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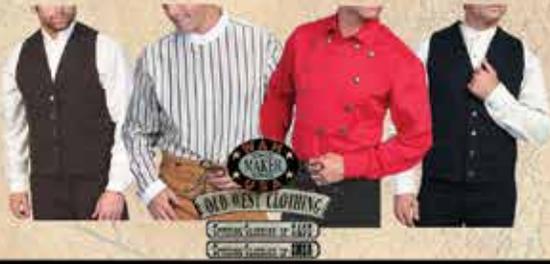
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FIFTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S WILD WEST SHOOTOUT

BY OZARK BELLE, SASS #96748

PHOTOS BY OZARK CAPTAIN, SASS #87093 AND FLOSSIE, SASS #97727

Marshfield, Missouri, June 16, 2018. On a hot day in late Spring, the Southern Missouri Rangers treated their Cowgirls to a day of shooting at the fifth annual Women's Wild West Shootout, and it was the best one yet. The five-stage event is brainchild of the club's treasurer, ChaChing (SASS #89633). Noticing the ladies did most of the work for the regular month-

ly matches, especially the secretary and treasurer, she asked why we couldn't have a shoot where the Cowboys do all the work while the Cowgirls shoot. And the Women's Wild West Shootout was born.

This year the group celebrated "By The Numbers." Thirteen Cowgirls from Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas stepped up to the firing line and fourteen Cowboys ran the timer, spot-

ted, picked up brass, and helped out at the loading and unloading tables. We even had the help of a young Cowboy who'd come from Oklahoma with his grandmother, who shot the match.

With scenarios written by club member Ozark Belle, the ladies shot three stages, stopped for "tea" — fruit salad, donut holes, sugar cookies, and iced tea — on account of the heat, then



GRAND DAME WINNER OZARK ANNIE (SASS #87094).

finished the final two stages.

Stages and targets were decorated with gold-stenciled roses and pink cowboy hats. Though the challenging scenarios meant no clean shooters, the Cowgirls still had fun, shouting out lines like, “this shoot is ONE of a kind” and “one plus one equals TWO” at the schoolhouse. There were different patterns for the pistols and rifle, a Cha-Cha, double-tap sweeps, a double bonus, and even a stage where the shooter got to choose which long gun to use. (Most chose the shotgun.)

The day ended with a delicious cold lunch of chicken salad on croissants, macaroni salad, and carrot cake for dessert. Traditional red, white, and blue mini cowbells were given out as awards.

Special thanks go to ChaChing and Flossie for all their planning and organizing!

Lady Senior, **Jackie Diamond** (SASS #88014) was our top overall shooter, but every Cowgirl who participated walked off the range a winner! See our website — www.so-mo-rangers.com — for complete scores.



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HOW DO WE STOP THE LOSS OF MEMBERS AND EXPAND OUR MEMBERSHIP? ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

BY PATAHA, SASS #5191

As I read the guest editorial by Fire Eater (SASS #74495) in the April 2018 issue, I felt the need to reply. When I first started attending Cowboy Action Shooting™ events in the early '90s the format was entirely different from what a prospective new shooter will encounter today. Stages included non-shooting tasks mixed with the shooting, all on the clock. Knives, tomahawks and prop dynamite were thrown with abandon. There were jails to escape and handcuffs to remove, lassoes thrown, horses to ride and myriad other “cowboy” chores to be accomplished, all on the clock along with the shooting.

Targets were at varying distances and different degrees of accuracy were required. Speed was not the only skill required. *It was fun* to play and it was fun to watch. The sport grew exponentially. It was fun. Then the changes started. The non-shooting elements started to disappear and the targets started to get bigger and closer. Top contenders demanded targets so big and so close misses were almost a thing of the past. Firearms were being modified for maximum speed. Stage designs got simpler and less challenging with extreme speed being the only criterion. The fun was gone, the money was in, the classification system got crazy and new shooters weren't very interested. Add the cost of customized equipment and the recipe for the decline in participation was complete. Henry Plummer or Jesse James never pulled off a bigger heist.

What to do? Get rid of the age based classification system and establish a skill level system like every other

shooting discipline. Simplify the categories. I don't even know how many possibilities there are when you factor in age, gender, costume, type of firearm, type of propellant and shooting style. Possibly retain gender, three age groups (Junior, Adult, and Senior), Conventional, and Dualist. Keep it simple.

For skill classification, design several easily replicated stages that could be shot at any SASS sanctioned event and have scores recorded and turned in to SASS to establish the shooters skill classification. IPSC does a great job under similar constraints with this method. Using this method I would recommend four or five classes. A flow chart for combining categories and classes would need to be created for matches where there are not enough competitors in a category/class to name a place finisher.

Encourage safe, non shooting elements to be included in stages. Put a need for marksmanship back into stages with some smaller and more distant targets. Make stages multi-skill with a very small element of luck mixed in. Make stages fun to shoot and fun to watch.

I am sure there will be a great deal of push back from the top echelon speedsters but we have the choice of a dying game for the elite or we can go back to our roots and the game that appealed to tens of thousands.

As for Fire Eater's assessment that the problem is age, or young shooters, or cost, those are constant factors that have been around from the beginning. They haven't changed. Look at what has changed. SASS let a small percentage of the top competitors morph the game into a format specifically for their style and goals. Maybe start a Master Gunfighter category designed strictly for speed but bring back the game that started it all and was fun for the rest of us.



ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT THIS

BY SKINNY, SASS #7361

As Pataha points out, a lot has changed in Cowboy Action Shooting™ over the years, but I believe a lot of it has to do with the natural evolution of competitions. In the early days, we did enjoy doing a lot of extra-competitive activities while on the clock and that was fun. But those were also the days when a large match was small by today's standards. I can recall an early Winter Range I attended that I thought was huge because it had “almost” 100 participants. At that event we did all the extra things on every stage, which caused the match to run much longer than expected—many posses had to finish in the dark. That, I believe is why stages became faster and less complicated, and why targets became easier—to accommodate larger and larger groups of shooters. If we ran stages today like we did in the “good old days,” we'd have to hold week-long events with just two or three stages per day.

The number of categories today is plentiful, but that's largely to encourage more shooters to participate in hopes of winning a trophy. SASS figured this out a while ago. Without the number of categories we have today, I think many more shooters might become frustrated and give up.

Which brings us to our top shooters. I'm firm in my belief that these are the top shooters because they have the drive and the commitment to training and competitive spirit that singles them out from most casual competitors. They don't win because they have the trickiest firearms or because the targets are so big and close. They win because winning is what they do. If the rules were to change such that all competitors had to use .45 Colts and all targets had to be far away and small, the same shooters who are winners now would *still* be winners. It would just be more frustrating for the rest of us.

Having said all this, I know many of the points Pataha has made will resonate with some of our readers. This is a topic that will never die and I'd be interested to hear other points of view.

