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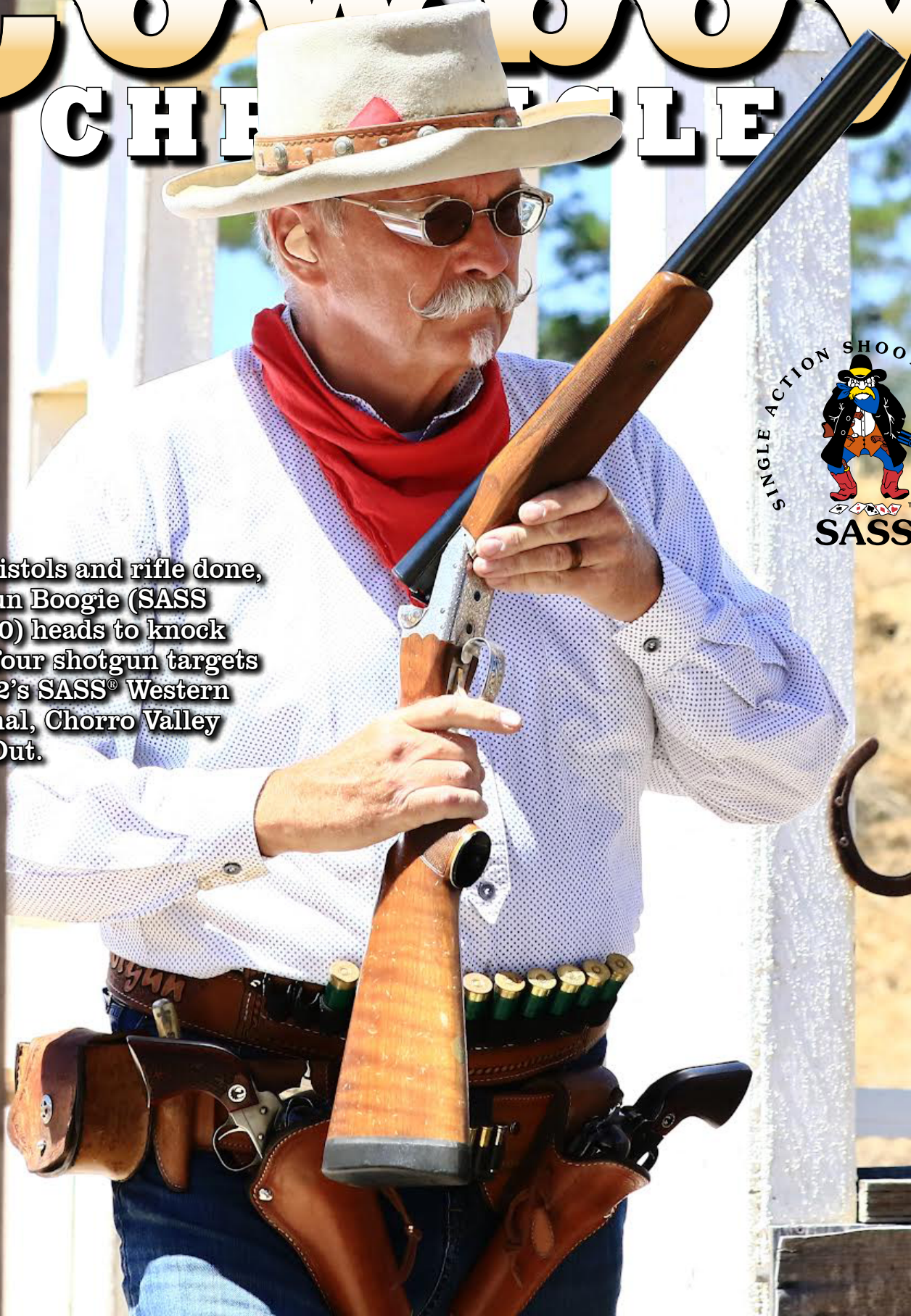
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## COVER FEATURE

**T** There's gold in them thar hills!

The California gold rush began in January 1848 after James Marshall found gold on Johann Sutter's property near Coloma, California while managing construction of a sawmill. About 300,000 prospectors – later to be known as “forty-niners” – descended on California in search of “the color.”

They came from both sea and land and the trip for many was treacherous. And there was no law regarding property rights and protecting claims. As farms, grazing lands, and cattle herds grew so did the hordes of California cowboys who brought with them more lawlessness. It was a time of excitement, fear, and the sound of gunfire.

Years later California became the home of the Chorro Valley Regulators where several hundred cowpokes converge each August for a spectacular five days on California's Central coast to participate in the annual SASS Western Regional/Chorro Valley ShootOut. As one new shooter told us last year, “This match is golden.”

Chorro's range is located just eight miles from the Pacific Ocean as the crow flies, making the weather at the range as good as it gets, with cool mornings and moderate afternoons. And when the sun sets just right, our backdrop does look like golden hills.

“We had a great match last year, and we were excited to see so many shooters getting back into our sport after a brief hiatus from matches,” said Sinful (SASS #73672), the Western Regional's Match Co-Director. “We had 245 shooters, including about 25 new-to-the-Regional shooters, and attendance was better than our previous Regional.” We had 18 vendors who featured leather, clothing, special crafts, gunsmithing, and food. This year's new CVR Chuck Wagon food vendor provided breakfasts on Thursday through Sunday, lunches on Wednesday through Saturday, and a light dinner on Wednesday through Friday (Saturday night is our gala five-Star CVR dinner).

# CHORRO VALLEY SHOOTOUT 2022 ★ SASS WESTERN REGIONAL

BY ROGER RAPID, SASS #96080

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SWAPPIN' OUT HIS PISTOLS, SHANGHI WES (SASS #101392) IS ON A ROLL!



ONE ROUND OUT OF THE RIFLE, OLD MUSTANG (SASS #99574) READIES TO SLAM DOWN NINE MORE.

“When you put on an event of this magnitude,” chimed in El Lazo (SASS #13116), the other Co-Director, “it is really rewarding when you hear comments on how much folks really enjoyed themselves, how much they liked the scenarios, how much they enjoyed our attention to detail, and things like that.”

Sinful said he kept thinking about a comment from Camp Hag (SASS #84031) on our promotional video this year. She said, “This is one of the best matches you can come to; great stages, amazing weather, fantastic people...”

“Kind of sums it all up for me,” Sinful concluded.

Going against the old expression, “If it ain’t broke don’t mess with it,” the match directors did several things in 2022 to enrich the experience for attendees. The most obvious one was spreading the match over three days with shooters completing four stages a day. “We were sad to hear a few folks couldn’t make it because they couldn’t get the extra time off,” said Sinful. “We never want to do

something that would prevent folks from coming. But we recognize that we have more folks in the Elder Statesman, Cattle Baron, and Grand Patron categories, and we wanted to be sure everyone was comfortable and could shoot competitively. In the end, we received a lot of compliments on how much easier it was to shoot 12 stages over three days rather than two.”

“Our poker tournament is always a hit,” said El Lazo who runs the event. “To expand our activities, we added Bingo that was run by John Ringo (SASS #57159) and Calamity Annie (SASS #98556), which was also a hit. We added a music jam led by Roger Rapid where folks brought out their guitars, banjos, and voices, and gathered around our fire pit singing, eating s’mores, and just having a darn good time. Each of these evening events attracted about 40-50 attendees, and we’re definitely going to do them again,” said El Lazo.

With a focus of keeping the posesses to a comfortable and efficient size,

El Lazo organized 24 posesses that averaged 12 to 14 shooters each. It was just the right number of shooters to keep folks moving while not over-taxing any of the posse members who were spotting, picking shells, or working the loading and unloading tables. The scenarios were written by Sinful, and he always creates a perfect blend of challenges that are just right for everyone, with targets set at comfortable distances for each scenario.

Side matches included speed pistol, speed rifle, and speed shotgun. There was also cowboy trap and a long-range event with targets at 100, 125, and 400 yards.

A highlight early in the match was our traditional three-stage black powder night shoot where the coastal evening haze makes the gun smoke just hang there creating those moments where visibility is just a notch better than invisible. This is also the place where a few underbreath curse words are often heard both before and after the bang.

Another shooter favorite is Saturday’s top-notch dinner and dance, with music



ABOUT A DOZEN MUSICIANS GATHERED AROUND OUR FIRE PIT. HERE (RIGHT TO LEFT) SHANGHAI WES'S WIFE CAROLYN, DUSTY DEVIL DALE (SASS #105091), AND BANJO KIM (SASS #102249) JOIN IN ON AN OLD-TIME BANJO TUNE.



OL' DOLLAR (SASS #54694) KEEPS A FEW IN THE AIR AS HE CRANKS HIS '73 ON THE RIFLE SEQUENCE.



WITH THE RIFLE SEQUENCE CLEAN, PENNY PEPPERBOX (SASS #35309) GRABS TWO AS SHE HEADS FOR THE SHOTGUN.

provided by the heralded Monte Mills and his Lucky Horseshoe Band. "I'm glad we got a bigger tent this year," said Jacq Neat (SASS #93557), CVR's Banquet Manager. "Not only did we anticipate a bigger crowd, but we were also focused on social distancing and making our attendees comfortable." She added, "I worked closely with our caterers to ensure nothing would be missed from CVR's much heralded Five-Star Saturday night banquet – including real plates and silverware. Our caterers served shrimp scampi, freshly sliced top block beef, au gratin potatoes, salad, string beans, fresh rolls, and, of course, dessert. From what I heard from a bunch of folks, they all agreed it was a spectacular meal."

Sunday morning topped off the weekend with an early Cowboy Church service led by CVR's Bushy Blanco (SASS #104521). That was followed by a team shoot at 8:00 a.m. and then the Men's and Ladies' Top-16 shoot-off followed that brought out the best to shoot for the gold. By noon we were all back in the big tent for the Awards Ceremony.

"We have a fantastic team," Sinful said, "that is behind putting on our match. Hosting a match like this is no small task and takes a lot of dedicated folks who can attack a job and

get it done right the first time. We had façades to paint, new signs to make, a field to be plowed for easier access for trailers, campsite to be striped, fences to be installed, tents to put up, and much more. Somehow, it all came together... as it always does," he said. "I'm so proud of the CVR folks who really work hard to put on this great match."

"I think it is important to always evaluate what we do and what we provide our shooters, and how we provide it," said El Lazo. "Sinful and I continuously question whether we're on the right track and if we are delivering the kind of Cowboy Action Shooting™ event our attendees want to attend," he said. "It's a hard thing to measure, and we try to look at all the details. We rely on the comments and compliments we get during the match. But what really drives it home for me are the emails and calls we get after the match thanking us and our team for putting on an excellent match. When folks go that extra distance, we know it means something to them and we're doing the right thing."

The SASS Western Regional is a not-to-miss event that caters to top guns and first-time match shooters with equal care and attention. The 2023 match will be our 28th Annual and we're doing everything we can to provide an incredible

cowboy shooting experience.

The 2023 Annual Chorro Valley ShootOut will be held August 9-13, 2023. Registration and camping reservations can be processed on-line at [www.chorrovallyregulators.com](http://www.chorrovallyregulators.com) using CVR's custom registration system. Our on-line camping reservation system lets you see which sites are taken and who is at that site so you can camp near your buddy.

For those who are not camping or tenting on-site, the CVR range is 15 minutes from the university town of San Luis Obispo to the south and about the same distance from the coastal village of Morro Bay to the north; both of these towns are loaded with motels. And, if you are okay with being 25 minutes away from the match, the motels in Atascadero (just over the hill from our range) are a bit less expensive.

As we do every year, our promotional video for the 2023 Regional will be posted to the SASSwire – watch for it!

Come on out and shoot the SASS Western Regional with us!

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Roger Rapid is a frequent *Cowboy Chronicle* contributor and a member of the Chorro Valley Regulators.

# EDITORIAL

## SKINNY'S SOAPBOX

### REMINISCING

**A**s I write this, I'm just settling down after my return from END of TRAIL 2023. The World Championships of Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch shooting are now held at Ben Avery Range in Phoenix Arizona, which long-time SASS members will remember used to be the home to Winter Range (at the time, the National Championships). I've been in the game for about 30 years now so, as you might expect, I always run into old friends and fellow shooters at events such as this, and this one was no exception. This time around, I spent some time exchanging pleasantries and reminiscing with Cicatriz (SASS #11313) and Bronc (SASS #1885 — gulp! — much lower than mine).

Naturally, our conversations worked their way around to “the old days” and “how things used to be.” Bronc and I can both remember when there were three shooting categories... Modern (sixguns with adjustable sights), Traditional (fixed sights), and Ladies. And of course, all three of us worked our way around to where discussions of this sort always go... how much smaller and farther away targets used to be. It's true, I can remember one club at which you usually had to engage a rifle target shaped like a small skinny coyote that was placed on top of a hill about 70 yards away. The same club featured shotgun knockdowns in the shape of very skinny saguaros (they had a thing for skinny, maybe that's why I liked them) placed across an arroyo at around 15 yards. If you had four knockdowns, you could count on using up at least six shells. Needless to say, if you could shoot stages consistently in the 30s you had a good chance of winning.

Another subject was the “extracurricular” activity required on most stages,

in addition to shooting. Not only did you have a starting line (often said on the clock after the timer buzzed), you often had to do something else... throw a tomahawk, carry a saddle, stir a pot of beans, etc. I recall one stage at which you had to set a bear trap! A real one!

So why have things changed? Those extra activities were kind of fun, after all. Mostly because the sport has (thankfully) grown so much. The first big annual match I attended (Biscuit Flats in Mesa, Arizona in 1993) had an unheard of number of contestants (40 or so as I recall). So many that the posses ran late and had to shoot their last stages in the dark. As the number of shooters attending matches grew, something had to be done to streamline the process and move them through stages, otherwise an event like EOT with 600-plus participants would be impossible. Naturally, things like setting bear traps got eliminated first. Then alterations were made to facilitate shooting stages quickly. Targets were made bigger and moved closer, not only to enable more hits and more clean matches (a good reason in itself), but primarily to reduce the average time spent per stage.

And you see the results today, with SASS membership numbering in the tens of thousands, monthly and annual matches held nationwide and worldwide, and participation often reaching into the hundreds. Cowboy Action Shooting™ has evolved and changed, and I believe the changes were for the better.

### COMIC BOOK CORNER


**T**his issue we're wrapping up our salute to Wild Bunch by presenting the final two chapters from 1950's one-shot comic book, *Teddy Roosevelt and His Rough Riders*, taking us through a dramatization of the Battle of San Juan Hill. Art is by Raymond Everett Kinstler, who had a very successful career as a fine artist and book illustrator in addition to producing some of the better comic book art of the time. As always, the pages reproduced here come courtesy of [www.comicbookplus.com](http://www.comicbookplus.com). Check them out for other vintage comic books.

—Skinny (SASS #7361)


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# NEWS

## THESE BOOTS ARE MADE FOR WALKIN'

BY BUCKSHOT BILLY, SASS #  
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**T**he following story is true, the names have been changed to protect the innocent... Well, not really, but it is an incredible adventure about a pair of boots and their travels. The story begins on a cold, rainy day in November 2021, at the swap meet on the first day of North Carolina State Championship match. At the time, I was a new shooter, attending my first state-level match, and unsure of how things operated. I arrived at the swap meet later in the day and there were only a few items set out on the tables. I immediately spotted what looked to be a new pair of stove-pipe boots with red leather diamonds inset near the top. Sadly, there was no one around, and it being stormy, I abandoned the idea of trying to find their owner. After leaving the range for the day, I immediately regretted not pursuing the owner and subsequently, but to no avail, spent the remainder of the match trying to locate the Cowboy who was selling them. Over the course of the next few months, I continued my quest, posting messages on the SASS Wire and SASS Facebook pages, without any luck. As a new shooter, I spent the majority of 2021 and 2022 visiting clubs in my area, trying to decide which one I wanted to join. By the time Landrun 2022 came around, I had concretely decided on joining the Gunpowder Creek Regulators in Mine Branch (Lenoir), North Carolina. On the long drive to Oklahoma, my feet swelled up a little, which made for an interesting first few days at Landrun. On Wednesday morning, I was hobbling around the pavilion, browsing the items at the swap meet, and immediately spotted a pair of what looked to be new stove-pipe boots with red diamonds inset near the top, size 10½ EEE. As I was standing there counting my money on my fingers and toes, realizing I was \$15 short of the

asking price, a young Cowboy ventured by. Spotting the boots, he immediately tried them on, handed them to his dad, and they headed off towards the cashier. The feeling of disappointment came over me quickly, as I hobbled out of the pavilion to go sulk for a while. About an hour later, I ventured back through the pavilion to check on items I had for sale and again spotted a pair of stove-pipe boots with red diamonds inset near the top. Grabbing them up, I looked at the tag and the Cowboy selling them had the foresight to write down his phone number, which I promptly called and made an offer. He was gracious enough to not only accept, but immediately came by the pavilion to complete the transaction. While talking, he mentioned he was from North Carolina and was selling the boots for the widow of the Cowboy who had them custom made but never had the opportunity to wear them. Not only were the extra wide boots perfect for my swollen feet, but we quickly realized these were the same pair of boots I'd passed over at North Carolina State, eleven months prior. We got a kick out of how the boots had traveled to Oklahoma only to return to North Carolina. As I was walking out of the pavilion, the young Cowboy's dad, who had appeared to purchase the boots earlier that morning, was walking down the road. He rushed up and explained how happy he was that I ended up with them, as his son changed his mind because they were too wide for him. The Cowboy said he had looked all over to tell me that they were still available, but was unable to locate me. I was on Cloud Nine, ecstatic about the boots (my feet were very appreciative also). I went on to enjoy an incredible Landrun 2022 in comfort. I just could not get over how the boots came into my possession. It was like they had a mind of their own, and had "picked their owner," so to speak. Incredibly, the story didn't end in Oklahoma, as their journey continued to find their way home.

In November 2022, while preparing for the first stage of the main match at the North Carolina State Championship, an older Cowboy came up to me with a suspicious look on his face that could have been interpreted a couple different ways and asked, "where



did you get those boots?" I eagerly told him the story and could see his eyes visibly relax. He said, "well let me tell you about those boots," and I knew I was about to hear an incredible story. He said that years before he and his business partner formed a club and needed a "theme," so they took their initials which were M and W, placing one on top of the other, forming three diamonds. He then asked the size of the boots, as all the original members had ordered a pair from the custom boot maker, and knew exactly whom they had belonged to. As he reminisced, I was asking all kinds of questions as I was completely flabbergasted by the story I'd just heard. He further explained that the club was in Mine Branch, hence "Three Diamond Mine," home of the Gunpowder Creek Regulators. I had tingles up my spine as I explained to him that not only was that my favorite local club, but a few months prior I had made the decision to join as I had wanted it to be my home club, not only because it was an awesome Cowboy town with permanent stages, but the Cowboys and Cowgirls that belonged to it were the most welcoming, gracious, and helpful people I'd met. He went away all choked up with the realization that not only had the boots found a Cowboy who cherished them, but they found their way home after all this time.

## EVIL ROY SET TO RETIRE

**G**ene Pearcey (Evil Roy, SASS #2883) has announced his retirement from Cowboy Action Shooting™ competition. Although he came to the sport later than many competitors, age and experience did not deter him. Vigilantly practicing every day, sometimes shooting more than 300 rounds a day, Roy not only made a name for himself in the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™ as a multiple World and National champion, but became an elite member of the SASS Hall of Fame. Taking his moniker "Evil Roy" from the 1970s comic TV movie *Evil Roy Slade*, starring John Astin as the "meanest villain the West has known," he went on to compete and take home multiple awards.



He continues to express his love of the sport and share his knowledge and skills through training aspiring Cowboy Action Shooters™ across the country.

Cimarron Firearms' Evil Roy Model P single action revolver will ride off into the sunset along with its namesake. It will be officially retired after the last shipment hits retailers. Evil Roy often stated he put at least 100,000 rounds through his Evil Roy revolvers with no issues.

"Fans of the popular Evil Roy competition Model P, need not worry," Bryce Wayt, Vice President of Operations & Media for Cimarron Firearms, said. "We are in the process of updating this pistol and introducing it back into the lineup under the Cimarron Firearms name."

## WILD BILL HICKOK DAVIS TUTT DUEL SIDE MATCH

BY HIGHWALL DRIFTER, SASS  
#68975

**A**fter eight years of successful Eastern Canadian Regional matches hosted by the great folks at the Bar E

Ranch in Barrie, Ontario, the reins were handed over to the Prairie Dog Rebels in London, Ontario.

Then Covid arrived. Enough said. Finally the match got off the ground and was a huge success through five days in July — two days of Wild Bunch Action Shooting, one full day of side-matches and two days of Cowboy Action Shooting™ — and perfect weather for the WHOLE thing. It was worth the wait. The Currahee Kid (SASS #92341) and his small-but-indefatigable crew did a sensational job and Wild Bunch Match Director was Legendary Lawman (SASS #73160).

This is the story of an unusual side-match. I could see this being adopted by other clubs.

Five hard-cases stood staring downrange at the target array they were about to engage. "I don't know about this," one of them muttered. And I assure you — none of these characters scare easily. What he was referring to were four targets 50 yards away in seriously diminishing sizes. (Look downrange in the gap between shooters in the accompanying photo. The big red rectangle far left was for a different event -Long Range 1911.)

None of the shooters had any prior

knowledge of what they would face at this side match. They were all going in cold, so it was even for everybody. The first and largest target was a sort of emaciated cowboy figure that was all arms, legs, and hat, with lots of open spaces to put a round through. The hat was a reasonable size but was risky. It was way too easy to send your ONE round over the top. I should perhaps explain the rules of engagement now. This was a re-enactment of the legendary Wild Bill Hickok — Davis Tutt shootout, wherein Tutt was killed from a distance. Each competitor was allowed ONE round in their single action revolver and was to engage the target duelist-style, unsupported. If you hit target #1, you stay in the game. If you miss, you are done. Thems that hit the first one move on to the next, smaller target. A unique and welcomed aspect of this side-match was that it had a start line... “I’ll have my watch back now Dave.” If there was ever a CAS shooter that embraces start lines, it is Cayuse King (SASS #100679). With his usual Sam Elliot delivery, he firmly announced it was time to get the ball rolling and that he would go first. He calmly loaded his one .45 Colt cartridge and raised the sight to align with the firstst target. Bang... ding! He was on, to the great relief of everybody. Now at least they knew it could be done. One after another, they all lugged their one cartridge to the firing line and took their shot. Most hit the firstst target. The Milton Kid (SASS #85788) wondered aloud about getting




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## Wild Bill Hickok Davis Tutt Duel *Background*

William Butler Hickok and Davis Tutt were gamblers in Springfield, Missouri. In the Lyon House Hotel, Tutt saw Hickok had won about \$200. In an argument over an alleged debt owed by Hickok, Tutt grabbed Hickok's Waltham Repeater gold pocket watch from the table and kept it as collateral. Negotiations between the two about the amount of the debt and return of the watch failed. At about 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 21, 1865, Tutt stepped out from the courthouse onto the west side of the town square, carrying the watch. Hickok came up from the south side of the square, about 75 yards away, and asked Tutt to give up the watch. Tutt drew and raised his gun. Hickok saw this and drew, aimed and fired his Colt Navy Revolver. Some say he rested it on his arm to steady his aim, but this is unlikely since everything happened so fast. Bystanders thought there was only one shot, when in fact both men fired. Tutt missed. Hickok didn't.

This was the start of the legend of Wild Bill Hickok.

## Wild Bill Hickok Davis Tutt *Side Match Rules*

- 50 yards, revolver, shot duelist (one hand) only.
- Any approved main match revolver may be used.
- Lead bullets only.
- Revolver will be loaded and checked at the firing position and cleared at the firing position.
- Shooter will come to the line with gun unloaded and holstered. One round will be loaded, the gun will be checked.
- Starting position is gun in hand.
- Shooter's line, "I'll have my watch back now Dave."

At the beep, the shooter will fire one shot duelist style at the large Cowboy target. The shooter will stand and the revolver will be cleared at the firing position, and the gun is holstered.

All those shooters who score a hit are eligible for a shoot off. The shooting procedure above will be repeated except that the target will be one size smaller. The process will be repeated until only one shooter among the eligible shooters scores a hit and this shooter will be the winner.

If all eligible shooters miss the target in a given round, the process will be repeated starting at the target just missed by all shooters. If the target missed is the smallest target, all subsequent rounds will be on the smallest target. However, the RO may decide to move back to the next larger target in order to expedite the match if it is deemed necessary.

a hit on the target using a .38 Special. Everyone else brought a .45 Colt. Ding! To the Kid's great surprise, he was in the game. The next target was a half-version of the first, as if that poor skinny cow-puncher had been cut in half under a train. And his hat had shrunk! There was no good aiming point on it. Only two guys got onto this target, one of them barely (these two are often found together at the long range events at big matches). By now the 80-degree air was getting thick with tension. Canadian Hondo (SASS #94235) had been eliminated but stayed and made sure all the safety etiquette and rules were adhered to. Plus, he wanted to see how this all turned out. In fact, all the shooters who had been eliminated stayed to see how this would end. The Milton Kid was loving all the quiet excitement, as he is a notorious gambler.

The next target was maybe eight inches tall and similar to the others. There were lots of places under the arms and between the legs to miss it. But the two remaining shooters both got hits on it. HOLY COW! Dogger (SASS #102912) came out from behind the spotting scope and just looked around at everybody, speechless. This was getting really hairy now. They were down to the last target. Who would triumph? Someone had the bright idea to add to the tension for this final target — a five-inch tall SASS Marshal figure — by wagering some cash on the next two shots, just for fun. A pile of Canadian two-dollar coins suddenly appeared. I should mention that each of the two remaining shooters was happy for the other's success so far. They were both grinning from ear to ear, drinking in all the drama. Highwall Drifter slipped a .45 into the cylinder and slowly rotated it five clicks. He raised the gun, cocked the hammer and immediately started struggling with a hold on the distant blur. He was just about to come down, rest and start over but everything felt right for a split second so he broke the shot. Bang... ding!

