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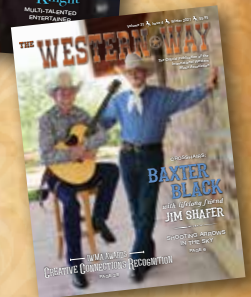
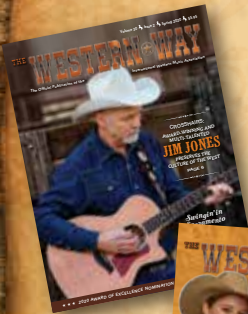


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LAND RUN 2023 SASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING™

BY FLAT TOP OKIE, SASS #80827

As always, the Grand Finale was a formal banquet at The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum or, as we call it, the Cowboy Hall of Fame. It saddens me that every year there are fewer real banquets at matches, as I think to be able to honor our winners in a setting like this is awesome. This setting is, without a doubt, the absolute best Cowboy venue in America and we are so lucky to have it in Oklahoma City.

The SASS National Champions were also Overall Winners, with



Gunslinger Grace (SASS #81768) The SASS National Ladies Champion and Missouri Lefty (SASS #91721) Overall

Champion. Congratulations to these fine young shooters, whom I believe represent SASS in a very positive way.

The match began many months earlier for our Match Director, Missouri Mae (SASS #16327), me, and our executive committee, and I would be remiss if I didn't identify them so you all would be aware of what goes on behind the scenes.

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Coordinator

The match started for Mae and me on January 1 when we opened online registration. We had so many shooters who stayed up until midnight to register that our website crashed, but fortunately we solved the problem by bypassing the website and everyone who was trying to register was successful.

This was only the beginning, as The Territorial Marshals and OKC Gun Club volunteers began working on the range to have it ready for approximately 700 shooters. I think everyone will agree the greatest improvement was replacing large rocks with much smaller ones on stage row. Isn't it refreshing to know sometimes someone listens to you.

The match began for the rest of you on Tuesday with warm up matches.

All bays were made available for side matches because we knew many of you had never shot at our range. Hopefully, this helped familiarize newcomers with the bays and props. We had almost 600 shooters for warm up matches.

Wednesday brought more warm ups and side matches. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked a side match. We could not have done it without you and a special thanks to Fairplay John (SASS #63453) and Bristlecone Jan (SASS #72773) who volunteered to run our long range side matches and Artemus Von Schutz (SASS #106783) who stepped up and ran the Plainsman Mini Match after Chile Pepper Pete (SASS #11917) was unable to attend.

Wednesday also brought us the swap meet. It has grown to the point we could no longer staff it, so selling goods and collecting the money became the shooter's responsibility.

But the highlight of the day Wednesday was The Land Run Opening Ceremony and SASS Hall of Fame induction at The Cowboy Hall of Fame. We had more than 400 attend the festivities to honor four very deserving SASS Honorees — Captain George Baylor (SASS #24287), Dillon Precision, Misty Moonshine (SASS #83232),

and Santa Fe River Stan (SASS #36999). Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you for your many contributions.

It seems moving the national championship to middle America is working, as more and more shooters who have never been able to attend a national or world championship are attending. We again drew shooters from 46 states and two foreign countries and continue to have many shooters who have never attended a national or world championship.

Before we move on to the main match, I would like to acknowledge our sponsors. Without their generosity, the matches would not be the same.

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The match started bright and early Thursday morning with the safety meeting for flight one. Before we knew it, the day was finished, 36 posses had completed four stages, and everyone seemed happy with the stages and scenarios. We didn't schedule any evening activities for Thursday to allow our shooters to shop and enjoy their choice of many fine restaurants in the Edmond and Oklahoma City area.

Friday morning the shooting started with a bang and we were off and running. Thanks to the posse marshals, we stayed on track and finished three flights in time to enjoy one or both of our Friday events.

In the saloon, we had three local distillers showing and allowing us to sample their products and even purchase if we chose. Thanks to Castle Spirits and Vicki and Russell Thorpe for coordinating this event. For those who chose to stay and enjoy a cigar, we had several different brands and types to sample.



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LAND RUN 2023 COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS

A special thanks to our costume contest judges Tacky Jackie (SASS #99684), Captain George Baylor (SASS #24287), Shooting Iron Miller (SASS #85140), and to all the Best Dressed pictured here.

For those with more exotic taste, we had Margaritaville in the Pavilion. Thanks to Hawkshaw Fred (SASS #36811), Annie Devine (SASS #103798), and Hot Tamale (SASS #78531) and all the volunteers who helped serve. This was all for a good cause with the proceeds going to local volunteer fire departments.

Saturday dawned and we all were waiting for the solar eclipse. None of us really knew what to expect, but we were all safe, thanks to Missouri Mae, who provided the safety eyewear. But alas, unlike the rest of the week, the eclipse turned out to be uneventful, although very cool. Fortunately, the shooting Saturday progressed as planned and we had scores turned in before 4:00 and all that was left was compiling, checking, and double checking.

On to the banquet hall we go, where side matches, costume contest winners, and 55 category champions were crowned. Lest we not forget to recognize, 130 shooters were clean. No misses, no penalties for twelve stages in three days. Congrats to you all.

Listed below, by category, are the SASS National Champions. The final results, for all placements, can be found on our website at Cowboy.OKCGunClub.org. We once again awarded our junior shooters separately.

Sunday morning means two things. First, we hold The Top Gun Match for the top 16 men and top 16 women. This is a head to head competition with a big crowd watching and you only have one chance to show what you can do. When the smoke had cleared our Top Gun Winners were Cobra Cat (SASS #19275) and Midwest Hale (SASS #106614).

This brought Land Run 2023 to a close and we appreciate everyone attending and helping us have a successful match. Please come again and tell all your friends. In 2024 the SASS National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting will begin on October 8.



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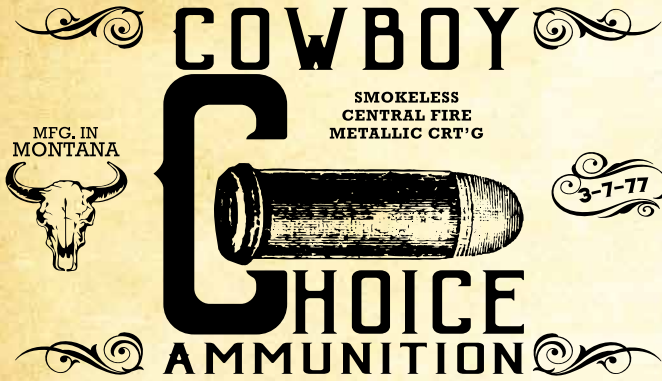
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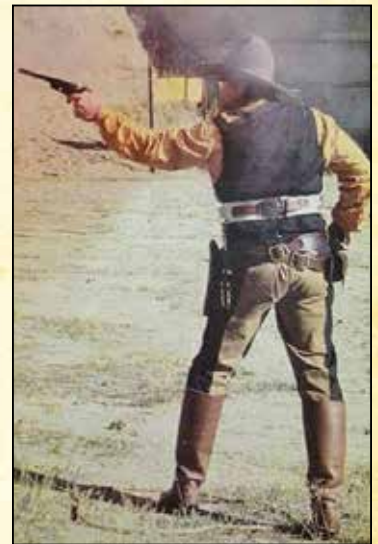
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LAND RUN 2024 WILD BUNCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BY DUSTY BODDAMS, SASS #1907

PHOTOS BY HONDO TWEED, SASS#99043

Wild Bunch at its best! Hondo Tweed and his legendary Rough Riders just finished producing, without a doubt, the finest Wild Bunch Nationals ever in its long and storied history. A very quick and easy check in rewarded the competitor with a really nice high-quality swag bag. Inside the bag were several useful items, including an interesting Oklahoma history booklet, an American flag, Land Run sticker, a pocket-size note book, a high-quality pen, along with the shooter badge, stage description booklet, and a commemorative t-shirt! Saturday started with some warm-up stages to knock off rust or to re-familiarize with that thing on the front of the pistol called “the front sight.” Only, in addition for those folks already warmed up and ready to play, two categories were offered to be shot with the warm-up. These were Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy. These two categories work flawlessly along with Modern and Traditional shooting. Simple and easy to do with a few additional ar500 targets placed strategically at each stage to gain distance or to reduce target size, it was very simple to allow TR and DB resulting in the classic equation, “more guns = more fun!” Everyone shooting the warm-up seemed to have a great time but those shooting TR and DB appeared to have a great time!

Also held this day was the SASS scholarship fundraiser called “Tunnel Rat.” This featured 21 clay targets, including the start which was the biggest Texas Star ever seen, with clay birds stuck on the ends. First shot started the contraption spinning. Then you moved into the hallway (targets left and right), fighting to the end for a big time kill ‘em all shoot fest! The entry fee of \$10.00 was gladly and willfully paid to participate in this worthy endeavor. You could pay another \$10 and shoot again. On to the



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Wild Bunch reception where gracious hosts had fancy finger foods and beverages for all the competitors.

Sunday Morning dawned beautiful and bright through the early rays of the Sun, a pledge of allegiance and the bowing of heads to our lord. A welcoming of all competitors along with a to-the-point safety meeting. Then the glorious thunder of cannon fire signaled the start of the shooting day — a big, big day! Five main stages of 10 total had competitors shooting big targets, little targets, big and little targets (on the same stage). all

were interesting and all were fun. Wild Bunch shooters compare stages not by “what was your time?” They compare by stage design. Most don't remember what time they shot a particular stage. They do remember it as “you know the one that had four separate Nevada sweeps from the center circle,” etc. With five stages shot, we all stampeded the food truck (excellent by the way — onion burgers). My gosh they are good! After lunch the side matches were opened up and they were attacked with great enthusiasm to say the least. Fastest rifle, fastest pistol, fastest



pocket pistol (think Colt hammerless .32), fastest 1917 revolver, and fastest shotgun. Working up an appetite with all that gun handling paid off because the Oklahoma Rough Riders had one more fundraiser and that was supper. There was not a set amount to pay — you paid what you wanted to. This is where it got interesting I think about 60 folks attended and raised just over \$1,000! Adding in the money from the Tunnel Rat brought the total to \$1400. This says a lot about how generous this group of Wild Bunch shooters are.

Monday morning started the quest direct to the stages and with the roaring thunder of EJ's cannon we were off! Five more great stages that were more technical than the previous day's made for exciting stages that were all crowd pleasers. For my posse, last stage we shot was the Mine Shaft. Starting outside this structure, rifle in hand, seven quick shots at distant targets. Ground the rifle and move into the main shaft, shooting targets with the shotgun to the left and right. Grounding the shotgun, the shooter made his way to the end of the stage where six targets needed a little frontier justice — but not just any justice... They needed Oklahoma justice in the two-step form. That's right, the infamous Oklahoma two-step! What a great way to end a match! Overall Match Winners were Shell Stuffer, SASS #33146 (Men) and Bootless Loon, SASS #108952 (Ladies). Visit <http://cowboy.okcgunclub.org/land-run/land-run-2023/> for complete results.

Gosh, I just sounded like that ended the shooting. Nope. The Oklahoma rough riders like to shoot and want to give you every opportunity to shoot all kinds of great guns. It was time for more side matches! A favorite is BAMB, shooting slightly more than 100 yards. Three plates were engaged — small, medium, and one that thought it was big because it was bigger than the other two. It wasn't. Teddy Roosevelt long range for the rifle caliber lever rifles, where it's legal to shoot model 14 Remington pumps along with the usual lever actions, and '95 Winchesters and Savage '99s are free to compete. Sporting clays anyone? A full-blown commercial setup with professionals operating the match made for an exciting true Five Stand, complete with the rabbit. This is a side match dedicated to Goatneck Clem and featured two plate racks, dueling tree, Texas Star, and small lollipop popper. Then at 5:00 everyone gathered for the top gun. This was woman on woman or man on man, 14 pistol, 4 rifle3 shotgun per round of elimination. This is fun to watch and fun to be in the event — top shooters side by side in a flat out drag race, top shooters challenging others to shoot head shots (smaller targets) only. Some accepting! Captain Sam Evans (SASS #16788) took home the Top Gun Award.

Now it was time for the world famous chicken fried steak by Big John Elder. Oh, and the awards ceremony, which at this wild Bunch event was boisterous and fun with, the electricity

of excitement filling the air. Of course, as probably already noted, Hondo Rough Riders do everything top notch, so of course the chicken fried steak was the best ever.

Top three in each category received the swankiest buckle to be seen. Fourth through tenth received nice top ten buckles. The winners, in addition to receiving SASS Championship buckles, also received a top overall extra-fancy extra-large Oklahoma Land Run buckle and a free entry to EOT. The side match winners were treated to very high-quality plaques that were leather bound and outstanding in their own right. The side matches are of major importance to Wild Bunch competitors and the quality of these awards shows the Oklahoma Rough Riders know and appreciate that. I guess in a rambling closing it should be said winners won and shooters shot but only one cleaned the match and won their chosen category. Hoodoo Brown (SASS #30515) committed this rare achievement in shooting excellence. Going to the Nationals is a great experience. This one was better than the last and I have full confidence the next will be even better. Many, many range and parking improvements directly affecting the competitors' range comfort, whether it be more gravel, berm improvements, or air conditioning in the restrooms! Everything they do just keeps getting better!

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WILD BUNCH ACTION SHOOTING EVOLVES IN 2024

BY MISTY MOONSHINE, SASS #83232 CEO



A new year means a new beginning in many areas of our lives — and in the SASS world, 2024 will usher in an evolution of the sport of Wild Bunch Action Shooting® (WBAS™).

WBAS is typified by the use of a 1911 semi-auto-loading pistol along with pistol-caliber lever action or pump rifle of that period, and shotgun. The game provides competitive exploits that pay homage to the turn of the century soldiers and cowboys who now have the “new and improved” single action, the 1911.

WBAS has enjoyed a number of passionate enthusiasts since its inception; first as a popular side match at Cowboy Action Shooting® (CAS®) matches, then as WBAS evolved into a standalone shooting discipline under the SASS Shooting Sports umbrella by 2009. Unlike CAS, however, WBAS had its own separate committee, subgroups, and leadership; exempt from standard SASS governance protocol, the Territorial Governor program.

For more than a decade, WBAS has been primarily constructed for

a customer base outside the current SASS membership and active Cowboy Action Shooters. When the rules and guidelines were promulgated, decisions were made to exclude certain CAS-legal firearms and calibers in an attempt to separate WBAS from CAS as much as possible with the vision that the sport would be more appealing and garner interest from competitors from the other action shooting disciplines (IPSC, IDPA, etc.)... leaving previous SASS/CAS competitors the choice of either buying new firearms to keep playing or stop shooting Wild Bunch. While some did comply with the new firearms requirements, most walked away, and the overall participation numbers reflect that choice.

SASS is a business, an international membership organization formed in 1987 with the mission to preserve and promote the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™. SASS and CAS ultimately gave birth to Wild Bunch Action Shooting — and as such now includes WBAS in its mission. SASS works diligently to evaluate and identify trends in the organization, identify opportunities for membership growth and improved member retention strategies, and outline clear objectives and action plans that will directly lead to the continued growth, development, and sustainability of the SASS membership program.

The dedication and contributions of the early WBAS leadership, its ROC, its prior ambassadors, competitors, and early visionaries are not to be discounted in any way by these changes. Their commitment to promoting WBAS was beyond admirable. The changes are intended to increase participation, make the sport more appealing to our existing customer base, and foster growth.

Change is difficult for most of us and while we all know the saying, “its not personal, its business,” in SASS our members are at the heart of everything we do and every decision we make. It is personal — not just for our members, but for all of us. We strive to have the insight to think deeply about our members’ needs, aspirations, interests, and vulnerabilities to ensure a richer and more enduring relationship built on respect. A thorough analysis is the

foundation of a successful plan to assist in the identification and development of potential new markets, to keep tabs on marketing trends and develop strategies to stay ahead of changing market conditions, to ensure optimal program development, and to improve the overall experience and enhance value for our members.