SASS DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MISTY MOONSHINE, SASS #83232
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The concept of the addition of SASS Divisional Championships within the SASS sanctioning structure began in 2015 for a three-year trial term. The hosts of both the Western Divisional Championship ("The Gunfight Behind the Jersey Lilly," hosted by The Cowboys, Norco, California) and the Eastern Divisional Championship ("The Mason Dixon Stampede," hosted by The Thurmont Rangers, Thurmont, Maryland) stepped up to the plate and transformed their existing annual matches to meet SASS' request to become Divisional Championship matches. The establishment of the new structure was not without a few stumbling blocks, and despite the best efforts of everyone involved, shooter attendance, support, and participation ultimately does not warrant the continuation of the Divisional program beyond 2018.

As a result, effective calendar year 2019, the SASS Championship sanctioning structure will revert to its original design prior to the introduction of the Divisional concept. (State→Regional→National→World.)

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WILD WILD WEST

And A Steampunk Convention

BY TEXAS FLOWER, SASS #43753 LIFE REGULATOR | PHOTOS BY TEXAS FLOWER

OMG... the venue was outstanding and the costumes were amazing at the Wild Wild West Steampunk Convention 7 held in Old Tucson, Arizona March 1-4, 2018. Old Tucson is a reproduction of an old west town. More than 400 western movies and TV shows have used the town for filming since 1940 including *Rio Bravo*, *Three Amigos*, *Tombstone*, *Bonanza*, and *High Chaparral*. Visitors can take a tour of Old Tucson, ride the train, or take a horseback ride. The place makes you feel like you are really stepping back in time!

This adventure started when I saw a post on Facebook about the event. I have been a steampunk “fan” for a number of years and have written three steampunk costume articles and a tea dueling article (SASS Digital *Cowboy Chronicle* March 2012, January 2015, May 2016, September 2016). The post grabbed my attention and after getting all the information on the convention website, I began to make plans! With steampunk costumes packed for my husband Texas Mac and I, off we flew to Arizona!

Each year there is a theme for the convention. The 2018 theme was *Robots vs. Dinosaurs*. Upon arriving at Old Tucson, the theme was evident with many of the costumes. But no one would feel out of place as there were costumes from basic cowboy attire to full-blown armor costumes.

After finding my way around town, I headed for the vendor area east of town where 38 vendors were set up in a barn and a big tent. I was over-

whelmed with all the steampunk items — clothes, hats, jewelry, gadgets, and leather.

Next, I headed into town to attend some seminars. Over the three-day period, 80 seminars and workshops were scheduled. There were lots of “how to” seminars on different topics. A few had supply fees for the make and take ses-

sions. Some of the titles from the list of seminars offered were Moustache Wax & Beard Oil, High & Low Tech Costumes and Props, Custom Underbust Corset Pattern Making, Gears Gadgets & Gizmos, Google Making 101, and How to Make Leather Roses.

Each day we took a break to enjoy some of the entertainment. There were several music groups, folk dancers, medicine shows, and tea dueling was held several times during the three days with the finals on Sunday afternoon. The Saturday night concert held in the Grand Palace Saloon featured the music groups Abney Park and DEVM. The Fashion Show was on Saturday and the Costume Contest was on Sunday. Such an assortment of fabulous costumes!

There was also a steampunk vehicle contest. I was amazed at the thought and effort competitors put into their vehicles for the contest. I never had time to see the Teapot racing competition, but I was told that it was a race using remote controlled teapots!

The Arizona Steampunk Society and the Tucson Steampunk Society did an excellent job planning and organizing the convention. It was very well attended and we met people from all over the United States. Some of the folks we talked with were SASS® members. Others wanted more information about how to get involved with SASS!

What a fun event! I would highly recommend this convention to anyone interested in steampunk! (Website: www.wildwestcon.com.)



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OKLAHOMA STATE WILD BUNCH CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 WILD BUNCH ACTION SHOOTING AS IT SHOULD BE DONE!

BY DUSTY BODDAMS, SASS #1907

Red Dirt (yes it really is red) is held at the Oklahoma City Gun Club, a sprawling complex sitting on almost a section of land with the Cowboy division having all the land they need to have several shooting bays. And not just store fronts, they have a real town! Everything done is with the intent and scale to accommodate four or 500 shooters. All shooting areas are covered and all can be described as elaborate. The range is sharp, clean, and ready for action.

Action we did have! Red Dirt this year became a three-day match with Friday being the Oklahoma state BAMM championship along with several interesting side matches. Match director Hondo Tweed (SASS #99043) and his band of Rough Riders covered everything perfectly, down to the most minor detail. Side matches were shot as a posse so we could entertain each other and started

with fastest rifle — shooting 10 shots at a “running man” a steel plate sliding on cable across the shooting bay. Fastest shotgun consisted of three clay flippers along with three birds, for six fast shots. Fastest pistol featured 21 reactionary targets. All had to fall. Targets included plate racks, a dueling tree, and a Texas star, with an *unlimited round count!*

“Dough Boy” was a very cool side match using the BAMM rifle for five shots, moving to shotgun for six, and then to pistol for 21. “BAMM Combat” started at a barricade with five shots, then—moving to hay bails for cover—the fight continued for 10 more shots, firing for effect at a bay of steel ranging from 8” to 18” at around 80 to 90 yards. “BAMM Sniper” was one for the history books! The first time ever that a moving target like this has been used for BAMM. Rough Rider EJ with his fertile mind and ingenuity came up with the most impressive target seen to date. He manufactured a railroad track about 60 feet long and used cable, a garage door opener, a trolley that ran on the track, and an electronic eye along with a cutout Jeep that looked like Beetle Bailey’s and a steel plate above the jeep that was about 12” across. The Jeep traveled from hiding behind a wood fence across a 50-foot opening to cover, then reversed automatically and returned on the same path. It was shot from a distance of about 90 yards — 10 shots with the idea of five out and five in, reloading when the Jeep ran behind cover. This was a great test of rifle management shooting at a moving target and reloading fast. EXCELLENT and BRILLIANT!

Saturday, five big stages all had the common thread of true unfiltered Wild Bunch stitched into each and everyone. All the stages featured targets of various sizes that were all hittable... but a competitor had to aim and the use of sights was highly recommended if you cared to hit the targets. In Oklahoma, the caliber .45 pistol is alive, well, and the star of the show, with the notorious model 12 being second and the rifle being used for what rifles are supposed to be used for—solving problems at further than pistol distance. Rifles were used at 25 yards and out.

At 3:30 the top man shoot off started, right after the watermelon bust at 3:00. So at 3:03 you had watermelon juice running down your arm and at 3:31 you were loading guns for the shootout. Top gun was for everyone. All three guns were used. Beginning at center, two competitors squared off. At the beep, you’d draw your pistol and shoot seven, move—repeat—move, shoot shotgun back to center, engage rifle targets, and try to drop your stop plate first. FUN.

Finishing that all were invited into a large comfortable pavilion with plenty of seating at nice picnic tables where drawings were held for an extensive prize pool, including a Remington 1911, Merckle holsters, high end loading strips, loaded ammo, primers, pistol and rifle cases, powder, etc. A really large pool with the majority of folks winning something. And then we broke bread, chicken fried steak with all the trimmings. It was so good, every bite was devoured.