Unbelievable. Every person there was surprised, including the trigger-man. But there was no grandstanding. There was still another shooter in the game. Dead silence again as Canadian Major (SASS #38916) loaded his

single round and rolled the cylinder around to where it needed to be. Did I mention it was quiet? I have never heard quiet like that. My ears were buzzing. The birds and insects had gone quiet. The Major knew exactly what he had to do and just got down to business. It's really just another day at the office. Finally the moon and stars aligned and he gently squeezed the trigger with the light touch of the eye surgeon that he is't. The gun went bang but was met with silence. There was no ding.

It was over. What a relief. The two men shook hands and Highwall said it could have gone either way. One is a retired commercial pilot and the other spent his whole life working in live sports for television. They both laugh in the face of stress and challenges. Then there was much hooting and hollering by the gang, as the pressure had been released and all were jumping up and down about what a great event this turned out to be... the inaugural Hickok-Tutt side-match (conceived, designed, and built by Doc Lonesome, SASS #104799) at the inaugural 2022 SASS Canadian Eastern Regional at The Crumlin Sportsmen Association Ranges, hosted by The Prairie Dog Rebels at London, Ontario.

Since they are all refined gentlemen and good sports, they gave the winner a special one-handed "you're number one" salute, without using their index fingers. How clever! It was touching to see and Highwall had a bit of Cowboy sweat leak out the corner of one eye from all the camaraderie.

A memorable afternoon was had by all, during a memorable week. I've always felt that's what we are doing out there at SASS matches — making memories.

## FIRST-TIME SHOOTERS

**T**he Butcher Butte Bunch (Fenton, Michigan) entertained two new Cowboy Action Shooters™ at their last match for 2022. Neither had ever shot a Cowboy match before. They were asked to put their reactions to the experience on paper for submission to *The Cowboy Chronicle*. What they wrote follows.

**I TRIED TO AVOID IT, BUT IT  
WAS DESTINED TO CATCH ME  
MY FIRST COWBOY ACTION  
EXPERIENCE**

By "Rip Rocker"

**M**y first rifle, given to me by my grandpa, was a Winchester 94 in .30-30 caliber. I remember watching Chuck Connors on the Rifleman with that 94 sitting on my lap. He ran his faster than I could ever imagine. It was so COOL! The lever action, trim lines, dark walnut, blue steel, and TV wow-factor made that rifle second to none in my teenage opinion. That rifle was, is, and will always be my favorite firearm. It is because of this love of my lever gun that I have avoided Cowboy Action Shooting™ like the plague! I just KNEW if I ever tried it I would fall in love with it, then have to figure out how to fund and sneak four guns, a costume, a hat, and some snazzy leather past my wife when she wasn't looking (which wasn't going to be easy, or end well for that matter).

In comes Outrider Outlaw (SASS #94601). For quite a while, he encouraged me to come out and give it a try,



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regardless of my resistance and feigned impartiality. After a while, I believe he figured me out, prompting him to get crafty with me... He formally invited me AND my wife to come out and give it a try, which in the spirit of supporting him, the Club, and the game, we did. Yes, you heard me right, he brought in my wife. Cheers for ingenuity you sly, crafty dog. On top of it all, he volunteered all of his and his wife's guns, holsters, and ammo to enable us to "give it a shot."

On a crisp fall day in October we showed up at Butcher Butte to have our go at it. As it were, I've recently decided the western look suits me and had purchased boots and a hat, so I blended in with the crowd, albeit in blue jeans, not the appropriate "britches." It really wasn't a concern at all, however, as everyone there was encouraging and accommodating.

Stage 1 — Rifle, shotgun, revolvers, 24 rounds total. If I do my math right, those 24 shots are going to cost me about \$150 apiece, because that is all it took to get me hooked. It was such a blast! The cycling of the Winchester '73 instantly took me back to those Rifleman days. The clang of steel was so much more rewarding than a hole in a sheet of paper. All in all it was a fantastic time and we both loved it! I didn't even make it home before I was researching single action revolvers, a '73, and a double barrel coach gun.

I will close out with a thank you to Outrider Outlaw, Longshot Lillian (SASS #94602) and Grubby Hardrock (SASS #58839) for the encouragement, the use of their equipment, and the overall wonderful experience. In summary, we had a great time, they got us both hooked, and my worst fears mentioned above have been DOUBLED! Therefore, I think it is fair to expect their participation in any upcoming bake sales necessary to fund this new adventure... for two of us.

## **A NEWBIE'S FIRST TIME SHOOTING COWBOY ACTION IT WAS A BLAST!**

**By Bourbon Betty**

**W**hen my husband told me our friends, Outrider Outlaw and Longshot Lillian, invited us to join



them at the last Cowboy Action Shooting™ event of the season at their club, I was a little hesitant. Since I had not shot in a Cowboy Action event before, I was a nervous to try it, but decided to give it a whirl. My husband warned me that once I try it, I would be hooked. Oh boy, was he right!

Since I am not a very accurate shot and don't have a ton of fun shooting PPC style targets, I really enjoyed shooting the steel targets. It didn't matter where on the target I shot, it only mattered that I hit the target. Now that is my kind of shooting! The ping of the bullet hitting the target was music to my ears.

The day started with deciding

what my Cowgirl name was going to be. That's a big decision, so it took a minute to come up with my name. After some pondering, I decided on Bourbon Betty.

The event had five stages that required each Cowboy and Cowgirl to shoot steel targets with two single action revolvers, a lever action rifle, and a shotgun while being timed. Everyone was so nice, helpful, and patient while coaching me throughout the day. Thank you to Outrider, Lillian, and all my Cowboy Action friends for making me feel comfortable, which eased my anxiety as a first time Cowboy Action Shooter™. It was a great experience with an awesome group.

## LETTERS & OPINION



### THE SMITH AND WESSON NO. 3 RUSSIAN

**I** picked up a copy of the January 2022 issue of *The Cowboy Chronicle* at the Texas State Rifle Association Annual Meeting. In the S&W Model No. 3 article on page 36 it states "... Russia did reverse engineer the No. 3 Russians, producing unlicensed copies at their own arsenals. This caused S&W some fiscal hardship."

I think I read this about the Russians reverse engineering the S&W No. 3 around 12 years ago. Today Wikipedia calls this the "counterfeit game." This is what my notes have from the book, *S&W Sixguns of The Old West* by David R. Chicone: "Around 1878 Ludwig Lowe in Berlin, Germany also produced S&W No. 3 revolvers under a licensing agreement with S&W. The Russians bought machinery to make them from Ludwig Lowe which was delivered to the Tula Arsenal, which began producing them in 1886."

I managed to contact Roy Jinks the S&W historian — also about 12 years ago — about this. I believe he said the Russians produced S&W No. 3 revolv-

ers under license. The Russians used the S&W No. 3 in the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78, the Russo-Japanese War, and WWI. One account I read had a few used in WWII. One of the members of the Cheka (Soviet Secret Police) execution Squad that killed ex-Tsar Nicholas II and family may have used a S&W No 3. I hope this is of some use.

—James Pratt

*Tuolumne Lawman, author of the article in question, replies, "The Russian connection is not cut and dry, with much surmise and supposition, and different sources disagree on whether it was under license or not. They did produce them, that is a fact, and that translated into lost sales for Smith and Wesson."*



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# ANNUAL MATCHES

## GOLD RUSH 2022 SASS CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND NATIONAL WILD BUNCH CHAMPIONSHIP

BY HELENA HANDBASKET, SASS #85280

PHOTOS BY LARS "THE SWEDE" OLSSON

**T**he Valley Regulators of Courtenay, British Columbia were excited this past August to host the 2022 SASS Canadian Wild Bunch Championships and the 2022 SASS Canadian National Championships. It's been three years since we put on the 2019 Nationals, and Boomtown was ready to welcome our old and new friends back to town. Shooters started piling into Boomtown early in the last week of August. We had a jam-packed schedule lined up over six days and folks wanted to get the show on the road! The theme this year was "Gold Rush," appropriately, because our range is built to represent an actual late 1800s gold rush town. Our 19 permanent buildings and fronts look and feel like a frontier town. Territorial Governor Kananaskis Kid (SASS #62402) had written ten Cowboy stages based on historical Gold Rush events and places in the Canadian West. Our first side match was the amazing Cowboy Clays competition, held on our Shotgun Sporting Clays trail overlooking the Comox Glacier. Shooters often say this trail reminds them of pictures of Switzerland, with mountain views and spectacular scenery. Winner of this event was Will Munny (SASS #98394). Next, the Wild Bunch Championship had ten challenging but fun stages held under beautiful clear skies over the next two days. Match Director Burt the Undertaker (SASS #97697) wrote the Wild Bunch stages and made sure everything ran smoothly. One shooter — Hairy Hereford (SASS #104766) — showed up wearing formal WWI military attire, including a kilt. This lead



COWBOY OVERALL MATCH WINNERS ALBERTA ANNIE AND WHISTLIN' WILL.



WILD BUNCH WINNERS (L-R) — LONESOME BUTTE, KILLSHOT KENNY, BURT THE UNDERTAKER, DALLAS DANCER, BLACK ASHLEY.

to other shooters expressing some concern when he leaned over to pick brass, because we DIDN'T want to know what a shooter wears under his kilt! Top Over-

all 2022 Canadian Wild Bunch winners are Burt the Undertaker and Dallas Dancer (SASS #42365). First place category winners: Modern — Burt the



Undertaker; Senior Modern — Lonesome Butte (SASS #68129); Traditional — Black Ashley (SASS #89886); Senior Traditional — Killshot Kenny (SASS #91136); Ladies' Traditional — Dallas Dancer. Speed 1911 Side match winners: Ladies' Traditional — Honey Hereford (SASS #104767); Modern — Smiley Joe; Traditional — Black Ashley.

Friday morning's activities included the Ladies Tea and swap meet, as well as side matches and the always-popular long-range events. In the afternoon we had a four-stage Cowboy Warm-up Match to get everybody in the mood for the big match on the weekend. By the time suppertime rolled around, the hungry crowd was in the mood for Cook-Your-Own Steak Night. With the weather still perfect, all the chairs and tables were lined up down Main Street in Boomtown, so dinner and the Wild Bunch awards ceremony were held outside.

Ten action-packed main-match stages over the next two days meant lots of smoke and noise, fancy footwork, and fancy clothing, but mostly a lot of fun. Match Director Whistlin' Will (SASS #88382) had a well-oiled team working tirelessly to make sure the whole event ran seamlessly. We had a shuttle

hauling weary Cowboys and Cowgirls and their gun carts back to their RVs as each posse finished shooting for the day. The afternoon Cowboy Swap Meet was a great place to find new-to-you treasures and to find a new owner for extra gear you didn't need. Saturday evening saw the first of our evening banquets in the big clubhouse by Comox Lake. The view of the lake and glacier from the dining room is magnificent, possibly the most spectacular Cowboy range and facility anywhere! The always-fun costume promenade and judging contest wowed the rest of the crowd. We enjoyed a sumptuous buffet dinner of cowboy vittles done gourmet-style, and all lovingly cooked from scratch. Chef Ellie and a crew of volunteers worked hard to keep the tables loaded. Leftovers were brought out the next day for lunch. Costume contests included recognition for best-dressed lady, man, buckarett, buckaroo, couple, saloon girl, working cowboy and working cowgirl. Side Match awards were presented, and finally the eagerly-awaited prize draw followed. Our sponsors and donors were very generous again and the prize table was lengthy and spectacular. Lots of very happy cowboys and cowgirls went home with great prizes and big smiles. Sunday morning

Cowboy Church, led by Preacher Man John (SASS #87098), was a fitting start to the last day of the main match. Four more great stages flew by and before you knew it, the big match was over. The final event was held Sunday afternoon — the One-on-One match. The reigning one-on-one champion (Whistlin' Will) took on all challengers and came out on top again. The big banquet Sunday night included more excellent food, which our visitors have come to expect when they come to Boomtown. The final event of the Sunday banquet was, of course, the main-match awards presentation. One of our newest shooters, Li'l Ace, graciously handed the awards to the winners. Top Canadian 2022 man (and overall) shooter was, once again, Whistlin' Will. Top Canadian 2022 lady shooter was Alberta Annie (SASS #85914). Congratulations to all the winners! With that, the RV parking area started emptying out, and Boomtown slowly morphed back into the Cowboy Action Shooting™ range at Courtenay Fish and Game. We shoot year-round, once or twice a month. Come on out and visit us sometime! Visiting shooters are always welcome. Check out our website at [www.valleyregulators.com](http://www.valleyregulators.com) for more information and for complete match results.



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# POETRY

## EL REY

*By Deslaredo, SASS #91085*

The Undertaker has turned Eighty-Five  
He's been through the mill, but he's still alive.  
No matter what the future might bring  
He's now El Rey  
(Spanish for "The King").

It's taken him a long time to get this far  
It's been like a ride on a shooting star  
He's wheeled his coffin through the heat and the cold  
He's been very boisterous, reckless and bold.

He's always lived by The Spirit Of The Game  
No one could ever extinguish his inner flame  
He can be very nasty, mean and bad  
But he can also be the best friend you ever had.

For he is The Undertaker and he's turned Eighty-Five  
But he's not yet ready to take his final dive  
So if you see him around, remember one thing  
He's now El Rey  
(Spanish for "The King").

## OUT THE DOOR

*By Deslaredo, SASS #91085*

In through the front door walked Sam McGee  
With a bullet in his shoulder and an arrow in his knee  
The bad guys scattered for they knew of Sam real well  
So they shot out the back door before they got shot to hell.

For Sam McGee didn't muck around  
Any trouble he faced, he'd bury in the ground  
No body knew just what he was thinkin'  
When his mouth started to curl and his left eye started  
winkin'.

Get out of his way was the word around town  
Run for the hills or you'll be put down  
Find a tree to hide behind  
But Sam will still find you if he's got you on his mind.

You see Sam McGee was the best of the best  
And if he liked you, you were always his guest  
But if you did him wrong and got under his craw  
Sam McGee would kick your arse straight back out the  
door.



## THE EPITAPH

*By Deslaredo, SASS #91085*

On the face of a tombstone it was written  
half covered with the desert sand.  
An epitaph chiselled long ago  
From the fist of a Dead Man's Hand.

It Read...

THIS IS THE RESTING PLACE  
OF A COWBOY FROM THE PAST.  
A PLACE THAT HE'D BEEN SEARCHING FOR  
AND FINALLY FOUND AT LAST.  
HIS NAME WAS NEVER KNOWN  
BUT HIS REPUTATION WAS FEARED.  
HE'D SPENT HIS LIFE  
FIGHTING TROUBLE AND STRIFE  
UNTIL HIS CONSCIENCE HAD BEEN CLEARED.

You could hear a ghostly howl  
And the rattling of the corpse's bones.  
You could hear his bullets ricocheting  
Off the crumbling graveyard stones.  
You could see the sadness in his eyes  
And a guilt that would not cease.  
But finally you could see that  
He had finally found his peace.

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# GUNS & GEAR

## DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR, JANUARY 2023 MATCH GRADE SHOTSHELLS

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR,  
SASS #24287 LIFE REGULATOR

**Y**ou might be saying, “I don’t need to read this. I use factory ammunition.”

But wait! Don’t leave. You can use this too. Really. Read on.

A good shotgun round needs all the components installed correctly, a good crimp on top, and to fit in the tightest chamber for the gauge. Simple, right? I first heard that some shotshells had problems that caused them to stick in CAS shotguns when Evil Roy switched from a ’97 to a SxS. Some factory ammunition wasn’t within specs. Roy discovered his ribbed ammunition stuck instead of falling out. So he tried various smooth rounds, settling on Remington STS. He discovered some were oversized. Word got out. Reloaders had been checking their rounds by taking the barrel off and dropping shells in and then seeing if they fell out. There were always some that didn’t. Then users of factory ammunition started checking.

About then shell checkers started being popular. The first one I saw was by Cowboys and Indian Store. T. L. made them, I believe. Then the late Wild Bodie Tom made some. Unique Tek was selling some. We were finding out factory ammunition was sometimes out of spec.

Now several companies sell shell checkers. SliXprings now has a checker/sizer combination, replacing separate tools (available from Bullets by Scarlett, Unique Tek, and Badman Bullets). The checker portion conforms to minimum SAAMI specs for a 12 gauge shotgun chamber. Not all shell checkers do. Some are basically tubes. If a round will fall out of this, it will probably fall out of your shotgun. But wait! There’s more!



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BASE VIEW OF WIN FACTORY AA; RELOADS — WIN AA, REM STS GOLD, STS GREEN



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## MAKING YOUR OWN

If you’re making your own ammunition, what do you need to do?

Start with perfect hulls. For SxS that generally means Winchester AAs or Remington STS. I used to dump them from their bags into the case feeder. I missed too many marginal or bad hulls. So, I start with clean, round hulls with petals out straight. They are inspected one by one before I put them in the case feeder. As I inspect them, I wipe them with a shop towel with a little Windex on it to get crud off. If the shell has been stepped on, I don’t try to reshape it anymore. The ghost of that crease tends to come back on the completed round in storage and the round won’t go in or come out, or both. You have wasted a precious primer, powder, wad, and \$5 worth of shot (exaggeration, at least for now... \$0.17 is about right for 2/23).

The mouth must be round. If it’s been folded over or wadded up, I don’t use it. It won’t crimp properly. I have a big box of rounds for recycling. Some were out of shape and not repairable. Some were underweight. Some that didn’t crimp properly. Some mangled crimp rounds fall out of the shell checker, but I’ve found that such rounds tend to stick.

## WEIGH EVERYTHING

Making sure all the components are there, I can check rounds for powder without taking the powder out, for example. If I think a round at stage three on my twenty-year-old Dillon SL900 (before I add the wad and shot) might not have a full charge of powder in it, I just pull and weigh the round, hull, primer, and powder. If it’s far off the target weight, I fix it then. I check frequently because there is no low powder sensor in the SL900 and Murphy still rules.

I’ve weighed all the components and came up with the numbers in this article. Don’t use them. Weigh your components for the recipe you use and make a chart of weights for each component.

## WEIGHTS

Twelve gauge Remington STS Hull with primer—122 to 126 grains (Winchester AA hulls vary from 127 to 130 grains). If you know this, you can get

the approximate weight of a powder charge by weighing the hull after it has been charged. If the powder charge is 32 grains and the combination weighs 157-plus or minus, you don't have to weigh the powder separately. This is more difficult with smokeless loads because of the lighter charges. You might need to weigh the charge separately.

**Powder**—pick the weight from your recipe. Use only recipes printed in factory loading books and websites for smokeless manufacturers (or shooting-oriented Facebook pages full of sarcastic comments from people you've never heard of... just kidding... trust loading data from known sources *only* and follow all aspects of the recipe). I'm making BP with 40 grains BP or 32 grains American Pioneer Powder 3F (same volume).

**WAA12 wad**—36 grains. **Shot**—1-1/8 oz is 492 grains. A 1-1/8 oz bushing might not make 492-grain loads with your specific shot. With the Dillon, I adjust the shot measure to drop 492 grains average with the shot used. If you have bushings, you must use what it drops. Also, weight will vary from the shot dispenser from one charge to the

next. Not to worry. One weighing 484 might be followed by one of 500. Both will fit.

## WEIGH EVERY COMPLETED ROUND

Using these numbers, you can weigh a round at any time and know if it's in spec. If, for example, the target weight for a completed round is 685 grains (total of the above numbers using APP 3F, you can expect to see 670 to 700, usually from variations in shot weight. If it's high, and you're using black powder or sub, it's still acceptable. There is no "too much powder" with black powder, but if it weighs 655 grains it could have no powder, or a light charge of shot. You must assume the worst, that it has no powder (438 grains of shot is still an ounce). I pull rounds periodically at stage three after powder has been added and weigh them—165 with BP and 157 with APP are target weights. Close is acceptable.

My solution is to put rounds close to 670 grains into "practice" boxes. Lower than that I usually recycle. It has almost always been a shortage of powder.



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Then put the round into a shell checker. Use a SliXshot sizer to correct rounds that are correctible. If they aren't, you can put them in the "practice" box or recycle. See Final Sizing/Tapering for a possible cure.

If you haven't read it, read "Shot Shell Basics" by my old friend and mentor Larsen E. Pettifogger in the April 2023 edition of *The Cowboy Chronicle*. He mentions on smokeless loads, "Primers and other components are not freely interchangeable. So, is there a saving grace for CAS loaders? Fortunately, many are loading at the very bottom or in many cases below the minimum charges listed in the loading manuals and on the powder manufacturers websites. This has saved them from possible harm that might result from higher loading levels."

Black powder loads are more forgiving because BP and the subs have substantially lower pressure than smokeless. If you want to stuff 75 grains of Swiss 3F and 1-1/4 oz shot and it fits, have at it. Just don't tell anyone I told you to do it.

## HELLO, PRIMERS!

Some primer/hull combinations are more likely to have high primers. Having said that, I use Cheddite 209 primers in everything. I can't remember seeing Remington 209 primers recently. Winchester 209 primers are available and work very well in Winchester hulls. However, the Remington hulls are tighter, and seating the Cheddite or Winchester requires extra force, or they won't sit flat. I don't use Winchester primers on Winchester hulls (or Remington on Remington hulls) in black powder loads because the Cheddite are visually different at a glance. I don't want to fire a smokeless load in competition by mistake. (If you use Winchester on Winchester, etc., get a wide Sharpie and paint all the bases with a wide line that tells you it's black.) When I load Remington hulls. I must work to make sure all the rounds have fully seated primers. As Larsen mentioned,



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they're the best hull. I use them for major matches. Winchester, which are easier to find, are more likely to stick, but if I do everything right, it's rare. Practice and local matches are all Winchester as long as Remingtons are hard to replace.

## FINAL SIZING/TAPERING

At Land Run 2022 the Bullets by Scarlett tent had a bit of a crowd grabber. On Scarlett Darlin's Rugged Gear gun cart a strange contraption was mounted. Scarlett was running Winchester reloads through a SliX shotshell checker/sizer combo. When one didn't go through, she would put the round in the gizmo like loading a rifle with the bolt open. Then she closed the bolt, pushing the round into the receiver. She opened the bolt. Now the round went in the sizer and fell out when it was inverted. If you looked closely, you could see the round was tapered about .003. Tapered shotshells are "in." But more than just the latest SASS fad, they make the shells easier to insert and more likely to pop out. Are they legal? Heck no, I'm telling you how to cheat using illegal ammunition in the official SASS magazine. Just kidding again. OF COURSE THEY'RE LEGAL! Read the SASS SHOOTERS HANDBOOK. Do I have to tell you everything?

I posted an 18-second video of it on Facebook, and it got over 4,000 views on my page, and more on hers, resulting in a slew of orders. It's a Ryder Shotshell Sizer.



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mounted on wooden gun carts. It is not cheap at \$364, but when I last checked, there was still a significant waiting list. No, I didn't get one for the article. The Redhead bought it for me for Christmas. Buy yours from Scarlett.

Not tested here, Unique-Tek sells a sizing die for MEC reloaders that tapers rounds. Good idea. If you use one you will want to check with a SliX Sizer at the range. Many reloads will, in time, try to "go back to their previous state" and open at the crimp, or bulge some, making them useless in a side-by-side shotgun. Scarlett was using Winchesters. She caught and fixed a few. It takes 3-1/2

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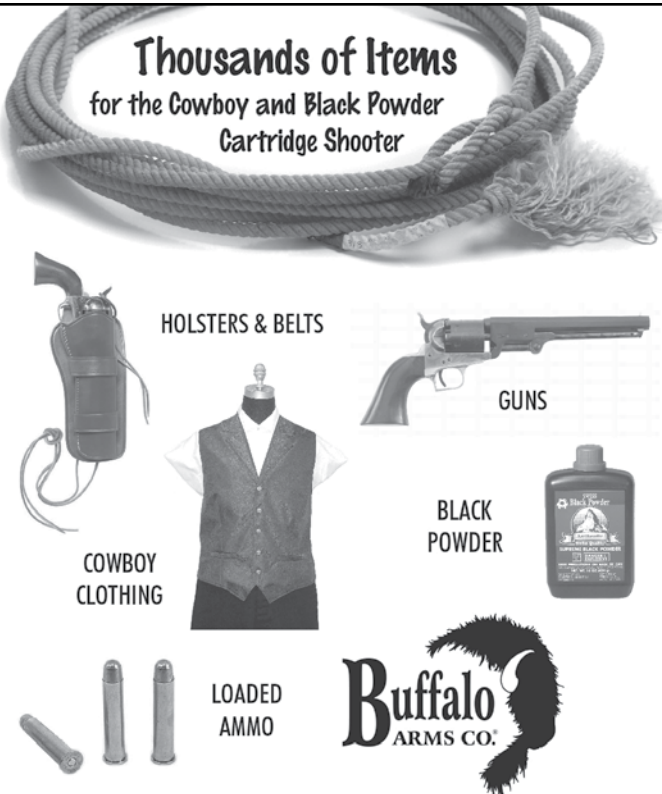


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For some time, contestants have been wiping their shells with some magic elixir before putting them in their belt. I have, before finding all these neat tools, tried wiping the rounds in a shop towel with Ballistol, Break Free, Armor All, silicon spray, KY Jelly, and "I Can't Believe it's Not Mucous." Various shooters have suggested or swore by each of these items, well, all but the last two. But the rounds weren't sticking because they weren't slippery enough. They were too big, or the petals opened funny because they weren't made properly. Now I use... nothing. The rounds are clean and crud free. It seems to work. I haven't had any slip out of my hand, either.