Periodically, every aspect of SASS as a business undergoes a thorough analysis. We examine and evaluate demands and identify solutions to potential challenges. In late 2022 and early 2023, it was WBAS’ turn. After more than a decade, the sport had become stagnant in terms of growth and overall participation. A complete 10-year analysis was performed, as well as a contracted SWOT analysis. The results painted a clear picture that it was time for something to change in order to increase participation in the sport. *“Study the past if you would define the future.” — Confucius*

SASS had many early converts from Action Shooting disciplines (IPSC, IDPA, etc.) to Cowboy Action Shooting™. The purpose of WBAS should be to introduce and attract as many shooters as possible to the game — and into SASS. The question was (and is), “From where will SASS draw its WBAS competitors?” The two obvious choices are from within the current ranks of SASS members and Cowboy Action Shooting™ competitors. The vast majority of our present WBAS members originated from the current ranks as Wild Bunch Action Shooting evolved from a fun and popular side match held at Cowboy Action Shooting™ matches — growing into its own shooting discipline under the SASS umbrella. Or, from the “outside world” of present day “action shooting” competitors (e.g., IPSC, IDPA, etc.). For more than a decade, the latter have been courted to join by way of modeling the sports framework and philosophy in a way that was thought to be appealing to non-SASS shooters. This focus, however, has not been successful.

Wild Bunch Action Shooting is a SASS product. As with any product in any business, it is imperative to conduct periodic evaluations of your products to gauge the level of their popularity, growth, and sustainability. Just

as you wouldn't keep a product that no one wanted to buy stocked on your shelves in a retail store just because you love it just the way it is, SASS is tasked with a similar situation concerning WBAS. If a product doesn't sell well and you believe in the product, you must attempt to alter the product to make it more attractive to customers. The only alternative is to stop carrying the product completely. SASS believes that WBAS adds value to its family, its members- and ultimately, to the whole of the shooting sports industry.

Effective January 2024, Wild Bunch Action Shooting will move under the purview of SASS and be managed within the existing governing structure — just as CAS has been for decades. SASS will provide the structure and guidelines that have proven successful in Cowboy Action Shooting™ for more than 40 years. It is paramount that Wild Bunch Action Shooting become a “game of the people.” The shooters' voices need to be heard through their clubs by using the Territorial Governor (TG) program to represent their interests with SASS and for further evolution of the sport. Key leadership groups will include the Territorial Governors, a Wild Bunch RO Committee and Regional Chief ROs. Every SASS affiliated club with an active WBAS program will elect a Wild Bunch Territorial Governor. Criteria and qualifications for TGs can be found on our website or by contacting us at SASS Headquarters.

In addition to governance protocol, a thorough review of current practices in the game itself has been conducted to address the lack of growth and dismal participation in the period analyzed. The idea of standardizing and encouraging a high difficulty level through high caliber, limited firearm requirements, high power factor, more difficult targets/placement, and high round counts not only alienated our CAS market but has also made zero impact on making the sport — or joining SASS — appealing to new “outside” shooters/members.

FIREARMS

While there are no changes to the firearm requirements in relation to the handgun (the 1911), the exclusion of the .38 caliber rifle during the con-

struct of a formal, codified set of rules for WBAS eliminated and excluded the established, existing customer base of current CAS shooters and SASS members. The inclusion of any SASS legal rifle in .38 caliber will now be added to the approved firearms list for WBAS. Just as with rifles, several CAS legal shotguns that had been previously excluded will now be allowed in WBAS. These include the '87 and the double barrel. These firearm allowances potentially get more participation in the sport by allowing current SASS members and CAS shooters the ability to utilize the long guns (and ammunition!) they already own.

CATEGORIES

At any SASS sanctioned championship event there will be no changes to the existing categories of Modern and Traditional. They can, at the Match Directors' discretion, be broken out into Ladies and Senior categories as well. Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy will be added to the SASS recognized main match categories for Wild Bunch Action Shooting at any SASS sanctioned match. The parameters for Teddy Roosevelt and Doughboy are already in place. Junior categories may also be offered at the Match Directors' discretion.

At the local level, SASS affiliated clubs will have the opportunity to offer a WBAS program with the inclusion of a SASS recognized Open Category. The parameters for the Open category are outlined in the WBAS Shooters Handbook and RO guide for reference and allows any single stack 1911 (No PF), any SASS legal rifle in .32 caliber or larger, and any SASS legal shotgun. The addition of a SASS-endorsed Open Class for WBAS at the local level will encourage clubs to begin offering a WBAS program in their area and bring those clubs (who already are known in some areas as “Mild Bunch”) into SASS compliance while offering them a tremendous resource of support and guidance for the Open Class. The Open Category will not be offered at any WBAS competition within the SASS Sanctioned Championship program.

THE SHOOTING

It is important to remember that

Wild Bunch Action Shooting is an action shooting sport that promotes speed, action, and accuracy. It is not a bullseye competition. WBAS Match Directors have the discretion and should ensure that targets and sequences are appropriate for all competitors. Making target placement and shooting sequences too difficult will keep the shooters from coming back. “Clean” shooters are happy shooters. Happy shooters come back. SASS has adjusted the recommended target placement, size, and round counts. While higher round counts at WBAS matches are expected (those 1911 mag changes are just plain FUN!) round counts should not be to the point of deterring shooters from enjoying the sport — either by reason of physical limitations or the cost of ammunition in today's economy. Refer to the January 2024 version of the WBAS Shooters Handbook for details.

What happens now? Any additional evolution of the sport of WBAS beyond these initial changes will occur organically — from the shooters who play the game and the clubs who work to present the programs and matches — via their Territorial Governors rallying for change.

Club support and resources are always available by reaching out to us at SASS headquarters. Our team at SASS will work to provide all SASS affiliated clubs with the support and resources needed to present a thriving CAS and WBAS experience for our shared members. It is important every club elects a Territorial Governor to ensure their club is represented in the sport of WBAS. We encourage you to engage in open dialogue and consider taking an active role in shaping the future of the sport.



SKINNY'S SOAPBOX

PRINTED VERSUS DIGITAL ISSUES

In his regular column, elsewhere in this issue, Capt. Baylor comments, "...a 'hard' copy [has] about four times the readership of the online issues. Given the average age of our readership, I don't doubt this is probably true, and yet I don't really understand. Baylor goes on to say the digital issues are easier on his aging eyes than print versions, and I must confess I have now gotten to the point where digital issues are easier on my eyes. Since we mostly all have computers with large screens, and since we have the capability with PDFs of enlarging the image as much as we like, we can make the type in a digital issue big enough to be easily read, rather than straining to read (sometimes with a magnifying glass) the 10-point type in a printed edition. And yet the printed issues have about four times the readership... I don't get it.

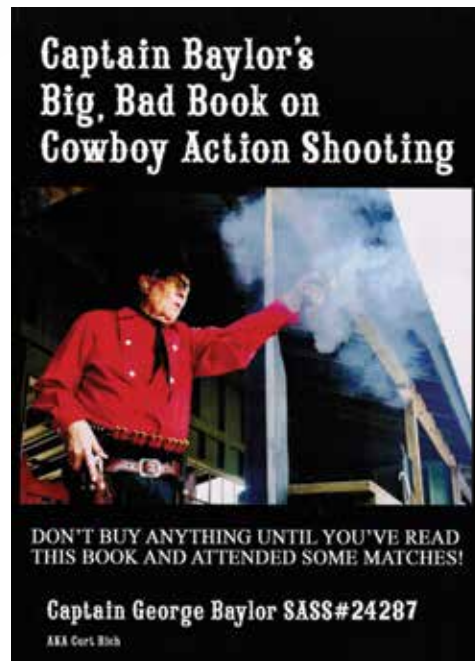
Moreover, with virtual editions, you can store literally thousands of issues on a single computer, ready for easy access whenever you like, as opposed to stacking them up in your garage to eventually force your vehicle out onto road, and to eventually grow mildewed and rat-infested. And yet the printed issues have about four times the readership... I don't get it.

Pair all that up with the reality that online issues cost SASS infinitely less money to produce than printed issues — money that could be used to provide more issues per year — and I reiterate... I really don't understand why more people don't prefer digital magazines.

Now don't misunderstand and don't get upset. SASS has no intention of discontinuing its policy of printing two issues per year and providing an additional two online-only issues. That practice will go on for the foreseeable future. But readers could be getting six issues (or possibly more) per year rather than four, so this is just me ruminating.

If this has swayed your thinking in any way and if you think you might

consider accepting digital-only issues exclusively if it meant getting more issues, please let SASS know.



CAPTAIN BAYLOR'S BIG, BAD BOOK ON COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING™ REDUX

Last issue, I mentioned Capt. George Baylor's latest publication. But since that was a digital issue and therefore had less readership than this edition (^_^) I thought another mention was in order. Even though *Captain Baylor's Big, Bad Book on Cowboy Action Shooting™* is quite a mouthful, it might as easily be called "Cowboy Action Shooting™ for Dummies," as it delves into a vast array of need-to-know items about Cowboy Action Shooting. His book is filled with helpful tidbits for new shooters and seasoned old-timers alike. In perusing it, I found myself thinking, "I didn't know that" or "I'd forgotten about that" on several occasions. It truly is a volume every Cowboy Action Shooter™ should own.

You can find it at Amazon.com or, if you see Capt. Baylor at a match, he'll probably have some for sale with him. I bet he'll even sign it for you...

—Skinny (SASS #7361)

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ANNUAL MATCHES

AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL 2023

BY DUG DEEPER, SASS #27070

Well Cowboys and Cowgirls, the dust has settled on another great match, the 2023 SASS Australian Regionals, “Another Roll of The Dice,” and the “Heartland Territorial,” held at the Gold Coast Pistol Club on the Gold Coast Queensland, “Holiday Capital of Australia” and the home of the “Gamblers.” Some Cowboys may not know a lot about the Gold Coast Pistol Club and the Gamblers, So here is a little of the background to this great SASS-affiliated club. First off, you may know one of our cowboys Deslaredo (SASS #91085). He regularly publishes Cowboy poetry in *The Cowboy Chronicle*. If you haven't read his work, it's worth a visit.

This is the first time the regionals have been shot at this range, but the Gamblers have a rich history of putting on quality matches. They have in the past hosted the Asia Pacific Masters Games on five separate occasions after convincing the organizers of that event to allow Cowboy Action Shooting™ to be part of their programme. I can tell you, everyone loves a Cowboy. We were flavor of the month in the game's village every night. The organizers played videos of the Cowboy matches almost continuously on the big screen. The Gamblers have also hosted four Trans-Tasman matches, the “Duel Down Under.” This is an annual international match between Australia and New Zealand, shot in Australia one year and New Zealand the next. The Gamblers also run club matches on the first, third, and fifth Saturdays and first and fifth Sundays of each month.

The match they are most noted for is The Heartland Territorial. The brainchild of Dug Deeper, Dagger Jack (SASS #24367) and Damian Faith (Virgil Earp, SASS #4299). This match has been on the Australian match calendar since July, 2000 and is the longest-running Territorial being shot in Australia. It has grown to be a four-day match. It has a reputation for being one of the best matches in Australia, well organized with great



AUSTRALIA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS CLANCY AND R C SHOT

stages, with targets up close and personal, and all the side and speed matches you could want. Quality buckles/trophies for all place getters in the main match and all side events plus a generous prize table with firearms, knives, and shooting paraphernalia up for grabs. A shooters bag with lots of goodies, great food, free lunch and breakfast, air conditioned club and function rooms, licensed bar, free camping and bunkhouse accommodation, and the most important thing of all — the best competitors.

With the opportunity of Hosting the Regionals came the added responsibility to improve on the already successful Heartland Territorial. The match was expanded to become a six-day event from Tuesday July 25 to Sunday July 30. The wagons started to roll in from Sunday with the early birds staking their claims to their preferred camp sites and bunk house positions. The gamblers were still putting the final touches to the Cowboy Town that had popped up where a shooting club used to be. By day's end, they were eager

to sit for a while with the early arrivals to share a meal and a drink, catching up on what's happened since we last met. Setting the scene for the great week ahead.

Tuesday day one saw the first day of competition with the Plainsman Match. This is an all-black powder match over four stages. The match was well attended and shot in perfect conditions, sun shining and 22 degrees Celsius (about 72° F). First shot was at 9:00 a.m. and the day was completed by 1:00 p.m. The Overall Cowboy Winners were R C Shot (SASS # 56873), Painted Mohawk (SASS #77785), and Johnny Behan (SASS #100281). And in Traditional, Cro (SASS #106817), Deadly (SASS #243769), and Renegade Ty (SASS #81491). The junior winner was Renegade's daughter Stitch Em Up (SASS #109450). Then gear was put away and lunch was served. After that, for some the RO1 course beckoned, while the call was more in the refreshments and tall tales department sitting on the club's large undercover balcony area for others. That



night was gambling, more tall tales and drinks, plus catching up with old friends in the club cantina.

Wednesday day two dawned on another perfect day. The movement started early with everyone organizing their gear in readiness for another early start. This time it was The Roosevelt Match — this is a Wild Bunch Match with a few necessary changes to make the match comply with local Weapons Registry Rules — the first time this match has been shot at a major event. Again, very well attended growing in popularity with the competitors swapping their single action revolvers for their much-loved 1911s. The match was completed by 1:00 p.m. in time for lunch. The Roosevelt overall top three Cowboys were Renegade Ty, R C Shott, and Warrego (SASS #108629). Overall Cowgirls were Kitty Pearl (SASS #98609), Sister Sara Carnegie (SASS #92452), and Pearl Star (SASS #76292). After guns were put up, there was a repeat of the day before, except this time it was the RO2 Course that beckoned, followed by more socializing, dinner, drinks and tall tales, swap meet, indoor horseshoes, and gambling for those who wanted.

Thursday day three arrived with more perfect conditions, another early start with fog hanging low across the camping area, which kept a few in their bunks a little longer, but gradually the camp came alive. This time it was the Pat Garrett Match. This match is very popular and extremely well supported and is shot with two single action handguns, shotgun and two rifles — one being your match rifle the other a rifle caliber rifle, e.g. .38-55, .45-70, and so on. The 1876 Uberti/Winchester is the rifle of choice for the serious shooter. Again, a four-stage side match followed by all of the speed events. Pat Garrett Overall Cowboy Winners were R C Shot, Mungo Ral (SASS #112794), and Mad dog Tannen (SASS #89984). Overall Cowgirls were Clancy (SASS #46433), Kat House Kelli (SASS #72384), and Lil Backfire (SASS #111481). A full afternoon of speed events was next on the agenda.

Friday day four, down to the serious stuff, six stages of the Main Match and again we were blessed with the weather. As normal, another early start in preparation for this match. Round up and welcome at 8:00 a.m. in the clubhouse, then

off to designated ranges for a day of fierce competition. Everyone spent a little longer on the range today with six, not four stages. The day was punctuated though with the ladies from the canteen bringing around coffee and cakes for competitors on the range and a break for the free daily lunch. As the day finished, most seemed to head to their camps or the showers for a freshen up and a bit of a rest as the sun started to cast longer shadows. Slowly the noise of laughter and more tall tales took over the night, everyone celebrating either their successes of the day or lamenting the near things that could have changed the results. Once the crowd had had their fill of refreshments and chatter, they wandered off to their camps leaving the support staff to get the club ready for a repeat performance the next day.

Saturday day five was a repeat of Friday — six stages with the successful from yesterday trying to hold their nerve and the others trying to make up for the one that got away, and some just trying to keep it clean, again great weather and the match fiercely contested. There were smiles, frowns, and some dejected shaking of the head, but by day's end there were a lot of tired but happy Cowboys and Cowgirls. Some happy with their success, some happy they have caught up with old mates, all happy they are here enjoying the best shooting competition in the world of Cowboy Action Shooting™.

