
Kansas Kid	57.60	27.06	27.41	113.18	225.25	71
Black Jack	68.10	53.27	34.22	77.40	232.99	72
Johnny Reb	57.03	38.25	38.56	103.11	236.95	73
Blue Eyes	54.49	46.58	46.31	98.32	245.70	74
Gringo Gus	50.43	37.30	117.47	43.15	248.35	75
Gopher	66.61	33.04	44.23	108.14	252.02	76
Wes Turner	64.97	40.63	50.43	112.63	268.66	77
Kate Elder Cherokee	65.91	56.89	65.84 65.36	100.04	288.68 328.40	. 78 79
Tim McCoy	77.05 68.59	53.25 49.91	65.36 52.94	132.74 157.75	329.19	80
Bad Leslie	104.78	85.13	57.42	89.67	337.00	81
Diamond Lil	70.56	76.89	64.39	147.02	358.86	82

DEMONSTRATION SHOOT

Each May there is a big sports fair in Norco. At this fair, many firearm manufacturers have their wares on display and available to shoot. This has also been the scene of the Steel Challenge for the past few years.

This year the Steel Challenge has gone elsewhere, and in its place demonstration combat and cowboy matches are tentatively planned. The combat match will be on Saturday and the cowboy match on Sunday. There is the thought that several major sponsors at the fair may be amenable to putting up some prizes for the participants.

As more information becomes available, it will be reported in the newsletter. In the meantime, if you are interested in competing in such a match <u>and</u> shooting on through the day in demonstration stages, let the Wild

1988 END OF TRAIL

The invitations to the 1988 END OF TRAIL have all been distributed. The Wild Bunch has found that managing a <u>large</u> number of shooters and trying to keep everyone reasonably happy is a really big job. This year the END OF TRAIL will be limited to the first 300 applicants. If you intend to participate, please return your registration materials as soon as you can. A sell-out is expected!!

For those of you who are in a position to "give something back" to the cowboy shooting sport and would like to donate or sponsor a prize for END OF TRAIL, please contact Boyd Davis at 714-261-6611.

NEWSLETTER NAME CONTEST

More than seventy-five names, many with suggested art work, were submitted in the "name the newsletter" contest. The winning name, COWBOY CHRONICLE, was submitted by Bruce "Paydirt" Thorstad of Fountain Valley. Congratulations!!

L.E.S.A. COWBOY SHOOTS (John Fort)

The Lake Elsinore Sportsman Association (L.E.S.A.) hosted THE "OLD WEST SHOOTISTS ASSOCIATION'S SECOND NATIONAL SHOOTOUT" on 10/31-11/1/87. About seventy hard core cowboys, cowgirls, and others showed up to brave the elements and try their skill on at least ten main stages plus side events. We had lots of rain prior to and during the first day of the match. Things got so bad on the access road that by 10 AM on Saturday, no one could either enter or leave the range due to all the vehicles up to their rims in mud! If the weather had cooperated, there would have been half again more shooters and additional match stages.

L.E.S.A. is still struggling to get its western shootouts program firmly in place. The matches are held each fourth Saturday of the month, and the starting time is 9:30 AM (a bit earlier than most other matches). Match fees are \$12, and \underline{no} dogs are allowed on the range. I regret to say, if the next match is as poorly attended as the last one was, it will be the last western match L.E.S.A. will put on.

COTO DE CAZA (D. Ormand)

Cowboy shooting at Coto is due for a change! The Wild Bunch is ready to move on to other activities, such as setting up and running the S.A.S.S. organization. It is now time for someone else to step up and become responsible for the practice matches at Coto. Accordingly, a real honest to gosh cowboy club will be formed to handle the Coto shooting program. This club will be responsible for setting up a monthly shooting date, getting insurance to protect Coto and the participants, and designing, setting up, and running the practice matches. END OF TRAIL is a sanctioned S.A.S.S. activity and will, of course, remain a Wild Bunch activity.

If you are interested in joining the "Coto Cowboys", please contact Don Ormand at 714-858-8995.

The results of the December 1987 practice match are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

SHOOTING SCHEDULE

The shooting schedule for the comboy clubs is given below. Most shooting starts at 10 AM (more or less!). Comtown starts at 9 AM and Elsinore starts at 9:30 AM

ACTIVITY	STATE	DATE	CONTACT	PHONE
Arizona Championship	Az	3/19-3/20	Kaff Morrill	602-585-0367
Cochise Gun Fighters	Az	3rd Sat	Norm Smith	602-378-6318
Coto	Ca	2/21&3/20	Don Ormand	714-858-8995
Cowtown	Az	Every Sun	Kaff Morrill	602-585-0367
Elsinore	Ca	4th Sat	John Fort	714-929-0753
End Of Trail	Ca	4/21-4/24	Harper Creigh	714-858-0752
Margarita	Ca	3rd Sat	Loren Pfautz	619-728-9892
Tucson	Az	3rd Sun	Jake Jacobson	602-298-1492
West End	Ca	1st Sat	Ray Smith	213-640-9229

Match fees run from \$5 to \$12 at the monthly matches. The special matches