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# HISTORY

## THE LAST DANCE OF THE PLAINS INDIANS

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**D**uring a solar eclipse on New Year's Day, 1889, a Paiute shaman named Wovoka fell into a trance. When he came out of it, he revealed he had met Jesus Christ, who had told him of his sorrow for the suffering of the Native Americans. In order to restore the world to its original state before the coming of the Europeans, God's Indian children were to perform a circular dance under explicit instructions. If everything went according to plan, white expansion would be halted and reversed and the Indians would be reunited with their ancestors. Ultimately, the world would be restored to its original state before the advent of the intruders.

Wovoka, whose day job was that of a ranch hand near Yerington, Nevada, was also known as Jack Wilson by the local whites. He had adopted the surname of his employer David Wilson. Obviously, Wovoka's vision contained elements of both Native American and Christian religions. Although it was apocalyptic in nature, Wovoka's movement was intended to be nonviolent. Everything depended on the performance of what came to be known as the Ghost Dance.

Word of Wovoka's vision spread far and wide among the Native American tribes. Eventually it reached the Sioux at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. A council was summoned that was attended by some prominent Sioux leaders. Red Cloud, Young Man Afraid of His Horses, and Little Wound were present. Eventually they decided a delegation would be sent to Nevada where they would meet with Wovoka to learn more about his message. The westward journey took about three months to complete.

Wovoka told the delegation a dance should be organized that would last five days. On the last night, the dance

was to continue until the morning of the fifth day when it would end, the dancers would bathe and then return to their homes. Something momentous would eventually happen. Christ would return, the dead would be resurrected, there would be no more death and disease, and the old would become young again. The dance was supposed to be repeated every six weeks until the world was transformed. They would know the time had arrived because "the earth would shake."

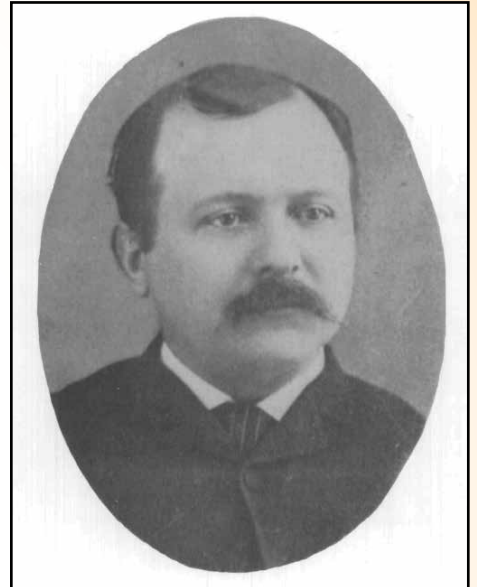
It took another few months for the delegation to make the return journey to South Dakota. During the spring of 1890, news of the Ghost Dance spread among both the Indian and white residents of Pine Ridge and other reservations. Although not all Indians accepted the "new religion," many of them did. It's quite understandable because mysticism plays a large role in Native American religious practices. Furthermore, the apocalyptic element would naturally appeal to a people who were defeated and dejected. It provided hope as well as the promise of cosmic vengeance. The whites, for equally obvious reasons, were quite unenthusiastic about the new beliefs. After all, the Christ of the Ghost Dance would be returning as the lion instead of the lamb. His anger would be directed at them. Although none of the whites thought the vision would actually come to pass, it showed the Indians weren't harboring warm feelings towards their "benefactors."

The timing of the Ghost Dance could not have been worse. Relations between the whites and their charges were already strained because of corruption in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In addition, the U.S. Government's policy towards the Indians was to assimilate them by wiping out their culture. Indian languages and religious practices were to be phased out and eventually eliminated. Native American children were to be sent off to boarding schools so they could be taught to act like white people. The nomadic Plains Indians were supposed to own land and become farmers.

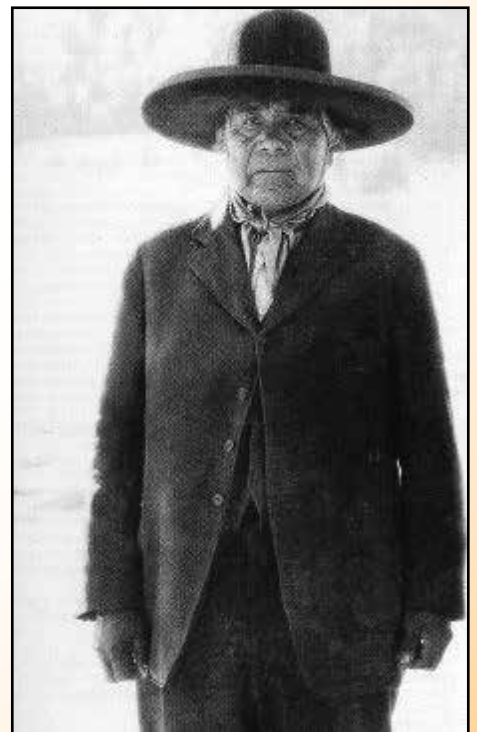
One of the problems with turning the Sioux into farmers was 1890 was a terrible drought year. Wovoka had also promised the Ghost Dance would bring rain. Rain would have helped,

but the reality was that the area around the Sioux reservations wasn't particularly suited to farming anyway. Since the buffalo herds had all but disappeared by that time, hunting wasn't going to solve the problem either. It's hard to blame the Indians for turning to the new religion.

The whites were divided into two camps about how to deal with the Ghost dancers. One group felt the new



INDIAN AGENT DANIEL F. ROYER BECAME INCREASINGLY NERVOUS ABOUT THE GHOST DANCE MOVEMENT. HE EARNED THE NICKNAME, "YOUNG MAN AFRAID OF HIS INDIANS."



WOVOKA — AKA JACK WILSON — WAS A PAIUTE SHAMAN WHOSE VISION LAUNCHED THE GHOST DANCE MOVEMENT.



THE GHOST DANCE WAS INTENDED TO BE PEACEFUL, BUT IT CREATED A TENSE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THE WHITES AND THE SIOUX.

religion would fizzle after the promised apocalypse failed to occur. The best thing to do would be nothing; the movement would run its course. After all, people can't dance forever. Another group felt the Ghost Dance should be actively repressed because it was a prelude to a general uprising. Some Sioux had, after all, donned "Ghost shirts" that were supposed to make the wearers impervious to bullets. Why did anyone need a Ghost shirt if they had peaceful intentions? In any case, later events would prove the Ghost Shirts didn't work very well.

In October 1890, Dr. Daniel F. Royer arrived to assume his post as head

of the Pine Creek Agency. Typically, he didn't know much about the culture of the Sioux. The Ghost Dance filled him with apprehension. He considered the dancers to be "troublemakers" and wanted to have them relocated to other reservations. There were indeed some tense moments between the tribal police and the Ghost Dancers. On one occasion a pistol was drawn during the attempted arrest of a Sioux by the name of Little who had illegally killed a steer. Fortunately the incident ended without bloodshed, but Royer was convinced that federal troops needed to be called into the area to prevent a possible uprising. By the middle of November, the

troops arrived.


Indian Agent Daniel McLaughlin, over at Standing Rock, had also become apprehensive about the Ghost Dance. Sitting Bull had been living there since leaving Buffalo Bill's Wild West show about five years earlier. Though the Sioux leader didn't personally take part in the Ghost Dance movement, he refused to suppress it. This put him and Agent McLaughlin on a collision course. At about 5:30 a.m. on December 15, a group of nearly 40 Indian police arrived at Sitting Bull's house with a warrant for his arrest.


Sitting Bull refused to go quietly. Soon a crowd of Sioux appeared at the scene. A scuffle broke out between Sitting Bull and one of the Indian police officers named Henry Bullhead. One of the Sioux in the crowd shot Bullhead with a rifle, who then shot Sitting Bull in the chest with his revolver. Another Indian policeman, Red Tomahawk, shot Sitting Bull in the head, killing him instantly. A general melee erupted which ended in the deaths of about 16 people. Somehow, the remaining policemen held off a much larger group of infuriated Sioux until a detachment of U.S. cavalry rescued them.

After the incident with Sitting Bull, about 200 Sioux decided to leave Standing Rock in order to join up with Chief Spotted Elk, aka Bigfoot, at the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. On December 23, Spotted Elk and his band, plus the group from Standing Rock, left Cheyenne River to join Red

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Cloud at Pine Ridge. It would have been a journey of more than 200 miles in the dead of winter. During most of the trip, the U.S. Cavalry was monitoring their movements, but occasionally Spotted Elk's band eluded them.

Near Porcupine Butte, on December 28, Spotted Elk's band was intercepted by a detachment of the 7th Cavalry commanded by Major Samuel Whitside. Spotted Elk was sick, his people were cold, and they offered no resistance. The cavalymen escorted the band to Wounded Knee Creek, about five miles away. Along the way, Whitside's troopers were reinforced by more members of the 7th Cavalry under the command of Colonel James Forsyth. The Sioux were told to make camp. The troopers, numbering about 500 by this time, surrounded the Indian encampment. Four Hotchkiss guns were trained on the encampment. Hotchkiss guns were rapid-firing light cannons that used exploding shells. So far, no violence had occurred, but the situation was like a room full of gasoline awaiting a lit match.

Early the next morning, Colonel Forsyth made the fateful and ill-considered decision to confiscate the weapons carried by Spotted Elk's group. The disarmament started peacefully, but soon degenerated into a slaughter. There are several versions of what touched it off, and I will present the one that is generally the most accepted by historians.

The Sioux sullenly gave up their weapons as the troopers moved among them. Unfortunately, a medicine man in a Ghost Shirt began urging the Indians to resist. There is some disagreement about the man's name; generally, he is known as Yellow Bird, but he has also been identified by several other names including Good Thunder, Shakes Bird, or Good for Nothing. (If ever a name was fitting, the last one takes the prize.) At any rate, Yellow Bird threw handfuls of dirt in the air as a prelude to a Ghost Dance. At first, his actions seemed comic, but elsewhere in the camp a young warrior refused to give up his gun without a struggle. According to some accounts, he was deaf and couldn't hear the instructions to give up his Winchester. He and a trooper scuffled over the rifle, and it went off.



FREDERICK REMINGTON'S SKETCHES MADE THE INCIDENT AT WOUNDED KNEE APPEAR TO BE MORE OF A BATTLE THAN IT REALLY WAS.



THE HOTCHKISS GUNS TRAINED ON THE SIOUX CAMP AT WOUNDED KNEE WERE BRUTALLY EFFECTIVE.

This was all it took. During the disarmament, there were troopers positioned with their rifles trained on the camp. They began firing indiscriminately. Some of the Sioux who hadn't given up their guns at that point returned fire. A cavalry captain later recalled that he "never in [his] life saw Springfield carbines worked so industriously." Then the Hotchkiss guns began firing. Most of the shells exploded among the tipis that sheltered the old people, women, and children.

By the time it was all over, between

200 and 250 Sioux were dead. About half of them were women and children. The exact figures are hard to tally because many of the wounded crawled off into ravines to die. Furthermore, the dead were piled into a mass grave without much of an account for who was who. Spotted Elk, aka Big Foot, was one of the first casualties. His body quickly froze. The medicine man also died quickly—his Ghost Shirt failed to do its duty. According to one source, a wounded Sioux pointed out the dead shaman to a trooper and commented

that he wished he were still alive so he could stab him.

In contrast, the U.S. Cavalry lost about 30 men. Most of these were victims of “friendly fire.” Given the way the troops were deployed, it was easy for them to shoot into each other once the Indians began to drop. Because the Sioux had fired back and since the troopers sustained casualties, the incident was called “The Battle” of Wounded Knee. Twenty Medals of Honor were awarded following this glorious feat of arms. On October 25, 1990, Congress delivered an official apology for Wounded Knee. Recently, there has been a bill introduced to rescind the medals, but as of this writing, it hasn’t gotten anywhere.

Contemporary newspapers tended to view the event favorably. The New York Times ran a story under the headline “A Fight with the Hostiles—Big Foot’s Treachery Precipitates a Battle.” There were articles praising the 7th Cavalry for avenging the defeat of Custer 14 years previously. “The slaughter is on the other foot this time,” crowed the Junction City Republican.



SITTING BULL'S DEATH AT STANDING ROCK RESERVATION FURTHER POISONED AN ALREADY TENSE SITUATION.

Most of the articles criticizing Wounded Knee centered around the 7th Cavalry's “heavy losses” and who was to blame for them. Later, as more detailed accounts emerged, there was regret at the deaths

of the women and children, but that regret was often brushed off by comments like, “This is what happens in Indian battles.” William T. Sherman's assessment was that “in a fight [with Indians] the coolest man cannot distinguish female from male.”

Wovoka, the Paiute shaman whose vision inspired the Ghost Dance, was horrified when he learned of the disaster at Wounded Knee. He was nearly half a continent away when the tragedy occurred and had never gone anywhere near the Dakotas. He doesn't seem to have been blamed for it and remained a prominent figure in his community. Though the Ghost Dance was a huge factor leading up to the events of December 29, 1890, most people seemed to realize that Wovoka's intentions were anything but violent.

There were other things to think about as the 1890s unfolded. If anyone thought much about the Sioux, it was in the context of their being “civilized” at last. Their bands were broken up, their children were sent off to boarding schools to learn how to act like whites, and they were settling down to lives



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of ranching and farming. Of course, the future for the Sioux wasn't exactly rosy (an understatement if ever there was one) but there were railroads to be built, inventions to create, cities to modernize, and an international American presence to establish. It wasn't until the 1970s that perceptions of Wounded Knee began to change.

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# THE DAY MEAT FELL FROM THE SKY

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**O**n March 3, 1876, Mary Crouch of Olympia Springs, Kentucky was making soap in her yard. It was a pleasant, sunny day. She noticed something was falling on her back and shoulders. Later, she recalled that it felt like snow or hail. It turned out it was neither snow nor hail; it was chunks of meat that measured about two by two inches in size. Some of the chunks were as big as four by four inches. Enough meat fell on the Crouch farm to cover approximately the area of a football field.

Mary's husband Allen Crouch explained the phenomenon as an omen from God. If so, it couldn't have been a favorable one. Neighbors visited the farm and a few of them tasted the meat. (Yes, this happened; I'm not kidding around.) Apparently, it was kind of gamy. It reminded the tasters of venison, mutton, or perhaps bear.

The incident received a lot of attention. A week later, an account was pub-



A STRANGE DAY FOR MARY CROUCH.

lished in *The New York Times*. A local expert, Harrison Gill, described the chunks and how they had covered the ground in a wide area. Enough people had visited the farm to convince readers the meat shower was no hoax.

Several hypotheses were put forward to explain the meat's origin. A scientist named Leopold Brandeis concluded that the meat was a substance called Nostoc, which is formed by *cyanobacteria*. Nostoc can become flaky when exposed to moisture. Unfortunately for this theory, it wasn't raining when the phenomenon occurred. There had to be another explanation.

One of the more outlandish theories involving the mystery meat involved an exploding planet. According to this line of reasoning, a distant planet blew up and chunks of the planet's inhabitants rained down on Earth in a literal "meat-e-ore" shower. Folks in 1876 had little understanding of the earth's atmosphere, so this seemed like a reasonable explanation among the less educated theorists.

Eventually some chunks of the stuff found on the Crouch farm were sent off for scientific evaluation. It was indeed meat, or rather lung tissue from either a horse or a human infant. This led to what is probably the most plausible explanation for the Great Kentucky Meat Shower.

Writing in the *Louisville Medical News*, Dr. L. D. Kastenbine noted that

when frightened, vultures tend to vomit up their latest meals in order to lighten themselves so they can fly faster. According to the vulture theory, a large flock of vultures may have been disturbed by a predator and simultaneously disgorged the contents of their stomachs onto the Crouch farm. Mary Crouch claimed the sky was clear when the incident occurred, but the vultures could have been flying at a high altitude when they performed their group vomiting response.

I would suppose this set off another group vomit response among the folks who tasted the meat. Or maybe not—folks were rather stoic in the late 19th century. "Ah well, so what if I ingested vulture vomit? It didn't kill me. Come over here, darling, I need a kiss."

Can you imagine what would have happened if the meat shower had occurred during the Middle Ages in Europe? It would have set off specula-



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A POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR THE GREAT KENTUCKY MEAT SHOWER IS A STARTLED FLOCK OF VULTURES VOMITED THEIR LATEST MEAL.

tions of some horrible judgment from God. Hapless crones from miles around would have been rounded up and immolated. The reactions of the good people of Olympia Springs showed remarkable restraint. They relied on science instead of superstition. Even though science was unable to completely explain the event, people accepted the most rational conclusion and moved on.

The edifying incident of 1876 passed into obscurity until the 21st century, when an art professor at Transylvania University, Kurt Gohde, found a dusty old bottle which contained a sample of the mysterious meat submerged in liquid. By the way, Transylvania University is located near Lexington, Kentucky and has no connection with the notorious principality of Romania. The name is a Latin derivative that means “across the forest” and was the original name of a land company associated with the settlement of Kentucky. Gohde had heard of the meat shower and became fascinated by it. As an artist, Gohde explained he had a “tremendous appetite for wonder.” Out of pure luck, he found the bottle and had the contents analyzed.

The sample was too old to yield any definitive results about the origin of the substance. Undeterred, Gohde decided to send off a tiny piece to a taste lab in Cincinnati. The flavor compounds were studied. The lab was able to identify the flavor and eventually it was infused into a jellybean. Modern people can now taste what fell on the Crouch farm so long ago. The persistent professor had more than a thousand jellybeans made. He still has plenty of samples left because the taste is “vile.” Nobody has wanted to try more than one jellybean.

Well might one wonder why an article about The Great Kentucky Meat Shower has appeared in *The Cowboy Chronicle*. The event has nothing to do with gun fighting, western settlement, Indians, or political history. However, it illustrates how people of the late 19th century dealt with the unknown. They doggedly tried to find an explanation for the event and embraced the most logical conclusion. Fingers weren't pointed and blame was assigned to nobody. We still don't know exactly what happened on the Crouch farm, but the vulture vomit theory has stood the test of time.

Who knows? Maybe the meat shower was indeed a portent. After all, the Battle of Little Bighorn was only a few months away. I imagine the vultures of Montana had a veritable banquet during the aftermath.

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# SHOOTING FROM THE HIP

BY LIMPY GIMP, SASS #65152

**I** was recently giving some thought to claims made by both Winchester and Colt regarding “The gun that won the West.” As we all know, both the Winchester model 1873 and the Colt 1873 SAA make the same claim. In my opinion, the gun that really won the west was the shotgun. The more I thought about it, the more convinced I was, so I thought I should expand on my claim.

When you research the Westward Expansion you will find it began in 1807. At that time, neither Colt nor Winchester even existed. People moving westward carried single shot flintlock muskets, rifles, and pistols. With the introduction of the percussion cap in 1839, many flintlocks were discarded or converted from flint to percussion. Rifles and pistols were very accurate but they took three or four times longer to load than a smoothbore musket or pistol. Due to the inherent inaccuracy of the smoothbore, many muskets were loaded with birdshot, buckshot, or buck and ball, making them scatterguns. At close range these scatterguns were highly effective.

With the development of the self-contained metallic cartridge, things began to change dramatically. The first of these self-contained cartridges were the .22 BB cap developed in 1845, followed by the .22 short in 1857. Larger calibers such as the .44 Henry and the .56-56 Spencer were soon to follow. However, these were rimfire cartridges, which were unable to sustain high pressures. It was not long before they were replaced by centerfire ammunition, which we still use today.

It was this ammunition that led to the development of firearms using self-contained ammunition. Prior to that there were a few percussion revolvers in production. Savage, Colt, Remington, Spencer to name just some. With the development of the self-contained cartridge came Smith and Wesson, Merwin-Hulbert, and Colt, plus a few others. Winchester went on to improve the Henry and Colt began converting cap and ball revolvers. After the Civil War, there were a few multi-



shot rifles available such as the Henry and the Spencer but most other rifles such as the Sharps, Springfield, and Remington were still single shot. It was the Winchester model 1873 and the Colt 1873 SAA that finally gave the individual real firepower. However, not everybody could afford to own a Winchester or a Colt. A new Winchester could cost an individual about \$40.00 and a new Colt would run you about \$17.00. Those prices seem low by today's standards, but when you consider the average wage in 1873 was about \$2.00 a day, it was really a pretty steep price for a gun; a price few could afford for such a luxury.

However, nearly every household had a shotgun of some sort. It may have been an old smoothbore musket,

a single barrel, or even a double barrel. These scatterguns served two purposes. They put food on the table and offered protection. But most of all they were affordable. Besides, by 1873 the westward expansion had already been in progress for 66 years, long before the Winchester repeater and the Colt Peacemaker ever came on the scene.

So what happened to the scattergun? Well, it was developed right along with all the other firearms at the time. Even with the development of modern fully automatic firearms, the shotgun remains in high esteem by those who know how to use one. Historically, short barreled shotguns were carried on coaches, thus the term “coach gun” or “riding shotgun.” When riding on a fast moving, bouncing stagecoach,

it was extremely difficult to hit a pursuer with a rifle and even more difficult with a sixgun. But a shotgun with its scatter pattern increased your firepower and the ability to stop a would be bandit or at least slow him down. When the sheriff or marshal wanted the edge, he reached for the double-barreled Greener. Doc Holliday carried what he referred to as his "Street Howitzer." It was a 10-gauge double barrel sawed off to 14 inches with a pistol grip. In 1892 Ed Kelly killed Bob Ford with two blasts from a shotgun. In 1896 Heck Thomas used an L.C. Smith 12-gauge to end the life and bandit career of Bill Doolin. Billy the Kid used a 10-gauge Whitneyville shotgun to make his escape from the Lincoln County Court House. The Bloodless Outlaw, Black Bart carried a sawed-off American Gun Company 12-gauge during his hold-ups. Belle Starr was murdered by two blasts from a shotgun. One of the guns famed outlaw John Dillinger packed was a

model 1897 Winchester. John Slaughter, Sheriff of Cochise County, Arizona was known to carry a 12-gauge sawed off Remington shotgun. Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow carried a variety of shotguns, including a 10-gauge model 1887 Winchester in addition to 12-gauge and 20-gauge model 11 Remingtons.

The shotgun was carried in the trenches of WWI, the foxholes of WWII, the jungles of Vietnam, and even the desert sands of the Middle East. It is carried by prison guards and in police cruisers.

As the years progressed so did the scattergun. It has gone from a single barrel to a double barrel to a lever action, a pump, a semi-automatic, and finally to a fully automatic weapon capable of firing 300 rounds per minute. Can you imagine 2700 pieces of 00 Buckshot in 60 seconds? Now that is what I call fire power.

So whether it was used on the side of the law or on the side of the law-

less, the shotgun deserves a place of esteem in our history. The next time somebody asks you which gun won the west, you might tell them that Winchester gave one man the firepower of 10, Sam Colt saw to it that all men were equal, and they both deserve to be recognized as guns that helped "tame" the west. However, when it comes to "the gun that won the West," the shotgun really deserves the honor of being at the top of the list.



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**9. VARIETY OF TARGETS** — It's not out of the ordinary to see targets such as Texas Stars, dueling trees, and smaller targets, but generally standard size targets are the norm. Occasionally there is a "shoot'em all" stage that requires a lot of ammo and is very high on the fun factor.

**8. SHOOTING THE ICONIC 1911 PISTOL** — Yes, one of John Browning's finest inventions. You can shoot two-handed (Modern) or one-handed (Traditional). You also load seven rounds per magazine.

**7. MAXIMAZING THE PISTOL ROUNDS** — Normally, a stage consists of 21 to 28 pistol rounds. The stage writer may delete the rifle and have the shooter engage targets with



more pistol rounds.

**6. A NEW PERSONA TO PORTRAY** — Although it is perfectly acceptable to shoot Wild Bunch in Cowboy cloths, you might want to become a World War I infantry soldier or a Wild Bunch movie lookalike. There are a couple of companies that are Wild Bunch clothing friendly, [www.what-priceglory.com](http://www.what-priceglory.com) and [www.cooncreekold-](http://www.cooncreekold-)

[west.com](http://west.com). Both offer excellent service. Like you really need an excuse to spend more money!

**5. COOL RIFLES IN SIDE MATCHES** — Two of the most fun side matches in Wild Bunch are Teddy Roosevelt and BAMB (which stands for Bolt Action Military Match). Bold action rifles must be an original caliber bolt action issued through the end of

WWII. Iron sights only and NO external modifications. Lead bullets only and gas check are allowed. One of the most popular rifles is the Springfield 1903-A3 in .30-06. Teddy Roosevelt uses a rifle-caliber lever action or pump action manufactured before WWI. The rifle caliber must have a minimum 1.8" cartridge case length. Iron sights only, peep sights allowed.

**4. COOL PISTOLS IN SIDE MATCHES** — Pocket pistol side matches are relatively new to Wild Bunch. Calibers include .22, .25, .32, and .380. The pistol must fit flat in a box that measures 4-13/16" X 6-13/16". Targets are shot at not less than 10 feet.