Saturday night was the Shindig/Banquet. The Main Match is over so most can let their hair down and celebrate their successes, clean matches, personal best times, reliving the match, and recanting the close calls or just being here sharing time and life's stories with their mates. Then they all settled into a great catered three roast and six vegetables meal with some over-rich deserts punctuated by a generous amount of liquid refreshments and good company, seconds available if you wanted. This was followed by the presentations of all side match and speed event trophies, naming of the top 16 for the shootout tomorrow, and the sweet 16 for the invitational handicapped shootout.

Sunday day six was a bit of a sleep-in for some. For the knife and hawk throwers it was early up as usual. This side match was conducted between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. A lot of very good throw-

ers took part, as this match is growing in popularity. The shootout for the top sixteen Cowboy and Cowgirls was exciting. Lots of close calls, with RC Shot taking the honors for the Cowboys and Kat House Kelli for the Cowgirls. Then there was the mandatory Cowgirl *vs.* Cowboy match up, just to settle the age-old debate of who really is in charge of this town! It was finally decided — With R C Shot taking out the honors with a win over Kat House Kelli.

Then for the sweet sixteen hotly-contested handicapped event — sixteen shooters were randomly picked and a handicap applied by using their raw time from a secret stage during the match. This is a great event as it allows all shooters of different abilities to experience the thrill and the pressure of performing on this stage. Eventually won by Triple Shot (SASS #110526), a relatively new shooter but a keen competitor. Then just for fun R C Shot was matched against Triple Shot with the handicap applied. It was close but the ability of R C Shot to handle pressure proved to be the winning edge. Then that was the match done and dusted. Another day shot to bits. Now back to the Club House for the farewell lunch presentations and prize giving. So, after the dust had settled and the scores tallied, the overall SASS Regional Champions were R C Shot and Clancy SASS; Heartland champions were Mungo Ral (SASS #112794) and Kat House Kelli SASS (#72384). There were 22 clean shooters for the main match.

The most successful competitor for the week was R C Shot. Not only is he the SASS Regional Champion, he won Plainsman, second in Roosevelt/Wild Bunch, won the Pat Garrett match, won the shootout, and now controls the town. Well done R C Shot.

Monday, day seven. Well, it's all over and the majority of the wagons have been packed up and are heading for home and the town is all but deserted except for a few Cowboys and Cowgirls packing the last things up. For me, it is a sad time. Before the match you have the anticipation of what is to come and a steadily growing crowd and six days of noise and activity, laughter, gunshots, smoke, fire and brimstone. But now there is a deathly silence that has a lonely feel to it, thankfully this is short lived as everyone's attention turns to the next match.



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SHADOW RIDERS' REVENGE AND SMOKE IN THE PORCUPINE HILLS CANADIAN COWBOY AND WILD BUNCH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

BY ALBERTA ANNIE, SASS #85914

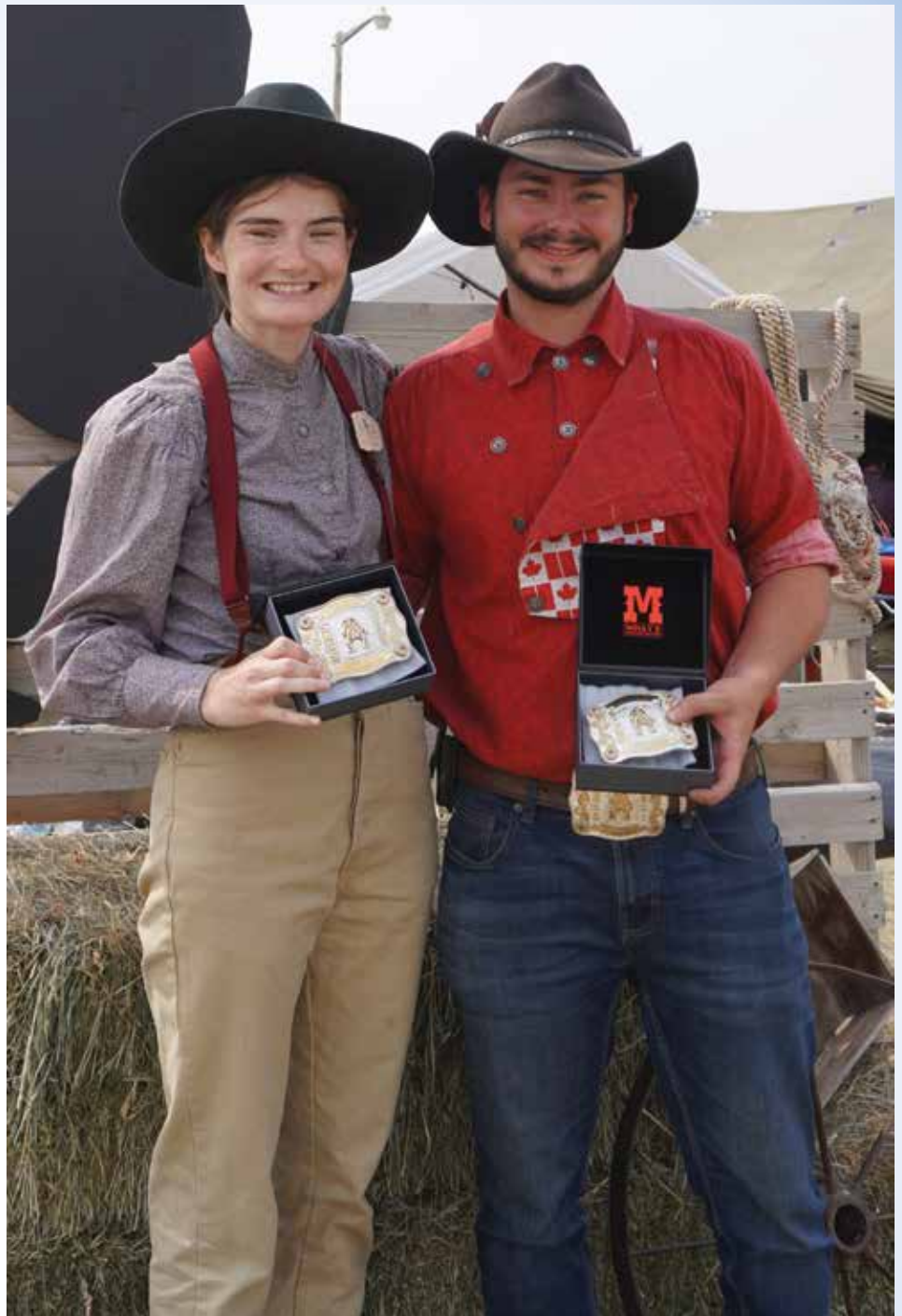
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The 18th Annual SASS Canadian National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting™ and the SASS Canadian National Wild Bunch Championship was held August 15-20 at the Willow Lane Ranch Range near Granum in the picturesque foothills of Southern Alberta Canada and hosted by the Porcupine Hills Shadow Riders. This was the first time the Canadian Nationals were hosted by the Shadow Riders and the second time in its history that it was hosted in Alberta. By all accounts it was a resounding success and we look forward to hosting the 2024 SASS Canadian Wild Bunch Championships and the 2024 SASS Western Regionals June 25 to 30th, 2024. One hundred and twelve competitors from five provinces competed over the six-day event, with folks traveling from as far east as Owen Sound Ontario and west as Courtenay, BC.

The week started with the Wild Bunch Championship Match, with 28 competitors, held over two days. The overall winners were Short Fingered Bill (SASS #82161) and Dallas Dancer (SASS #42365).

Long range side matches were also on offer Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon and ran alongside an RO2 course. The Ladies Tea, a tradition at Canadians, was also on the schedule for Wednesday afternoon and 46 ladies traveled to Fort MacLeod, originally established as a Northwest Mounted Police fort. Tea, sandwiches and sweets were served and a tour of the Fort included learning more about Jerry Potts and Colonel MacLeod, the history of settlement in Southern Alberta, and the famous Mounted Police Musical Ride.

This was followed by a potluck



OVERALL CHAMPIONS SMOKE N ASH AND WHISTLIN WILL

supper back at the range and the Wild Bunch awards to end a jam-packed day!

Thursday saw our speed matches and some very entertaining side matches like the Jerry Potts Shoot the Moustache. Our match theme was Jerry Potts and legend has it that Potts and one of his friends would get roaring drunk and literally trim each others' moustaches with bullets. The winner of the re-enactment was Black Hart (SASS #113245) and three ladies tied for first — Adelita (SASS #113569), Alberta Annie, and



WILD BUNCH TOP FIVE — SHORT FINGERED BILL, DONNY TWO LEGS (SASS #79382), BURT THE UNDERTAKER (SASS #97697), BLACK HART, AND HAIRY HEREFORD (SASS #104766)



THE TOP TEN — WHISTLIN WILL, CROSS DRAW KID, DONNY TWO LEGS, BILLY HYDE (SASS #98639), SMOKE N ASH, NORTHERN EASYRIDER (SASS #92528), TALISKER (SASS #), YOSEMITE SHAM (SASS #98755), UNBROKEN (SASS #99755), D'PROFESSOR



CANADIAN LOCAS COWGIRL OF HONOR HONEY HERFORD

Perilous Pearl (SASS #101955). One of our Saskatchewan competitors commented that the side matches were like Disney for adults. These were followed by a four-stage warm-up that was won by Whistlin Will (SASS #88382) and Sunny Jo (SASS #94627). The Annie Oakley Shotgun Challenge was won by Forty Creek Bob (SASS #96816). A BBQ steak dinner was followed by the Official Opening Ceremonies, where Match Director Alberta Annie opened

the event with a cannon firing and flag raising.

The day's events wrapped up with the soothing sounds of singer/songwriter Charlie Ewing, a local rancher.

The main match began Friday and competitors shot four stages each day for a total of 12 main match stages. Our SASS Canadian Overall Champion was Whistlin Will and Ladies Overall Champion was Smoke n Ash (SASS #86017).

Friday evening after supper, Dapper Doc Thompson (SASS #72011) and the Reverend, Sweet Dorcy (SASS #92712), hosted the Saloon Girl competition won by Lightning Hit (SASS #98939). A poker game was included in the evening with all proceeds going to the SASS Scholarship fund along with our 50/50 draw and funds raised from our raffle for a total of \$1500. In addition, all girls competing in the event were eligible for a surprise draw, which turned

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BEST DRESSED COUPLE — PREACHER FLYNN T. LOCKE AND GEORGIA BANK (SASS #86344)

out to be a '97 shotgun, won by Mad Maddie McGrew (SASS #113423).

Saturday's stages were followed by the Shadow Rider's signature team shoot. Ninety-one of our 112 competitors signed up for this fun event where teams of three compete team on team in a single elimination style tournament. The winners were Cross Draw Kid (SASS #100946), English Bob McCool (SASS #98813), and Prairie Storm (SASS #83255).

Saturday evening's formal banquet was held along with the costume contest. Saturday evening also saw the crowning of our very first Canadian LOCAS Cowgirl of Honor and the winner was Honey Hereford (SASS

#104767) from Langley BC. A dance followed with music by Blacksmith, playing Country and Old Rock and Roll for our dancing pleasure.

Sunday began very early with Preacher Flynn T. Locke (SASS #86343) presiding over Cowboy Church and our final day of competition was shot in near perfect weather. A Box Social Luncheon was enjoyed while the final scores were tallied.

Challenging stages, well-run poses, perfect prairie location, weather that included sun, heat, rain, wind, and smoke, good food, fellowship, discussion, and friendship meant that a good time was had by all. Hope to see you in 2024!



MAYHEM ON THE MISSISSIPPI 2023 ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

BY POPCORN KELLY, SASS #108613



OVERALL CHAMPIONS TURKEY LEGS AND MISSOURI LEFTY



ILLINOIS STATE CHAMPIONS TURKEY LEGS AND BILLY THE AVENGER

The Illowa Irregulars hosted Mayhem on the Mississippi from August 18 to 20. The event took place in the picturesque Camden Mills cowboy town, nestled snugly within the Milan Rifle Club. It was a grand celebration of Cowboy Action Shooting™ in the upper Midwest, featuring a range of exciting activities and fierce competition.

A WEEKEND PACKED WITH FUN

The championship kicked off with Friday side and warm-up matches followed by a free Friday night pizza party open to all shooters and guests. This evening social event set the tone for the days ahead.

The main attraction was the 10-stage Championship match – six outstanding stages were shot on Saturday and four on Sunday. The event began with a moving tribute, calling veterans to the front to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and marking the start of the match with the firing of two cannons.

CHAMPION SHOOTERS

Missouri Lefty (SASS #91721) and Turkey Legs (SASS #48384) emerged as the Overall Men's and Ladies' winners. Billy The Avenger (SASS #92117) and Turkey Legs secured the prestigious Illinois Champion Men's and Ladies' honors. In total, 34 new Illinois Category Champions were crowned and 20 Cowboys and Cowgirls earned Clean Shooter pins. Congratulations to all the victors! Visit <https://illowairregulars.com/> for complete scores.

CREATIVE STAGES AND TARGET SELECTION

The 10 stages, thoughtfully crafted by Count Sandor (SASS #74075) offered a fast and enjoyable match experience. The target placements were on the closer side but not in your face and featured an array of target sizes and shapes ranging from 16"x16" to 24"x24". Count Sandor's innovation shone through in overall stage design as well as in allowing shooters to select their gun order on many of the stages, ensuring that every style of shooter had something to relish.

A COMFORTABLE SUMMER SHOOT

The championship took place in

the middle of August in the upper Midwest, typically synonymous with warmer afternoon temperatures. However, Illowa Irregulars had it all covered with a heavily shaded range, car ports at every stage providing additional shade, and various amenities like covered loading and unloading tables, a paved central pathway for ease of movement up and down the range, and berms between shooting bays. Taken together, this ensured all participants could enjoy a comfortable weekend of shooting. The air-conditioned Milan Community Center provided a welcome respite from the afternoon warmth during Sunday's Awards Dinner and Ceremony on Sunday.

A RIVERBOAT ADVENTURE

One of the most memorable aspects of the weekend was the Saturday evening Riverboat Dinner Cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the Celebration Belle, a charming paddle wheeler. Ninety-seven shooters and family members donned Cowboy attire and relished a delightful meal, live music, dancing, and the fresh air on the upper deck. It was a uniquely satisfying experience that resonated with the Cowboy/Cowgirl folklore and spirit.

INTRODUCING THE STATE RECORD AWARD

Illowa Irregulars introduced a unique award – the State Record Award, presented to the competitor who shot the State Record Stage the fastest in each category. This stage, based on the better-known World Record Stage but adapted for match use, added a thrilling dimension to the competition. Shooters had only one chance to set the record during the match (Stage 6). Non-Illinois residents were not left out, as they were eligible to set the Illowa Irregular Club Record. Thirty-two Illinois shooters and numerous non-residents set new records, establishing a new baseline for record setting attempts in future matches.

JOIN US NEXT YEAR

As you plan next year's shooting schedule, keep Illowa Irregulars in mind. The club boasts a friendly atmosphere and a shooter-friendly range with ample shade, car ports, central path-





LADY LEIA (SASS #110523) SETTING A STATE RECORD.



LOCAS ON THE RIVERBOAT

ways, and covered loading and unloading tables at every stage, ensuring a comfortable shooting experience.

Moreover, the Saturday evening Riverboat Dinner Cruise is a truly extraordinary event that should not be missed, and you may just go home holding a State and/or Club Record if you're fast and lucky enough! Check the club's website for more informa-

tion about their 2024 matches and the opportunity to relive a bit of the past.