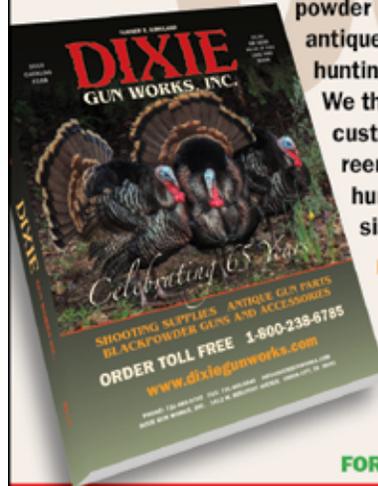
Sunday saw five more great stages that had been changed from yesterday, different yet still captivating. At the end of the day, it was time for awards but first we broke bread again. Yes, Sunday included a big cookout of fajitas—beef and chicken—with all the extras — beans, peppers, and grilled onions. After this hearty meal was the awards presentation that ran like a well-oiled machine. It’s abundantly clear this is the measuring stick for all other Wild Bunch matches. Overall Match Winners were **Shamrock Sadie** (SASS #78511) and **Capt. Sam Evans** (SASS #16788). Please visit <http://cowboy.okcgunclub.org/> for a complete list of winners. Many thanks to all the volunteers working countless hours to make this a high quality match, to the great state of Oklahoma, and to the Rough Riders! We salute you!





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DISPATCHES FROM CAMP BAYLOR THE LEGEND OF "HEAVEN" AND "HELL"

BY CAPTAIN GEORGE BAYLOR,
SASS #24287 LIFE REGULATOR

Once upon a time in a land far away, an old man who was once a young warrior was sitting with G.A., his guardian angel of many years, reminiscing and sipping their traditional drink, mead — Patron mead to be exact. They told war stories and fairy tales of their youth and drank more mead. They had consumed a few when G.A. said, "I've been putting off telling you something."

The old warrior said, "You? You taught me to ignore my fears and continue to march. It must be awful."

"Kind of. I never told you guardian angels assigned to warriors have mandatory retirement at age 65. Apparently, it's a tough gig, so we have to retire. It's not something I thought about because I didn't expect you to live this long. Slaying dragons and rescuing fair maidens is dangerous work, after all."

"True, dragons are dangerous. Who knew?"

G.A. replied, "Turns out they're almost as dangerous as red-haired fair maidens. Point is you're still here and in good health despite the best efforts of a strong enemy and that awful witch's curse called Agent Orange. And I have to retire. It's not my choice."

The old warrior looked at G.A.'s face. He remembered the bright, funny, energetic young angel who had introduced himself when the then squire was about to do something stupid. The angel's wings were smooth and shiny and pure white. Then they went to hell and confronted evil together. Now the wings were scarred, singed, and patched. He didn't look any better himself, he realized. "What will you do?"

"I'm looking for something more relaxing and less stressful than keeping you out of trouble. So, I've bought an



HEAVEN AND HELL, A PAIR OF REVOLVERS WITH A STORY TO TELL.



HOW THEY GOT THEIR NAMES.

outlaw biker bar in Detroit.”

The old warrior nodded. “Sounds peaceful and relaxing.” Then G.A. pulled a case from behind the couch, a polished walnut double pistol case. “These are my going away present to you. Since you’re playing Cowboy full time now you should have these.”

The old warrior opened the box. Inside were two gleaming, engraved revolvers with pearl grips. G.A. said, “They’re Ruger Old Armies, of song, story, and legend. They belch smoke and fire. It’s like having your own dragon.”

“They’re beautiful.”

“They’re yours, with my compliments.”

“You didn’t have to do this. I’m alive. That’s gift enough.”

“But I did. Look closely at the engraving,” said the guardian angel.

The old warrior looked and he saw a crest he recognized. He had worn it into battle when King Richard (Nixon) sent them on an impossible quest. Around the cylinder and on the frame were images that reminded him of their time in a land of death and pain.

G.A. said “I had these symbols engraved in remembrance of our time together and our friends who never came home. Do you like them?”

“Of course. They’re beautiful. Thank you. I will cherish them.”

The former warrior noticed a quotation on the barrel of one gun, “I know I’ll go to Heaven.” On the second gun the quotation was completed. “Because I’ve spent my time in Hell.”

“I thought this was appropriate. I call them ‘Heaven’ and ‘Hell.’ Enjoy,” said G.A.

“I’ll miss you,” said the old warrior. “I’ll think of you when I carry them.”

G.A. turned and flew away, not saying goodbye and not wanting his friend to see his face.

Unknown to all involved this angered the Devil. Hell is a place for the wicked, and these revolvers were being used for good. They would never be used in anger and no one would die by them. In the Devil’s mind this was blasphemy. The Devil hates good. “No good deed goes unpunished,” he said to himself, and vowed to punish this one.

The Devil disguised himself as a beautiful woman shooter who pretended to admire the guns and wanted to handle them. The Devil knew the one-time warrior would never refuse a beautiful woman’s request. The former warrior thought it strange that she muttered to herself in Latin while fondling “Hell.” But the Devil in disguise was casting a spell, leaving a demon inside “Hell.”

And “Hell” became unusable, failing to fire intermittently for no apparent reason. One gunsmith after another tried to fix it with no success. Three years were spent trying to find a gunsmith who could fix them. All the king’s gunsmiths and all the king’s men couldn’t make “Hell” reliable again.

So he put them away and used guns with no decorations at all. Occasionally he would take Heaven and Hell out of their gun case and look at them, sigh and put them away sadly. The demon laughed, but the old warrior couldn’t hear him. The sounds of battles long ago had dulled his ears.

Seven long years went by while he wandered the timeless

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land of SASS. Along the way he met a magician, a true wizard, Dragoon 45 (Mike Brackett of Goon's Gunworks). His specialty was percussion pistols. He turned rough, hard to operate guns into smooth, reliable, unique, long-lived masterpieces. They collaborated on "Project 1860," a tale told in the **January 2018** and **April 2018** issues of *The Cowboy Chronicle*. The resulting guns were enchanted.

Mike had been telling the old warrior that he could enchant Ruger Old Armies as well. But because of his bad experiences in trying to get the guns fixed, the old warrior didn't listen... until he had shot the 1860s. They shot so much better than they did out of the box he thought it had to be magic. He needed magic to fix Heaven and Hell. He needed an exorcist.

With trepidation and foreboding the old warrior sent the guns to the wizard. In order to enchant them the wizard had to first exorcise the demon that possessed them. The twists and turns of this part of the story would be a very long fireside tale because the demon had been very clever. This required expertise and far too many hours of hard work. Eventually good triumphed over evil and the demon was exorcised. The demon screamed as he was forced out of the guns. But the banshee-like scream was drowned out by the sound of popping caps, which was happening with every pull of the trigger now. In addition to making the guns reliable, Mike made their actions light and their triggers crisp. The guns arrived just in time a few days before END of TRAIL.