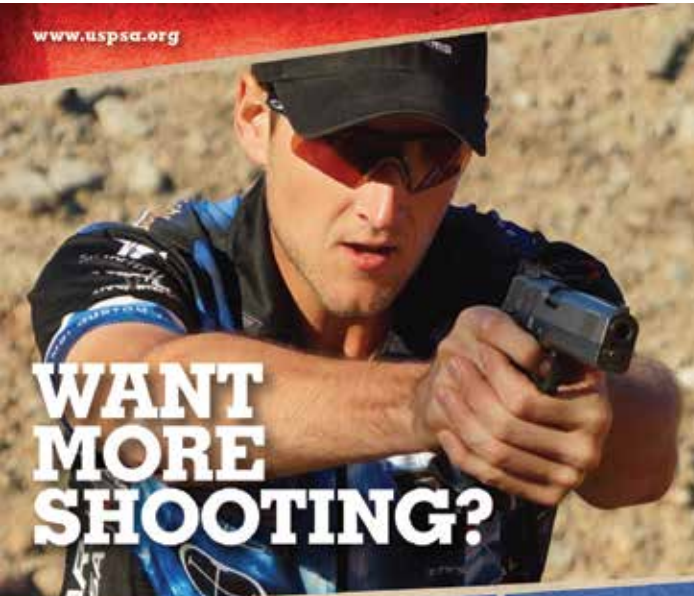
**3. STOKING THE SHOTGUN** — One of the most exciting guns to shoot in Wild Bunch is the shotgun. Shooters normally load six in the magazine. When the shotgun comes up in the string of fire, it's rock and roll time. The Winchester model 1897 or model 12 are legal to use.

**2. THE PEOPLE** — When I say, "the people," I'm talking about individuals that walk and talk Wild Bunch Action Shooting. These folks are experts on guns, calibers, leather, and period clothing. Some to mention (but certainly not inclusive) are Elwood James (SASS #99238), Dusty Boddams (SASS #1907), Hondo Tweed (SASS #99043), Legendary Lawman (SASS #73160), and Serenity (SASS #64982). These folks are walking encyclopedias when it comes to Wild Bunch. They are always there to help new and prospective shooters.

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**BY DUSTY BODDAMS, SASS #1907**

**T**ake a good match director, give him support of club members who have a passion to succeed along with motivation and application, and what do you think you would get? A GREAT MATCH! (cat's outta the bag). The 2022 Southwest Territorial Wild Bunch Championship was held September 9-11 at Liberty Range, which is a private CAS and Wild Bunch range located near Branson MO. Good things have been said about this match and nothing was overstated. It really is a great match. Miss Treated and I had about a nine-hour drive because we were not in a big rush but it was an easy enjoyable drive with a lot of really scenic country, especially when you get up around Branson. The Bear Creek Volunteers club is

located next to a paved road, very easy to get to. They have apparently worked long and hard on the range because it shows first class in every way. All the folks here are so pleasant and fun to be around. Instant friends! But along to the meat and taters of this story...

Friday was side match day and featured a bunch of great matches that are Wild Bunch crowd pleasers: BAMB (Bolt Action Military Match); Doughboy using the BAMB rifle, 1911, and shotgun; Teddy Roosevelt, featuring a rifle caliber lever action, 1911, and shotgun; Sgt. York, with the BAMB rifle and a 1911; Fastest rifle, pistol, shotgun.

These matches are well attended. They are fun and set the "vibe" for the match. Saturday the main match began with six well-thought-out stages that moved quickly. Throughout all stages some things became apparent. All the targets are hittable. In addition to circles and squares, the targets also consist of artistic silhouettes you can shoot at, including buffalos, stars, bears (standing and walking), cowboys, card suites, trains, cannons, ladies' corsets, boots, top hats, big foot, one rotten little bunny rabbit (I missed), and bloomers! All these targets were in great detail and well done. Most all stages had short humorous ready lines with a few serious ones thrown in to make you think.

The Saturday night banquet was impressive! It could be said that as Wild Bunch matures and evolves everything that's connected to Wild Bunch will also rise. This could be easily proven Saturday night. Bear Creek Volunteers' host, Hotel Stone Castle provided a large room with plenty of tables and chairs along with a really nice catered full dinner with all the compliments. Legendary Lawman (SASS #73160) led a toast to the Queen. Impressive! Competitors arrived in their best costume finery for the costume contest. This was a full-blown costume contest that had several categories of competition. This night was also reserved for the highly fun and competitive side match awards that are eagerly coveted by the shooters. Very classy! Sunday had four more well-thought-out stages then the awards, goodbyes, and departure for home. Everyone and Anyone can have a large time shooting the great sport of Wild Bunch. Bear Creek Volunteers had competitors from young to old, all literally having a blast shooting the 1911s at speed. If you have not had the opportunity to shoot Wild Bunch it's time to give it a try. The place to do that is at clubs like this that support monthly Wild Bunch matches, know the rules, and shoot real Wild Bunch stages. I'm Dusty Boddams and that's the Boddam line!

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# TEXAS STATE WILD BUNCH CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

BY DUSTY BODDAMS, SASS #1907

**T**he Texas Doughboys were proud to be bestowed the duty and honor to host the Texas WB Championship again in historic Bowie, Texas sitting outside the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex and home to Gunrunner Shooting Sports, where this great match was held. Uniquely suited to host a true Wild Bunch match by blending very nice and large ranges that utilize berms in front, left, and right of the shooter, with a total of five ranges at the complex, including the newly finished Wild Bunch range featuring 80 yards across and 50 yards deep with the capacity to shoot at more than 200 yards.

Designed with shooter comfort and convenience, this range has Astro turf just like on a football field, providing clean sure footing and easy brass retrieval. Friday started the day with a cup of coffee from Fox 37, a local truck that has great coffee! With the threat of showers, we wanted to get some of the weather sensitive side matches out of the way. Texas Doughboys side matches are always lots of fun and men's and women's classes are recognized in Trench Sweep, GAMM (Garand Action Military Match) and CAMM (M1 Carbine Action Military Match). Trench Sweep featured 25 targets in a dry creek bed with lots of turns. The shooter moved through the river bottom and engaged targets, reloading and moving. This side match continues to be as entertaining for the spectators as for the shooter.



OVERALL MATCH WINNERS DUSTY BODDAMS AND MISS TREATED.

Lots of fast shooters in this one but the fastest man was Elwood James and fastest lady was Miss Treated. GAMM and CAMM was used to engage Running Man; this is a commercial grade high dollar target system that has a motorized target on rails at a variable speed that covers 60 feet with a fence panel at each end for the target to hide behind. The speed can be adjusted from a slow walk to a crazy hippy streaker! The course of fire was, at the beep engage the target with the Garand for eight rounds. If you didn't get all eight shots off, the target reversed behind a wood panel and engagement was finished. The carbine match was the same, but with 10

rounds. Target distance was around 45 yards. Movement adds a whole new dimension. Getting these matches done we all took a break and enjoyed a nice lunch from a local award-winning food truck that took really good care of us the whole weekend. They had burgers on Friday, BBQ Saturday, and fried catfish with all the trimmings on Sunday. After lunch, actions included Texas 30 where the shooter has 30 seconds to engage seven dancing dots with as many rounds as possible in the allotted time. Only hits count! A rarity happened at this side match. A three-way tie for first resulting in a shoot off with increased difficulty by increasing the distance to





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the targets. One winner emerged — Shell Stuffer who, along with his grandsons, came from Illinois to attend this match. POP Gun (think Colt hammerless type pistols engaging three targets rapidly). Blindingly fast and fun to shoot. Doughboy used the BAMB rifle and pistol to effect along with Teddy Roosevelt, using a rifle caliber lever or pump rifle and pistol. These two stages Featured movement along with rifle shot through a barricade off-hand at targets around 50-60 yards. BAMB featured 10 rounds from the bench at various targets placed at around 75-80 yards. On Saturday after the main match a non SASS match called PCC4ME was held. It had more than 60 targets and the competitors worked their way across the stage using modern semi automatic pistol caliber carbines with one mag change mandatory. Ruger 9mm carbines, AR9 platform carbines, Thompson carbines etc. Iron sights and red dots. This stage was a crowd pleaser and much anticipated with Doc Ter Pepper and Miss Treated taking top honors. Texas Doughboys side matches are all very well attended with more than 80 percent of match competitors participating. Saturday and Sunday each had five well-thought-out stages that challenged and thrilled the competitors. All the stages featured movement to various TEA (target engagement area), along with some requiring the shooter to use a knife or start by holding a sack of washers, etc. Due to the down range movement, most stages had a barrel that the long guns were placed into muzzle down before traveling. Most stages had a short opening line, such as “Silver Washers,” “Easy Baby,” “Where’s my Hat,” and “Hey Down Range, Pancho!” Shooters also shot through window openings and fence slat openings. A few stages allowed the shooter to reengage targets, allowing the shooter seven additional rounds to reengage misses. As typical of Wild Bunch matches, the target distance varied but all were hittable, as proven by Timmy Ringo, who shot the match clean and fast.

A big thank you to our sponsors who, through their generous donations, allowed for a great prize table, which featured certificates from Chey-Cast and items from Skinner Sights, who make the great sights (but did you know they make a really slick two gun case that’s perfect for competitors? Guns slide in from each end and are well protected).

Norm and Robin Purcella, who own Quality Cast Bullets and strongly support the Texas Doughboy state matches drove in from Roswell to meet everyone and personally helped with the drawings. These folks are the big suppliers of all the BAMB bullets. Tripp Magazines donated every WB shooter’s favorite — magazines with welded bottoms. Kirkpatrick Leather donated one of their excellent Wild Bunch rigs and came up in person to shoot the match. Turns out he not only makes great leather gear, he is also a great competitor.

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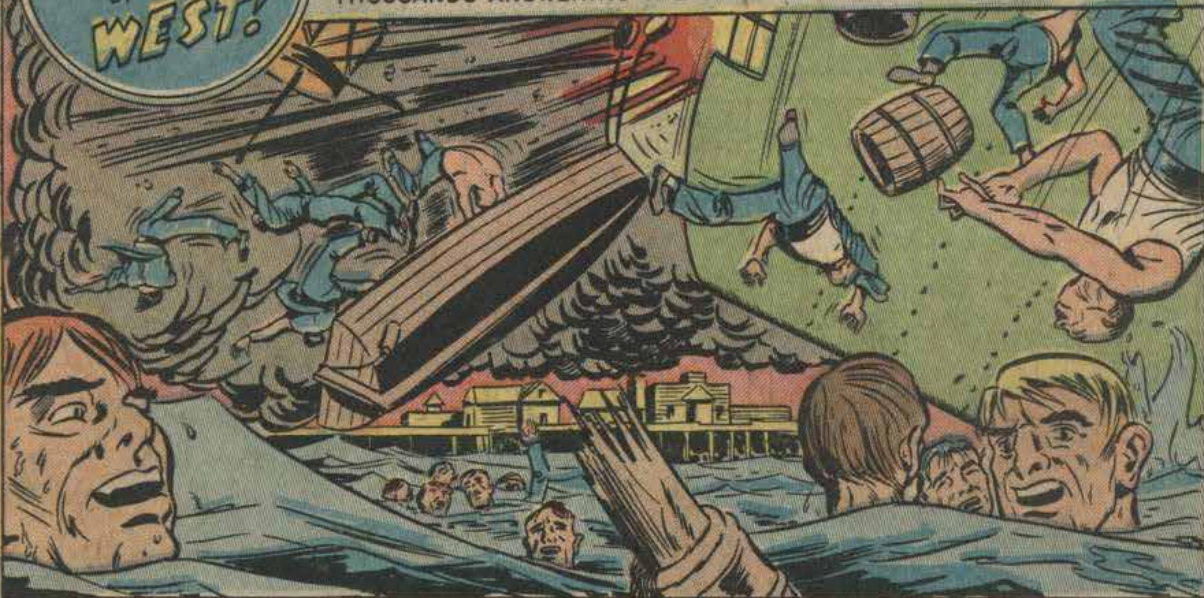
# THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND HIS

# ROUGH RIDERS

Chapter II  
"The **MEN**  
of the  
**WEST!**"

**T**WO HUNDRED AND SIXTY BRAVE AMERICAN SAILORS LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE TERRIBLE SINKING BY EXPLOSION, FEBRUARY 15TH, 1898, IN THE HARBOR OF HAVANA, CUBA, OF THE UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP, MAINE.

THE BLAST ECHOED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES IN AN INDIGNANT CRY TO AVENGE OUR NATIONAL HONOR. "REMEMBER THE MAINE!" THE PEOPLE SHOUTED. THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR FOLLOWED, WITH THOUSANDS ANSWERING THE CALL TO THE COLORS.



IN THE YEARS THAT HAD PASSED SINCE HIS WESTERN ADVENTURES, THEODORE ROOSEVELT HAD BECOME ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY. AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR WITH SPAIN, HOWEVER, HE RESIGNED HIS POST.

BUT MR. ROOSEVELT, DO YOU THINK IT WISE TO RESIGN THIS IMPORTANT OFFICE AND ACTUALLY GO INTO BATTLE!

I'VE BEEN FOR THIS FIGHT AGAINST OPPRESSION ALL ALONG. IF THERE IS TO BE A WAR, I'M GETTING INTO IT PERSONALLY!



WHEN CONGRESS AUTHORIZED THE FIRST UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER CAVALRY, TO BE MADE UP OF ROUGH RIDING MEN OF THE WESTERN PLAINS, THEODORE ROOSEVELT OBTAINED A COMMISSION AS LIEUTENANT COLONEL OF THAT REGIMENT, UNDER COLONEL LEONARD WOOD. THE RESPONSE WAS TREMENDOUS.

THESE MEN WILL MAKE MIGHTY GOOD SOLDIERS, COLONEL WOOD!

AND OUR HARDEST TASK WILL BE REJECTING THOUSANDS OF GOOD MEN WHO WANT TO FIGHT.





TO EACH MAN WHO JOINED, THEODORE ROOSEVELT GAVE WARNING...

ONCE YOU'VE JOINED UP, THERE WILL BE NO TURNING BACK.

I WON'T TURN BACK, SIR! THE NAME'S BUCKY O'NEILL

BUCKY O'NEILL WAS A COLLEGE GRADUATE, A NEWSPAPER MAN, A POET, A FEARLESS LAWMAN, AND ONE TIME MAYOR OF PRESCOTT, ARIZONA. ONCE WHEN HE WAS SHERIFF OF YAVAPAI COUNTY IN THE EARLY SPRING OF 1889...



HO-HUM! I WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING MORE FOR A SHERIFF TO DO THAN READ POETRY!



BUCKY DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE NIGHT BEFORE, NOT FAR FROM FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA...

WE'RE SLOWING UP DON'T SUPPOSE THERE'LL BE ANY EXPRESS TO PICK UP.

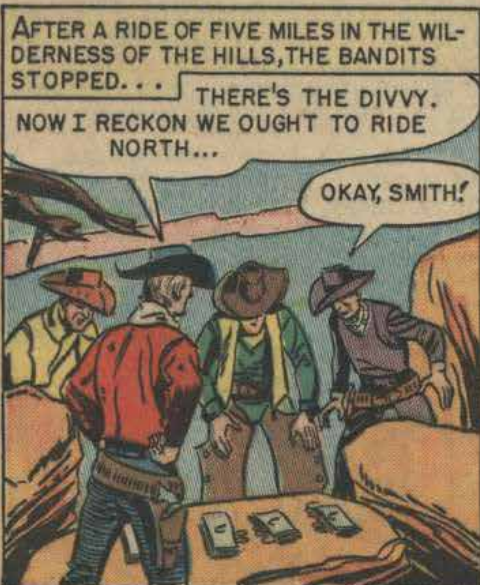
HOPE NOT. WITH THE MONEY AND JEWELS WE'RE TOTING FOR WELLS FARGO, I'D AS SOON HAVE NO STOP AT ALL IN THIS WILDERNESS.



NARY A GOOD, WE'LL BE ROLLING AS SOON AS I CHECK THE BOILERS.



THERE'LL BE JUST A SLIGHT DELAY 'TILL YUH HAVE THAT 'ERE EXPRESS DOOR OPENED UP, THAT IS!



AFTER A RIDE OF FIVE MILES IN THE WILDERNESS OF THE HILLS, THE BANDITS STOPPED...

THERE'S THE DIVVY. NOW I RECKON WE OUGHT TO RIDE NORTH...

OKAY, SMITH!



BY THE TIME MAYBE! WORD OF THIS GETS TUH TOWN, THE TRAIL WILL BE SO COLD, THEY WON'T EVER FIND US!



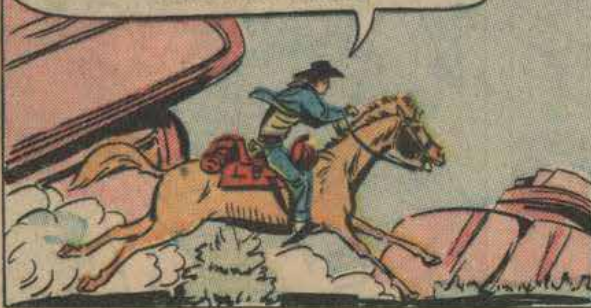
IT WAS THE TELEGRAPH AGENT WHO, THE NEXT DAY, INTERRUPTED BUCKY'S POETRY READING...

BUCKY! THE EASTBOUND EXPRESS WAS ROBBED LAST NIGHT AT CANYON DIABLO! BY THE TIME WE GET A POSSE....

POSSE, MY EYE! I'LL BE MY OWN POSSE!

FROM CANYON DIABLO, NORTHWARD, ACROSS THE LITTLE COLORADO, BUCKY O'NEILL FOLLOWED THE TRAIL OF HIS OWN INTUITION, RATHER THAN ANY HOOFPRIENTS, OR OTHER SIGNS OF DIRECTION THE BANDITS HAD TAKEN...

THEY WENT NORTH INTO UTAH! THEY HAD TO GO THAT WAY! IT'S WHERE THEY'D FEEL SAFEST! AND AROUND CANNONVILLE, UTAH, IS THE ONLY PLACE THEY COULD GET FRESH SUPPLIES!



HE TRAVELED FOR DAYS, GUIDED ONLY BY HIS INSTINCT. THEN...PICKING UP BITS OF NEWS ALONG THE WAY, HE FOUND THE TRAIL GROWING WARMER...UNTIL...



AT LAST, A SURPRISE ATTACK, SINGLE HANDED...

NO USE GOING ANY FARTHER, HOMBRES! MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP!

YOU GOT US, BUCKY!



THERE WAS ALSO BEN DANIELS, MARSHAL IN THAT RIP-ROARING TOWN OF THE OLD WEST--DODGE CITY. HE, TOO, WAS WISE TO THE WAYS OF LAWLESS MEN, AND FEARLESS IN PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY...



WHO'S THOSE HOMBRES CUTTING THAT SCRIMMAGE THROUGH HERE, ANYWAY, BEN?

I DON'T KNOW, IT'S NO CELEBRATING, BOYS. SEE, THEY'RE COMING BACK THROUGH TOWN AGAIN!



THAT'S RIGHT ACCOMMODATIN', BEN! WE'LL GIVE 'EM AS GOOD AS THEY'RE SENDIN' OUT!

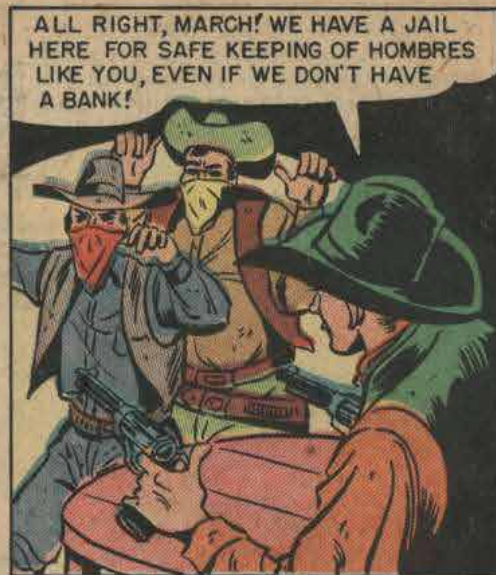
NO. THEY WOULDN'T RETURN! THEY'RE MAKING A COVER FOR SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT. COME ON WITH ME AND KEEP YOUR GUNS READY FOR ACTION!



OKAY, HAND OVER THAT THERE BAR-X PAYROLL! AN' DON'T TRY TUH BE FUNNY!

OKAY. I WON'T ARGUE DOWN THE BARREL OF A SIX-GUN!





AND TOM RYNNING--SOLDIER, COW PUNCHER, SHERIFF, RANGER! HE GREW UP IN THE RUGGED LIFE OF THE WEST. BEGAN IN DEL RIO, TEXAS AS A YOUNGSTER, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A CARPENTER NAMED BRADLEY.

LET'S CALL IT A DAY, TOM. I'M HEAD-ING ACROSS THE ROAD FOR A SHOT OF RED-EYE. YOU COMIN' ALONG?

NO. I'D RATHER FINISH UP HERE, BRAD. I'LL STOP BY FOR YOU ON THE WAY TO THE HOTEL.



AN HOUR LATER, RYNNING CALLED FOR HIS PARTNER...

I'M THROUGH, BRAD! WANT TO COME ALONG TO THE HOTEL NOW?

YEAH. SURE, TOM.



OH, NO YOU DON'T, YOUNGSTER. A MAN COMES IN HERE TUH DRINK! YUH WANTS YORE PAL, YUH FIRST BUYS A DRINK WITH HIM!

GET YORE PAWS OFF ME STRAN-GER. IF I DRINK, I'LL PICK THE TIME AND PLACE MY-SELF!



WHY, YUH DURNED LITTLE PUNK! I'LL....

SOME OTHER TIME, YOU CLUMSY OX!

HOLD IT YOU HOMBRES.



GATES, THERE'LL BE NO BRAWL HERE OR ANYWHERE ELSE AROUND DEL RIO.

COME ON, TOM. THAT HOMBRE IS FULL OF RED-EYE!



IT LOOKED LIKE THE FIGHT WAS OVER, BUT AS THE MEN TURNED BACK TO THE BAR...

LOOK, IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT THIS OUT, COME BACK OF THIS PLACE TONIGHT, AFTER DARK!

MISTER, I'LL BE THERE!



THE TWO MEN MET THAT NIGHT AND IT LOOKED BAD FOR TOM RYNNING. GATES WAS A MOUNTAIN OF MUSCLE...

AFTER I'VE LAID YOU OUT, GATES, MAYBE YOU'LL GO EASY WITH YOUR BIG IDEAS.

GET YORE FISTS GOIN', MISTER. YUH CAN TALK FROM YOUR BED, IF YUH LIVES THROUGH THIS!



LIKE THAT, YOU MEAN?

OOOOOOOFFFF! OW! I'LL (GRUNT) KILL YOU!



TOM RYNNING TRADED BLOWS WITH HIS MASSIVE OPPONENT.

THAT LITTLE GUY CAN SHORE DISH IT OUT.

THE FIGHT LASTED OVER AN HOUR. EACH MAN HAD TAKEN PLENTY OF PUNISHMENT FINALLY....

WOW! THAT WAS GATES' LULLABY ALL RIGHT!

JOE GATES KEPT HIS DISTANCE AFTER THAT. MEANWHILE, TOM JOINED THE EIGHTH UNITED STATES CAVALRY. ONE DAY ARRIVING FROM A SCOUTING ASSIGNMENT...

THE BIG GUY PUSHING THAT RECRUIT AROUND SURE LOOKS FAMILIAR... REMINDS ME OF... WELL... I'LL BE...

JOE GATES! YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH SINCE THE OLD DEL RIO DAYS!

RYNNING! LOOK! WE AIN'T GONNA HAVE ANY TROUBLE! RECKON I GOTTA GET BACK T' QUARTERS!

IN FEBRUARY, 1889, THE MEN OF THE FORT WERE OUT TRAILING SITTING BULL! BUT SOMEHOW HE HAD SLIPPED OVER THE BORDER INTO CANADA...

THIS IS AS FAR AS WE GO, MEN!

YOU MEAN, WE CAN'T FOLLOW THAT CRITTER ANY MORE?

THE MOUNTED POLICE WILL NOT LET US INTO CANADA. SAY, IT'S SURE GETTING WARM! GUESS A CHINOOK IS COMING UP...

A CHINOOK IS A SUDDEN DRAFT OF HOT AIR THAT COVERS A BROAD PLAIN AREA! IN ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS, WINTER HAD TURNED TO SUMMER....

THAT NIGHT, IT WAS HOT. TOM RYNNING, UNABLE TO SLEEP, CAME OUT OF HIS TENT...

WATCH HOW YOU FLICK THOSE ASHES, GATES. THIS PRAIRIE GRASS COULD FIRE UP IN A MOMENT, AND THERE'S NO HOSE COMPANY OUT HERE TO PUT IT OUT.

RECKON I BEEN AROUND AS LONG AS YOU!

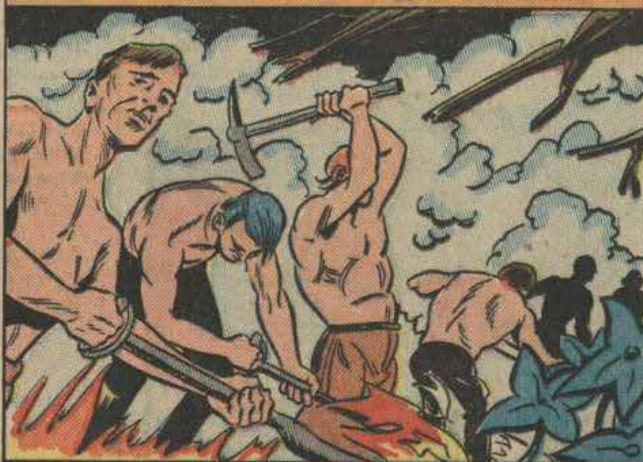
LATER THAT NIGHT THE WARNING OF A BUGLE ROUSED THE MEN FROM THEIR SLEEP, THE PRAIRIE WAS AFIRE!