ACCESSIBLE LOCATION

For those unfamiliar with Illowa Irregulars, the club is conveniently situated on the Illinois-Iowa border, near the intersections of Interstates 80 and 74. The Quad Cities area offers a wide array of nearby hotels, restaurants, and

various activities to explore during your stay, ensuring a memorable visit for all attendees.

Consider this your official invitation to experience the thrill of Cowboy Action Shooting at Illowa Irregulars – a club that combines competitive spirit with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. We hope to see you at the next Mayhem on the Mississippi!



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DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR NOTES FROM THE LAND RUN COSTUME CONTEST

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR, SASS
#24287 PATRON LIFE REGULATOR

I've been a costume contest judge off and on since the first SASS Convention. The most common are Saturday night Best Dressed contests. My latest was at Land Run 2023, the US National Championship. It was well managed and well run. My fellow judges were a delight to work with.

BEST PRACTICES

RULE 1 — USE THE HANDBOOK

We have an excellent handbook, *SASS Costume Contest Management and Administration*. It is carefully hidden in the SASS website. It was used at LR.

RULE 2 — USE A QUIET PLACE

We were set at a reasonably quiet area that allowed spectators to see what was going on. A noisy, busy venue is not acceptable. Neither is a closed room with no spectators allowed.

Some of the contestants are shy and do not SPEAK WITH A LOUD SERGEANT MAJOR'S VOICE. We should cater to them and to the judges



THIS JUNIOR COMPETITOR MANAGED TO GET HIS AUTHENTIC OLD WEST KNIFE PAST GUARDS. QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT.

who would, for some strange reason, like to hear what the contestant says. An organization that puts the judging in a noisy, busy place has failed both the contestants and the judges.

RULE 3 — ODD NUMBER OF JUDGES*

We used three judges. After dealing with ties in previous contests I consider having tie-proof judges mandatory. No ties with three. Five works about as well. There are more viewpoints and life experiences available. In my experience it takes longer.

**Whether the judges are odd or not is optional.*

RULE 4 — USE SCORING BINDERS PER THE HANDBOOK

Scoring three-ring binders provided for each judge had tabbed dividers with score sheets for each category. There are several sample score sheets in the handbook. The one on page 12, subtitled "Contestants are Given a Number and



GREAT COSTUME.



THE JUDGE ASKED HIM TO SHOW HIS BOOTS. HE DID.

Report to the Judges” is preferred. Tabs should be in bold type and readable in low light.

RULE 5 — HAVE BIG NUMBER CARDS

Enough for each contestant. No duplicate numbers. A few chalk boards work, too. LR had no large cards with contestant numbers like the ones shown

in the handbook on page six. The numbers were on their entry sheet, which was turned in to the chief judge. We had to ask for the number. That card is important. Judges write the number down on the score sheets instead of aliases. Large numbers the judges can read save time. If only the number is written down, it helps with objectivity

(back to rule 1).

RULE 6 — THE NUMBER OF CATEGORIES IN THE HANDBOOK WORKS WELL

Lady, Gentleman, Couple, Junior Girl and Junior Boy (16 and Under), Military, Soiled Dove/Parlor House Madam, B-Western/Silver Screen Man, B-Western/Silver Screen Lady. Virtually everyone fits into one category or another. I note that Soiled Doves/Parlor House Madams, omitted at EOT, was back. Eliminating it is not a good idea. It has a long history with SASS. In EOT’s defense, they did have a shooting costume contest where actual shooting costumes could earn awards. Land Run did not. (Yes. I know how hard it is to do a daytime contest.)

RULE 7 — BRIEF THE CONTESTANT BEFORE SENDING THEM TO THE JUDGES

This requires a good contestant registrar/wrangler. It saves time if the contestant arrives at the judges’ table knowing how much time is available to speak, and where to stand, and TO SPEAK UP. No one has ever been sanctioned for being too loud. Not having to explain this at the table saves 30 seconds or more per contestant. This means 30 minutes for 60 contestants. Their time before the judges is precious. Contestants at LR were given only 90 seconds for their presentation. At that point if they were in the middle of something we let them finish that point. It is never necessary to stop the contestant in mid-sentence. Figure twice the time allotted to the presentation for the total time before the judges, minimum. Standard practice is every contestant, after their presentation, is asked to turn around and walk so judges can see the back of their outfit and their footwear. Often judges have questions of the contestant.

The handbook says two minutes for the presentation. It pains me to say it, but this is too long at contests with big fields if the banquet starts less than two hours after the judging starts. Moving up the start time of the judging is a good idea if possible. This kind of suggests you need at least two hours judging time for a big match. EOT and LR are big contests. The judges have to be ready for the next contestant almost immediately. Time must be available

for questioning of contestants. Scores must be totaled, and before the contestant starts, books must be opened to the correct category and the number written down. When the next contestant is announced, the Wrangler should state the category and number.

For shorter time periods, then 60-90 seconds per presentation is necessary. **TIME LIMIT FOR PRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE IN THE MATCH SHOOTERS HANDBOOK**, not a surprise. Some contestants actually practice their presentations. I guess other contestants call them gamers.

If the time limit is two minutes, have a timer that dings at 90 seconds (iPhone) and the judge running the timer says, "You have 30 seconds to wrap it up." It would help.

Some committees, not this one, overwhelmed by the unexpected volume of contestants, combined with poor time management, have been very late. Sadly, there is no way to estimate the number of contestants. Preregistration would help, but the handbook prevents it. We are trying to make it



ENTRANTS VYING FOR BEST DRESSED COUPLE HAVE TWICE AS MUCH PRESENTING TO DO AS SINGLES. IF THERE IS TIME, GIVE THEM TWICE AS MUCH.

easy for contestants to enter. I have to note that some high entry contests have been followed by small fields the next year. The judges are well into it before it becomes obvious that the line of contestants is too long. You have to plan for a full house.

TOTALING THE SCORES

If the judges total their scores before moving on to the next contestant, they will be ready when it comes time to pick winners. Only the order is needed, not individual scores. I was a judge at an event where ties were broken by adding

up the scores of each judge. Don't do that.

The Chief Judge calls the next category. Each judge just flips to the category and looks at the scores, marking first, second, and third. In case two scores are tied, then the presentation wins. Smart judges look at the other scores on the page while scoring and never give equal presentation scores to two otherwise tied contestants. They are not allowed to report ties.

PICKING WINNERS

So, the chief judge says, "Judge 1, who is first, second, and third?"

Judge 1 says the numbers. The chief judge writes them down and goes to the next judge. Then the chief judge's choices are added in. In twenty seconds we know who is first, second, and third in that category.

Going through the categories doesn't take long, and we can go to dinner.

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sensation, practice a 90 second one. It is better to have time left than to get cut off. In 90 seconds you don't have time to give the extended history of the costume. The winning Silver Screen contestant was dressed as Gary Cooper from *High Noon* and started giving the plot. A judge guided him to just describing the costume.

PHOTOS ARE GOOD

Photos of the people you are trying to portray are good, especially uniforms and ball gowns. With the rules prohibiting spurs, guns, and knives at some judging venues, including Land Run, bringing a photo of your 1860 spurs, engraved Confederate officer's sword, 11-inch Bowie knife, and 1851 Colt Navy can't hurt.

Contestants, take off your wristwatches. (Judges may wear them. They need to keep track of the time.) James Arness wore one in at least one episode of *Gunsmoke*, so they would be okay for portraying him in Silver Screen. Still, I would suggest taking yours off. Also take off modern glasses, SASS badges, and name tags. None of these were worn at the OK Corral. Ignoring it is the most common *faux pas*. Yes, judges do notice.

DON'T FEAR PRESENTATIONS

We score each column. Authenticity (1 to 10 points — 40%), originality (1 to 5 points — 20%), detail (1 to 5 points), knowledge of the costume (1 to 5 points), and presentation (1 to 5 points). Presentation is only scored to break ties. There are people who have declined to enter because of fear of presentation. DO NOT BE AFRAID. Judges do not bite, or, if they do, they must be leashed and wear muzzles. I can remember when a contestant froze up and a judge asked easy leading questions and he wound up winning first place. When you're called, give a basic description. Tell them what year it is, where you are, and who you are, and your occupation, if it pertains to the costume. Show things not visible, such as your 19th century wallet replica. Then ask, "Do you have any questions?" Usually they will ask easy to answer questions. A judge might say, "Tell me about your coat." That will open more, and soon they will have enough information.

If you're a man wearing a pocket watch, you will want to show it. If it's an antique that's good, but so is a good replica. Know how to close the case. Slamming it shut will damage the clasp and your chance of winning.

SASS costume contests work very well. The rules are very good. The key is the judges. I jokingly say we need an expert in petticoats, one on uniforms, and one with good general knowledge.

THE PETTICOAT QUESTION, AND THE KILT QUESTION

A lady judge needs to ask the petticoat question. Serenity is great at that. Ladies undergarments of the era had multiple layers of and sometimes the difference between two costumes with hundreds of hours of work on them comes down to getting that right. Men don't ask underwear questions of ladies, but ladies can ask if a man's kilt is regimental. But she shouldn't ask him to show her.



DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR — EXTRA EAGLE GRIPS UPDATE

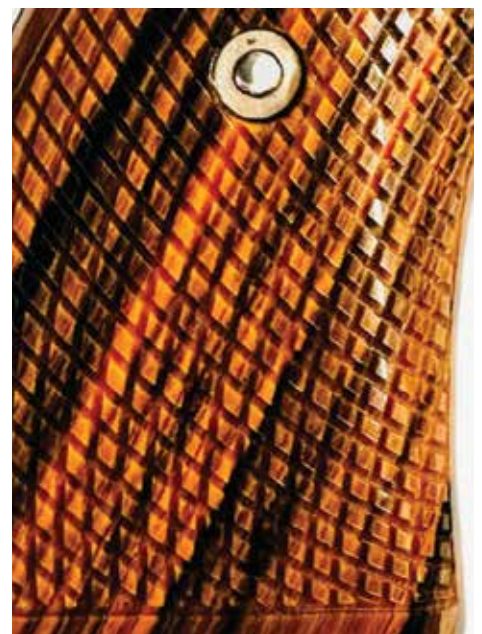
BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR, SASS
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I have chronicled the saga of the development of Gunfighter grips by Eagle Grips. This is an update. If it seems like I'm covering Eagle a lot lately, it's because they have done a lot that is newsworthy. If they haven't dominated the aftermarket grip industry before, they should now.

Raj Singh is an old friend, and virtually all my grips are Eagle Grips. Raj and Joe Bowman invented the first Gunfighter grips. Over the years they have been improved and are even more ergonomom-



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ically correct than they were. They have engineered a new, superior substance for grips, Kirinite®. It is machinable, not

molded. It is quite strong and does not break or chip if the gun is dropped unless it's dropped under a steamroller. A late

development in the machining of the grips has been the addition of "Reactiv" Checkering. It looks good, but most important, it makes the grip very "grippy." The tighter you hold, the tighter it grips. No sharp points like checkering. It won't fray the lining of your suit if you wear concealed, and if your hands are soft, they won't get torn up. It makes sweat a non-problem. Your sweaty hands will be able to draw and hang on to your Ruger.

It comes in all kinds of colors, but until recently no wood grain that looked authentic. Reactiv checkering can't be applied to wood. Wood isn't hard enough. But people like wood. It's what gun grips should look like to some people. Our first guns had wood grips. But at Land Run, Raj had some early production samples. They were extremely popular.

More wood finishes will be available by the time you read this. I will also note that though I have no pictures, they will be available for 1911s as well. Contact them at EagleGrips.Sales@Gmail.com, or phone toll free — (800) 323-6144. National number — 630-260-0400 — website eagleGrips.com

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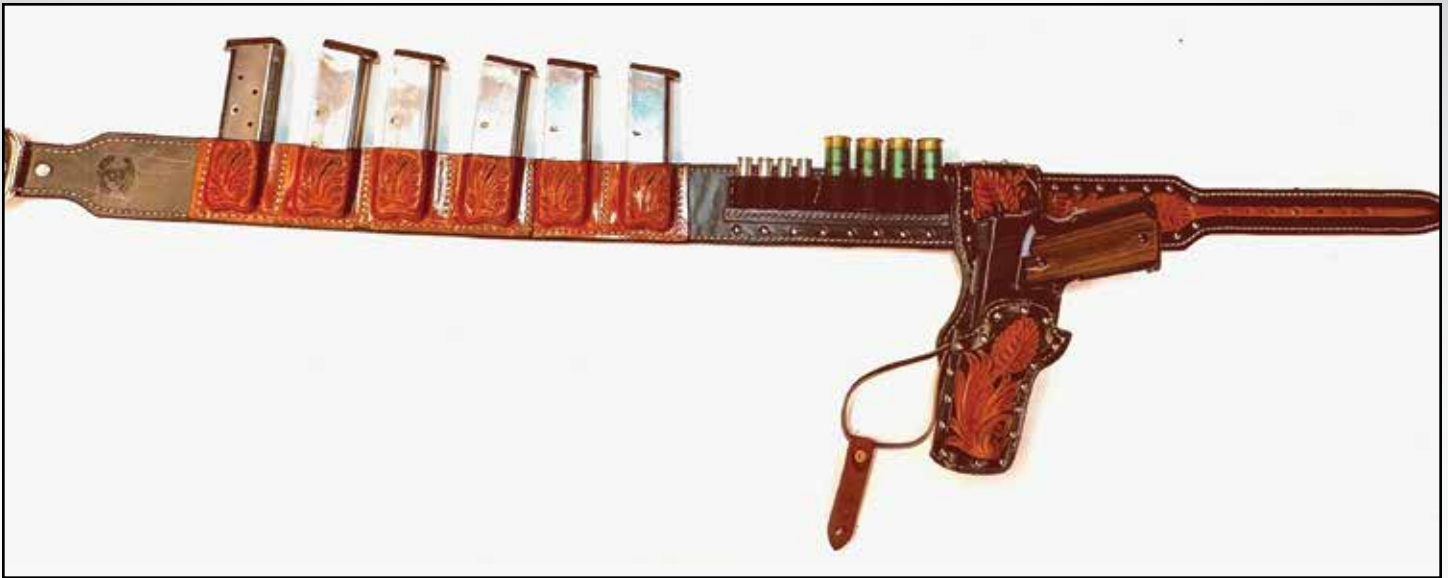
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LEFT-HANDED RIG. THE MODERN SERIES — DROPPED HOLSTER AND THE WILD BUNCH BELT SYSTEM.

DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR — EXTRA MERNICKLE'S NEW WILD BUNCH HOLSTER

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR, SASS
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I've been writing about Mernickle Holsters since my first interview with Bob Mernickle at the first Wild Bunch match at EOT. A poorly-worded regulation was threatening to make illegal their very popular 1911 holster that not only led sales for WB but had sold 2000 at Dillon Precision. The problem was solved. Bob and I became friends. I've had early production samples of most of his rigs for evaluation articles except for B-Western (my choice — I was picky back then). When Bob sold the company to Howlin' Wolf and family, the friendship spread.

Their latest Wild Bunch holster was the result of customer demand. They had their original WB holster, still a great open carry holster, and the modern, which has muzzle forward cant. I think I went to muzzle forward cant 1911 carry when Ray Chapman talked me into it in the 1980s. So I went for it. But people were looking for a holster with drop for comfort and ergonomic advantages. I remember walking toward their tent at Land Run last year intent on talking to them about a belt with



COMPARING DROPPED TO STANDARD. ABOUT A THREE-INCH DIFFERENCE. FRONT DROPPED HOLDING A STANDARD MFG. 1911A1, AND A REGULAR MODERN SERIES HOLSTER WITH A 1983 WILSON COMBAT MASTER GRADE COLT 1911A1.

built in ammo pouches to get rid of the second belt. I'm not 24 anymore, for some reason. Before I could open my mouth, Howlin' Wolf said he had a belt to show me. It was the current belt with ammo pouches built in. He also mentioned he was working on a drop holster. I wrote about the belt and love it. This year he said he had the drop holster ready and wanted to make me a carved one. The result is what you see here. The pictures tell the story of the drop. It's a regular production item, so



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REAR VIEW — THE SCREW KNIFE SCABBARD AND WRENCH KNIFE ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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SO HOW DOES THE DROP WORK?