The old warrior figured a clean match at END of TRAIL, no misses, no penalties, would prove the demon had been exorcised. He had done it before, so he knew he could if the angels smiled on him. Oh, wait... never mind.

But on the last stage, after eleven clean stages he accidentally touched the trigger before he saw the front sight and the gun fired a fraction of second early. He thought the long quest was over, and he had failed! He thought he glimpsed a flash of white wings in the sun for a split second, and the target rang. When he looked, the hit was visible, higher than the rest, like a halo. The curse was lifted, and the demon banished.

Since then, the guns have fired 100

percent of the time when loaded correctly. "Heaven" and "Hell" both work... heavenly. The Devil, in a fit of fury, exiled the exorcised demon and told him to wander gun ranges forever searching for guns to possess in his name.

Mike sent a list of things he had done to these guns that he could do to other Ruger Old Armies. Mike calls this package "Rented Mule-competition," meaning you can treat it like a rented mule, and additional modifications for competition are included.

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- 10 — Fill inside of frame with Mobil 1 Synthetic grease, sealing the moving parts from fouling.

While these Rugers have had their demons exorcised, the demon is still at gun ranges looking for other good guns to possess for the Devil. At almost any gun range you can hear shooters cursing their guns for not functioning or hitting their target. "This damned gun..." is a term heard often at ranges, verifying that a demon has possessed the gun. The Devil, of course, never acknowledges the demon's efforts because... well, he's the Devil. Take care of your guns. Keep them clean, use them only for good, and don't name them anything that would anger the Devil.

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BAMM RIFLES

BY DUSTY BODDAMS, SASS #1907

Now that we know what BAMM (Bolt Action Military Match) is and is not, let's step off into the murky world of rifles. Generally speaking, any as-issued military bolt action rifle or reproduction of the style to the end of World War Two. The rifle must be externally unaltered with the original battle sights. No sporters or target sights. This includes all army's of the world. These are the allied and the axis. These are the Huns and the AEF. These are carbines and rifles. Springfield, Mauser, Mannlicher, Carcano, Enfield, British Enfield, Swede, Swiss, Mosin Nagant, Arisaka. These are the guns of WWI and WWII. As can be seen, the list is from the mundane to a walk on the wild side. (Remember, millions upon millions of military bolt action rifles were built well before WWII.) So let's start with easy. Notice I didn't say cheap, I said easy. Easy from the standpoint of obtaining a nice rifle and easy from the standpoint of reloading good ammo would have to be the 1903 and 03A3 U.S. Military rifle. These rifles, while increasing in value still represent what BAMM is all about. There are nice ones out there. Find the best bore available. Choose or make a quality gas check .310 bullet, use

your favorite propellant looking for the area of 1500-1600 fps. Get some stripper clips, practice and go to the match. Owning a few of these rifles and seeing a great many in use at matches and talking with the owners, it seems to me these are the easiest rifles to get match ready. Usually these rifles will shoot first rattle out of the box with brass and bullets easy to obtain. The second easiest would be the 8mm Mauser, of which most if not all are strong and well made. It can't be said enough, so here it is again. Buy the rifle by condition! The nicest bore that can be found. Most all the 8mm will use a lead .323 bullet to satisfaction but a lead .325 bullet is available in the event of an oversize or slightly worn bore. The 8mm rifles made before WWI, to confirm diameter, need to have the bore slugged. Gewehr 88 rifles in original condition and not updated would be an example of a .318 bore. Brass is easily available. PPU brass has worked really well for my military rifles and is reasonable in price. The 8mm Mauser rifles represent an underutilized asset for BAMM competitors being priced right, plentiful, accurate, and easy to sight in. Books have been filled identifying the numerous variations of Mauser rifles and collectors have worked to exhaustion trying to collect all the various types. Mausers for the most part are very easy to sight

in with the rear sight sporting quick and easy elevation to get the rifles shooting on with the reduced BAMM loads. Several of these rifles have been obtained and every one of them have been accurate with BAMM and factory loads. Various barrel lengths along with different sling mounts and also straight and bent bolts are available in different configurations. Bamm is not a precision game, but with the reduced lead loads it's not uncommon to shoot groups around 1" to 1-1/2" at 100 yards off bench. WWII Nazi Mausers have really escalated in price and other than the collector buzz are no better than other more moderately priced Mausers from other countries such as the Czech 24 and 24/47. Also, don't shy away from the 7.65 Argentine rifles and carbines. These are also easy to make run and nice examples of the 1891s are still easy to locate. Brass is readily available and the bullets are .312 to .313, which is the same for 7.7 Japanese, Mosins, and British Enfields. Brass can be purchased from PPU or formed and cut from 8mm. Pick the rifle out by the features wanted, such as bent or straight bolt, carbine, or rifle. Capt. Bruce Jarrett, who is left handed, prefers a straight bolt and is deadly with one. The main thing is — getcha one and start playing!

I'm Dusty Boddams and that's the Boddam line.

ANNUAL MATCHES

RATTLESNAKE GULCH ROUNDUP 2018

BY RANGER SIX, SASS #94237

Benton City, Washington is located in the south-central portion of the state. About five miles north of town is the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility, an 1100-acre venue with the Rattlesnake Mountains providing the down range background and the Yakima River flowing in front. This is the home of the Rattlesnake Gulch Rangers, who recently hosted their annual match, The Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup, April 27-29, 2018.

In the past, the Rangers have hosted a number of Cowboy Action Shooting™ events at their range. For several years, the SASS Northwest Regional Championships were held at this location as well as the SASS Washington State Black Powder Championships. In order to provide a wider field of participation, these state shoots were divided into Black Powder and Smokeless Divisions. The Black Powder shooters were in competition for the SASS-sponsored State Championship Awards, while the folks shooting smokeless were only competing amongst themselves, much like a regular club shoot. In 2017, 41 Black Powder shooters tried for the State Championship Belt Buckle, while 34 Smokeless shooters shot the same scenarios.

The Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup of 2018 was not a state championship event, but it resembled past shoots with a separation of Black Powder and Smokeless shooters. Along with the more com-



HELENA BUCKET — TOP LADY BLACK POWDER SHOOTER.



DIAMOND SLINGER WORKING HIS WAY TOWARD FIRST PLACE.

monly seen Black Powder categories, Frontiersman and Plainsman were also offered. A total of 71 shooters competed in four events. The range opened on Thursday for registration and camping with the shooting starting on Friday. A morning four-stage Wild Bunch mini match was followed by a four-stage afternoon Warm Up match. Those who were interested in the Long Range side match could either practice or shoot for score. Friday evening brought what has been labeled as the “Great Blow of 2018.” High winds blew dirt and grit across the range making it hazardous to be outside, while those inside their RVs were rocked

from side to side. A rainstorm followed, which fortunately was over by the time the Main Match started on Saturday morning.