WHAT FOOL STARTED THAT FIRE? QUICK! WE'VE GOT TO FIND A SAFE SPOT!

THERE'S A POND A MILE OR SO UP, SIR! WE MAY MAKE IT IF WE HURRY.



THE MEN PLACED THEIR SUPPLIES IN THE POND, AND WORKED DESPERATELY TO WARD OFF THE FIRE THAT WAS SWEEPING THE PLAINS. ONLY A SWITCH OF THE WIND'S DIRECTION COULD SPELL THEIR DOOM...



THE FLAMES STRUCK WITH DEVASTATING SUDDENNESS, DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN ITS WAY, GAINING MOMENTUM FROM THE VERY UPDRAFT OF ITS FIERCE HEAT. THE MEN HUDDLED, HOPING, PRAYING...



ALL LIFE WAS DESTROYED, EXCEPT THE *MEN* WHO HAD SURVIVED THE BLAZE!

RYNNING, I NEVER MEANT TO DO NOTHIN' LIKE THAT! YUH CAN'T TURN ME IN,

YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH YOUR CONSCIENCE, GATES. THAT WILL SAY MORE THAN I EVER COULD...



SOME FOOD HAD BEEN SAVED, BUT THERE WAS NO GRASS FOR THE HORSES. LUNGS WERE SCORCHED BY THE HEATED AIR...

IF WE DON'T FIND FOOD FOR THE HORSES, (COUGH) WE'RE SUNK.

WE COULD TRY SKINNING THE BARK FROM THOSE COTTONWOODS, SIR.



IN TIME THE HORSES LEARNED TO TEAR THE BARK FROM THE COTTONWOODS THEMSELVES. BUT NOW THE MEN'S OWN FOOD WAS GIVING OUT...

WE'LL BE LUCKY TO GET THROUGH THIS ALIVE...



LOOK! THERE'S FOOD! WHY CAN'T WE...



RYNNING'S HAND REACHED FOR HIS HOLSTER... IN A FLASH HIS GUN WAS LEVELED...

IT WOULD BE LIKE KILLING SOMEONE OF OUR OWN COMPANY. NOW GATES WANTS TO EAT 'EM!

I HEARD YOU WARN GATES LAST NIGHT, TOM. WE'LL DEAL WITH HIM WHEN WE RETURN TO THE POST!



GATES WAS *NOT* THE TYPE TAKEN INTO THE ROUGH RIDERS. BUCKY ONEILL, BEN DANIELS AND TOM RYNNING WERE... THE VOLUNTEERS NOW WERE READY TO LEAVE FOR TRAINING AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS... SUDDENLY...

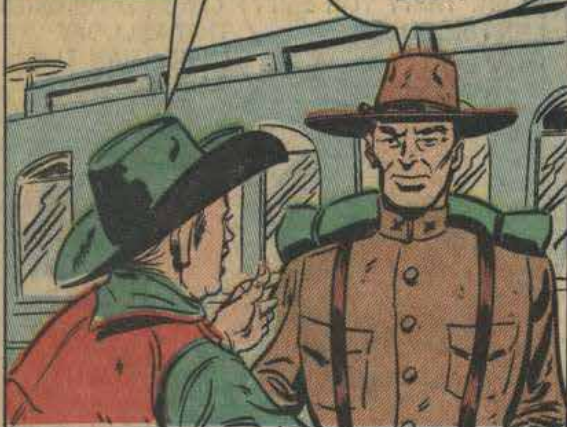
HEY, WAIT UP MISTER! I WANT TO HIRE OUT WITH THIS OUTFIT!

NOT A CHANCE! THE MEN ARE ALREADY CHOSEN!



YUH GOTTA LET ME, MISTER! I'M ANXIOUS FOR A CHANCE AT THEM SPANIARDS.

GET ABOARD AND SEE IF THEY'LL TAKE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO. GOOD LUCK!



IN TEXAS...

I REALLY WANT TO FIGHT WITH THIS OUTFIT.

WHAT ABOUT IT, COLONEL ROOSEVELT?

OKAY, YOU'RE THE ONLY TROOPER TO GET IN WITHOUT EXAMINATION. I HOPE YOU MAKE GOOD.



AT SAN ANTONIO, TEDDY ROOSEVELT TURNED HIS RAW RECRUITS INTO A FIGHTING UNIT OF TRAINED SOLDIERS...



AND AFTER THREE WEEKS OF TRAINING, ... EMBARKATION FROM PORT TAMPA, FLORIDA...

AS FINE A GROUP OF FIGHTING MEN AS YOU'LL FIND ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

THE COUNTRY IS GOING TO BE MIGHTY PROUD OF OUR BOYS.



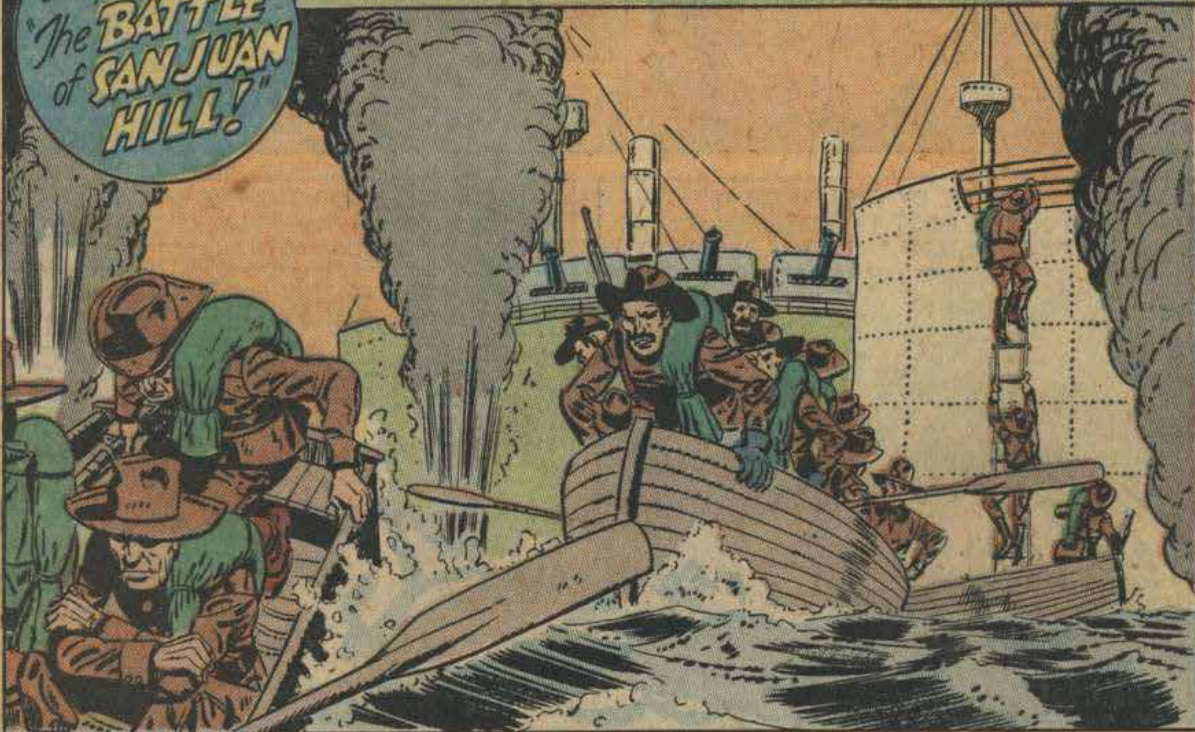
NOTE: FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. THE NAME JOE GATES, IN THE STORY IS FICTITIOUS.

# TEDDY ROOSEVELT AND HIS

# ROUGH RIDERS

## Chapter III "The BATTLE of SAN JUAN HILL!"

ON JUNE 22ND, 1898, UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BIG GUNS OF THE UNITED STATES FLEET, THE ROUGH RIDERS LANDED IN CUBA. IT WAS A WELCOME MOVE, FOR THEY WERE MEN OF ACTION AND THEY HAD BEEN CONFINED TO THEIR TRANSPORT TOO LONG. NOW THEY WERE READY FOR THE BIG PUSH!



FROM A WHARF, THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND BUCKY O'NEILL WERE SUPERVISING THE UNLOADING OF MEN AND SUPPLIES, WHEN...

WE'RE CAPSIZING AND I CAN'T SWIM A STROKE!



THOSE TWO MEN OUT THERE! THEY'LL DROWN SURE AS SHOOTING!

I'M GOING AFTER THEM!



BUCKY O'NEILL SWAM OUT TOWARD THE STRUGGLING MEN! HE DIVED BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE WATER IN A VAIN EFFORT TO SAVE THEM...



I'M SORRY YOU COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT, BUCKY, BUT A SOLDIER HAS GOT TO FACE DEATH ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

IT'S NOT THE FACING OF DEATH THAT MATTERS, SIR, BUT IT'S ROTTEN LUCK TO COME OUT HERE AND DIE BY DROWNING.



IRONICALLY, THOUGH THEY WERE ENLISTED AS CAVALRY, ALL MEN EXCEPT HIGH RANKING OFFICERS ON ORDERS FROM THE WAR DEPARTMENT, WERE DENIED THE USE OF THEIR MOUNTS ...

IT IS THE DUTY OF A SOLDIER TO ACCEPT HIS LOT. IF WE CANNOT FIGHT ON HORSEBACK, WE MUST MAKE AS GOOD A SHOWING ON FOOT.



SCOUTING WAS DONE BY THE HIGHEST OFFICERS AND SOME OF THE MOST TRUSTED MEN. ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 24, 1898, THE ARMY BEGAN TO MARCH ...

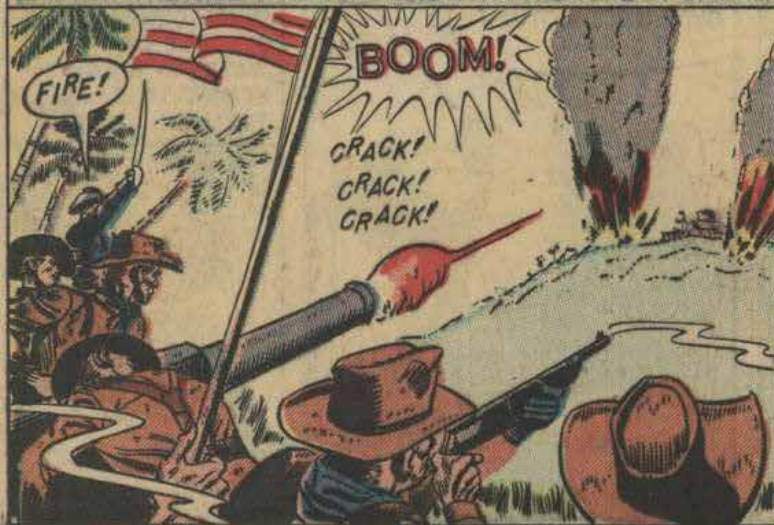


THE MEN SLEPT AS NEAR THE ENEMY AS POSSIBLE AND AT THE BREAK OF DAY THEY WERE UP, READY FOR ACTION...

THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR! LET EACH ONE TAKE HIS PLACE AND DO HIS DUTY!

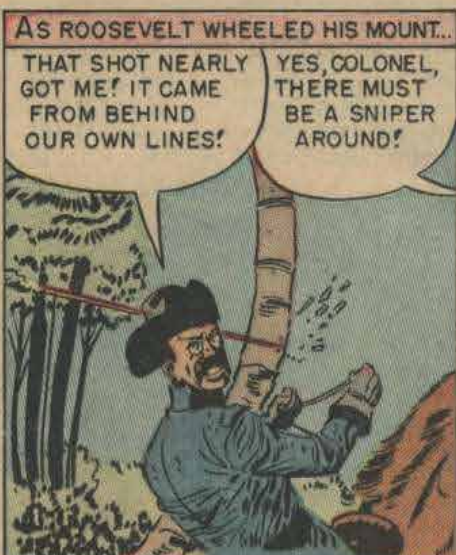


THE WHOLE HILLSIDE BURST INTO A SEETHING EXPLOSION AS THE AMERICANS OPENED UP THEIR FIRST BROADSIDE IN THE WAR FOR THE LIBERATION OF CUBA FROM THE YOKE OF SPAIN...



THOSE GUNS OUGHT TO BLAST THE ENEMY CLEAR TO KINGDOM COME!





THE ENEMY HAD BEEN COMPLETELY ROUTED FROM THEIR FIRST POSITION, BUT THEY HAD LEFT SUPPLIES THAT COULD BE PUT TO GOOD USE...

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN WE WILL NEED THESE SUPPLIES AND AMMUNITION!

WE'LL MAKE CAMP! THEN PICK UP THE DEAD AND WOUNDED!



THE WOUNDED WERE HELPED, BUT THERE WERE SOME BEYOND ALL HELP. AMONG THEM WAS CAPTAIN ALLYN CAPRON, ONE OF THE REGIMENT'S FINEST SOLDIERS...



PREPARATION WAS STARTED AT ONCE FOR ATTACK ON THE ENEMY'S NEW POSITION. ON JUNE 30, THE MARCH AGAINST SANTIAGO BEGAN...



IN THE EARLY DAWN THE REGIMENT WAITED IMPATIENTLY FOR THE ORDER TO CHARGE THE ENEMY THAT HELD SAN JUAN HILL...



BUCK O'NEILL PACED BEFORE HIS MEN, HIS BEARING ERECT, HIS MANNER CALM...

CAPTAIN, GET DOWN! A SNIPER IS SURE TO SEE THE FIRE OF YOUR CIGARETTE!

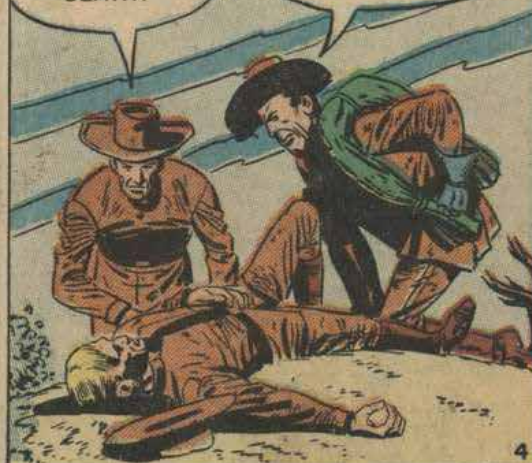
THE SPANISH BULLET ISN'T MADE THAT WILL KILL ME!



CAPTAIN!...HEY, BUCKY'S HIT!

BUCKY O'NEILL NEVER FEARED LIFE AND HE NEVER FEARED DEATH!

IT LOOKS LIKE HIS NUMBER WAS UP.





THE CHARGE WAS A CULMINATION OF CAREFUL PLANNING. IT WAS FIERCE FROM THE START. THE ENEMY MET THE AMERICANS WITH DEADLY FIRE...



THE ENEMY RESISTED STUBBORNLY! THEY HELD TENACIOUSLY TO EVERY INCH OF GROUND BEFORE GIVING WAY...

THEY'RE WILD BRONCS, ALL RIGHT, BUT WE'RE SHORE GOIN' TUH BUST 'EM!



THAT'S THE SPIRIT, BOYS! GIVE 'EM EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!



UNNOTICED, A WOUNDED SPANIARD HAD RAISED HIS RIFLE AND HAD DRAWN A BEAD ON THE COLONEL... AT THAT VERY SECOND, BEN DANIELS TURNED HIS EYE TOWARD HIS OFFICER...



BEN DANIELS SAW DANGER, ACTED PROMPTLY. COLONEL ROOSEVELT DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE HAD BEEN MENACED. EVERY MAN IN THE REGIMENT WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME...



BY THE TIME SAN JUAN HILL HAD BEEN SECURED, NIGHT WAS FALLING AND THE MEN WORKED DESPERATELY DIGGING IN!

WE'VE GOT THEM BOTTLED UP BY LAND AND SEA. BUT THEY'LL MAKE IT HOT FOR US WHILE THEY CAN!



BY THE END OF THE SECOND DAY OF THE SIEGE, ALMOST ALL OF THE FOOD RATIONS HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED.

THESE ARE LEAN RATIONS, BOYS, BUT WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT LAST!

COLONEL ROOSEVELT, SIR!



THERE WAS SOME SUPPLIES LEFT IN THE BLOCKHOUSE. I RECKON I COULD GET THERE AN' COOK UP A KETTLE OF SOUP FOR THE MEN.

SORT OF FEEL I GOT TUH BRING IT TUH YORE ATTENTION THAT I AIN'T YELLOW ANYHOW.

GLAD YOU SAID THAT, BUCKHOLDT.



I WANT TO APOLOGIZE PUBLICLY, BUCKHOLDT! I COMPLETELY MISUNDERSTOOD YOUR REASON FOR RUNNING TO THE REAR.

HIS GUN JAMMED, COLONEL! ACTUALLY THERE IS NO BRAVER FIGHTER IN THE REGIMENT THAN BUCKHOLDT!

THANKS, SIR!



RUNNING FAST AND CROUCHING LOW, CHARLIE BUCKHOLDT BRAVED THE ENEMY FIRE...

HE'S GONNA MAKE IT!



AN HOUR LATER... RECKON THE RETURN TRIP AIN'T GOIN' TUH BE ANY PICNIC!



HALF WAY TO THE TRENCHES.

HEY! I'M HIT! GOT ME IN THE LEG! SOMEBODY NAB THIS SOUP BEFORE IT GETS COLD!

HOLD IT UP, CHARLIE. WE'LL GIVE YOU A HAND!



TOM RYNNING SLOWLY MADE HIS WAY TOWARD THE WOUNDED BUCK-HOLDT...

I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A COUPLE OF SHAKES!

MIGHT OF BEEN WORSE THOUGH! COULD HAVE SPILLED THE DURNED STUFF!

EASY, CHARLIE. THERE'S JUST A LITTLE WAY NOW TO GO.

THE SOUP BROUGHT BACK THE SPIRITS OF THE MEN!

COME ON, BOYS! LET'S TOAST CHARLIE BUCK-HOLDT AND TOM RYNNING!...

AW-W-W—IT WAS NOTHIN'...

THE SIEGE WAS NOW IN ITS THIRD DAY AND THE MEN FELT THAT THE SPANIARDS WOULD NOW MAKE A DESPERATE EFFORT TO DRIVE THE AMERICANS FROM THEIR POSITIONS, IN ORDER TO FREE THE ISOLATED CITY OF SANTIAGO. THEN...

COLONEL ROOSEVELT! LOOK, SIR!

A FLAG OF TRUCE! I'M OF THE OPINION THAT THE WAR MAY BE OVER FOR US, BOYS!

THEODORE ROOSEVELT WAS RIGHT. WHEN THE RED TAPE OF OFFICIAL WASHINGTON HAD BECOME UNRAVELED, ORDERS CAME FOR THEIR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES...

AND THEN BACK HOME. WITH THE CHEERS OF THE THROGS RINGING IN THEIR EARS. THE MEN RODE PROUDLY BEHIND THEIR COMMANDER, LITTLE REALIZING THEN, THAT IN A FEW SHORT YEARS, MANY MILLIONS MORE WERE TO FOLLOW THE LEADERSHIP OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT AS TWENTY-SIXTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES...

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# SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS 2023 MONTHLY SHOOTING SCHEDULES

CLUB NAME	CITY	MATCH DAY	PHONE	CONTACT	RANGE LOCATION
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## AUSTRALIA

Canning Club Inc.	Canning Vale	1st & 2nd Sat	0477-007-352	Phillips	Canning Club Inc.
Cranbourne Dandenong Pistol Club Inc	Cranbourne	2nd & 4th Sunday	+041 438 3845	The Caretaker	Cranbourne - Dandenong Pistol Club
Shooters Union Australia Ltd	N/A	As Sched.	+61 409 471 423	Painted Mohawk	Various Ranges Across Australia

## AUSTRALIAN CAPITOL TERRITORY

Majura Rangers	Majura	3rd Sun	N/A	Blinky	SSAA-ACT Shooting Range
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## QUEENSLAND

Dalby Pioneers	Dalby	4th Wkd	+0458 510 122	Mrs. H	N/A
Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia, Inc.	N/A	As Sched.	+0447 831154	R. C. Shot	NSW, QLD, VIC, ACT, SA, WA, NT, TAS
The Gold Coast Gamblers	Gold Coast	1st, 3rd & 5th Sat	+61 413 440 600	Dug Deeper	Gold Coast Pistol club

## VICTORIA

Little River Raiders	Little River	3rd Sun	61 407 553 281	Sambucca Kid	Eagle Park Shooting Complex
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## AUSTRIA

City Marshals	Graz	As Sched.	00 431 655 184	Clint Coldwell	Shooting Range LH Graz
Sportschützenverein Nibelungen	Steinwand	As Sched.	+436645575133	Super Mario	Shooting Range 3665 Gutenbrunn
Sweetwater Gunslingers Austria	Vienna	Sat. As Sched.	+43 (0) 664 49 80 32	Fra Diabolo	Club Wiener Pistolenschutzen

## CANADA

### ALBERTA

Canadian Historical Arms Society	Leduc County	As Sched. Sats.	780-977-5977	Alberta Jayhawk	Genesse Ranger
Porcupine Hills Shadow Riders	Gratum	2nd & 4th Saturday	403-687-2284	Southwest Trapper	Willow Lane Ranch
Vermilion Gun Club	Vermilion	Every Monday	780-581-5286	Felix McSquibly	Vermilion Gun Club

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

Heffley Creek Gun Club	Heffley Creek	As Sched.	250-573-2885	Gunfighter Jim	N/A
Kamloops Cowtown Cowboys	Kamloops	As Sched.	250-573-2885	Gunfighter Jim	Kamloops Target Sports Association
Red Mountain Renegades	Mission	1st Sun	778-684-0769	Whistlin' Cat	Mission and District Rod and Gun Club
Valley Regulators	Courtenay	3rd & 5th Sat	250-897-2194	Little Edgy	Courtneay Fish and Game Protective Association
Victoria Frontier Shootists	Victoria	2nd Sun	250-744-4705	Black Ashley	Victoria Fish & Game Protective Association

### NEW BRUNSWICK

Beaubassin Range Riders	Saint-Andre LeBlanc	2nd & 5th Sat	506-312-0455	Frenchy Cannuck	Cap Pelee Gun Club
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### ONTARIO

Butler's Rangers	Thorald	As Sched.	905-730-9878	Shaky Brooster	Decew Gun Club
Ontario Single Action Federation	Guelph, ON	As Sched.	519-362-1184	Doc Lonesome	N/A
Prairie Dog Rebels	London	As Sched.	519-860-2004	Currahee Kid	Crumlin Sportsmen's Association
Ruff's Regulators	Cornwall	As Sched.	514-409-6117	Marshall MacPhee	Cornwall Handgun Club
Trent Valley Peacemakers	Frankford	As Sched.	905-396-5025	Ugly Slug	Lower Tretn Valley Fish and Game Club
Wentworth Shooting Sports Club	Hamilton	1st Sun	905-818-1840	Stoney Creek	Wentworth Shooting Sports Club

### QUEBEC

Club De Tir Beausejour	Levis, Quebec	As Sched.	418-609-2139	Lt. Bluberry	Chasseurs et pecheurs Levisiens inc.
Centre De Tir Granby Multi-Sports	Granby	As Sched.	450-532-4111	Smoking Mike Whitecloud	Centre de Tir Granby Multi-Sports

### SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan Association of Wild West Shooters	Saskatoon	As Sched.	306-222-2480	Dusty Dawn	Saskatoon Muzzle Loading Club
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### FINLAND

Classic Old Western Society of Finland	Loppi	As Sched.	+358-50-5174659	Captain Woodbury Kane	N/A
SASS Finland	Loppi	As Sched.	+358 50 5174659	Woodbury Kane	Loppis Shooting Range