I would call it ergonomically advantaged. Both levels are about the same speed for me, but I shoot slow. But the wrist doesn't bend as much with the drop. I hit the gun with my palm just right without looking down.

Just enough resistance to know it won't jump out. Then I dropped it in, and it went right in, not too tight, but secure. I put mags in the belt. They're tight, hard to put in, but pop right out. I'm used to having to put mags in plastic bags, put hot water in the pouches, and soak overnight. Same with holsters. Both were perfect out of the box.

I'm looking forward to wearing it to WB matches with the new rules. Sadly that was prohibited by the deadline to get this into this issue, a "hard" copy with about four times the readership of the online issues. (People without my eye problem. I can only read the online version.) So I've played with it, but not under match pressure. As I said, I'm looking forward to it.

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AUTHOR'S PAIR OF PIETTA/KIRST .38 COLT CONVERSIONS.

THE MOST UNDERRATED REVOLVER CARTRIDGE OF THE OLD WEST PART TWO — LOADING THE .38 LONG COLT TODAY

BY TUOLUMNE LAWMAN, SASS #6127L

As stated in part one of this series, probably the most obscure, underrated, and unappreciated revolver cartridge of the Old West is the .38 Colt. Starting in 1870, Colt began converting its .36 caliber percussion revolvers to cartridge revolvers. Initially in .38 Short rim fire and center fire, then in .38 long rim fire and center fire. These .38 conversions outnumbered the .44 caliber metallic cartridge conversions by a ratio of three to one! Colt made only about 11,000 total of the Richards and Richards-Mason .44 Cartridge conversions (not counting owner 1860 guns returned to convert and sent back). The .38 Conversions, on the other hand, numbered more than

31,000 produced in both center fire and rim fire. Of those, 6,000 were 1851 and 1861 conversions and another 25,000 were their .36 caliber, five-shot Police and some pocket models. (This also excludes percussion .36 caliber revolvers returned by their owners to convert).

By the sheer force of numbers, it stands to reason the .38 cartridge conversions would have been more common on the frontier! Phil Spangenberg listed the 1851 Colt ahead of the 1860 and .44 conversions in importance on the frontier. He stated, beginning with the California Gold Rush, the 1851 Navy and its con-



ORIGINAL .38 COLT NAVY LOADINGS (FROM THE WEB).

versions were Colt's most popular revolvers until the eventual widespread proliferation of the 1873 SAA in the 1880s (in the 1870s, most of the SAA production went to the military). That is further evidenced by the fact that Colt .38 Conversions were continuously produced until 1880, whereas .44 Colt conversions ceased to be produced in 1873.

That gave the Colt .36/.38 revolvers a 30-year run of popularity, where .44 caliber Colts and conversions only had a thirteen year production run. This longevity of production, as well as the sheer numbers that were produced certainly implies how popular the "seemingly underpowered" .36 percussion/.38 Long Colt revolvers were. According to several sources (Venturino, McDowell, Spangenberg), the 1851 and its conversions were one of the most popular revolvers in the Colt lineup until well into the 1880s.

I must confess, while my knowledge of .44 Caliber 1860 Colt and New Model Army Remington conversions and .44 Caliber 1871/1872 "Open Top" Colts is pretty comprehensive, I really knew surprisingly little about the .38



ORIGINAL .38 COLT ARMY LOADINGS (FROM THE WEB).



MY .38 LONG COLT BEAR CREEK .375 150-GRAIN HOLLOW BASE ROUND NOSE (R) COMPARED TO ORIGINAL ARMY LOAD (L).



LOADING BEAR CREEK .375 HEELED BULLET WITH OLD WEST BULLET MOLDS' CRIMP DIE.



TOP VIEW OF OWBM'S CRIMP DIE.

Colt conversions and how popular they really were back in the day. At least until 2019 when I started a joint project examining the possibilities of developing a Black Hills .38 Colt round modeled after the hollow base 1892 .38 Colt Army load, that would work equally well in .375 bore cartridge conversions of percussion revolvers and also in .357 bore .38 Special CAS revolvers. Besides Black Hills Ammunition, I enlisted Kirst Konverters, EMF Firearms, Old West Bullet Moulds, and Bear Creek Bullets to join together on the project. With .38 Special and cartridge conversions of percussion revolvers being more popular, especially with the aging CAS shooter population,

I believe there is an untapped market that up to now has been limited by the lack of suitable ammo for the .36 caliber percussion revolvers converted by their owners into .38 Colt cartridge revolvers. With this in mind, I gathered together the aforementioned group of vendors to see if we could make it happen.

THE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

- Jeff Hoffman of Black Hills Ammunition supplied their excellent .38 Special 148-grain hollow base wad cutter and .38 Colt Cowboy ammunition (not hollow base .357), .38 Colt brass, and Remington primers for initial load development feasibility.
- Walt Kirst of Kirst Konverters supplied two sets of .38 Colt/Special Konverters and ejectors for Pietta 1851 .36 revolvers, One had a .357 throat and one a .375 throat for heeled bullets.
- Debbie Sims of EMF supplied a pair of Pietta 1851 .36 caliber revolvers to be the host guns for the Kirst Konverters.
- Bernie Rowles of Old West Bullet moulds supplied some heeled .375 bullets and their specialty heeled bullet .38 Colt crimp die.
- Steve Miller of Bear Creek Bullets initially supplied 140-grain .375 heeled bullets and, after receiving an original 150-grain round nose hollow base bullet from me, developed a moly-coated 150-grain hollow base round nose bullet of his own design, which will work both in standard .357 barrels, and .375 bore unlined .38 Colts.

Part One of this series — “.38 Colt History” — was published in an earlier *Cowboy Chronicle* article (October 2020 — <https://www.sassnet.com/uploads/downloads/cowboychronicle/2020/20OctChron.pdf>), then COVID hell turned our world upside down, and the project paused for two years. During that two-year pause, several things did happen. First, Black Hills put their participation on hold to deal with supply issues for existing ammunition lines arising from COVID. Secondly, Bear Creek Bullets had developed the 150-grain round nose hollow base bullet based on the original 150 grain RNHB bullet I sent them. Thirdly, after being in contact with Walt Kirst, Dave Gullo of Buffalo Arms also expressed interest in the project to possibly use the bullets in their custom .38 Colt ammunition.

I tried to resume my part of the proj-

ect in 2022, but major surgery and several deaths in the immediate family (and related estate settling) stalled it again. Finally in mid-2023 I finished my final load testing and finished this article.

.38 LONG COLT LOAD TESTING RESULTS

Test guns from EMF — Pietta/Kirst 7.5" 1851 Navy, Pietta/Kirst 4.5" 1851 Navy (switched from 4.5" to 5.5" in second part of test)

Kirst Konverter Cylinders — .38 Special .357 throat .38 Long Colt (heeled) .375 throat.

Initial testing in 2020 was done using Black Hills factory wad cutters, and Black Hills hollow base wad cutters I loaded in .38 Colt cases. This first round also had loads with 140-grain heeled bullets from Bear Creek. These were done with the 7.5-inch 1851 and comparing both sizes of throated cylinders.

2020 PRELIMINARY TEST SUMMARY

1) Black Hills factory .38 Colt. .357 150-grain solid base RN, from both a 4" and a 7.5" .375 bore gave minute of dinner plate accuracy, with ALL bullets key-holing and tumbling through the targets at seven yards. Useless for practical purposes in BP revolvers with .375 bore converted with center fire cylinder, regardless of whether the cylinder has a .357 or .375 throat.

2) Black Hills factory .38 Special 148-grain HBWC, from the 7.5" with the .357 throated cylinder did a 3.5" group, and from the same revolver with the .375 throated cylinder did a little better at 3.0".

3). Bear Creek 140-grain .375 heeled bullets over 3.7 grains Trail Boss, crimped with OWBM's heel bullet crimp in Black Hills .38 Colt cases. These cases split (no other cases in test split), but I attribute that to my using too severe a heel bullet crimp. The rupture started where the wrinkle in the crimp occurred. The same powder charge with a 148-grain HBW set forward 1/4" in the same .38 Colt case did not rupture. Groups were 1.75" to 3.0" from the test gun, with the 4" EMF 1851 giving the best group. NOTE: These heeled bullets gave the best accuracy, BUT in order to work with modern propellants, the heel crimp has to be so severe that the cases tear. Using the more explosive energy of real BP or Triple Seven would allow a lesser crimp. Trail Boss,



AUTHOR AT RAILROAD FLATS' "HIGH SIERRA SHOOTOUT 2023" WITH PIETTA/KIRST .38 COLTS AND HRA NEW ORIGINAL HENRY .44-40.

while accurate, was dismal in the power department because of the lack of a standard crimp, making the fired round go "poof" instead of "BANG!"

4) 148-grain HBWC set forward 1/4" in the same .38 Colt case, with 3.7 grains Trail Boss gave 2.0" from the 7.5" barrel using the .357 throated cylinder, and 2.5" when using the .375 throated cylinder. This almost duplicated the heeled bullet

in accuracy, so soft hollow base bullets are viable for use in the .375 bore.

5) 148-grain HBWC set forward 1/4" in the same .38 Colt case, with 3.3 grains of Unique gave 4" from the 7.5" barrel using the .357 throated cylinder, and 3.0" when using the .375 throated cylinder.

6). WW231 and Bullseye were tried and gave results essentially the same as Unique.

2023 TEST SUMMARY WITH 150-GRAIN BEAR CREEK HOLLOW BASE BULLETS

The second stage of the testing was done in 2023. These load tests were all done using the newly developed .357 150-grain, hollow base, round nose bullet from Bear Creek Bullets. The loads I chose were selected because, after quite a bit of research, I found they duplicated the factory 150-grain, round nose, hollow base .38 Colt 1892 "Army" loads. I anticipated accuracy to be better than the hollow base wad cutters because of the heavier factory load duplication powder charges.

For this test, I replaced the 4.5" barrel 1851 with a 5.5" 1851, in order to replicate what average shooters are using in CAS. All loads were fired from both a 7.5" and 5.5" barrel, and from .357 throated cylinder and .375 with each barrel.

I have to preface this description of the testing by disclosing that when I did the range testing, it was the day after my three day marathon wood cutting and splitting of three chords of Oak. I am 70, and have a permanently damaged right shoulder. With the added effects of three days' wood cutting and splitting, my group shooting skills suffered. I knew this going into it, but mainly wanted to see if there was any keyholing, or if the bullets fully obdurate into the .375 bore.

I used two Pietta/Kirst 1851s. One had a 5.5" barrel and one had a 7.5" barrel. I had two Kirst cylinders. One early one with a .375 throat for heeled .375 Long Colt bullets, and one modern .38 Colt/Special cylinder with a modern .357

throat. Kirst has discontinued marketing the .375 bore cylinders due to lack of consumer interest, but I was curious to see if there was a difference.

I first tried APP loads, but ceased after the first cylinder full. ALL bullets keyholed, with a 12-inch spread at seven yards! Truly Minute of pie pan! I suspect it does not have the sudden force of quick burning powders.

Next I tried WW231, but the powder charge of 3.3 grains was so small it did not meter well and the velocities were so low they barely cleared the barrel, and all also keyholed. I will have to revisit the WW231 loads.

Finally, I tried 4.0 grains of Unique, which is in an old edition of *Cartridges of the World*, listed as a factory duplication. load. BINGO! It definitely had "pep" and no evidence of keyholing using the Unique. Out of the all the test groups, two had "what the heck happened there" flyers that were several inches away from the base group. I discounted those, as I am sure someone who is not 70 and dealing with an injured shoulder would not jerk the shots like that.

As a whole, the groups were not as tight as the initial test groups four years ago using the pure lead Black Hills 148-grain deep hollow base wad cutters. That was pre-injury, though, and I am not sure if it is due to the softer bullet, or lack of shoulder damage back when I shot those groups. Regardless of barrel length and cylinder throat diameter, groups all hovered in the 2.0" to 3.0" range.

Surprisingly, the tighter groups actu-

ally came from the .375 throat cylinder, possibly because the open cylinder throat allowed the bullet to obdurate sooner and engage the rifling longer. This mirrored the results of the earlier test where the 148 grain lead hollow base wad cutters did better from the .375 throats. I found both revolvers shot to the right, and the 7.5" barrel 1851 shot to a higher POI than the 5.5-inch barreled 1851.

CONCLUSION

Considering that a .375 bore converted percussion pistol using standard .357 solid bullets from .38 Colt and Special loads gives minute of pizza pan performance, with a shotgun like spread, the 150-grain round nose hollow base .357 bullets from Bear Creek are the best alternative. While not "match accuracy," the Bear Creek 150-grain RNHB with two- to three-inch (plus or minus) groups, off-hand, rapid fire give great practical SASS match accuracy.

It is a shame Trail Boss is out of production. While it did not work well with heeled bullets in the original test, with the hollow base wad cutters it consistently gave 2.0" groups. I am sure it would have done the same with the Bear Creek 150-grain round nose hollow point, as the group size between the two bullets was comparable with the Unique loads.

In the future, I plan on experimenting with WW231 and possibly Bullseye. I also plan on trying Hodgdon 777 for a BP loading. APP did not have enough "poop" to obdurate, but Triple 777 has more snap, and is more powerful.

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THE FAR FRONTIER CIRCA 1580

BY LOUIS A. GARAVAGLIA

Long before Lewis and Clark started up the Missouri, other explorers entered the Far West—not from the east, but from the south. And these explorers became veteran frontiersmen as certainly as those whose names are now far more famous.

The American frontier of the post-Civil-War period was characterized by any number of elements—Indian fights, buffalo hunts, cattle drives, prairie fires, horse theft, lynchings, prospecting for

gold or silver, and lengthy treks by pack mule or wagon trains. Yet all these elements were in evidence on the western frontier nearly 300 years before the end of the Civil War in 1865. Between 1581 and 1591, in fact, Spanish explorers pushing north from Mexico took part in all such events. Over the years the costumes and the weapons changed—buckskin instead of armor, Sharps rifles instead of matchlock harquebuses—but otherwise the picture is remarkably the same.

The Coronado Expedition, which passed through New Mexico and Arizona in 1540 was a big one—some 300 Europeans and more than a thousand Indian allies. But when it returned home

in 1542, little evidence remained to mark its passing. For the next forty years, in fact, most of that region was undisturbed by outsiders. Small groups of slave hunters prowled the Rio Grande, taking captives and retreating to the south, but they left nothing behind except hoof prints and weeping children.

In 1581, however, an expedition—surprisingly small, but well mounted and well armed—worked its way north along the Rio Grande into what is now northern New Mexico. It was inspired by a Franciscan lay brother named Augustin Rodriguez, a man eager to save heathen souls. Because he and two fellow friars were heading into unknown territory, nine soldiers and 19 Indian servants joined them, led by a veteran of frontier duty named Francisco Sanchez, called “Chamuscado” because of his red beard.

With a remuda of 90 horses and pushing some livestock ahead of it, the group started out in June of 1581 from a mining settlement in present-day Chihuahua named Santa Barbara. They first followed the Rio Conchos north, through rough country, toward the Rio Grande. Hernando Gallegos, one of the soldiers, noted, “we entered and crossed a region of many very dense ridges, which our pack animals traversed only with great difficulty.”

Despite the difficulty, Gallegos took the time to make other observations. He described their equipment as “coats and breeches of [chain] mail, armored horses, harquebuses, and helmets,” not to mention the sword which every soldier carried on his hip. The steel helmets, usually morions or burgonets, were important protection not only against arrows but also against rocks, including those hurled at high speed from Indian slings.