Saturday’s five stages were followed by a catered lunch and the Long Range shooters were again putting lead down-range during the afternoon. Social hour and dinner were provided at the Shotgun Clubhouse during which time door prizes and awards for Long Range, Warm Up, and Wild Bunch matches were presented. Sunday morning started with Cowboy Church, then the remaining five stages were engaged. Once the black powder smoke had



WARM UP MATCH WINNERS MAY B. SHECANN AND RUNAMUCK.



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cleared, a catered lunch was served and the awards for the Main Match were presented.

Congratulations are in order to all those who placed well in their events. Those finishing in first place for the Long Range Matches were Clyde Henry (SASS #7046) for 19th Century Military Single Shot Rifle, Diamond H (SASS #7047) for Lever Action – Rifle

Caliber, and Marcus Truegood (SASS #89170) for Single Shot – Buffalo Rifle. First place honors went to Runamuck (SASS #49216) and May B. Shecann (SASS #58075) for winning the Warm Up Match, and to Crisco (SASS #3621) and Sandy Charm (SASS #79785) for taking the top places in the Wild Bunch Match. Crisco and Helena Buck- et (SASS #90488) were the top man

and woman Black Powder Shooters, and the overall winner of the Main Match was Diamond Slinger (SASS #59807), with May B. Shecann as top lady. The Best Dressed Awards were given to Jack Straw (SASS #80848) and Blue Bell Steele.

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COWFORD REGULATORS 2018 ANNUAL MATCH

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April 28, 2018 was a clear and beautiful day in sunny Jacksonville, Florida where 64 shooters gathered at the Cowford Regulators' annual match. Held at the Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club, the eight-stage match was dedicated to famous western sidekicks. Five posses enjoyed a fun yet challenging shoot before wrapping up the day with lunch, awards, and much-anticipated raffle.

Shooters enjoyed a large buffet with a variety of fresh foods to choose from. While eating, folks checked out the many raffle prizes and had one more chance to buy tickets. Among the raffle items were knives, artwork, ammo, gun cases, a mystery box worth \$250, a fire stick, a lariat bowl, a Bose speaker, and more. A separate raffle was held for the grand prize – a Rugged Gear gun cart valued at \$565. Lead Paint (SASS #104909) was the lucky winner.

Cowford is fortunate to have a very active posse that strives to make the annual a fun and exciting event for shooters. This year's "Vaquero" awards (for outstanding volunteering) were given to Red Bear (SASS #101382), Dakota Dutchman (SASS #91117), and Snake Oil Osage (SASS #99483).

Willy Whiskers (SASS #80570) received the "Spirit of the Game" award for his many years of dedication to Cowford. Despite squawks about stepping back, he's been cajoled into continuing to be a contributor to the annual next year.

Many of the visiting shooters pitched in to help break down the stages, making for a quick clearing of the bays. Sheriff Misfire Mordecai (SASS #96475) would like to thank everyone who made this shoot a success.

Overall Match Winners were Big Country (SASS #89731) and Annie Hopely (SASS #87515). Complete scores and a full set of pictures can be seen on the Cowford Regulators Facebook page or at www.CowfordRegulators.com.



OVERALL MATCH WINNERS ANNIE HOPELY AND BIG COUNTRY (HE'S CAMERA SHY).



DAKOTA DUTCHMAN (SASS #91117) AND RATTLESNAKE SAM (SASS #91465) RECEIVE HANDMADE WOODEN PLAQUES FROM FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS SNAKE OIL OSAGE (SASS #99483) AND LUCKY LUKE COTTONWOOD (SASS #91645) FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK AS WELLS FARGO AGENTS.



HAND-CRAFTED AWARDS FOR A PERFECT MATCH WENT TO CODY WITT (SASS #18303), DAKOTA LIL (SASS #13593), FLAMINGO JOE (SASS #32778), HOGTOWN HUCKLEBERRY (SASS #97020), HOORAH HANK (SASS #92520), JUNIPER SACKETT (SASS #105918), LEAD PAINT (SASS #104909), SMART ASTERISK (SASS #95019), AND WILLY WHISKERS (SASS #80570).

A DARK DAY ON THE SANTA FE SOUTHEAST TERRITORIAL BLACK POWDER CHAMPIONSHIP – MARCH 2018

BY TENNESSEE TALL, SASS #49245
& RIO DRIFTER, SASS #49244
WITH EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE FROM
CONFEDERATE COLT, SASS #31216

Question — What happens when you start out with state, territorial and world champions and you add 10

stages of black powder smoke, fire and brimstone? Answer — You wind up with 128 happy shooters and a sack full of Black Powder Champions!

Question — What happens when you start out in 1999 with Tall Q (1999-2000) as Match Director, PVC

shooting tables and wood slat berm walls? Answer — You plunge into 2000 with the first Shootout on the Santa Fe. Y'Knot Plugum (2001-2002) picked up as Match Director before Awesome Cactus Jack (2002-2004) oversaw the installation of landscape timbers for berm walls. Jack continued the improvement trend and handed over the reins of the Fort White Cowboy Calvary Club to Delta Glen (2004-2007) and Kid Hawkins (2007-2009), Match Directors who led the club to make major improvements. Match Director Deadly Sharpshooter (2009-2015) and his trusty crew hosted the March 2014 Florida State Black Powder Championship. A special thank you to Purdy Sharp, Ennah Tizzy, Major Mishap, Jane Deere, Rocky Creek Shooter, High Springs Drifter, Miss Patty, Silver Buck Chuck, and a dozen other folks who should've been mentioned and thanked for their work. Yadin Hawks and Confederate Colt, Match Directors (2016 to present) hosted the 2016 & 2017 Southeast Territorial Black Powder Championship matches.

Question — What do you get when Cowboys and Cowgirls come together with a mission and plenty of elbow grease? Answer — It's been a long time coming with many contributors bringing the Fort White Cowboy Calvary Club



TOP GUNS SHAMROCK SADIE AND RINGER

to ten well-built and beautifully-decorated bays, storefronts boasting electricity, bulletproof walls between each stage, roofs over most bays, even running water. Didn't happen overnight, one person didn't do it. Thanks to each of you who put your sweat, your ideas, and heart and soul into bringing us to March 9th and 10th, 2018 — the SASS International Black Powder Championship, "A Dark Day on the Santa Fe," presented by the Fort White Cowboy Calvary Club.

The Australian Outback came alive as Matthew Quigley and Crazy Cora led us through Quigley Down Under stages. Hats off to Confederate Colt and Cheatin' Chamberlin for a match that checked all the boxes — started on time, good stages, beautiful buckles and plaques, and good burgers. A sincere

thank you to the match sponsors and all the folks who pulled off a near perfect match. Thank you to shooters who came from sixteen states to shoot. Enjoy the photos by Mackinaw.

Shamrock Sadie (SASS #79511) took home the first ever Top Ladies Black Powder International Championship buckle. **Ringer** (SASS #48552) took the Top Men's Black Powder International buckle. **Christian Mortician** (SASS #83177) was the Top Smokeless Cowboy and **Ellie Gant** (SASS #94488) was the Top Smokeless Cowgirl. All the scores are posted on the Fort White Cowboy Calvary website — <http://fwcc.net/2018-scores/>.