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FRANCE					
Black Rivers	Roanne	As Sched.	336 87 46 25 82	The Kid of Neckwhite	Route de Charlieu
Buffalo Valley	Châteauneuf-en-Thymerais	As Sched.	06 08 83 89 36	Slye Buffalo	Avenir Sportif Thymarias
Bull Run Valley	Sainte Opportune	As Sched.	06-47-52-09-37	Ben Calhound	Association Spportive Flers Messei
East Valley	Dettwiller	As Sched.	06 76 49 54 81	Cornelius Chesterfield	Club de Tir de la Licorne
Fort Desaix	Mundolsheim	As Sched.	+33 608254502	Old Oak Claudee	Societe de Tir de Strasbourg
Golden Trigger of Freetown	Puylagarde	As Sched.	06-75-70-36-78	Cheyenne Little Colibris	Golden Trigger of Freetown
Joly's Saloon	Bernay	As Sched.	06 08 83 89 36	Myra Maybelle Shirley Reed Starr	Joly's Saloon
Loire Valley Regulators	Cornery	As Sched.	06 83 31 30 53	Yul Tatoo	Club de Tir Sportif de Touraine
Snake Valley	Le Fenti Bernard	As Sched.	06 07 09 55 92	Chris T. Bunner	"Champ Blanc"
GERMANY					
Cowboy Action Shooting Germany	Edderitz	Last Sat	+49 1609 76 52588	Marshal Heck	Tombstone Village
ITALY					
Western Club Canne Tonanti	Verano Brianza	As Sched. Sun	+393493276203	Bruce Miller	A.S.D. Traversera Shooting Club
NEW ZEALAND					
Dutch Western Shooting Association	Varies	As Sched.	+31619430223	Dutch Bear	N/A
NEW ZEALAND					
Ashburton Pistol Club	Ashburton	3rd Sun	+64 21 525 347	Kiwi Witch Doctor	Ashburton Pistol Club
Bullet Spittin' Sons O' Thunder	Palmerston North	2nd Sat	+64 275 221 920	Calamity Carrie	Rifle Rod & Gun Club Manawata Inc.
SASS Pistol New Zealand	Various Ranges	As Sched.	+64-274-221-551	Bald Eagle	New Zealand Pistol Association
POLAND					
SASS Polish Western Shooting Association	Lodz	As Sched.	+48605100315	Crazy Zebra	1st Western Shooting Range
W.A.S. Banditos	Ostroda	1st Sat	+48512707038	Pavlos Banditos	Garda Ostroda Kaczory
SLOVAKIA					
Slovak Western Shooting Association	Domaniza	As Sched.	00421903667096	Bambino	Shooting range Domaniza
SOUTH AFRICA					
Western Shooters of South Africa	Simon's Town	3rd Sat	+27 826522150	Dusty Devil	False Bay Gun Club
SWEDEN					
SASS Sweden/ Thorsby Desperados	Torsby	1st Sat	+46702711107	Ace Heart	Reito Torsby
SWITZERLAND					
Old West Shooting Society Switzerland	Kreuzlingen	As Sched.	+41 79 909 92 70	Texas Knight	N/A
Red Sash Cowboy Association	Unterlunkhofen	As Sched.	+41 (0) 56 6342278	Palouse Creek Hondo	N/A
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA					
ALABAMA					
North Alabama Regulators	Woodville	1st Sun	256-504-4366	Buck D. Law	Cavern Cove Competition Shooting Range
Old York Shootists	Blountsville	2nd & 4th Sun	205-616-9395	Derringer Di	Old York Shootists Cowboy Action Shooting Range
Russell County Regulators	Phenix City	1st Sat	706-566-1740	Will Killigan	East Alabama Gun Club
Wiregrass Wranglers	Daleville	1st Sat	334-498-0701	Carpetbagger Carley	Tri-State Gun Club
ALASKA					
Alaska 49er's	Palmer	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	907-982-5097	Flaco Joe	Mat-Valley Sportsmans Shooting Range
Alaska 49ers Wild Bunch	Palmer	5th Sat	907-982-5097	Flaco Joe	Mat-Valley Sportsmans Shooting Range
Golden Heart Shootist Society	Fairbanks	2nd & 4th Sun	907-978-2296	Montana Kid Hammer	Fox Outdoor Range
ARIZONA					
Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association Inc	Phoenix	2nd Sat	602-686-1797	Frank Stilwell	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Arizona Territorial Company of Rough Riders	Phoenix	N/A	480-238-3451	Rattlesnake Slim	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Arizona Yavapai Rangers	Cornville	4th Sat	928-583-3134	Brisco Slim	Arizona Yavapi Rangers
Bordertown, Inc.	Tombstone	As Sched	520-290-8599	Quicksand	Tombstone Livery
Colorado River Regulators	Lake Havasu City	2nd 2nd & 4th Sat	602-799-8992	Mike L. Phikzit	Lake Havasu Sportsman's Club

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Colorado River Shootists	Yuma	3rd Sun	760-662-3495	Mexican Rob	Adair Range
Cowtown Cowboy Shooters	Peoria	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	480-773-2753	Barbwire	Cowtown Shooting Range
Granite Mountain Outlaws	Chino Valley	3rd Sun	928-963-6515	Tramp	Compass Training Center
Los Vaqueros	Tombstone	3rd Sat	520-444-8181	Eric Rooster Cogburn	Tombstone Livery
NAZty Bunch	Flagstaff	3rd Sat	928-520-3794	Coconino Pistolero	Camp Savage
Whiskey Row Gunslingers	Prescott	2nd Sun	949-422-9961	Wolfe Lehr	Yavapai Recreation League
White Mountain Old West Shootists	St. Johns	3rd Sat	928-243-4471	Monty Rio	Northeastern Arizona Shooters Association

## ARKANSAS

Arkansas Leadslingers	Rogers	2nd & 4th Sat	479-633-2107	Dirty Dan Paladin	Frisco City
Judge Parker's Marshals	Fort Smith/Van Buren	3rd & 5th Wknd	479-651-2475	Naildriver	Old Fort Gun Club
Mountain Valley Vigilantes	Hot Springs National Park	1st Wkd	501-337-9368	Bulldog McGraw	Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association
Outlaw Camp	Heber Springs	2nd, 4th & 5th Sat	870-847-0733	Arkansas Harper	Outlaw Camp
White River Gang	Mountain Home	1st & 2nd Sat	719-839-0133	Bayou Bob	Twin Lakes Gun Club

## CALIFORNIA

Burro Canyon Gunslingers	San Bernardino	3rd Sat	714-478-0951	Black Raven Bob	West End Gun Club
Cajon Cowboys	San Bernadino	2nd & 4th Sat	760-900-5199	Pasture Patti	Route 66 Shootings Sports Park
California Rangers	Sloughhouse	2nd Sat	530-919-9372	KB Pistolero	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
California Shady Ladies	Sloughhouse	4th Sat	916-952-1013	Lady Gambler	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Canyon Oaks Shootists	Sylmar	2nd Wkd	626-644-5368	Dusty Sagerider	Canyon Oaks Sportsmans Club
Coyote Valley Cowboys	Morgan Hill	2nd Sat	408-722-0583	Bad Eye Bobolu	Coyote Valley Sporting Clays
Coyote Valley Sharpshooters	San Jose	3rd Sat	510-862-8000	Calamity Carl	Various Private Ranges
Double R Bar Regulators	Lucerne Valley	2nd Sun	760-998-8047	Horse Thief Harold	Lucerne Valley Lions Club
Dulzura Desperados	Dulzura	3rd Sat	619-997-2755	Reuben J. Cogburn	South Bay Rod and Gun Club
Escondido Bandidos	Escondido	1st Sat	760-745-9249	Double Diamond	Escondido Fish & Games Assoc.
Faultline Shootist Society	Morgan Hill	4th Sun	408-306-1886	Pascoe Pete	Coyote Valley Sporting Clays
Gold Country Wild Bunch	Sloughhouse	3rd Sat	925-783-3800	Tully Mars	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Yreka	4th & 5th Sat	530-598-6295	Royal Flush	Dodge Range
Hellodoro Rangers	Ukiah	3rd Sunday	707-391-5991	Lead Nickel	Ukiah Gun Club
High Desert Cowboys	Palmdale	3rd Sun	661-579-6917	Doc Silverhawks	Desert Marksmen Rifle & Pistol Club
High Sierra Drifters	Rail Road Flat	2nd Sun	510-703-8064	Grizzly Peak Jake	West Point Archery & Gun Club
Hole In The Wall Gang	Piru	1st Sun	661-373-2709	Lefty Longridge	California Tactical Academy
Mother Lode Shootist Society	Jamestown	1st Sun	209-770-0140	Sioux City Kid	Mother Lode Gun Club
Murieta Posse	Sloughhouse	3rd Sun	510-703-8064	Grizzly Peak Jake	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Nevada City Peacemakers	Nevada City	3rd Sat	530-263-2192	Constable Dan	Nevada County Sportsmen's Club
Northfield Raiders	Panorama City	3rd Sun	818-321-3205	Old Mustang	Panorama Sportsmans Assoc.
Outlaws "The"	Sloughhouse	1st Sat	916-216-0168	Sheriff Wil Katchum	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Pozo River Vigilance Committee at Lazy Arrow	Santa Margarita	As Sched.	805-801-8750	Roger Rapid	Camatta Ranch/Lazy Arrow Adventures
Richmond Roughriders	Richmond	2nd Sun	925-250-0737	Leapin Otis	Richmond Rod and Gun Club
River City Regulators	Davis	1st Sun	925-382-5751	Noah Hair	Yolo Sportsmen's Association
Robbers Roost Vigilantes	Ridgecrest	1st & 3rd Sat	760-301-4520	Nasty Newt	Ridgecrest Gun Range
Sunnyvale Regulators	Cupertino	3rd Mon Night	650-464-3764	Shaniko Jack	Sunnyvale Rod and Gun Club
The Cowboys	Corona	4th Sun	805-722-8958	Tapatio	Raahauge Shooting Enterprises
Two Rivers Posse	Manteca	1st Sat & 4th Sun	209-814-5322	Dragon	Manteca Sportsmen's Club

## COLORADO

Briggsdale County Shootists	Briggsdale	2nd & 4th Sat & 5th Sun	970-493-1813	Kid Bucklin	Pawnee Sportsmens Center
Castle Peak Wildshots	Gypsum	2nd Wkd	970-390-1369	Doctor Death	Eagle Valley Rod & Gun Club
Colorado Shaketails	Hanover	1st Sun	719-338-5912	Shootin Hoosier	Frontier Sportsman's Club
Pawnee Station Vindicators	Nunn	3rd Sat & 3rd Sun WB	970-213-9608	TriggerHappy Ted	Great Guns Sporting LLC
Pawnee Station Vindicators Wild Bunch	Nunn	3rd Sun	970-667-0734	TriggerHappy Ted	Great Guns Sporting LLC
Pueblo West Vigilantes	Pueblo West	2nd Sat	719-545-9463	Grizz Bear	Pueblo West Sportsmen's Assoc.
Rockvale Bunch	Rockvale	3rd Sat	719-252-5970	Cat Tracker	Rockvale Gun Club
Sand Creek Raiders	Byers	2nd Sun (WB) & 4th Sun (CAS)	303-366-8827	Sweetwater Bill	Colorado Rifle Club
Thunder Mountain Shootists Wild Bunch	Whitewater	3rd Sun	970-270-4853	Pinto Being	Wiliam Jarvis Shooting Complex

## CONNECTICUT

CT Valley Bushwackers	Coventry	2nd Sat	860-384-0543	Double Tap Taylor	Manchester Sportsman Association
Ledyard Sidewinders	Ledyard	1st Sat	860-608-0916	Yosemite Gene	Ledyard Sportsman's Club

## DELAWARE

Paden's Posse	Bridgeville	3rd Sun	302-841-8727	Cool Hand Lee	Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club
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## FLORIDA

Big Bend Bushwhackers	Woodville	3rd Sat	850-320-4411	Deadeye Davis	Tallahassee Rifle and Pistol Club
Cowford Regulators	Jacksonville	4th Sat	904-699-0066	Dakota Lil	Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club
Doodle Hill Regulators	Ruskin	4th Sun	910-797-7110	Shelleen	Gun Craft Inc. Range
Gold Coast Gunslingers	Sunrise	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	786-256-9542	George Washington McLintock	Markham Park Pistol and Rifle Range
Lake County Pistoleros	Tavares	3rd Sat	650-776-2854	Smart Asterisk	Eustis Gun Club
OK Corral Outlaws	Okeechobee	4th Sat	863-357-2226	Kokomo Kid	OK Corral Gun Club
Okeechobee Marshals	Sebastion	2nd Sat	561-371-5507	Amaduelist	Indian River County Shooting Range
Panhandle Cowboys	Holt	2nd Sun	850-982-3543	Jeb Stuart Foley	Element Training Complex
Red Hills Rangers	Midway	2nd Sat	850-443-3327	Colonel Kraken	Talon Range
Roughshod Raiders	Gainesville	1st Sat	352-317-2357	Delta Glen	Gainesville Target Range, Inc.
Southwest Florida Gunslingers	Punta Gorda	3rd Sat & 4th Sun	407-502-2450	Waimea	Hansen Range and Gun Club
Weewahootee Vigilance Committee	Orlando	2nd Sat	407-729-8057	Dead-Aim Dave	Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club

## GEORGIA

Cherokee Cowboys	Gainesville	4th Sat	845-401-0902	Dirty Redd	Cherokee Gun Club
Georgia Mountain Piedmont Regulators	Eastanollee	2nd Sat	706-714-8441	Iron Chief	Georgia Mountain Shooting Association
River Bend Rough Riders	Dawsonville	1st Sat	770-361-6966	Done Gone	River Bend Gun Club
South River Shootists	Covington	3rd Sat	404-405-8266	Fast Eddie	South River Gun Club
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	Ringgold	3rd Sat	423-593-3767	Double Barrel	Phoenix Farms
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	Valdosta	3rd Sat	229-244-3161	Goliath	Little River Sportsmen's Assoc.

## IDAHO

Eagle Rock Regulators	Idaho Falls	1st Sat	208-520-8824	Missouri Ruffian	Southeast Idaho Practical Shooters
Hells Canyon Ghost Riders	Moscow	3rd Sat	208-882-1888	Zebra Dunn	Bernard Peterson Memorial Range
Oregon Trail Rough Riders	Kuna	1st & 3rd Sat	503-953-5643	Nels Gandy	Black's Creek Rifle Range
Snake River Western Shooting Society	Jerome	2nd & 4th Sat	208-731-6387	Missy Mable	Jerome Rod & Gun Club

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ILLINOIS					
Illinois River City Regulators	Chillicothe	2nd Sun	309-243-7236	Granville Stuart	Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club
Illowa Irregulars	Milan	3rd Sun	563-344-6788	Popcorn Kelly	Milan Rifle Club
Kaskaskia Cowboys	Sparta	2nd Sat	618-534-3548	Okaw	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Kishwaukee Valley Regulators	Waterman	1st Sun	815-501-9421	Six Fingered Shootist	Aurora Sportsmen's Club
Lakewoods Marshals	Rinard	1st Sat	618-262-6948	Rusty Banker	Lakewoods Marshals Cowboy Action Shooitn Club Range
Prairie State Wild Bunch	Sandoval	TBA	618-663-7423	Back 40	Sandoval Sporting Range
Vermilion River Long Riders	Streator	2nd Sunday	815-303-4555	Lead Poison Lar	Sandy Ford Sportsman Club
Wabash Rangers	Westville	4th Sat	217-304-2144	Deadly Dakota Dale	Wabash Rangers
INDIANA					
Circle R Cowboys	Brookston	3rd Sat	219-208-2793	Mustang Bill	Wildcat Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Deer Creek Regulators	Jonesboro	4th Sun	765-749-6059	Flat Water Bob	Deer Creek Conservation Club of Grant County
Paradise Pass Regulators	Etna Green	1st Sat	574-354-7186	C. C. Top	Paradise Pass
Pine Ridge Regulators	Carbon	2nd Sat	317-373-0632	Rattlesnake John	Pine Ridge Ranch
The Hoosier Outlaws	Harlan	4th Sat	260-610-1427	Wild Walt	Fort Wayne Rifle and Revolver Club
Westside Renegades	Evansville	4th Sat	812-459-2153	Tinhorn Timmy	Westside Sportsmen's Club
IOWA					
Fort Des Moines Rangers	Indianola	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	641-660-2452	John Wesley Hardin	Central Iowa Shooting Sports
Outlaw's Run	Red Oak	2nd Sun	712-621-5726	Capt. Jim Midnight	Red Oak
KANSAS					
Butterfield Gulch Gang	Chapman	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	785-479-0416	Flinthills Dawg	Clark's Station
Capital City Cowboys	Topeka	4th Sun	785-640-3742	J. W. Hopkins	Capital City Gun Club
Chisholm Trail Rowdys	Benton	4th Sun	785-224-4918	Chisholm Kid	Chisholm Trail Antique Gun Association
Free State Rangers	Parker	1st Sun, 3rd Sat, & 5th Sun	913-244-4960	Beans Haney	N/A
Millbrook Wranglers	Hill City	2nd Sun	785-421-2537	Grandpa Buckten Millbrook	Mill Brook Station Shooting Range
Powder Creek Cowboys	Lenexa	2nd & 4th Sat, 1st & 1st & 3rd Wed	913-209-3836	Cooncan	Powder Creek Shooting Park
KENTUCKY					
Hooten Old Town Regulators	Mckee	1st Sat	859-230-3693	Lyn Ike	Hooten Old Town
Kentucky Long Rifles Cowboys	Morehead	2nd Sat	606-462-3278	Longshot Ace	Kentucky Long Rifles Club
Kentucky Regulators	Boaz	1st Sat	270-556-4082	Shenandoah Slim	Kentucky Regulators Gun Club Inc
Knob Creek Gunfighters Guild	West Point	1st Sun	502-551-8174	Hinote	Knob Creek Gun Range
Ponderosa Pines Posse	Manchester	3rd Sat	606-599-5263	Cat A Tonic	N/A
LOUISIANA					
Bayou Bounty Hunters	Amite	2nd & 4th Sat	225-400-5775	Dusty Sometimes	Florida Parishes Skeet Club
Deadwood Marshals	Sorrento	1st & 3rd Sat	504-458-1898	Doc Spudley	Deadwood Marshals
Up The Creek Gang	Lake Charles	2nd & 4th Sat	337-499-5289	Sparky Gal	Lake Charles Gun Club
MAINE					
Maine Marshals	Berwick	As Sched.	207-272-7119	Tyler Tornado	Sanford Springvale Fish and Game
MARYLAND					
Damascus Wildlife Rangers	Mt. Airy	2nd Sat	301-253-0578	Dogmeat Dad	Izaak Walton League of America
Eas'dern Shore Renegades	Sudlersville	1st Sat	610-724-4842	Black Hills Drifter	Delmarva Sportsman's Association
Thurmont Rangers	Thurmont	1st Sun	202-330-8545	Dutch Coroner	Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman Club
MASSACHUSETTS					
Danvers Desperados	Middleton	As Sched.	781-254-8041	Pittsburg Mac	Danvers Fish & Game Club
Harvard Ghost Riders	Harvard	As Sched. Sun	978-456-6971	Grazer	Harvard Sportsman's Club
MICHIGAN					
Johnson Creek Regulators	Plymouth	4th Sat	734-812-5679	Slow Gin Ricky	Western Wayne County Conservation Club
Saginaw Field and Stream Club	Saginaw	As Sched.	989-585-3292	Katie Callahan	Saginaw Field and Stream Club
Sucker Creek Saddle & Gun Club	Breckenridge	3rd Sat.	989-832-8426	Kid Al Fred	N/A
Wolverine Rangers	Kimball	As Sched.	734-612-0570	Sinola Kid	Blue Water Sportsman's Association
MINNESOTA					
Cedar Valley Vigilantes	Morristown	1st & 3rd Sat	612-384-9115	Riverboat Red	Ahlman's Gun Shop
Fort Belmont Regulators	Jackson	4th Sun	507-822-5214	A J Royal	Des Moines Valley Sportsman's Club
Granite City Gunslingers	Kimball	2nd Sat	952-452-2907	Hillbilly Bert	Kimball Rod and Gun Club

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MISSISSIPPI					
Mississippi Peacemakers	Mendenhall	3rd Sat	662-417-0250	Buck Bow	Purgatory/Peacemaker Road
Mississippi River Rangers	Byhalia	3rd Sun, 4th & 5th Sat	901-335-6152	Justified	Rabbit Ridge Ranch
MISSOURI					
Boonville Regulators	Boonville	1st Sat, 2nd Sun, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun & 5th Wkd	816-686-8881	Dusty Dustem	Boonville Regulators
Butterfield Trail Cowboys	Walnut Shade	1st & 3rd Wed & 2nd Wknd	417-243-0796	Rusty Hammer	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Double M Cowboys	Marshfield	1st Sun	417-839-6797	Boothill Slim	Outlaw Range
Gateway Area Shootist Society	Barnhart	3rd Sun	314-578-6027	Fat Chance BuckO	Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club
Glade Top Shooters	Squires	3rd Wkd	417-543-0709	Hon. Sgt. Edward Greenwood Hampton	Bar Lazy B Range
Southern Missouri Rangers	Marshfield	4th Wkd	417-298-1935	ChaChing	Outlaw Range
The Ozark Posse	Cassville	1st Sat	417-846-5142	Tightwad Swede	Beck's Place
MONTANA					
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	Augusta	1st Sun, 2nd Sat & 3rd Sat	406-231-0805	Just Bob	N/A
Bitterroot Buckaroos	Hamilton / Polson	1st Sat (WRPC) & 4th Sat (PRC)	406-531-4116	May B. Shecann	Whittecarr Rifle & Pistol Club & Polson Rifle Club
Black Horse Shootists	Great Falls	Wkd of 3rd Sun	406-868-9737	J. E. B. Stuart Montana	Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex
Montana Territory Peacemakers	Billings	4th Sat	406-628-8694	Angel	Billings Rod & Gun Club
Rocky Mountain Rangers	Noxon	2nd Full Wkd	406-240-2139	Jake the Snake	Noxon Rod and Gun Club
NEBRASKA					
Columbus Rifle Club	Columbus	4th Sun	402-710-3645	Tommy Two Dog	Columbus Rifle Club
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club	Louisville	3rd Sat	402-643-5000	Crooked Creek	Eastern Nebraska Gun Club
Flat Water Shootists	Grand Island	1st Sat	308-383-6962	Smokey Squibbs	Grand Island Rifle Club
Lancaster County Bounty Collection Agency	Frith	2nd Sat	402-890-7620	Terry Lane	Nebraska Shooters
NEVADA					
Battle Born Rangers	Fernley	1st & 2nd Sun	775-971-4029	Bordello Fellow	N/A
Eldorado Cowboys	Boulder City	1st Sun & Prec. Sat	702-808-5476	Mojave Rose	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club
Silver State Shootists	Carson City	3rd Sun	541-740-9291	Diamond Dirk Slade	Carson Rifle & Pistol Range
NEW HAMPSHIRE					
Pemi Valley Peacemakers	Holderness	As Sched.	603-620-5001	Dakota Joe	Pemigewasset Valley Fish and Game Club
White Mountain Regulators	Candia	As Sched.	603-957-0377	Six Shot Steve	Kinnicum Fish & Game
NEW JERSEY					
JJackson Hole Gang	Jackson	4th Sun	732-600-1215	Bronco Joan	Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club
Monmouth Rangers	Farmingdale	2nd Sun	973-495-4290	Bobby Reno	Monmouth Country Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.
Quinton Mavericks	Quinton	2nd Sun	609-805-0010	Unexpected Bill	Delaware Blues Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.
Shongum Wiley Coyotes	Oxford	3rd Sun	973-219-9585	Johnny Swan	Shongum Sportsman Association
NEW MEXICO					
Buffalo Range Riders	Albuquerque	1st Sun	505-321-9216	Estancia Kid	Hayes City
Gila Rangers	Mimbres	2nd Sat	575-956-5221	Hands	Fowler Land and Cattle Company
Picacho Posse	Las Cruces	4th Sat	575-644-3317	Fast Hammer	Butterfield Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades	Albuquerque	3rd Sat & 4th Sun, 1st Sat WB	505-593-0436	Cibola Al	City of Albuquerque Shooting Range Park
Tres Rios Bandidos	Farmington	2nd & 4th Sun	505-402-6031	Pepper Dane	San Juan Wildlife Federation
NEW YORK					
Bar-20 Inc.	West Eaton	2nd Sat	315-559-8011	Lawman Lash	Eatonbrook Rod & Gun Club
Boot Hill Regulators	Chester	1st Sun	570-296-2032	Tom Payne	Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club, Inc.
East End Regulators	West Hampton Beach	1st Sun	516-729-0381	Deuces	Long Island Practical Shooters, Inc.
Hole In The Wall Gang	Calverton	2nd Sat	631-433-0337	Lew Morris	Calverton Shooting Range
Holliday's Rough Riders	Blasdell	5th Sun	716-394-3676	Evil Jack Spade	Blasdell Rod and Gun Club
Pathfinder Pistoleros	Fulton	1st Sun	315-420-4952	Blackjack Belle	Fulton, NY
Sackets Harbor Vigilantes	Sackets Harbor	4th Sun	315-788-1168	Mr. Stryker	Sackets Harbor Sportsman's Club
The Long Riders	Shortsville	4th Sun	585-734-0867	Loco Poco Lobo	Shortsville Rod & Gun Club
Tioga County Cowboys	Owego	1st Sat	607-222-4228	Jewels Cartwright	Tioga County Sportsman's Association