Another frontier veteran, Balthasar Obregon (who had seen much Indian fighting below the Rio Grande), made this comment about armor: “It is essential to carry good coats-of-mail of medium mesh, for if it is very fine it is destroyed by rust, and arrows pierce it more readily than if it is coarser. Thus the mesh should not be too small or too large but medium, because that resists



ACCURATE REPLICA OF A GERMAN-MADE MATCHLOCK CARBINE OF THE 1550 PERIOD, WITH A 17-1/4" BARREL OF ABOUT .53 CALIBER. NEARLY IDENTICAL ORIGINALS EXIST THAT HAVE EVEN SHORTER BARRELS. SUCH GUNS WERE WELL-SUITED FOR USE ON HORSEBACK OR ON A WAGON SEAT. —PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. KUNO FISCHER, LUCERNE

the force of the arrow more effectively.”

But more important than the armor were the harquebuses—the firearms. At this time, the dominant firearm was the matchlock, a weapon which, with continued refinements, would serve most armies for another hundred years after 1580. The other arm well known at the time was the wheel lock, more advanced but also more complex than the matchlock. Most of them should be operated by fuse [match] because it often happens that the damp powder makes the firing of the flintlocks [wheel locks] difficult. Moreover, the harquebuses with fuses are easier to handle. The ones with [wheel locks] often need a mechanic to make repairs and to replace the pieces that get out of order.

On average, the barrel length of a typical harquebus fell between 36 and 42 inches, with a caliber of about .62, or “twenty to the pound”—i.e., a 20-gauge bore. However, small numbers of shorter guns were also made, principally in Germany, with heavy octagon barrels between 16 and 20 inches long, ranging in caliber from .52 to .72. Because of their short barrels, such long guns were well suited for use in the saddle.

Whatever the barrel length, the long guns proved invaluable—not only as hunting implements, but also as psychological weapons against a potentially

overwhelming enemy. In some cases, the gun’s flash, smoke, and thunder could be even more effective than its bullets: “Our boldness towards the natives was meant primarily to intimidate them so that the news should spread. [So] we fired [many] harquebus shots, at which the natives were very much frightened...”

With a matchlock harquebus, an experienced soldier could fire two shots a minute. An Indian’s bow could discharge arrows at a faster rate, but the arrows might have little effect against armored Spaniards, who had another advantage as well—their guns could fire multiple projectiles, or “multi-ball loads,” a practice recommended by Sir Humfrey Barwick and other tacticians of the time.

But even with superior armament, Chamuscado and his men preferred to keep things peaceful. Reaching the Rio Grande, they followed it north into New Mexico, and in late August encountered the first of the multi-story Indian pueblos. “We greeted each other in sign language and the Indians approached us. We gave them some iron, sleigh bells, playing cards, and various trinkets, thus winning their friendship.” Passing other dwellings and sometimes pausing to re-shoe the horses, they heard hints about precious metal or wild cattle. Finally they reached a large cluster of pueblos near present-day Albuquerque.

Here the Franciscans decided to remain, so Chamuscado rode off in search of the wild cattle—the buffalo. In October, on the open prairies east of the Pecos River, he found them—along with hundreds of plains Indians. However, a single shot from a harquebus “... frightened them greatly. We were very much pleased by this, although we did not let them know it.” During the hunt, the harquebuses brought down forty buffalo and what the soldiers didn’t eat at the time, (the meat was “delicious”) they dried into jerky.

After Chamuscado returned to the Rio Grande, he again averted serious Indian trouble when, during a dispute over three horses, a volley from the guns persuaded the Indians to not contest the matter. With things seemingly stabilized, he and his men now began another search—this time for gold or silver.

First they rode west to the fortress-like pueblo of Acoma, sitting atop a mesa about 60 miles beyond the Rio Grande valley. Rumors told of a rich mine somewhere in this region, but the time to find it was running out due to the approach of winter. Finding no gold near Acoma, they pushed west in spite of the cold, riding another 90 miles to the pueblos of Zuni, near the present Arizona/New Mexico border. There they heard of other mines and other pueblos farther



REPLICA OF A MATCHLOCK ARQUEBUS WITH THE TYPICAL SPANISH-STYLE BUTT STOCK OF THE LATE 16TH CENTURY, THIS ONE WITH THE MORE COMMON 36" BARREL, IN 20-GAUGE, OR .62 CALIBER. — PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN BECKLEY



REPLICA OF A MATCHLOCK BUILT BY JAMES LEVY JR. BASED ON A STUDY OF SEVERAL ORIGINALS RECOVERED FROM SPANISH SHIPWRECKS OF THE PERIOD. ITS 42" WITH 20-GAUGE BARREL WAS TOO LONG FOR USE ON HORSEBACK, BUT COULD HAVE BEEN EASILY SHORTENED AND THE CUT OFF BARREL USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. IRON WAS ALWAYS IN SHORT SUPPLY ON THE EARLY SPANISH FRONTIER.
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on. But it was now December; their provisions were running low, and the supply of horseshoes was nearly exhausted. (Obregon had warned about just such a possibility: "Large quantities of iron for horseshoes and the largest possible amount of nails should be brought. If the iron gives out during the expedition it causes great inconvenience and makes it impossible to go any farther.")

So, amid falling snow they turned back toward the Rio Grande. When they reached it, however, and announced their intent to head home, the friars refused to budge. In their eyes, the whole purpose of the expedition had been to convert more

natives to Christianity and they insisted on remaining with the Indians. Reluctantly, Chamuscado agreed, and in late January of 1582 started south for Mexico.

The return trip down the Rio Grande was no easy journey. "We were beset by many difficulties," Gallegos recalled, "[and] we had to stand guard every night wearing armor." Chamuscado fell ill and died days later. His men buried him along the trail and finally, in mid-April of 1582, straggled into Santa Barbara, firing their harquebuses to announce their arrival.

The account of their journey, and the fact they had left the friars behind

in pueblo country, gave rise to a second expedition—but that, as they say, is another story.

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SEWARD'S FOLLY

BY BIG DAVE, SASS #55632

In March 30, 1867, the United States and Russia concluded a treaty by which the United States purchased the territory of Alaska for 7.2 million dollars in gold. The United States acquired land that was double the size of Texas for about two cents an acre without bloodshed. However, not all Americans were enthusiastic about the deal. Secretary of State William H. Seward faced a certain amount of ridicule over Alaska, which was dubbed “Walrussia,” “Seward’s Ice Box,” “Seward’s Folly,” or the “Russian Fairy Land.” Nevertheless, most contemporary newspapers supported the deal.

The Russians first arrived in Alaska during the 1730s. It was, after all, an easy voyage across the Bering Strait. In 1799, Emperor Paul I granted a charter for the Russian-American Company to hunt for fur-bearing animals. Although Alaska never became an official colony, about 700 Russians established semi-permanent residency there. The Russian Orthodox Church built a few churches and half-heartedly sent a few missionaries, but, for the most part, the Russian presence was minimal.

Unfortunately, within a half-century, the population of sea otters and other cute, clubbable creatures began to wane from over-hunting. Moreover, Russia’s defeat in the Crimean War (1853-1856) left it in need of funds. Russian Tsar Alexander II was also concerned that Great Britain might decide



ONE REASON RUSSIA AGREED TO SELL ALASKA WAS THE FUR TRADE HAD DECLINED DUE TO OVER HUNTING.



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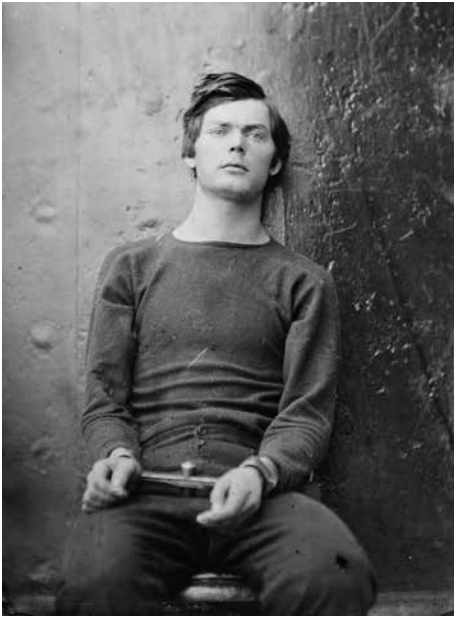
to invade the territory from Canada. There was little Russia could do to defend it, so the best option was to sell it to the rapidly expanding United States. During the late 1850s the Russian government entered negotiations with the Buchanan administration to sell the territory.

Since the U.S. was rapidly spiraling towards civil war, this wasn’t an ideal time to be buying any new territory. Negotiations stalled, and any decisions regarding Alaska were tabled until the unpleasantness of 1861-1865 was resolved. Soon after the Civil War was over, Russia’s offer was re-proposed.

On March 30, 1867, Secretary of State William Seward and Russian Minister Edouard de Stoeckl conclud-

ed a treaty by which ownership of Alaska was transferred to the United States. Seward was an experienced diplomat who had been Lincoln’s Secretary of State. After Lincoln was assassinated his successor, Andrew Johnson, wisely retained Seward. Keeping him was one of Johnson’s better decisions.

William Seward narrowly escaped death the night of Lincoln’s assassination. John Wilkes Booth had planned to take out most of Lincoln’s cabinet. As part of the conspiracy, Lewis Powell (aka Lewis Payne) appeared at Seward’s residence on April 14, 1865, with a revolver and a Bowie knife. Seward was in the upstairs bedroom recovering from injuries sustained from a carriage accident that had occurred about



LEWIS POWELL, AKA LEWIS PAYNE WAS SENT BY JOHN WILKES BOOTH TO KILL SEWARD. THOUGH SLASHED IN THE FACE BY A BOWIE KNIFE, SEWARD ESCAPED DEATH. THE SAME CANNOT BE SAID OF PAYNE. HE WAS QUICKLY CAPTURED, TRIED AND HANGED.

10 days earlier. Talking his way past the butler, Powell had pretended to be delivering medicine to the stricken Secretary of State. On the way up the stairs to Seward's bedroom, Powell was confronted by Seward's son, Frederick, who became suspicious about the hulking visitor.

Lewis Powell drew his revolver, a Whitney it seems, pointed it at Frederick and pulled the trigger. The revolver misfired and he clubbed Frederick Seward over the head with it. (Frederick would remain in a coma for nearly two months.) Next, Powell slashed Seward's bodyguard with his Bowie knife. He found Seward in his room and tried to cut his throat, but Seward's neck bandage prevented the blade from reaching a major artery. The bodyguard pulled Powell away from the Secretary of State and the would-be assassin fled. A few days later, Powell was captured at the home of Mary Surratt, another of the conspirators. Powell was tried, found guilty, and hanged along with three other plotters on July 7, 1865. William Seward survived the attack but bore scars on his face and neck for the rest of his life.

The tough old diplomat and President Johnson had hoped the Alaska purchase might divert public attention from the administration's politi-



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CARTOON MOCKING THE PURCHASE OF ALASKA — IT SHOWS TWO NEW "SENATORS" MEETING SEWARD AND PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON.


cal woes. Indeed, less than a year after Alaska became an American territory, Andrew Johnson was impeached by the House of Representatives. Although the treaty with Russia sailed through the Senate with 37 votes for it and two against it, Alaska couldn't save Johnson from the immense controversy which marred his presidency. This had, after all, occurred during the darkest years of Reconstruction. It was one of the most contentious periods of American history, except for the period preceding the Civil War and perhaps, the present.

On October 18, 1867, a ceremony took place in present day Sitka, Alaska whereby the territory formally became a territory of the United States. Bands played and cannons boomed. The only glitch occurred when the Russian flag became stuck on the flagpole after it was supposed to be lowered. It took three different

attempts by three different Russian soldiers climb high enough on the pole to dislodge it. Finally, the Imperial Russian flag was lowered and the Stars and Stripes were raised.

Russians living in Alaska were given the choice to become American citizens or to return to their native land. The majority went back to Russia. Interestingly, a major reason cited for going back to Russia was the drunkenness and disorder caused by the Americans who came there. It must have been pretty bad for a Russian to complain. After all, the Russians were (and are) no strangers to strong drink and mayhem. In keeping with the time, the indigenous inhabitants were not consulted about their feelings.

After doing some research, I found that most American newspapers favored the Alaska purchase. It was, after all, a good deal. In modern cur-



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rency, it cost the U.S. about \$151 million dollars. Proponents argued the territory would be rich in minerals, check British expansion from Canada, encourage good relations with Russia, and bolster trade with Asia.

The principal opposition to the acquisition of Alaska came from Horace Greeley's New York Tribune. Greeley hated the Johnson administration and all its works. The incisive publisher, who was somewhat of a windbag, took positive delight in criticizing the Alaska deal. Although Greeley wasn't alone, he seems to have been the loudest and most sarcastic adversary of Alaska.

In 1896 gold was discovered in the Yukon region of Canada. Thousands of prospectors and adventurers used Alaska as a springboard for the Klondike gold rush. What critics were left by that time were effectively silenced. By the way, the gold rush inspired some great literature and poetry by Jack London and Robert W. Service, respectively. Alaska generates huge revenues from the oil and gas industries, commercial fishing, and from its national parks. Today nobody argues about the wisdom of William H. Seward.

Alaska notwithstanding, Seward ranks as one of the United States' most effective Secretaries of State. While he served under Lincoln, he did an amazing job of diplomatically isolating the Confederacy and helped ensure the Union's victory. Under Andrew Johnson, he helped end the French incursion into Mexico with firmness and restraint. In retrospect, it's possible that the term "Seward's Folly" has stuck because Seward himself was anything but a fool. He commands immense respect and people who know anything about him enjoy the irony.

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this title overall. But she wasn't done. That same year at EOT in Moriarty, New Mexico, she won Cowgirl and Overall Lady. She did it again in 2021 at EOT in Etna Green, Indiana.

Looking ahead, Carly had enrolled in West Virginia University as a Forensic Science Major. During that course of study she interned with the Maricopa County Coroners Office in Phoenix, AZ in the Death Scene Investigation Division. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in May of 2023 graduating Cum Laude, an Honors Foundation Scholar. But it doesn't end there.

Carly has been accepted in the Masters program at West Virginia University and started her course of study last fall, following her desire to become a Forensics Examiner. During her first term, she will also be a teachers' aide in Forensic Biology.

So to all the varmints and miscreants who enjoy running afoul of the law... you've been warned! Enjoy your time on the bad side of town while you can. It won't be long before Forensic Examiner Carly Smith may be investigating a crime scene you created. If so, do not doubt you'll be caught and brought to justice. And as Carly Bill so aptly said in the movie Tombstone, "I ain't kiddin', neither!"

BONNIE MACFARLANE A WINNER ON AND OFF THE RANGE

BY BT BLADE, SASS #35685 LIFE/REGULATOR

Many of us have heard the phrase "Follow Your Dreams." While it's something we'd all like to do, it's certainly easier said than done... particularly in today's world.

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to mirror the values and character traits that resulted in their getting chosen? Is the scholarship money well spent? Well, from what I've seen in my 22 years as a SASS member, I'd say the answer is a resounding "Yes!" So let's take a look at Carly Smith (Bonnie MacFarlane, SASS #92385), who received SASS scholarships in 2019 and 2020.

Carly turned 22 in March of this year, but her love of shooting sports began at the age of 10 under the supervision of her grandfather Austin Smith (Blake Wade, SASS #82953). Carly set her "sights" on SASS and the enjoyment that came with it... and never looked back.