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FIRST ANNUAL SHOOTOUT AT THE OK CORRAL “DAYS OF TOMBSTONE” WITH THE OK CORRAL OUTLAWS

BY DELILAH LYNCH, SASS #106600

It was my honor and privilege to serve as Staff Support with the OK Corral Outlaws for our First Annual Shootout at the OK Corral, held one year ago in January, 2018. The event was held at our home range, the OK Corral Gun Club in Okeechobee, Florida. We had more than 40 participants and spectators in attendance and everyone enjoyed a beautiful day packed with eight fun and creative stages.

Some of these exciting stages included Stage 1 — The Lucky Cuss Silver Mine where the history of Tombstone began; Stage 4 — Tombstone Hotel, home of Big Nose Kate; and Stage 5 — The OK Corral Feed and Grain where the picture accompanying this report was taken. The theme for this first ever event was “Days of Tombstone,” where the atmosphere transported us all back in time and we found ourselves reliving the history of

Tombstone and the Wild West during the 1800s.

As a former IDPA shooter transitioning into Cowboy Action Shooting™, this was the first big event in which I’ve been able to participate. Being new to SASS®, my husband (Samson Lynch, SASS #106599) and I decided that while in the process of putting gear and wardrobe together we’d go ahead and volunteer for some events at the OK Corral Gun Club. Let me tell y’all, we learned so much!

Assisting as Staff Support, keeping track of score times, logging any misses and procedural errors while spotting for my posse gave me an opportunity to see the game from the both the shooters’ and the Posse Marshal’s perspective. While I found it easy to count missed shots, identifying procedural errors especially on the more complicated stages will surely take some time to learn.

If you’re new to SASS like me, and have found yourself going cross-eyed looking through the SASS Handbook (you can find the latest update on www.sassnet.com) then let me tell you, volunteering at your local club is the way to go! You get hands on experience from all aspects of the sport from folks that are thrilled to have someone new to teach. When it comes to “Spirit of the Game” I could not name

another sport more blessed with such creative, generous, kind, and fun-hearted people. The OK Corral Outlaws would like to give a shout-out to all our friends who were not able to make it to the competition, you were sorely missed.

The OK Corral Gun Club was founded in 2012 by Kokomo Kid, SASS #79389), who saw a need for a Cowboy Action venue in our area and created one. In the beginning, he started out with just 10 façades, a stable, and a ranch house. This is where the SASS affiliated club, the OK Corral Outlaws, was born and we are proud to be named after the Wild West’s most famous 30-second gunfight, which took place in Tombstone, Arizona in 1881.

The club has grown tremendously since it’s beginning in 2012 and is now situated on a 350-acre site that was formerly used for Florida grazing cattle back in the early 1800s. This expansion now includes a wonderful restaurant with a legendary buffet, an event center and banquet hall, a mercantile retail store and beautiful cabins that are all based on the history of life during “The Days of Tombstone.”

The OK Corral Gun Club would like to invite you to come and enjoy our premier outdoor shooting and recreational facility. We feature not only Cowboy Action Shooting™, but you can also enjoy sporting clay stands, a wobble deck, a competition park, dedicated pistol range, rifle range and so much more. For more information please visit us online at: <http://okcorralgunclub.com>.

The OK Corral Gun Club and participants would like to extend a very special Thank You with our sincere gratitude to Sargent Donovan from Okeechobee High School and his group of JROTC volunteers who ran their tails off picking up brass and resetting targets for us all day. Y’all helped us have a wonderful day!

For those who receive this copy of The Cowboy Chronicle in time to register, I hope you’ll consider attending our our Second Annual event, to be held January 26, 2019. Download an application at our website.

Overall match winners are **River-view Rattler**, SASS #67025 (men) and **Miss Conduct**, SASS #26253 (lady). See our website for complete scores.



POSSE 2 FROM LEFT TO RIGHT — MAJOR MISTAKE, TAKE AIM, BIG BORE JOHN; POLECAT; BADLANDS BARRY; AMADUELIST (OUR POSSE MARSHAL FOR THE DAY); LEAD PUSHER; REGULATOR RUDE; DELILAH LYNCH; AND SHENANDOAH BANDIT; WITH BIG JIM HAMMOND (OUR TERRITORIAL GOVERNOR) DOWN FRONT.



THREE GENERATIONS ENJOY COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING™ TOGETHER. LEFT TO RIGHT — BULL BIGGINS (SASS #98051), BUCKSHOT BIGGINS (SASS #105685), RAILROAD RENEGADE (SASS #102776), QUICK WHIT BIGGINS (SASS #50157) AND BEAVER RUN KID (SASS #74204).

SASS PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP MY HEROES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN COWBOYS 2018 HONORING SERVICE ANIMALS THROUGHOUT HISTORY

BY BLACK HILLS BARB #34171 WITH INSERTS FROM ZIPPY ZACH #98651 & PUNXSUTAWNEY PETE #1286

In a break from what we are accustomed to seeing in a match report, I would like to open with excerpts from a journal entry entitled “Weekend News” written by nine-year-old Zippy Zach (SASS #98651). Zippy has been a part of our posse for many years, coming to matches with his father Ralphie Parker (SASS #98214) since he was a toddler. He began shooting with us only last year and, like so many of us, is now consumed with it. Let us never lose our enthusiasm. Thankfully Zippy has a school that allows him to write such a

nice essay about a shooting sport.

Over my weekend I did SASS which stands for Single Action Shooting Society, in which you have real guns like shotguns pistols and rifles and there are different stages, like some have a fake wooden train or a saloon and there is a table or mini stations that you move to for example. On the train stage you would start in the back and knock down all the shotgun targets. Then move to the next station where you will shoot your rifle in different patterns. We went to the long range place and I shot my rifle five times at 100 yards in 11 seconds. I got an award. And when we were done, at the awards I got first place in my category. I won a award that says first place buckaroo. I beat four other kids. That's what I did over my weekend.

Well done Zippy, on both the essay and your performance at the match! Zippy Zach is well on his way to being a wonderful ambassador for SASS.

El Posse Grande has hosted the Pennsylvania State Championship match for fourteen years. Since the match falls on Memorial Day weekend, it is only fitting that for the fourth time the posse has chosen to honor our heroes in the military. The values of the Cowboy are so

similar to the values of our military, we sub-title the match “Our Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys.” This year, the match theme focused on service animals and how they’ve assisted our troops over the years. All veterans in attendance were also recognized with an additional pin attached to their shooter badge signifying their veteran status. Nearly one-quarter of the shooters were veterans. The stages highlighted animals such as Sgt. Reckless the horse, Sgt. Stubby, and other dogs like Lucca, Apollo, and Nemo, as well as pigeons, a goat, and a bear.

Side matches, including long range, speed events, and a mini match, took place on Friday. Afterwards, many



RALPHIE PARKER. NOTHING CAN KEEP A GOOD COWBOY DOWN – NOT EVEN A BROKEN FOOT!