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NORTH CAROLINA					
Carolina Cattleman's Shooting and Social Society	Creedmoore	2nd Sat	919-791-9816	J. M. Brown	Sir Walter Gun Club
Cross Creek Cowboys	Wagram	3rd Sat	910-470-4891	High Noon Henry	Wagram Sportsmen's Association
Gunpowder Creek Regulators, Inc.	Lenoir	3rd Sat	828-851-1910	Noah Fitz	Town of Mine Branch
Neuse River Regulators	Hevelock	1st & 3rd Sat	252-354-4275	Bronco Kid	Sure Shot Gun Sports
North Carolina Cowboys, Inc.	Salisbury	As Sched.	828-851-1910	Noah Fitz	Rowan County Wildlife Association
Old North State Posse	Salisbury	1st Sat	336-558-9032	Tracker Mike	Rowan County Wildlife Association
NORTH DAKOTA					
Dakota RoughRiders	Moffit	As Sched.	701-223-3085	Rod-Iron-Rip	Fried Family Marksmanship Complex
Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers	Enderlin	Last Sat	701-793-4116	Wild River Rose	Sheyenne Valley Peacekeeper Range
Trestle Valley Rangers	Minot	2nd Sat	701-833-4282	Buffalochip Dave	Minot Rifle and Pistol Club
OHIO					
Big Irons Rangers	Middletown	1st Sat	513-304-3505	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportman's Club
Blackhand Raiders	Nashport	2nd Sun	614-313-6122	Iron Horse Garrett	Dillon Sportsman Center
Brown Township Regulators	Malvern	Last Sat	330-904-5166	Sixgun Seamus	Brown Township Sportsman's Club
Central Ohio Cowboys	Circleville	4th Sun	614-657-8322	Abe Cross Jackass Jack	Pickaway County Sportsmans Club
Firelands Peacemakers	Rochester	3rd Sat	216-789-7885	Harry Yount	Rochester Rod Range
Greene County Cowboys	Xenia	1st Sun	937-422-4595	Ruger Ray	Greene County Fish & Game Association
Miami Valley Cowboys	Piqua	2nd Sun	937-219-4376	Mean Gun Mark	Piqua Fish & Game
Middletown Sportsmen's Club	Middletown	1st Sat	937-609-9153	7 Mile Tom	Middletown Sportsmen's Club
Sandusky County Regulators	Gibsonburg	2nd Sat	419-205-0114	Badfinger Bodene	Sandusky County Sportsman's Club
Scioto Territory Desperados	Marengo	3rd Sun	614-975-2266	Buckshot Charlie Bill	Cardinal Shooting Center
Tusco Long Riders	Dennison	1st Sat	216-334-9749	Prairie Dawg	Tusco Rifle Club, Inc.
Wild Wild West Point Cowboy Action Shooting	West Point	2nd Sun	330-386-6975	Blue Eyed Bob	West Point Rod & Gun Club
OKLAHOMA					
Indian Territory Single Action Shooting Society	Tulsa	1st Sun, 3rd Sat, & 4th Wed.	918-508-9381	Slow Hand	Tulsa Red Castle Gun Club
Lincoln County Cowboys	Cushing	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	918-285-0543	Scott Wayne	Crossroads Gun Range
Oklahoma Rough Riders Wild Bunch	Arcadia	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	405-694-5270	Hondo Tweed	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Oklahoma Territorial Marshals	Arcadia	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	405-409-9442	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Red River Valley Cowpokes	Albany	2nd Wknd	580-847-2210	Calamity Di Bar	Red River Valley Cowboy Church
Shortgrass Rangers	Grandfield	1st & 3rd Sat	940-447-6864	Redleg Reilly	N/A
OREGON					
Dry Gulch Desperados	Milton-Freewater	1st Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	East End Rod & Gun Club
Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Bend	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sun	541-389-2342	Big Casino	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Merlin Marauders Cowboy Action Shooting Posse	Grants Pass	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	707-485-5301	Molly b'Dam	Josephine County Sportsmans Association Park
Molalla River Rangers	Canby	1st Sat	503-866-8993	Rowdy Rex	Canby Rod and Gun Club
Old 97 Railroad Rangers	Redmond	2nd Wkd	541-548-3198	Tetherow Tex LaRue	Redmond Rod and Gun Club
Oregon Old West Shooting Society	Albany	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	541-760-0884	Barry L Plorz	Albany Rifle & Pistol Club
Oregon Trail Regulators	La Grande	3rd Sat	541-571-4979	T. J. Maverick	La Grande Rifle & Pistol Club Hwy 244, LGRPC
Orygun Cowboys	Sherwood	4th Sat	503-539-6335	Kansan	Tri County Gun Club
Pine Mountain Posse	Bend	2nd Sun	541-419-4718	Sunrise Bill	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Siuslaw River Rangers	Florence	1st Sun	541-997-6313	Johnny Jingos	Siuslaw Rod and Gun Club
Table Rock Rangers	White City	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	541-890-0912	Purgatory Smith	Jackson County Sportsmans Park
Virtue Flat Shootist Society	Baker City	2nd Sat	541-212-5840	Hunt Mountain Drifter	Powder River Sportsman's Club
PENNSYLVANIA					
Black Forest Cowboys	Coudersport	3rd Sat	814-203-1748	Bolo	Black Forest Conservation Association
Boothill Gang of Topton	Topton	1st Sun	610-704-6792	Lester Moore	Topton Fish & Game Association
Chimney Rocks Regulators	Hollidaysburg	2nd Sat	814-658-3143	Moonshine Maker	Hollidaysburg Sportman Club
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th & 5th Sun	570-337-3974	Black Hills Barb	North Mountain Sportsman's Association
Elstonville Hombres	Manheim	4th Sun	717-648-7491	Circuit Rider Jeff	Elstonville Sportsman's Association
Logan's Ferry Regulators	New Kensington	2nd Sat	724-454-3159	Dirt Slider	Logans Ferry Sportsmen's Club
Mainville Marauders	Bloomsburg	2nd Sun	570-490-0800	Lead Slinger Leroy	Mainville Sportsman's Club
Matamoras Mavericks	Milford	2nd Sun	570-686-3618	Ziggady Zag	Matamoras Rod & Gun Club
Perry County Regulators	Newport	1st Sat	717-307-6374	Farmer Brown	Ickesburg Sportsmen's Association
Welsh Mountain Regulators	Gap	2nd Sun	484-802-7122	Blaze Crittenden	New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club
RHODE ISLAND					
Lincoln County Lawmen	Foster	4th Sun	401-595-0735	Nutmeg Ryder	Pine Tree Gun Club

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SOUTH CAROLINA					
Belton Bushwhackers	Belton	2nd Sat	864-363-3147	Slippery Stew	Belton Gun Club
Geehee Gunfighters	Ridgeville	4th Sat	843-926-9480	Doc Kemm	Palmetto Gun Club
Greenville Gunfighters	Greenville	4th Sun	864-420-0577	Abe E.S. Corpus	Greenville Gun Club
Hurricane Riders	Galivants Ferry	3rd Sat	860-593-7566	Black Mike	Horry Chapter Wildlife Action
Savannah River Rangers	Gaston	3rd Sun	803-960-3907	Kid Ray	Mid Carolina Rifle Club
SOUTH DAKOTA					
Black Hills Shootist Association	Pringle	3rd Sun	612-817-2212	Boulder Canyon Bob	Pringle Shooting Range
Cottonwood Cowboy Association	Clark	As Sched	605-532-5212	Dakota Nailbender	Cottonwood Cowboy Range
Medicine Creek Road Agents	Oneida	1st Sun	605-222-5145	Iron Mender	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting Range
TENNESSEE					
Greene County Regulators	Rogersville	1st & 3rd Sat	423-383-3195	Lil Weasel	Greene County Fish & Game Assoc.
Memphis Gunslingers	Lakeland	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	901-831-3676	Buffalo Trace	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Ocoee Rangers	Cleveland	4th Sat	423-595-3819	Ocoee Red	Cleveland Hunting Rifle & Pistol Club
ORSA's Oak Ridge Outlaws	Oak Ridge	2nd Sat	865-207-7005	Uncle Ethan	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association
TEXAS					
Butterfield Trail Regulators	Anson	3rd Sat	325-669-5903	Smilin Joe	Anson
Comanche Trail Shootists	Midland	1st Sat	432-557-0860	Tumbleweed Dan	Timberline Ranch
Green Mountain Regulators	Marble Falls	4th Sat	210-710-3587	Big Iron Patnode	Green Ranch
Gruesome Gulch Gang	Plainview	2nd Sat	806-729-5887	Eli Blue	N/A
Highplains Highwaymen	Pampa	3rd Sat	719-510-7307	Howlin Wolf	Wolfpack Ranch
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	Cleburne	2nd Wkd	817-774-5637	Hot Tamale	Ormsby Ranch
Oakwood Outlaws	Oakwood	2nd Full Wkd	214-384-3975	Denton Dancer	Shank Ranch
Old Fort Parker Patriots	Groesbeck	3rd Wkd	254-412-0904	Slowaz Molasses	Old Fort Parker Gun Club
Orange County Regulators	Orange	1st & 3rd Sat	409-267-1091	Texas Gator	Orange Gun Club
Plum Creek Shooting Society	Lockhart	1st Sat	210-303-6996	Brazos Bo	Comanche Country Ranch
Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros	Pharr	4th Sun	956-648-7364	Dream Chaser	Pharr Rifle and Pistol Club
South Texas Pistoleros	San Antonio	1st Sat	210-823-9432	PJ Mugwump	A Place To Shoot Inc.
Tejas Caballeros	Blanco	3rd Sat	210-912-8227	Pricklly Pear Peggy	Texas Republic Ranch
Texas Doughboys	Bowie	3rd Sat	469-569-3322	Col. Dusty Boddams	Gun Runner Shooting Range
Texas Historical Shootist Society	Columbus	3rd Sun	832-277-5701	Houston	Brune Ranch
Texas Riviera Pistoleros	George West	2nd & 5th Sat	361-254-0064	Ginger Vitis	Gamble Gulch Range
Texas Troublemakers	Brownsboro	1st Sat	903-539-7234	Lefty Tex Larue	Troubletown Range
Texas Tumbleweeds	Pampa	1st Sat	806-231-4569	Cayenne	Wolfpack Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Wkd	210-355-5121	Alamo Andy	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	3rd Sat	979-200-1130	Def Willie	Willow Hole Cowboys Range
UTAH					
Castle Gate Posse	Price	4th Sat	435-650-6544	Fargo Kid	North Spring Shooting Range
Cowboys Of Utah	Salt Lake City	4th Sat	385-237-1861	Longwalker	WASR "Big Salty"
Dixie Desperados	Hurricane	2nd & 4th Sat	435-673-9785	Navajo Kelly	Desperado Canyon
Utah Territory Gunslingers	Salt Lake City	1st Sat	801-913-6823	Brer Rabbit	Big Salty
Utah War	Salt Lake City	3rd Sat	801-913-6823	Brer Rabbit	WASR "Big Salty"
Wasatch Summit Regulators	Salt Lake City	2nd Sun	801-966-7522	Harry Trigger	Big Salty
VERMONT					
Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	Morrisville	As Sched.	802-333-9320	Eyesa Horg	Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club
VIRGINIA					
Bend of Trail	Hardy	4th Sun	540-855-4459	Redrider Slim	Roanoke Rifle & Revolver Club
Cavalier Cowboys	Montpelier	1st Sun & 2nd Wed	804-307-2980	Major B.S. Walker	Cavalier Rifle and Pistol Club
KC's Corral Cowboy Shooting Association	Mechanicsville	3rd Sat	804-382-3407	Bucksaw Bob	Black Creek Gun Club
Mattaponi Sundowners	Shacklefords	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	804-241-5418	Potter County Kid	West Point Gun Club
Pepper Mill Creek Gang	King George	4th Sun	540-775-7417	Justice Deadly	Northern Virginia Gun Club
Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club	Waverly	1st & 2nd Sat	757-635-6198	Bear Tooth Les	Sussex County Shooting Sports
Rivanna Ranger Company	Charlottesville	2nd Sat	203-216-2316	Captian R. Hugh Kidnme	Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club

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<b>WASHINGTON</b>					
Mima Marauders	Olympia	2nd Sat	360-957-6051	Doc Kharon	Evergreen Sportsman Club
Northeast Washington Regulators	Colville	1st Wkd	509-690-4060	A. T. McGee	Ricochet Junction
Pataha Rustlers	Dayton	2nd Sat	509-520-2789	Pinto Annie	Patit Range
Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers	Benton City	4th Sat	509-628-0889	Ricochet Robbie	Tri Cities Shootig Association
Renton United Cowboy Action Shooters	Renton	1st Wkd	425-432-3534	Cedar County Sheriff	Renton Fish & Game Club
Smokey Point Desperados	Arlington	2nd Sun	425-335-5176	Mudflat Mike	Marysville Rifle Club
Windy Plains Drifters	Medical Lake	4th Weekends	509-953-1113	Svenska Annie	Windy West Plains Range
Wolverton Mountain Peace Keepers	Ariel	3rd Sat (Mar-Sept)	360-901-5688	Evergreen Rose	Wolverton Mountain Gun Club

<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>					
Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	Great Cacapon	4th Sat Mar-Oct	304-289-6098	Last Word	Singing Hills Ranch
Dawn Ghost Riders	Hinton	1st sat	304-327-3924	Honey Hold This	Dawn Sportsmen's Club
Kanawha Valley Regulators	Eleanor	2nd Sat	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnam County Park Gun Club
White Horse Riders	Volga	2nd Sun; Apr-Dec	304-838-2791	Jessie May Belle	Whitehorse Firearms and Education Center

<b>WISCONSIN</b>					
Bristol Plains Pistoleros	Bristol	2nd Wkd	847-421-1246	Rusty Brec	Conservation Club of Kenosha County
Crystal River Gunslingers	Dayton	2nd Sat	920-722-4105	James Rosewood	Chain O'Lakes Conservation Club
Hodag Country Cowboys	Rhineland	2nd Sat	715-362-2792	Scum Bucket	Hodag Sports Club
Liberty Prairie Regulators	Ripon	3rd Sat	920-896-5128	Dirty Deeds	Ripon Rifle and Pistol Club
Rock River Regulators	Beloit	1st & 3rd Sat	815-721-2280	Turkey Legs	Beloit Rifle Club
Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch	Holmen	2nd Sat	608-790-3260	Flyen Doc Koyote	Holmen Rod and Gun Club
Wisconsin Old West Shootists, Inc	Glenwood City	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	715-790-9959	Colonel Carbine	WOVS Station

<b>WYOMING</b>					
Border Vigilantes	Cheyenne	3rd Sun	307-287-9546	Water Boy	Otto Road Shooting Range
Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS	Powell	1st Sat	307-254-2090	Yakima Red	Heart Mountain Rod and Gun Club
Great Divide Outlaws	Rawlins	4th Sat	307-320-7250	Slingin Lead	Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Complex

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SASS WESTERN CANADIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
 SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF WILD WEST SHOOTERS INVITES YOU TO:

**Shoot Out at Bounty Gulch**

**July 31 to Aug 5, 2023.**

**Mon, July 31**  
 -RO 1 Course

**Tues, Aug 1**  
 -Shooting Event TBD

**Wed, Aug 2**  
 -Wild Bunch  
 -Long Range Rifle  
 Smokeless @ 100 m  
 -BP Cartridge @ 200/300 m range, cast bullets only, gas checks allowed

**Thurs, Aug 3**  
 -RO II Course  
 -Ladies Luncheon  
 -Side Matches  
 -Swap Meet  
 -Steak Supper  
 -Evening Entertainment

**Fri, Aug 4**  
 -Main Match  
 -Pistol Calibre Cowboy  
 -Rifle Side Match  
 -Supper  
 -Saloon Night

**Sat, Aug 5**  
 -Main Match  
 -Awards Banquet

Registration forms available @ sawws.com.  
 For more info contact Wild Whiskey Wade @ 306.230.3788 or Trent.Untereiner@fcl.crs or Dusty Dawn @ 306.222.2480 or sawws@sasktel.net.

SMLC Range Location for ATT purposes:  
 Saskatoon Muzzle Loading Club - NE 31-36-7 W3

- SASS rules and shooter categories apply.
- Minimum 100 pistol, 100 rifle and 40 shotgun.
- Lunch available at the range Thurs, Fri, and Saturday for a nominal fee. Pre-purchase not required.
- Supper tickets must be pre-purchased at registration.
- Dry camping available at no charge.

# SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS 2023 ANNUAL MATCHES

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## AUSTRALIA

Canning Vaqueros Championship	4/7/2023 - 4/9/2023	Phillips	0047-007-352	phhd400@gmail.com	Canning Vale		April	info@canningclub.com.au
Dalby Pioneers Easter Shoot	4/9/2023 - 4/9/2023	Mrs. H	+0458 510 122	mrs_h38@hotmail.com	Dalby		April	N/A
SASS Australian Regional Championship	7/21/2023 - 7/22/2023	RC Shot	0047831154	russell.behrens@mmem.com.au	Gold Coast		July	www.goldcoastpistolclub.com.au
24th Annual Chisholm Trail & 23rd Annual Duel Downunder	9/24/2023 - 10/1/2023	Frank Buck James	+6104388598877	frankbuckjames@y7mail.com	Queensland		September	www.ssaa.org.au

## AUSTRIA

Gunfight in Stonewell	8/19/2023 - 8/19/2023	Fra Diabolo	+43 (0) 664 49 80 32	fra.diabolo@sass-austria.at	Steinbrunn		August	www.sass-austria.at
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## CANADA

Shootout At The Ridge	5/19/2023 - 5/21/2023	Whistlin' Cat	778-684-0769	maxclark@telus.net	Mission	BC	May	www.rustywood.ca/rmr/rmr.html
Palmer's Gulch Provincials	6/30/2023 - 7/3/2023	Gunfighter Jim	250-573-2885	gunfighterjim@telus.net	Hefley Creek	BC	June	hefleycreekgunclub.ca
SASS Eastern Canadian Wild Bunch Regional Championship	7/12/2023 - 7/13/2023	Serenity / Legendary Lawman	905-393-4299	peterandiaz2012@gmail.com	London	ON	July	www.crumlin.org
SASS Eastern Canadian Regional Championship	7/15/2023 - 7/16/2023	Currahee Kid	519-860-2004	ecas53@rogers.com	London	ON	July	www.crumlin.org
SASS Western Candian Regional Championship Shootout at Bounty Gulch	8/2/2023 - 8/5/2023	Wild Whiskey Wade	306-230-3788	trentuntereiner@live.ca	Saskatoon	SK	August	www.sawws.com
Headquarters Shootout	8/12/2023 - 8/13/2023	Black Ashley	250-744-4705	ash_man@shaw.ca	Victoria	BC	August	www.vfgpa.org/shooting/cowboy-action/
Double B Shootout	8/12/2023 - 8/12/2023	Frenchy Cannuck	506-312-0455	frenchy.cannuck45@gmail.com	St-Andre LeBlanc	NB	August	www.doublebcowboys.com
SASS Canadian National Wild Bunch Championship - Smoke in the Porcupine Hills	8/15/2023 - 8/16/2023	Short Fingered Bill	306-297-8493	lundy@explornet.ca	Granum	AB	August	N/A
SASS Canadian Nationshship Championship Shadow Rider's Revenge	8/17/2023 - 8/20/2023	Alberta Annie	403-687-2284	kranches@platinum.ca	Granum	AB	August	N/A
Shoot Out on the North Saskatchewan	8/26/2023 - 8/27/2023	Alberta Jayhawk	780-977-5977	jctrenaman@shaw.ca	Leduc County	AB	August	https://historical-arms.com

## POLAND

Across the Border	9/8/2023 - 9/10/2023	Pavlos Banditos	+48512707038	pawel.zakrzewski@o2.pl	Ostrada		September	sites.google.com/site/wasbanditopl
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## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Outlaw Range Annual	4/2/2023 - 4/2/2023	Boothill Slim	417-839-6797	fabman1234@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	April	www.doublemcowboys.com
SASS South Carolina State Championship The Bushwhack	4/6/2023 - 4/8/2023	Slippery Stew	864-363-3147	slipperysew1229@gmail.com	Belton	SC	April	www.beltonbushwhackers.com
Mayhem at the Mounds	4/7/2023 - 4/9/2023	Doc Kharon	360-957-6051	coroner_davidson@hotmail.com	Olympia	WA	April	www.mimamarauders.org
SASS Oklahoma Wild Bunch State Championship	4/14/2023 - 4/16/2023	Hondo Tweed	405-694-5270	hondotweed@gmail.com	Arcadia	OK	April	www.oklahomaraoughriders.com
SASS Western Territorial Wild Bunch Championship	4/17/2023 - 4/18/2023	Mokaac Kid	435-668-4613	mokaackid@gmail.com	Hurricane	UT	April	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS Southwest Regional Championship Hell on the Border	4/19/2023 - 4/22/2023	Naildriver	479-451-2475	naildriver2355@gmail.com	Fort Smith	AR	April	https://judgelparkersmarshals.org/
SASS Four Corners Regional	4/19/2023 - 4/22/2023	Mokaac Kid	435-668-4613	mokaackid@gmail.com	Hurricane	UT	April	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS Washington State Championship Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup	4/20/2023 - 4/23/2023	Crisco	509-628-0889	mikeberta4@gmail.com	Benton City	WA	April	www.rattlesnakegulch.org
Gunfight at Arroyo Cantua	4/20/2023 - 4/23/2023	Nyack Jack	916-812-0434	nyackjack2ladyg@aol.com	Sloughouse	CA	April	www.cagunslingers.com
Gunfight at Arroyo Cantua	4/20/2023 - 4/23/2023	Nyack Jack	916-812-0434	nyackjack2ladyg@aol.com	Sloughouse	CA	April	www.cagunslingers.com
SASS California State Championship Legends of the West	4/27/2023 - 4/30/2023	Clint Steele	619-228-5225	davidracknudson@gmail.com	San Bernardino	CA	April	www.cajoncowboys.com
Comancheria Days	4/27/2023 - 4/29/2023	Alamo Andy	210-355-5121	bmuehlstein@att.net	Comfort	TX	April	www.texicanrangers.org
SASS Kentucky State Match- Shootout in the Hills	4/27/2023 - 7/29/2023	Copperhead Joe	606-599-5263	jeromejarvis61@gmail.com	Manchester	KY	April	www.ponderosa-pines.com
SASS No Man's Land	4/28/2023 - 4/29/2023	Midwest Hale	815-861-7572	hbm001@uiowa.edu	Fort White	FL	April	www.fwcc.net
Rootin' Tootin' Shootout IIII	4/29/2023 - 4/29/2023	Buck Bow	662-417-0250	montgomery38967@bellsouth.net	Mendenhall	MS	April	www.facebook.com/MississippiPacemakers
SASS Alabama State Championship Shootout At Cavern Cove	5/4/2023 - 5/6/2023	Lawman Mark	256-856-0502	NAR235@gmail.com	Woodville	AL	May	www.northalabamaregulators.com
Ambush at Ricochet Junction	5/5/2023 - 5/7/2023	Ranger Six	509-467-0553	gsfarris@yahoo.com	Colville	WA	May	www.newregulators.com/
The Siege at Clarks Station	5/5/2023 - 5/7/2023	Flints Hills Dawg	785-479-0416	dawgpownd@eaglecom.net	Chapman	KS	May	www.butterfieldgulch.com
SASS Oklahoma State Championship The Colorado Jackson Memorial Showdown	5/10/2023 - 5/13/2023	Iron Tomahawk Kid	580-847-2210	ofcc.rvcc@gmail.com	Albany	OK	May	rrvcowpokes.weebly.com
Spring Round Up	5/11/2023 - 5/13/2023	Persimmon Dan	812-453-3168	olddanriver@rwc.com	Evansville	IN	May	westdisportsmens.com
SASS Arkansas Blackpowder State Championship Mayhem on the Mountain	5/12/2023 - 5/14/2023	Arkansas Harper	870-847-0733	arkansas Harper@yahoo.com	Heber Springs	AR	May	www.outlawcamp.org
SASS Alaska State Wild Bunch Championship Shootout at Moose Nugget Flats	5/13/2023 - 5/14/2023	Flaco Joe	907-982-5097	scottrockett1@gmail.com	Palmer	AK	May	www.alaskacowboysshooting.com
Spirit of the Buffalo	5/13/2023 - 5/14/2023	Dusty Dustem	816-686-8881	cowboybychoice@aol.com	Boonville	MO	May	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1642961906050317
SASS Georgia State Blackpowder Championship Smokeout at South River	5/18/2023 - 5/18/2023	Fast Eddie	404-405-8266	fasteddie76308@hotmail.com	Covington	GA	May	www.srsocowboy.com
SASS Missouri State Championship The Branson Classic	5/18/2023 - 5/20/2023	Rusty Hammer	417-243-0796	chb177@yahoo.com	Walnut Shade	MO	May	www.facebook.com/groups/ButterfieldTrailCowboys?ref=share_group_link
SASS Georgia State Championship Stampede at South River	5/18/2023 - 5/20/2023	Fast Eddie	404-405-8266	fasteddie76308@hotmail.com	Covington	GA	May	www.srsocowboy.com
SASS California Wild Bunch State Championship	5/19/2023 - 5/21/2023	Frederick Jackson Turner	818-640-0945	cowboyfj@yahoo.com	Panorama City	CA	May	www.PanoramaSportsmansClub.org
SASS Delaware State Championships	5/19/2023 - 5/21/2023	Corkscrew Tom	410-251-2392	corkscrewtom23@gmail.com	Bridgeville	DE	May	www.brpc-de.com
Battle of Rogue River	5/19/2023 - 5/21/2023	Molly b'Dam	541-660-3951	haha@budget.net	Grants Pass	OR	May	merlinmaraudercowboys.com
Thunder in the Brush	5/20/2023 - 5/21/2023	Bucksaw Bob	804-382-3407	uncleobert@msn.com	Mechanicsville	VA	May	www.kcscttall.net
SASS Utah State Blackpowder Championship	5/20/2023 - 5/20/2023	Fargo Kid	435-650-6544	urfargokid@yahoo.com	Price	UT	May	www.thecastlegaposse.net/
King of the Cowboys & Queens of the West	5/21/2023 - 5/21/2023	Lever Action Landon	740-244-1560	kea42219@gmail.com	Marengo	OH	May	www.scotdesperados.com