She won her first World title — Junior Girl — in 2017. She was the Overall SASS Western Regional Champion in 2019, the first female to win



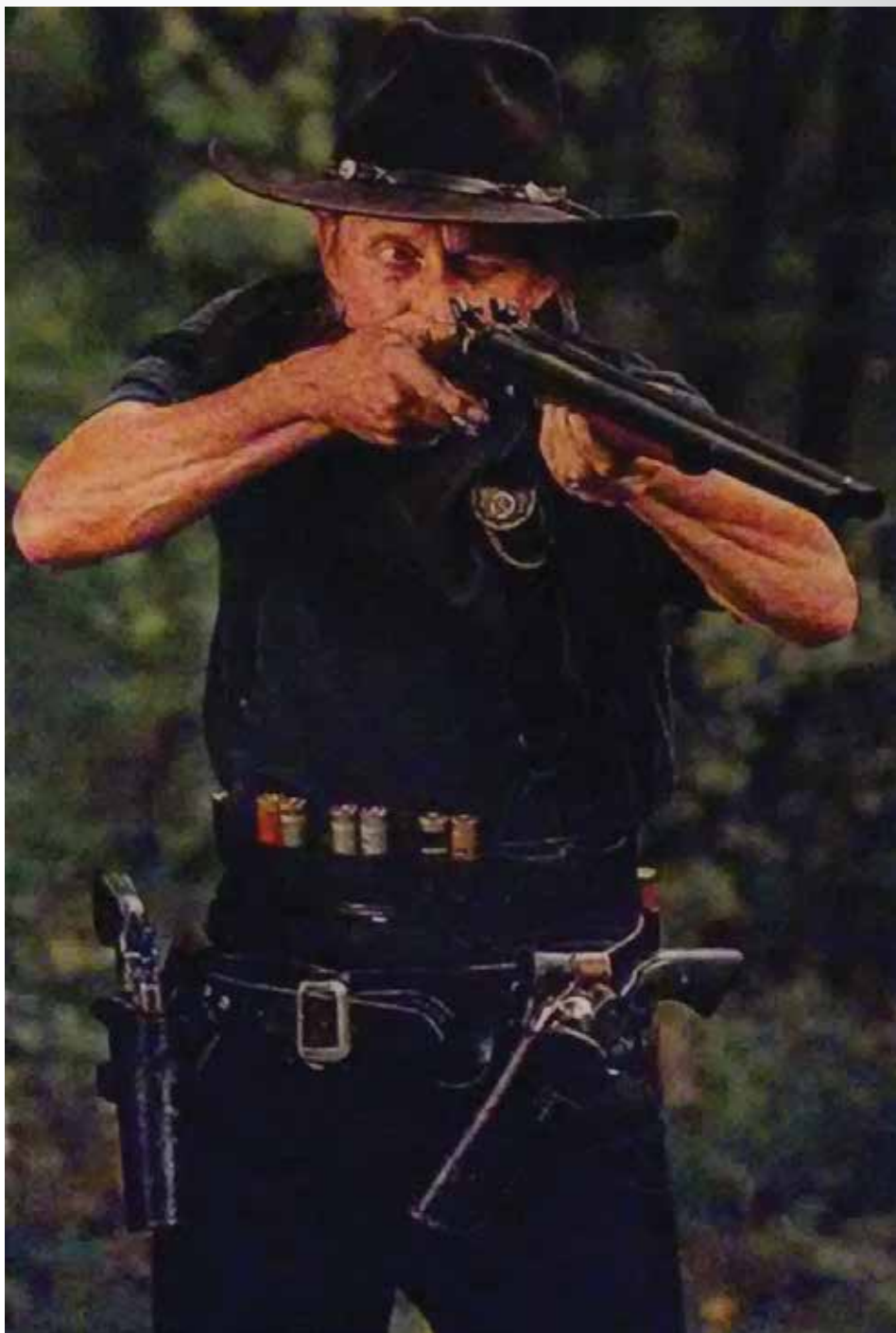
THE RECORD OF A LIFETIME ONE HUNDRED CLEAN MATCHES

BY RUBY RUTHLESS, SASS #105922

Among the members of SASS®, the coveted clean match is something we all strive to achieve at least once in our shooting careers. Some folks achieve it only once, some never achieve it at all, and then there are some folks like Letort Lawman (SASS #12300), who have done it not once, not twice, but 100 times. That's right... after more than 30 years of competing in Cowboy Action Shooting™, he achieved his 100th clean match on August 19, 2023 at the Jefferson Outlaws Club in Spring Grove, PA.

Letort Lawman shot his first match at the Cowboy Action Shooting Sports Club in Singing Hills, WV in the season of 1992 in the Traditional category. He continued to compete locally until he officially joined SASS on January 25, 1997, at the Susquehanna Round Up, held by the West Shore Sportsman Association. In 1999, he and five others decided to start a SASS Affiliated club of their own, the Perry County Regulators. Letort Lawman has served as their Match Director from the club's inception and has continued to be an active CAS competitor in the Classic Cowboy category.

He, like many others in our sport, work towards obtaining at least one clean match and over the years he began to track each and every one. Letort's first clean match was shot at the West Shore Sportsman Association around 1997 and he attained his 50th clean match on June 24, 2012 at the Elstonville Hombres club in Manheim, PA. But why stop there? He has continued to collect clean matches throughout the years and whilst volunteering for the SASS booth in February at the 2023 Great American Outdoor Show, he expressed his excitement at how close he was to achieving the big 100! In September, he reached out to SASS Headquarters to inform us his goal of 100 clean matches had finally been reached. What an amazing achievement that most SASS members, both seasoned and new, aspire to hopefully accomplish one day... or at least try. Congratulations Letort Lawman on your 100th clean match!



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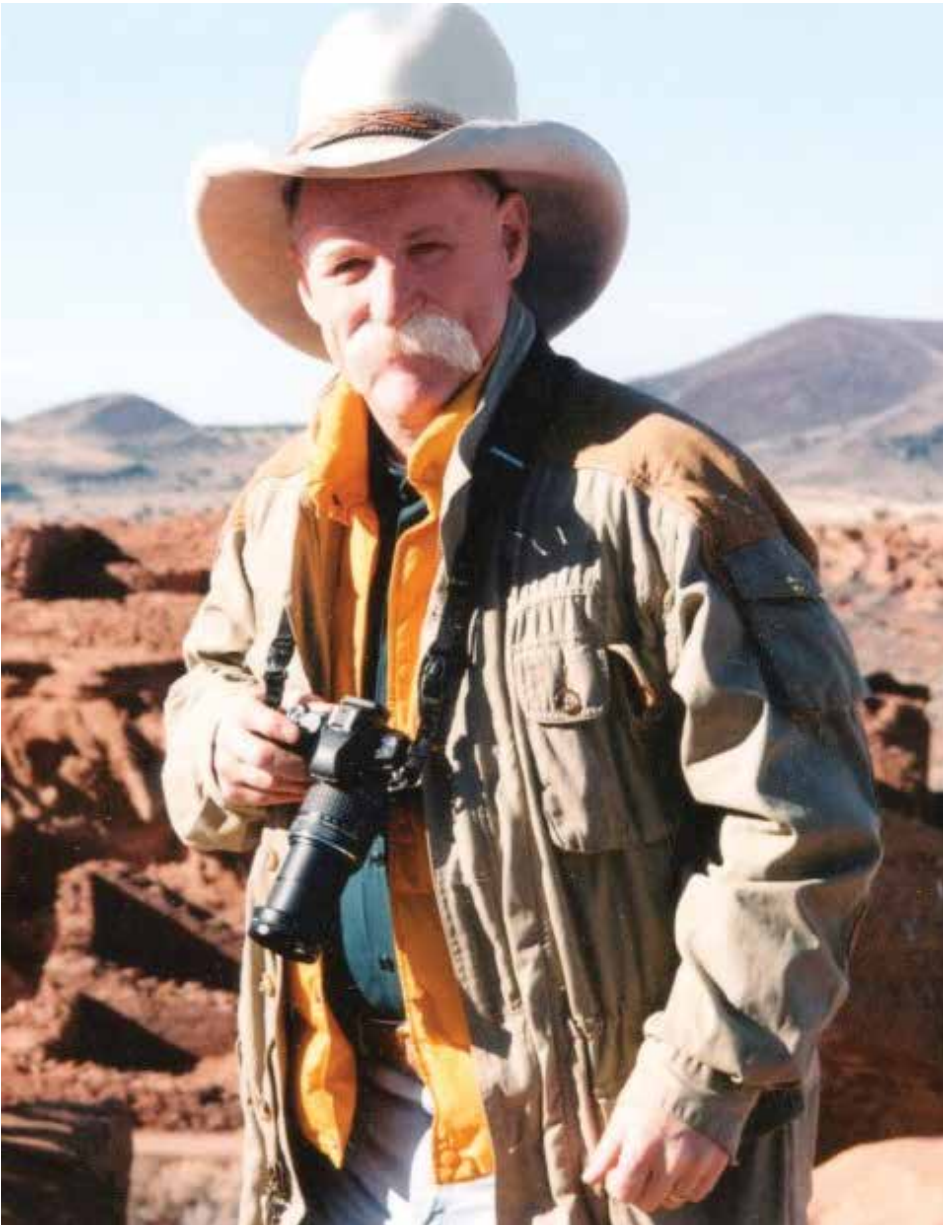
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Born Charles Chester Gullett, Jr. in Union City, Indiana to Adamae Livengood and Charles Gullett, Sr., Judge Gullett (SASS #816), or Charly as he was known to his friends, is survived by his brother Ed Gullett, daughter Sadie Gullett-Olsen, and grandson Otto Olsen.

A cowboy at heart all his life, Charly moved to Arizona as soon as he could and lived there happily for several decades before moving to New Jersey to be near family his final year.

Though originally trained as a photojournalist in the U.S. Army Defense Information School, he spent much of his adult life as an applications engineer specializing in microprocessor-based robotics, digital instrumentation, and analog design. While with Intel Corp. as a senior technical author, he was awarded their highest individual achievement for ground-breaking work in Artificial Intelligence.

His career also included work as a carpenter, college professor, music instructor, small business owner, author, and a professional artist who illustrated

more than thirty books. Additionally, he was a talented woodworker and the creator of the world's first wooden Reso-phononic fiddle.

Music, hiking, and preserving history were all incredibly important to him, however it was his published research into, and recovery of (he preferred the term to "discovery"), the fractal geometry used in ancient architecture at Chaco Canyon that made him proudest.

Judge Gullett joined SASS and participated in Cowboy Action Shooting™ from the beginning. He is widely regarded as a pioneer in the sport.

He was a unique and complicated man, as anyone who ever met him can attest, and will be deeply missed.

LADY REBEL

BY REBEL, SASS #549

Marie Elizabeth Chilton Gryder, better known as Bitsy and Lady Rebel (SASS #550) was released from her earthly bonds on Friday, October 7, 2022. She is survived by her beloved husband of fifty-three years Joseph Edward Gryder (Rebel, SASS #549); her sister Virginia Jane Chilton and brother-in-love Danny Coyle of Grants, NM; her sister-in-love Carol Reeder Chilton of Greenville, TN; as well as her daughter Lorilei Danielle Gryder Dreibelbis (Lori Dani Dixie, SASS #1695); her son Joseph Emmet Gryder (Young 'Un (SASS #9400) and daughter-in-love Melissa T. Gryder; her grandchildren John Theodore Dreibelbis, Helena Gabrielle Gryder, Izabelle Yve Dreibelbis, and Jonathan Elijah Gryder; her nieces, nephews and their spouses, her grandnieces, and countless other friends who became family over the years.

After spending her childhood in Tennessee, her adventures in married life brought her to Anaheim, California, where she served her community over the next forty years as a public school educator and as a leader in the Delta Zeta Sorority, the Girl Scouts, and educational organizations supporting sports



and academic competitions. She joined her husband in service and leadership in the Los Angeles Police Protective League and as a military spouse she was recognized in 1989 as Volunteer of the Year by the commander of the 6th Army in recognition for her contributions to the Family Support Unit manuals that establish procedures to support the families of our fighting men and women in crisis – a manual still used today to empower our military personnel to serve with confidence that their families and loved ones are safe.

Bitsy, with her husband, joined the Single Action Shooting Society in 1987 as a founding member. Known as Lady Rebel, she not only competed as a lady shooter and costumer, but also brought

her life-long love of learning to thousands of children with more than ten years of hands-on history in “Kid’s Korral,” a feature of the SASS END of TRAIL annual competition in California and New Mexico. In 2010 she was inducted into the SASS Cowboy Action Hall of Fame in recognition of her contributions that embodied her passion for preserving our Great American Culture and promoting the Spirit of the Game well beyond the boundaries of the shooting range.

Upon her retirement to Tennessee in 2006, she continued to lead and serve her community through various positions, including an active role in the Rhea County Republican Party serving on the executive committee in several positions, most recently president, until

the onset of her terminal illness.

Beyond any of these recognitions of her public service, Bitsy is most remembered as a gracious and loving hostess, a beloved wife, and a devoted mother and grandmother. Friends and peers remember her as genuine and hard-working, blessing many with home-cooked meals and her hand-made textiles through the years. She welcomed not only her family into her heart and home, but offered food, advice, and assistance to her sorority sisters, her Girl Scout girls, her friends’ children, her children’s friends, and many the wayward traveler and SASS family over the years, both human and canine. She absolutely meant every word of “for better or for worse, but not for lunch,” “let me help you with your math,” and “I love you.”

She was interred in Dayton, TN on October 15, 2022 in the family’s plot. Her surviving family thanks all of SASS for providing a home for her teaching and fellowship throughout the years.

MISSOURI RIVER LO

BY MISSOURI RIVER KID, SASS #38088

Lois Arlene Garibaldi (Missouri River Lo SASS, #55271) of Bozeman Montana has passed away at the age of 77, from complications of severe Dementia, on 07/31/2023. She was Born



8/11/1946 in Brockton MA. Lois was married to Tony Garibaldi (Missouri River Kid) on 11/21/1964. Lois spent many years enjoying traveling with the Missouri River Kid to various shoots throughout the United States. She made friends from coast to coast and was loved by many. She loved taking kids hunting and teaching them how to shoot. She always talked about the shoots and their travels, as they were one of the many highlights of her life. Lois was not a fast shooter, but it was her goal at all of the shoots to always “shoot clean.”. Missouri River Lo did not have a mean bone in her body, she seemed to know everyone in the sport and was always there to meet and greet all of the participants. She will be missed by many.

SALTY PAWL **NOV 3, 1958 – MAY 31, 2023**

BY DOUBLE A, SASS #104831 LIFE

Paul Henneberry (Salty Pawl, SASS #110074) passed away at the age of sixty-four. He lived in Hemet CA.

Salty Pawl started shooting CAS in 2020, it was a slow introduction to our sport due to COVID, but he quickly caught on and loved shooting Classic Cowboy. He dubbed himself the first DCCC — Dry Clean Classic Cowboy. He won Best Dressed Cowboy at the Dam Site 2023... he was so proud!

Salty Pawl was Vice President of the Double R Bar Regulators and an avid “smoker.” Not a Tuesday went by that he had not smoked a cut of meat for Taco Tuesday.

Paul served in the Army Reserve 2003-2007 as a Sergeant and did two tours with Operation Iraqi Freedom. One tour was in Fallujah. He drove a 60-foot military transport across the open desert and was awarded many commendation medals.

A memorial shoot was held at the Double R Bar on June 11. There was a shotgun salute and Taps was played. His Celebration of Life service was held on July 16. Many stories were shared, and it was a great comfort to know he had found his place in life with CAS.

Ranger, his beloved Labrador, misses him along with all his Cowboy family.



TUOLUMNE TWEED AUGUST 8, 1947 - DEC 24, 2022

BY BT BLADE, SASS #35685 LIFE/REGULATOR

Greg Winslow (Tuolumne Tweed, SASS #5538 Life) had all the positive attributes that we admire in a Cowboy and then some.