JOE KIDD (SASS #13523) RELAXES BETWEEN STAGES WITH WRONG ARM (SASS #3923), AGE 89 — OUR OLDEST COMPETITOR AND A VETERAN.



EL POSSE GRANDE HAS A DEDICATED RANGE WITH COVERED LOADING TABLES/TARGET BUNKERS AND SEVERAL FALSE BUILDING FRONTS.



PENNSYLVANIA STATE MEN'S CHAMPION JERSEYTOWN KID, OVERALL WINNER JAMES SAMUEL PIKE, AND PENNSYLVANIA STATE LADIES CHAMPION ALAMO.

shooters and their guests attended a delicious potluck dinner on the club grounds. With a large number of attendees camped on site, the dinner has become a popular staple of the match. A long-time shooter that hasn't been able to shoot in years had arranged to attend in order to renew some old friendships and even begin some new ones. I have included his letter in this column.

I have been a member of SASS since 1990 and I have competed in major matches all over the Mid-Atlantic states. I have sometimes described major matches as going into a 1940s Roy Rogers movie for the weekend. But when the event is over, like a movie, real life has to take over again. And sometimes, real life brings about events that have to be dealt with at a higher level of priority than competing in the Cowboy Action Shooting™ matches.

I found myself faced in the last several years with employment issues, those being a job loss and difficulties getting the time off for traveling to distant matches after starting new jobs. And with the passage of time, health issues cropped up that posed serious concerns about being able to safely take part in matches. If it turns out you can no longer shoot, what can you do to still feel like a part of SASS?

Retirement has resolved the employment issues, but the health issues will probably be with me for the rest of my life. Somehow this year, I got the inspiration to ask if I could come up to the Pennsylvania State Match, where I had competed for a number of years. But the last time I competed was before my job loss in 2009. So I decided to contact Black Hills Barb in hopes she would remember me from before and understand I wanted to hang out with the Cowboys and come to the dinners even though I believed my medical issues would not permit me to compete in the match. Barb and the El Grande Posse could not have been more understanding in assuring me I was welcome and they would do their best to make sure I was comfortable. When I arrived on Friday, I wasn't in the clubhouse more than five minutes when people whom I hadn't seen in years were welcoming me back. On Saturday, I was able to ride back and forth between the main clubhouse and the range, and down at the range I met another old friend from a lot of matches who was genuinely very happy to see me again. It really was like I had never gone away.

The lesson from all this is SASS is about more than shooting the matches and the friendships that are made can last virtually forever. Even if you haven't shot a match for years, pull out the costume, and go back to the matches in which you used to participate. I think you will find you've been missed and you will be remembered and welcomed. This is what the Cowboy Way is about.

—Punxsutawney Pete #1286 Life

We were fortunate to have Punxsutawney Pete visit with us. It was a refreshing reminder of how fortunate we are to be able to enjoy our membership in SASS and the friendships that have become family over time. It also reinforced the SASS motto “Come for the shooting. Stay for the people.”

On Saturday morning everyone gathered for the opening ceremonies with shooters from eleven states and Canada in attendance. The match began with an all-veteran color guard flag ceremony. Tom Payne (SASS #13115) played the National Anthem on his harmonica. From there everyone broke into posses and the match began. Six stages were completed on Saturday in beautiful sunny weather.

Everyone again gathered at the clubhouse on Saturday for a delicious barbecue dinner of brisket, chicken, and sausage, with a variety of appetizers and side dishes. Surely no one went away hungry after such a scrumptious feast. Since the Duke's birthday closely coincides with the match weekend, dessert always includes cake in his honor. The side match awards were presented and winners were drawn for the 50-50 and raffles.

The remaining four stages were shot on Sunday in slightly overcast weather. Just as the shooters were near com-



WAIMEA (SASS #82615), A TERRIFIC AMBASSADOR FOR OUR SPORT, PRESENTED EVERY BUCKAROO AND BUCKARETTE WITH A GIFT.

pletion of the tenth stage, the skies darkened and a light rain began to fall. The only thing impacted by the threat of more rain was the Indomitable Squad Shoot Off where teams of three competed for honors of the top, or “indomitable,” squad.

The awards ceremony opened with Bull Bigguns (SASS #98051) playing the National Anthem on his guitar. Nine shooters were recognized for having achieved clean matches. Waimea (SASS #92615) then awarded each buckaroo and buckarette with a small gift and offered his encouragement and support of our young shooters.

Overall Match Winners were James Samuel Pike (SASS #53331) and Spinning Sally (SASS #89526). Pennsylvania State Champions were Jerseytown Kid (SASS #88424) and Alamo (SASS #42496). Please visit www.elpossegrande.com for complete results.

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CHILI PEPPER PETE, SASS #11917

MICHIGAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RANGE WAR 2018

BY AMBER OAKLEY, SASS #88493

If you've ever had the chance to attend Range War, you know it is one of the best SASS events in the country. I was lucky to experience the 20th Anniversary of the SASS Michigan State Championship August 29-September 2, 2018 at the Blue Water Sportsman Association in Kimball, MI. I received the warmest of welcomes when I arrived late on Thursday evening to set up at camp and say

hello to some friendly faces. Even though I have been a SASS member for nearly eight years, I don't get to shoot matches very often, as I'm usually working instead, so this was a new experience for me and one I won't soon forget! The day after I arrived I got to shoot side matches for my first time ever. They were a lot of fun and my first experience was very welcoming and exciting! Shooting the side matches gave me an opportunity to get familiar with my borrowed guns and got me excited to shoot the Main Match. The same day as side match day, Range War held a successful swap meet and free pizza (always an exciting topic!) for all. Saturday rolled around quickly and it

was main match day. It had been about two years since I shot my last match, so at first I was a little nervous. Seeing some familiar faces and having the opportunity to meet some wonderful new people certainly helped put my mind at ease. My posse was a great group of people that was very efficient. Everyone took their turn working the posse and being involved which makes for a good day of shooting. I have been to quite a few Cowboy matches all over the world but I have shot a total of four matches, this match being my fifth. The stages were great to shoot, with fun sweeps and good combos. On stage 5 there was a very fun sweep that was created by Match Direc-