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High Sierra Shoot Out	5/25/2023 - 5/28/2023	Chance McCall	916-425-5018	tom@rspainting.com	Rail Road Flat	CA	May	<a href="https://cagunslingers.com/">https://cagunslingers.com/</a>
SASS Mississippi State Championship Smokin' Guns at Rabbit Ridge	5/26/2023 - 5/28/2023	Justified	901-335-6152	andyjancs65@gmail.com	Byhalia	MS	May	<a href="http://mississippiriverrangers.org">mississippiriverrangers.org</a>
SASS Pennsylvania State Championship North Mountain Shoot Out	5/26/2023 - 5/28/2023	Black Hills Barb	570-337-3974	bsnyder1@comcast.net	Muncy Valley	PA	May	<a href="http://www.epossegrande.com">www.epossegrande.com</a>
SASS Ohio State Championship Shootout at Hard Times	5/26/2023 - 5/28/2023	Mean Gun Mark	937-219-4376	meangunmark@earthlink.net	Piqua	OH	May	<a href="http://www.miamivalleycowboys.org/">www.miamivalleycowboys.org/</a>
SASS Texas State Championship - Battle of Plum Creek	5/26/2023 - 5/28/2023	Brazos Bo	210-303-6996	brazosbo@hotmail.com	Lockhart	TX	May	<a href="http://www.plumcreekss.org">www.plumcreekss.org</a>
SASS Iowa State Championship Shootout at Coyote Gulch	5/26/2023 - 5/28/2023	Tuco	515-988-2301	acardenas3275@gmail.com	Indianola	IA	May	<a href="http://www.fortdesmoinesrangers.com">www.fortdesmoinesrangers.com</a>
End Of Road	5/26/2023 - 5/28/2023	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missymable3232@gmail.com	Twin Falls	ID	May	<a href="http://www.casidaho.net">www.casidaho.net</a>
SASS Tennessee State Championship	6/1/2023 - 6/3/2023	Whiskey Hayes	931-703-8274	Bill_May@b-f.com	Wartrace	TN	June	<a href="http://www.warraceregulators.com/">www.warraceregulators.com/</a>
SASS Kansas State Championship The Prince of Pistolers	6/1/2023 - 6/3/2023	Cooncan	913-209-3836	cooncan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	June	<a href="http://www.powdercreekcowboys.com">www.powdercreekcowboys.com</a>
SASS Idaho State Championship Renegade Shootout	6/1/2023 - 6/3/2023	Nels Gandy	503-953-5643	nelsgandy@gmail.com	Boise	ID	June	<a href="http://idahocowboyaction.org">idahocowboyaction.org</a>
Ghost Town of the West	6/1/2023 - 6/3/2023	Brer Rabbit	801-913-6823	rabbit54820@gmail.com	Salt Lake City	UT	June	<a href="http://www.utahwar.com">www.utahwar.com</a>
SASS Oregon State Championship 1883/Yellowstone	6/1/2023 - 6/4/2023	Arctic Annie/ Whisperin Wade	541-588-2722	teresa@bsbauctions.com	Redmond	OR	June	<a href="https://rrandgc.com/index.php/cowboy">https://rrandgc.com/index.php/cowboy</a>
Hellfire at Barrister's Junction	6/2/2023 - 6/4/2023	Yankee	781-383-9799	yankeesass266@gmail.com	Foster	RI	June	<a href="http://www.pinetreegunclub.com">www.pinetreegunclub.com</a>
SASS Reckoning on the Rock	6/2/2023 - 6/4/2023	Turkey Legs	815-721-2280	spis4@hotmail.com	Beloit	WI	June	<a href="http://www.beloitrifledclub.org">www.beloitrifledclub.org</a>
SASS MA, CT, and RI State Championship	6/2/2023 - 6/4/2023	Yankee	781-985-0183	yankeesass266@gmail.com	Harvard	MA	June	<a href="http://www.harvardghostriders.com">www.harvardghostriders.com</a>
The Great Spagetti Western	6/3/2023 - 6/4/2023	Kid Ricky Bobby	214-507-7993	pacckcith@yahoo.com	Leonard	TX	June	<a href="http://www.texas10horns.org">www.texas10horns.org</a>
Raid by the Lake	6/3/2023 - 6/3/2023	Double Diamond	760-745-9249	dbrinkmeier1@cox.net	Escondido	CA	June	<a href="http://www.escondidobandidos.org">www.escondidobandidos.org</a>
SASS Oregon Black Powder State Championship Smoke Over Redmond Station	6/5/2023 - 6/5/2023	Lightfoot/ Tetherow Tex LaRue	503-701-1349	gcompton@sprintmail.com	Redmond	OR	June	<a href="http://www.rrandgc.com">www.rrandgc.com</a>
SASS Western Frontiersman Territorial	6/8/2023 - 6/11/2023	Lightfoot	503-701-1349	gcompton@sprintmail.com	Redmond	OR	June	<a href="https://rrandgc.com/index.php/cowboy">https://rrandgc.com/index.php/cowboy</a>
SASS Indiana State Championship Ambush at Paradise	6/9/2023 - 6/11/2023	C. C. Top	574-354-7186	curtbaguns@gmail.com	Erna Green	IN	June	<a href="http://www.paradisepastregulators.com/">www.paradisepastregulators.com/</a>
SASS Maryland State Championship Thunder Valley Days	6/9/2023 - 6/11/2023	Dogmeat Dad	301-253-0578	cmilparis@compuserve.com	Damascus	MD	June	<a href="http://www.damascusivla.org/dwr/dwr.html">www.damascusivla.org/dwr/dwr.html</a>
For the Heck of it	6/9/2023 - 6/11/2023	Pinto Annie	509-520-2789	pintoannie@cowboybullets.com	Dayton	WA	June	<a href="http://cckshooting.com">cckshooting.com</a>
SASS North & South Dakota State Championship Peace in the Valley	6/15/2023 - 6/18/2023	Wild River Rose	701-793-4116	wildriverrose5@aol.com	Enderlin	ND	June	<a href="http://www.sheynenvalleypeacekeepers.com">www.sheynenvalleypeacekeepers.com</a>
Thunder in the Valley	6/16/2023 - 6/18/2023	Boonie Young	440-984-1224	nfwcamaro@gmail.com	Rochester	OH	June	<a href="http://www.firelandspacemakers.com">www.firelandspacemakers.com</a>
SASS Washington State Blackpowder Championship	6/16/2023 - 6/18/2023	Copenhagen Kid	509-863-4501	nativesniper@comcast.net	Medical Lake	WA	June	<a href="http://windy-plains-drifters.com">windy-plains-drifters.com</a>
SASS Battle for Baldknobbers Ridge	6/16/2023 - 6/18/2023	Aretmus Von Schutze	417-208-9142	bearcreekvol@gmail.com	Walnut Shade	MO	June	<a href="http://bearcreekvolunteers.com/">bearcreekvolunteers.com/</a>
Gunfight on the Prairie	6/17/2023 - 6/18/2023	Dirty Deeds	920-896-5128	popcorn1@charter.net	Ripon	WI	June	<a href="http://www.ripongunclub.com">www.ripongunclub.com</a>
SASS Wisconsin Wild Bunch State Championship	6/17/2023 - 6/18/2023	Western Wizard	920-540-7451	robinstag@new.rr.com	Ripon	WI	June	<a href="http://www.ripongunclub.com">www.ripongunclub.com</a>
SASS Nevada Black Powder State Championship	6/20/2023 - 6/21/2023	Bordello Fellow	503-997-1255	gadavore1@hotmail.com	Fernley	NV	June	<a href="http://www.northernnevadacas.com">www.northernnevadacas.com</a>
Annual Roop County Days	6/22/2023 - 6/24/2023	Irish Ike	775-971-4029	jrich455@charter.net	Fernley	NV	June	<a href="http://northernnevadacas.com">northernnevadacas.com</a>
SASS Battle at Adobe Walls	6/22/2023 - 6/24/2023	Howlin Wolf	719-510-7307	sales@mernickchholsters.com	Pampa	TX	June	<a href="http://www.highplainshighwaymen.com">www.highplainshighwaymen.com</a>
Annie Oakley Match	6/23/2023 - 6/25/2023	Sarge	734-320-4941	mzensyuk@aol.com	Plymouth	MI	June	<a href="http://www.cca.com/">http://www.cca.com/</a>
SASS Montana Wild Bunch State Championship	6/23/2023 - 6/25/2023	Montana Redeye	602-309-5263	montanaredeye@icloud.com	Billings	MT	June	<a href="http://www.mtpeacemakers.com/">www.mtpeacemakers.com/</a>
SASS Virginia State Blackpowder Championship Smoke on the Mattaponi	6/24/2023 - 6/24/2023	Potter County Kid	804-241-5418	97graves@gmail.com	West Point	VA	June	<a href="http://www.westpointgunclub.com">www.westpointgunclub.com</a>
SASS Northeast Territorial Black Powder Championship Smoke in the Woods	6/24/2023 - 6/25/2023	Lassiter	937-687-1039	lassiter45@aol.com	Middletown	OH	June	<a href="http://www.middletownsportsmensclub.com/cowboy-range/">http://www.middletownsportsmensclub.com/cowboy-range/</a>
SASS Wisconsin Black Powder State Championship - Smoke in the Hills	6/24/2023 - 6/25/2023	Colonel Carbine	715-790-9959	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	June	<a href="http://www.wowsinc.org">www.wowsinc.org</a>
Hell on Wheels	6/28/2023 - 7/2/2023	Waterboy	307-287-9546	waterboy25286@gmail.com	Cheyenne	WY	June	<a href="http://www.bordervigilantes.com">www.bordervigilantes.com</a>
SASS Alaska State Championship Shootout Under The Midnight Sun	6/30/2023 - 7/3/2023	Flaco Joe	907-982-5097	scottrockett1@gmail.com	Palmer	AK	June	<a href="http://www.alaskacowboyshooting.com">www.alaskacowboyshooting.com</a>
Independence Day Shoot-Out	7/1/2023 - 7/2/2023	Johnny Jingos	541-997-6313	johnnyjingos@yahoo.com	Florence	OR	July	<a href="http://www.siuslawrodogunclub.com">www.siuslawrodogunclub.com</a>
Hinton Hoedown	7/1/2023 - 7/1/2023	Honey Hold This	304-327-3924	jcumby@citlink.net	Hinton	WV	July	N/A
Firecracker Shootout	7/2/2023 - 7/2/2023	Lefty Longridge	661-373-2709	leftylongridge@gmail.com	Piru	CA	July	<a href="http://ctla.com">ctla.com</a>
SASS Nebraska State Championship Cowboy Christmas in July	7/6/2023 - 7/8/2023	Two Gun Papa	308-350-0111	camaropair@gmail.com	Alda	NE	July	<a href="http://www.plattevalleygunslingers.com/">www.plattevalleygunslingers.com/</a>
Shootout On the Sun River	7/7/2023 - 7/10/2023	Just Bob	406-231-0805	robertpowers4@outlook.com	Augusta	MT	July	<a href="http://www.sunriverangers.weebly.com">www.sunriverangers.weebly.com</a>
SASS Minnesota State Championship North Star Showdown	7/7/2023 - 7/9/2023	Gunslinger Grace	515-890-9808	grace.steil81768@gmail.com	Kimball	MN	July	<a href="https://www.gcgunslingers.club/">https://www.gcgunslingers.club/</a>
Violence at Virtue Flats	7/7/2023 - 7/9/2023	Hunt Mountain Drifter	541-212-5840	dan.mcguire@msn.com	Baker City	OR	July	<a href="http://virtueflatsshootist.org">virtueflatsshootist.org</a>
SASS Utah State Championship	7/13/2023 - 7/15/2023	The Wolf of North Springs	435-650-4449	scotto4570@gmail.com	Price	UT	July	<a href="http://www.thecastlegateposse.net/">www.thecastlegateposse.net/</a>
SASS Montana State Championship Battle at Black Horse	7/13/2023 - 7/16/2023	Chiparoo / Jeb's lady	406-727-7625	dljfal@charter.net	Great Falls	MT	July	<a href="http://www.blackhorseshootists.com">www.blackhorseshootists.com</a>
Oregon Trail Shootout	7/14/2023 - 7/16/2023	T. J. Maverick	541-571-4979	tjmaverick@charter.net	La Grande	OR	July	<a href="http://www.lgrpc.com">www.lgrpc.com</a>
All Shotgun Classic	7/15/2023 - 7/16/2023	Redleg Reilly	940-447-6864	tedbrogden@aol.com	Lawton	OK	July	<a href="http://www.shortgrassrangers.com">www.shortgrassrangers.com</a>
The Long Riders 3-Day July Jamboree	7/21/2023 - 7/23/2023	Loco Poco Lobo	585-734-0867	locopocolobo@gmail.com	Shortsville	NY	July	<a href="http://www.long-riders.org/">www.long-riders.org/</a>
The Roundup	7/21/2023 - 7/23/2023	Rowdy Rex	503-866-8993	strick747@frontier.com	Canby	OR	July	<a href="http://www.canbyrodandgunclub.org">www.canbyrodandgunclub.org</a>
Great Nor-Easter	7/22/2023 - 7/23/2023	Doc McCoy	802-363-7162	docmccoy@gmavt.net	Morrisville	VT	July	<a href="http://www.greenmountainmayhem.com">www.greenmountainmayhem.com</a>
Big Sky State Games	7/22/2023 - 7/23/2023	Lascivious Latigo	406-850-3186	whackinquackers@gmail.com	Billings	MT	July	<a href="http://www.mtpeacemakers.com/">www.mtpeacemakers.com/</a>
SASS Illinois Wild Bunch State Championship	7/28/2023 - 7/30/2023	Back 40	618-663-7423	back.40@earthlink.net	Sandoval	IL	July	N/A
West Match	8/4/2023 - 8/6/2023	T-Bone Shorty	425-503-9919	terrysporrongo@comcast.net	Renton	WA	August	<a href="http://www.rucasowboys.com/">www.rucasowboys.com/</a>
Mason Dixon Stampede	8/4/2023 - 8/6/2023	Dutch Coroner	202-330-8545	dutchcoroner82128@gmail.com	Thurmont	MD	August	<a href="http://www.thurmontangers.com">www.thurmontangers.com</a>
Atomic Gunfight	8/4/2023 - 8/5/2023	Missouri Ruffian	208-520-8824	cpv8ng4570@gmail.com	Idaho Falls	ID	August	<a href="http://www.cowboy.scips.org">www.cowboy.scips.org</a>
SASS WESTERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Chorro Valley Shootout	8/9/2023 - 8/13/2023	Sinful	805-286-1188	michaelgarippee@yahoo.com	San Luis Obispo	CA	August	<a href="https://chorrovalleyregulators.com/">https://chorrovalleyregulators.com/</a>
SASS NORTHEAST REGIONAL Championship Guns of August	8/11/2023 - 8/13/2023	Lassiter	937-687-1039	lassiter45@aol.com	Middletown	OH	August	<a href="http://www.middletownsportsmensclub.com/cowboy-range/">www.middletownsportsmensclub.com/cowboy-range/</a>
SASS NORTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	8/16/2023 - 8/20/2023	Missy Mable	208-731-6387	missymable3232@gmail.com	Jerome	ID	August	<a href="http://www.casidaho.net">www.casidaho.net</a>

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SASS New Hampshire/ Vermont State Championship Fracas at Pemi Gulch	8/18/2023 - 8/20/2023	Dakota Joe	603-620-5001	dakota814@msn.com	Holderness	NH	August	www.pemipeacemakers.com/
SASS Illinois State Championship	8/18/2023 - 8/20/2023	Popcorn Kelly	563-650-4606	bohlm@outlook.com	Milan	IL	August	www.illowaregulators.com
Annual 2 Day Camp & Match	8/18/2023 - 8/19/2023	Riverview Rattler	989-400-1057	mpjldon@gmail.com	Breckenridge	MI	August	www.SuckerCreek.org
Border Wars	8/24/2023 - 8/26/2023	Beans Haney	913-244-4960	mhaney715@gmail.com	Parker	KS	August	freestaterangers.com
Fire In The Hills	8/24/2023 - 8/27/2023	Colonel Carbine	715-790-9959	garoth1961@gmail.com	Glenwood City	WI	August	www.wowsinc.org
Wolverton Mountain PeaceKeepers 18th Annual Match "John Wayne - An American Acto	8/25/2023 - 8/27/2023	Evergreen Rose	360-901-5688	baughma@yahoo.com	Ariel	WA	August	www.wolvertonmtnpckkeepers.com
SASS International Black Powder Championship - Fire & Brimstone in Paradise	8/26/2023 - 8/27/2023	C.C. Top	574-354-7189	curtbguns@gmail.com	Erna Green	IN	August	www.paradisepasregulators.com/
SASS Michigan State Championship Wolverine Rangers Range War	9/1/2023 - 9/3/2023	Sinola Kid	734-612-0570	sinolakid@comcast.net	Kimball	MI	September	www.wolverinerangers.org
Cow Camp	9/1/2023 - 9/3/2023	Letori Lawman	717-249-5049	letorlawman@gmail.com	Ickesburg	PA	September	www.perrycountyregulators.com/
SASS Arkansas State Championship Shoot'n in the Shade	9/1/2023 - 9/3/2023	Bulldog McGraw	501-337-9368	bulldogmcgraw@outlook.com	Hot Springs	AR	September	www.mvsonline.com
SASS Virginia State Championship Gunfight at the Double-C	9/2/2023 - 9/4/2023	Major B. S. Walker	804-307-2980	majorbswalker@gmail.com	Montpelier	VA	September	www.cavaliercowboys.org
RoughRider Roundup	9/2/2023 - 9/4/2023	Rod-Iron-Rip	701-223-3085	ripsroast@bismidco.net	Moffit	ND	September	www.dakotaroughriders.com
SASS Kansas State Wild Bunch Championship	9/2/2023 - 9/3/2023	Cooncan	913-209-3836	cooncan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	September	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
Standoff at Smokey Point	9/8/2023 - 9/10/2023	Mudflat Mike	425-335-5176	tmperin@comcast.net	Arlington	WA	September	www.smokeypointdesperados.org
Shootout at Stoney Bottom	9/8/2023 - 9/10/2023	Badfinger Bodene	419-205-0114	badfinger66@gmail.com	Gibsonburg	OH	September	www.ourcowboys.org
SASS Colorado State Championship-10th Annual Return of the Buffalo to the Plains	9/8/2023 - 9/10/2023	Sixty-Nine Cent Wizard	970-396-9010	sixty9centwizard@aol.com	Briggsdale	CO	September	www.briggsdalecountyshootists.com
SASS Maine State Championship Great Maine Gunfight	9/8/2023 - 9/10/2023	Tyler Tornado	207-272-7119	lylet@husson.edu	Berwich	ME	September	www.shootingbuns.org/mainemarshals/
SASS Four Corners Territorial Black Powder Championship Smoke at the Gate	9/9/2023 - 9/9/2023	The Wolf of North Springs	435-650-4449	scotto4570@gmail.com	Price	UT	September	www.thecastlegaposse.net/
Gunfight along the Chisholm Trail	9/9/2023 - 9/10/2023	Monco	316-491-3249	danny38fp@gmail.com	Benton	KS	September	ctga.com
SASS Colorado State Championship 9th Annual Return of the Buffalo to the Plains	9/9/2023 - 9/11/2023	Sixty Nine Cent Wizard	970-396-9010	sixty9centwizard@aol.com	Briggsdale	CO	September	www.briggsdalecountyshootists.com
SASS MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Gunsmoke	9/13/2023 - 9/16/2023	Bronco Kate	507-269-2230	broncate45@gmail.com	Morristown	MN	September	cedarvalleyvigilantes.com
SASS Idaho State Wild Bunch Championship	9/15/2023 - 9/17/2023	Idaho Six Gun Sam	208-866-7271	sixgunsam45acp@gmail.com	Emmett	ID	September	www.gcgc.org
Ambush at Canyon Walls	9/15/2023 - 9/17/2023	Johnny Pinebox	406-531-4116	johnny.and.may@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT	September	www.BitterrootBuckaroos.com
SASS Missouri State Wild Bunch Championship Pershing's Own	9/15/2023 - 9/17/2023	Handlebar Scratch	417-865-5953	handlebar@thegungraver.com	Walnut Shade	MO	September	bearcreekvolunteers.com/
SASS Southwest Territorial Wild Bunch Missouri Championship	9/15/2023 - 9/17/2023	Handlebar Scratch	417-865-5953	handlebar@thegungraver.com	Walnut Shade	MO	September	bearcreekvolunteers.com/
SASS New Mexico State Championship	9/15/2023 - 9/17/2023	Captain Jack Houston	505-463-6216	clnorfolk@msn.com	Albuquerque	NM	September	www.riogranderenegades.org
Annual BBQ Appreciation Match	9/16/2023 - 9/17/2023	Pinto Being	970-270-4853	pschuttl@msn.com	Whitewater	CO	September	www.tmscha.com
Shootout on the Little River	9/16/2023 - 9/16/2023	Goliath	229-244-3161	bigboyl@gmail.com	Valdosta	GA	September	www.vvc.lrsa.info
Shootout At Helderado	9/21/2023 - 9/24/2023	Lead Nickel	707-391-5991	frednickel@comcast.net	Ukiah	CA	September	www.ukiahriflandpistol.com
SASS Missouri Black Powder State Championship - Show-Me Shootout	9/22/2023 - 9/24/2023	Longshot John	417-299-7635	easymav12@yahoo.com	Marshfield	MO	September	www.so-mo-rangers.com
SASS West Virginia State Championship	9/22/2023 - 9/24/2023	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citlink.net	Great Cacapon	WV	September	www.wvcass.org
T-Town Shoot Out	9/23/2023 - 9/24/2023	Sheriff J. W. Hopkins	785-640-3742	sheriff.hopkins@hotmail.com	Topeka	KS	September	www.capitalcitycowboys.org
SASS Nevada Wild Bunch State Championship	9/27/2023 - 9/27/2023	Beaver	702-610-6455	scott-lefevre@msn.com	Boulder City	NV	September	www.eldoradocowboys.com
Battle at the Crossroads	9/28/2023 - 9/30/2023	Scott Wayne	918-285-0543	mcac842565@aol.com	Cushing	OK	September	Lincolncountycowboys.com
SASS Southeast Regional Ambush at Cavern Cove	9/28/2023 - 9/30/2023	Marshal T. K. D.	256-830-5454	goffkd@bellsouth.net	Woodville	AL	September	www.northalabamaregulators.com
High Noon at Tusco	9/29/2023 - 10/1/2023	Prairie Dawg	216-334-9749	lpolsig@yahoo.com	Midvale	OH	September	www.tuscolongriders.com
SASS Nevada State Championship Eldorado	9/29/2023 - 9/30/2023	Mojave Rose	702-808-5476	eldoradocowboysnv@gmail.com	Boulder City	NV	September	www.eldoradocowboys.com
SASS Michigan Wild Bunch State Championship Shootout at Bloody Porch	9/30/2023 - 10/1/2023	Sinola Kid	734-612-0570	sinolakid@comcast.net	Saginaw	MI	September	www.wolverinerangers.org
Shootout at the Painted Desert	10/6/2023 - 10/8/2023	Monty Rio	928-243-4471	bco173rd@yahoo.com	St. Johns	AZ	October	www.wmows.com
Buzzard Boil	10/6/2023 - 10/8/2023	Double Tap Taylor	860-384-0543	ljfisherman@yahoo.com	Coventry	CT	October	www.CTValleyBushwackers.com
SASS National Championship Land Run	10/7/2023 - 10/15/2023	Flat Top Okie	405-409-9442	flattopokie@gmail.com	Oklahoma City	OK	October	www.cowboy.okcgunclub.org
Missouri/ Arkansas Border Wars	10/7/2023 - 10/7/2023	Ozark Captain	417-372-2993	ozarkcaptain@gmail.com	Mountain Home	AR	October	www.twinklakesgunclub.com
Huntsman World Senior Games	10/9/2023 - 10/14/2023	Bit Younger	435-239-4014	clark_poulton@q.com	Hurricane	UT	October	www.dixiedesperados.com
Peacefuls End of Track at High Sierra	10/12/2023 - 10/15/2023	Grizzly Peak Jake	510-703-8064	trb94611@yahoo.com	Railroad Flat	CA	October	https://cagunslingers.com/
SASS Wisconsin State Championship Fandango!	10/13/2023 - 10/15/2023	Flyen Doc Koyote	608-790-3260	kunesmark@gmail.com	Holmen	WI	October	www.wwildbunch.com/
Biggest Little Match	10/13/2023 - 10/15/2023	Pinto Annie	509-520-2789	pintoannie@cowboybullets.com	Dayton	WA	October	www.ccshooting.com
SASS West Virginia Wild Bunch State Championship	10/14/2023 - 10/15/2023	Last Word	304-289-6098	lastword@citlink.net	Great Cacapon	WV	October	www.wvcass.org
Annual Charity Shoot	10/14/2023 - 10/14/2023	Moonshine Maker	814-658-3143	bariley@comcast.net	Holidaysburg	PA	October	www.pahcsa.com
SASS New Jersey State Championship Purgatory in The Pines	10/20/2023 - 10/22/2023	El Diablo Gringo	973-662-0785	dave@servpro9326.com	Jackson	NJ	October	www.jacksonholegang.com
SASS Arizona State Championship Bordertown	10/24/2023 - 10/29/2023	Quicksand	520-290-8599	pikcoyle@msn.com	Tombstone	AZ	October	www.bordertowncas.com
Halloween Match	10/28/2023 - 10/29/2023	Sweetwater Bill	303-366-8827	bbs50140@msn.com	Byers	CO	October	www.sandcreekraiders.com
Halloween	10/28/2023 - 10/29/2023	Shady McLarry	817-980-7206	rickeymarsh@charter.net	Cleburne	TX	October	www.lfsc.com/
SASS Kansas Black Powder State Championship	10/28/2023 - 10/29/2023	Cooncan	913-209-3836	cooncan.pcc@gmail.com	Lenexa	KS	October	www.powdercreekcowboys.com
SASS North Carolina State Championship Uprising at Swearing Creek	11/2/2023 - 11/4/2023	Noah Fitz	828-851-1910	Noahfitz.nccci@yahoo.com	Salisbury	NC	November	SASSncowboys.com
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SASS Louisiana State Championship	11/10/2023 - 11/12/2023	Dusty Sometimes	225-771-9923	dusty_sometimes@yahoo.com	Amite	LA	November	www.bayoubounyhunters.com
Shootout on the Santa Fe	11/11/2023 - 11/11/2023	Toothpick	352-284-4244	dwight@jesseman.org	Fort White	FL	November	www.fwcc.net
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