He was born in Los Angeles the summer of 1947 and had a work ethic that is quite uncommon today. At 13 he worked on an egg farm, then worked at the Post Office while attending UCLA, sold men's clothing, received a secondary teaching credential in English and became a substitute teacher before joining the Army Reserve. All this was accomplished before realizing his true calling as a Los Angeles Police Officer.

Greg married his wife Becky (Rose N. D'Morn, SASS #19692) in 1973 and for almost 50 years they were inseparable. They raised two boys and were blessed with two lovely grandchildren. Greg retired from the LAPD with the rank of Sergeant and he and Becky eventually moved to southern Utah. More than twenty of us ended



up retiring in Hurricane, UT. We met through Cowboy Action Shooting™ and all currently live within 5-6 blocks of each other. Most of us met while shooting with the Cowboys in Norco, CA. We eventually ended up as members of the Dixie Desperados. Greg referred to our little community as "The Cowboys Relocation Project." I couldn't have said it any better.


Greg enjoyed many things in life, particularly the outdoors. His alias was chosen because of his love of Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite National Park. He also loved riding his Harley Davidson and he and Becky would have reg-

ular trips, or should I say "adventures." He loved cooking, music, photography, Shakespeare, and Renaissance Faires to name just a few things. Becky's talent with needle and thread provided them with costuming that was second to none, from the elegant Renaissance age to the dusty streets of the Old West in the 1800s. Everything Greg did, he did "all in" ... and he did with Becky at his side.

He enjoyed our game to the fullest and shot Frontier Cartridge Duelist. He played to have fun; one of the few people I knew who really did. It didn't seem to matter to him where he placed as long as he shot safe and enjoyed the time with his friends. Spending time at the range and around the many campfires with Greg are fond memories that will last in my mind forever. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention he enjoyed the Long Range aspect of our sport as well... maybe even more than Main Match activities. Becky joined him in that venue as well and certainly held her own.



Greg lost his battle with cancer on December 24, 2022. SASS lost one great Cowboy and many of us, that includes me, lost a true friend.

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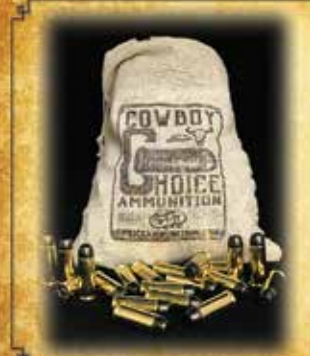


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Butler's Rangers	Thorald	As Sched.	905-730-9878	Shaky Brooster	Decew Gun Club
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Prairie Dog Rebels	London	As Sched.	519-860-2004	Currahee Kid	Crumlin Sportsmen's Association
Ruff's Regulators	St Andrews West	1st Sat	514-409-6117	Marshall MacPhee	Cornwall Handgun 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

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	Detwiller	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	NA
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
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ITALY

Western Club Canne Tonanti	Verano Brianza	As Sched. Sun	+393493276203	Bruce Miller	A.S.D. Traversera Shooting Club
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LUXEMBOURG

SASS Luxembourg	Kayl	June; Thurs-Sun	00352 691 161 580	Katie Lou	SSCK
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NETHERLANDS

Dutch Western Shooting Association	Varies	As Sched.	+31619430223	Dutch Bear	N/A
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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 21 656 966	Louis L'Amour	Rifle Rod & Gun Club Manawata Inc.
Green Mountain Boys	Upper Hutt	1st Sun	+64 274 221 551	Bald Eagle	Kaitoke Pistol Club
Mystery Creek Marshals	Hamilton	4th Sun	+64 211 265 244	Misterlott	The Hamilton Pistol Club
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
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SOUTH AFRICA

Western Shooters of South Africa	Simon's Town	3rd Sat	+27 826522150	Dusty Devil	False Bay Gun Club
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SWEDEN

SASS Sweden/ Thorsby Desperados	Torsby	1st Sat	+46702711107	Ace Heart	Reito Torsby
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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 KINGDOM

British Western Shooting Society	Grimsby, Lincs	3rd Weekend	+44 7903 287398	English Luke	North Cotes Butts Rifle Club
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CLUB NAME	CITY	MATCH DAY	PHONE	CONTACT	RANGE LOCATION
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ALABAMA

Alabama Rangers	Birmingham	2nd Sun	205-369-2702	Cahawba Kid	Brock's Gap Training Company
North Alabama Regulators	Woodville	1st Sun	256-504-4366	Buck D. Law	Cavern Cove Competition Shooting Range
Old York Shootists	Blountsville	2nd Sat & 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 Sat & 4th Sun	907-371-0830	1st SGT Bearclaw Toklat	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		480-238-3451	Rattlesnake Slim	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
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
Colorado River Shootists	Yuma	3rd Sun	760-662-3495	Mexican Rob	Adair Range
Cowtown Shooters Association	Peoria	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	480-773-2753	Barbwire	Cowtown Shooting Range
Cowtown Wild Bunch Shooters	Peoria	4th Sun	602-721-3175	Wild Bodie Tom	Cowtown Shooting Range
Dusty Bunch Old Western Shooters	Casa Grande	See Web	520-709-4173	Lean-a Gun	Casa Grande Shooting Range
Granite Mountain Outlaws	Chino Valley	1st Sat WB & 3rd Sun CAS	928-963-6515	Tramp	Compass Training Center
Los Vaqueros	Tombstone	3rd Sat	520-444-8181	Eric Rooster Cogburn	Tombstone Livery
Mohave Marshals	Kingman	3rd Sun	928-377-7001	Man Mountain Mike	Mohave Sportsman's Club
NAZty Bunch	Flagstaff	3rd Sat	928-520-3794	Coconino Pistolero	Camp Savage
Rio Salado Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Mesa	1st Sat	602-657-4532	Colt Laredo	Rio Salado Sportsman's Club
Whiskey Row Gunslingers	Prescott	4th Sat	949-422-9961	Wolfie Lehr	Yavapai Recreation League
White Mountain Old West Shootists	Taylor	3rd Sat	928-243-3457	Mustang Lady Sue	Apache Sitegravers Forest

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	1st, 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

5 Dogs Creek	Bakersfield	1st Sat & Sun	661-823-8605	Fordyce Beals	Five Dogs Creek Shooting Range
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
Chorro Valley Regulators	San Luis Obispo	2nd Wkd & 5 Wkd	805-431-1307	Thomas Poole	San Luis Obispo Sportsman's Association
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
Hawkinsville Claim Jumpers	Yreka	4th & 5th Sat	530-598-6295	Royal Flush	Dodge Range
Helladorado 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

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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	925-519-7996	Wolf Taylor	Manteca Sportsmen's Club

COLORADO

Briggsdale County Shootists	Briggsdale	2nd & 4th Sat & 5th Sun	970-396-9010	Sixty-Nine Cent Wizard	Pawnee Sportsmens Center
Castle Peak Wildshots	Gypsum	2nd Wkd	970-390-1369	Doctor Death	Eagle Valley Rod & Gun Club
Colorado Cowboys	Rockvale	1st Sat	937-308-1634	Tex Message	Rockvale 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
San Juan Rangers	Montrose	1st Sun	970-417-6247	Kodiak Kid	San Juan Shooting Range
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	William Jarvis Shooting Complex

CONNECTICUT

CT Valley Bushwhackers	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	850-443-7882	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
Fort White Cowboy Cavalry	Fort White	2nd Sat	352-284-4244	Toothpick	Fort White Gun Club
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	Sebastian	2nd Sat	561-371-5507	Amaduelist	Indian River County Shooting Range
Panhandle Cattle Company	Chipley	4th Sat	850-638-4939	Desperado Dale	Panhandle Cattle Company
Panhandle Cowboys	Holt	2nd Sun	850-665-4289	Johnny Rough	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	Eastanolle	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	N/A
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
Squaw Butte Regulators	Emmett	1st Sun, 3rd Wed & 4th Sun	208-866-7271	Idaho Six Gun Sam	Gem County Rod and Gun Club

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ILLINOIS					
Fort Beggs Defenders	Plainfield	3rd Sun	779-234-0543	Toranado	Oak Park Sportsmen's Club
Good Guys Posse	Winnebago	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	815-517-4960	Msgr. SH Long	Dry Gulch Ranch
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 Shootin Club Range
Litchfield Cowboys	Litchfield	3rd Sat	618-972-7825	The Inspector	Litchfield Sportsman Club
McLean County Peacemakers	Bloomington	3rd Sat	309-242-0522	Mackinaw Jack	Darnalls Gun Works & 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	317-501-0499	Dallas McBoomBoom	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
Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	Bristol	3rd Sat	574-536-4010	Justice D. Spencer	Chief Wa-Ke-De Range
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
Powder Creek Cowboys Wild Bunch	Lenexa	1st Sat	785-766-7128	Sneaky	Powder Creek Shooting Park
KENTUCKY					
Dirty Rotten Gang	Pikeville	4th Sat	606-424-8706	Escopeta Jake	East Kentucky Sportsman Assoc.
Green River Gunslingers	Bowling Green	2nd & 5th Sat	270-498-0134	Bushrod Jones	Green River Gun Club
Hooten Old Town Regulators	Mckee	1st Sat	859-230-3693	Lyin 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	337-544-0189	Nellie Blue	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

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MICHIGAN

Hidden Valley Cowboys	Sturgis	3rd Sun	574-349-3764	Johnny Rebel	St. Joseph Conservation and Sportsmans Club
Johnson Creek Regulators	Plymouth	4th Sat	734-812-5679	Slow Gin Ricky	Western Wayne County Conservation Club
River Bend Rangers	Niles	2nd Sat	269-340-5222	Robert Chance Cole	Bend of the River Conservation Club
Rocky River Regulators	Shelby Township	3rd Sun	248-709-5254	Terrebonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
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

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

Bear Creek Volunteers	Walnut Shade	1st Mon & 2nd Sat	417-208-9142	Artemus Von Schutze	Liberty Range
Bear Creek Volunteers Wild Bunch	Walnut Shade	3rd Sat	417-865-5953	Handlebar Scratch	Liberty Range
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
Central Ozarks Western Shooters	Newburg	3rd Sun	630-841-1686	Irish Jack Daniels	Central Ozarks Pratical Shooters Range
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. Sgr. Edward Greenwood Hampton	Bar Lazy B Range
Pioneer Gunslingers	Holden	2nd Sat	573-586-9074	Lucas Cahill	Pioneer Gun Club
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 Wkd & 4th Sat	406-590-7599	Crusty	N/A
Bitterroot Buckaroos	Hamilton / Polson	1st Sat (WRPC) & 4th Sat (PRC)	406-531-4116	May B. Shecann	Whittecar 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
Platte Valley Gunslingers	Alda	3rd Sat	308-350-0111	Two Gun Papa	Heartland Public Shooting Park

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	Dead Head	Kinnicun Fish & Game

NEW JERSEY

Jackson 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

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NEW MEXICO					
Buffalo Range Riders	Albuquerque	1st Sun	505-321-9216	Estancia Kid	Hayas 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 CAS, 1st Sat WB	505-463-6216	Captain Jack Houston	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.
Circle K Regulators	Ballston Spa	3rd Sun	518-588-0312	Smokehouse Dan	Kayaderoseras Fish & Game Club
Circle K Rough Riders Wild Bunch	Ballston Spa	As Sch	315-357-2352	Feany Valentine	Kayaderoseras Fish and Game Club
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	716-894-3676	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
NORTH CAROLINA					
Carolina Cattlemen'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
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 and Gun 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
Ohio Valley Vigilantes	Mt. Vernon	4th Sat	614-870-3462	Useless Houston	N/A
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 Territorial Marshals	Arcadia	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	405-409-9442	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Red River Valley Cowpokes	Albany	2nd Sat	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
Horse Ridge Pistoleros Wild Bunch	Bend	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sun	541-848-7260	Big Casino	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Merlin Marauders Cowboy Action Shooting Posse	Grants Pass	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	541-226-7814	The New Hope Kid	Josephine County Sportsmans Association Park
Molalla River Rangers	Canby	1st Sat	503-866-8993	Rowdy Rex	Canby Rod and Gun Club

CLUB NAME	CITY	MATCH DAY	PHONE	CONTACT	RANGE LOCATION
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 Jings	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

Beaver Valley Bushwhackers	Beaver Falls	4th Sun	724-272-3035	Lawless Lorin	Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Black Forest Cowboys	Coudersport	3rd Sat	814-203-1748	Bolo	Black Forest Conservation Association
Boot Hill 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
Jefferson Outlaws	Spring Grove	3rd Sat	443-392-1615	Red-Eyed Kid	Jefferson Rifle Club
Logan's Ferry Regulators	New Kensington	2nd Sat	724-454-3159	Dirt Slider	Logans Ferry Sportsmen's Club
Mainville Marauders	Bloomsburg	2nd Sun	570-495-0800	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 Sat	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 Association Range
Medicine Creek Road Agents	Oneida	1st Sun	605-208-5044	Prickly Bill	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting Range
Snake Creek Rustlers	Faulkton	4th Sun	605-447-5893	O' Town Kid	Faulk Cauty Trap Club

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
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st & 3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	Regulators Range

TEXAS

Badlands Bar 3	Clarksville	2nd Wkd	903-272-9283	T-Bone Dooley	Badlands Bar 3
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 & 4th Wkd	817-774-5637	Hot Tamale	Ormsby Ranch
Oakwood Outlaws	Oakwood	2nd Full Wkd (CAS) & 2nd Mon (WB)	903-545-2252	Forest Shadow	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 Wkd	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 Pistoros	San Antonio	1st Sat	210-823-9432	PJ Mugwump	A Place To Shoot Inc.
Tejas Caballeros	Blanco	3rd Sat	512-657-2491	Farr Ranger	Texas Republic Ranch

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Texas Historical Shootist Society	Columbus	3rd Sun	832-277-5701	Houston	Brune Ranch
Texas Riviera Pistoleros	George West	2nd & 5th Sat	361-648-1680	Tocayo	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
Texican Rangers Wild Bunch	Comfort	5th Sat as Sched.	210-416-3913	Shooting Iron Miller	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Thunder River Renegades	Plantersville	2nd & 4th Sat	281-460-6386	Texas Jack Daniels	N/A
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
Dixie Desperados	Hurricane	2nd & 4th Sat	435-673-9785	Navajo Kelly	Desperado Canyon
Dixie Desperados Wild Bunch	Hurricane	1st Sat	435-668-4613	Mokaac Kid	Desperado Canyon
Dixie Desperados/Territorial Wild Bunch	Hurricane	As Sch	801-829-8989	J.T. Wild	Red Rock
The Cowboys Of Utah	Salt Lake City	4th Sat	385-237-1861	Longwalker	WASR "Big Salty"
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 Sat	801-966-7522	Harry Trigger	Big Salty

VERMONT

Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	Morrisville	As Sched.	802-276-3479	Oak Ridge Regulator	Lamoille Valley Fish & Game Club
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VIRGINIA

Bedford Liberty Long Riders	Bedford	1st Sun	434-942-7369	Thunder Colt	Bedford Rifle and Revolver Club
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	Shackelfords	3rd Sun & 4th Sat	804-241-5418	Potter County Kid	West Point 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

WASHINGTON

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
Yakima Black Rock Bunch	Moxee	1st Sat	509-860-7659	Lady T	Sun Valley Shooting Park

WEST VIRGINIA

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
Kanawha Valley Regulators Wild Bunch	Eleanor	2nd Wkd	304-397-6188	Eddie Rebel	Putnum County Gun Club
White Horse Riders	Volga	2nd Sun	304-838-2791	Jessie May Belle	Whitehorse Firearms and Education Center

WISCONSIN

Bristol Plains Pistoleros	Bristol	2nd Wkd	847-421-1246	Rusty Brec	Conservation Club of Kenosha County
Crystal River Gunslingers	Waupaca	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	WOWS Station

WYOMING

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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