GATOR DUNN, SASS #93787



JACK HOLLADAY, SASS #87122



HOOT HAMILTON, SASS #86407



SLOW POKE SMITH, SASS #31585



LONE GUNNER, SASS #105280



J. C. WADE, SASS #64598

tor Deuce Stevens' eight-year-old son, Speed Stevens (SASS #89038) and was appropriately called the "Speed Stevens Sweep," which was two sweeps in the same direction and then four shots on the center target. He was so proud to be involved. There were just fun little things like that incorporated in this match that made it that more special. On my posse, in addition to Speed Stevens, there was also another very young shooter Tommy Gun Flash (SASS #107511). He is Six-gun Scotsman's son (SASS #68879). It was awesome to see such young shooters being instructed to shoot a match! They did great and it will be fun to see them grow. They were just adorable to watch. Saturday night included a Fast Draw demonstration by Lassiter that got washed out by the rain, but that did not stop him from putting on a great demonstration. Later that evening, people gathered round the campfire for music and fun! Sunday was the final day of shooting and I had a better day overall, probably because I decided I was going to just have fun regardless of how horrible my shooting was. After the match was over, it certainly did motivate me to want to

get out there more and shoot more often. It reminded me how much fun a Cowboy match is and, even more, how wonderful the people are. Later that night was the Banquet and Awards Ceremony, and RJ Law surprised us with great news... we were having prime rib for dinner. Yum! After an amazing meal, the awards ceremony took place and I was surprised I placed fourth in the Cowgirl category. As I reflect on this match as a whole, I realize how lucky I am to be involved in the sport and the organization, getting to catch up with members I have had the pleasure of knowing since I started working for SASS or getting to meet or shoot a match with people I've only ever spoke to on the phone or via



WOODY SHOOTEM, SASS #24816

email. If you ever get the opportunity to attend this match I recommend you experience it for yourself. The same club has been putting it on for 20 years and each year they take everything out of two storage containers on the property and in just two days turn a plain old shooting range into an amazing Cowboy match with hand-decorated props, decorations, and targets! Range War is the second-largest state championship event in the SASS Sanctioning Program—second only to Bordertown. After having had the chance to experience it for myself, it's no wonder why! The Range War team led by RJ Law (SASS #15466) and Deuce Stevens (SASS #55996) really know how to put on a great match, make you feel welcome, and make sure you are having a great time.

Overall Champions for 2018 are **Cowboy Carty** (SASS # 86059) and **Little Red Sure Shot** (SASS #101020). Michigan State Champions are **Deuce Stevens** (SASS #86059) and **KJ Stevens** (SASS #67782). Visit the Wolverine Rangers' website at www.wolverinerangers.org for a complete list of scores and more information about the next match.



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APPALACHIAN SHOWDOWN XXVII THE 19TH SASS WEST VIRGINIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2018 AT SINGING HILLS RANCH IN LARGENT, WV

BY ARIZONA ANZIE, SASS #3036 | PHOTOS BY SUNSHINE MARCIE, SASS #64900; DEPUTY DORAN, SASS #66296; MAD DOG MAX, SASS #92788; BB RICHARDSON, SASS #91363

This year, participants came to the Appalachian Showdown from as far away as California, Massachusetts, New York, and North Carolina. The top winners were the same as last year, but the weather was not as cooperative. Thanks to Rawhide Ron, however, the Cowboy Scholarship Fundraiser had cover.

"THIS SHOOT HAS THE BEST PRIZES"

The door prizes, helpfulness, and generosity at CASS was just as great in 2018 as it has always been in the past. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed, as well as those who made this event possible by giving us their

time, effort, and artistic talent. Taylor's & Co., of Winchester, Virginia, donated an 1873 Single Action pistol in .357 with checkered grips which was not part of a general raffle but went to a registered shooter. Old Baldy (SASS #101105) was the lucky winner. Walker Colt (SASS #3035) provided one of his much-sought-after pocket watches for the raffle.

AWARDS

There were three "Grand El Patron" shooters and one of them, Flatboat Bob (SASS #32310) of Mattaponi, VA, shot the match clean. Shenandoah (SASS #749) from Sacramento, CA, also shot clean and suggested "SASS is going to have to come up with a category *after* El Patron, because I'm going to keep right on shooting." The winners of the Top Gun Elimination were the returning SASS WV State Champions **Mad Dog Max** and **Sunshine Marcie**. Overall Champions



Walker Colt did something no one else has done in our area. He was Top Overall in Maryland, the Virginia State Champion, Top Overall in West Virginia, and Top Overall at the Divisional, Mason-Dixon Stampede. Congratulations, WC!

OVERALL MATCH WINNERS SUNSHINE MARCIE AND WALKER COLT.



WEST VIRGINIA STATE CHAMPIONS SUNSHINE MARCIE AND MAD DOG MAX.



MAVERICK (SASS #92789) IN HIS AWARD-WINNING OUTFIT.



TROOPER OZZY (SASS #103806) ON FIRE!

were Walker Colt and Sunshine Marcie. Please visit <http://www.wvcass.org> for complete results.

2018 MEMORIAL AWARDS

Dusty D. Weems Memorial Award recipient — Carolina's Longarm, SASS #4146. **Hardrode Memorial Award recipient** — Windjammer, SASS #35984. Memorial Award winners receive an entry to the next Appalachian Showdown.

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FIRST TIMERS AT APPALACHIAN SHOWDOWN

New people bring ideas for targets/scenarios, ask good questions, and add their own brand of energy and enthusiasm. These two newcomers were evidently bitten by the Cowboy bug at a tender age. Now, both are impressed by “how wonderful and helpful the folks are to new shooters” and “how much fun you can have on a West Virginia mountainside in the pouring rain!” Both brought their spouses for encouragement and, in spite of the bad weather, said they’d be back for Appalachian Showdown 2019. They agreed “Cowboy guns, friendly folks, good fun competition... what’s not to like?!”

Ramblin’ Bill Campbell, SASS #107270 “is officially hooked with Cowboy Action Shooting™.” He uses his grandfather’s name as his alias. While this was only his second Cowboy match ever, he’s enjoyed firearms since age eight, using a Ruger MKII .22 with his Dad. He is a Classic Cowboy and his favorite gun is the Smoke Wagon. He said, “It is truly a blessing for me to continue my passion with firearms and the history of the American frontier. It has been a great outlet to participate in Cowboy Action Shooting™ by being able to speak with fellow Cowboy competitors nationwide, as well as being able to represent such a great company. [He works for Taylor’s & Co.] It has all been a great experience.”



RAMBLIN’ BILL CAMPBELL — NOW AND THEN.



JESSE MAY BELLE — NOW AND THEN.

Jessie May Belle, SASS #101591 began pursuing her Cowgirl persona at age 60. Now, six years later, she is President of the new SASS-affiliated Brassmasters in Peeltree, WV. Her alias “was my old CB handle, ‘Jessie Hold Up’ (I was always late, and people had to wait for me) and Belle was my grandmother’s name. Since there’s a German Jessie Belle, SASS suggested I add a middle name and my birthday’s in May.” After two years as a spectator, her husband is registering his alias and will join Jessie on the line. She said, “as a breast cancer survivor it’s a real plus to be alive, shooting, and dry-fire practicing in the basement.” Her practice paid off with awards in Ladies Silver Senior, Speed Pistol, Double-Barrel Shotgun, Pocket Pistol, and Derringer.

PRODUCT REVIEW



CIMARRON'S UBERTI GATED 1858 CARTRIDGE CONVERSION.

CIMARRON'S UBERTI FACTORY-GATED 1858 REMINGTON CARTRIDGE CONVERSION

BY TUOLUMNE LAWMAN, SASS #6127

I have always been fond of what other people consider to be “off-beat” firearms. While the vast majority of the Cowboy Action Shooting™ community embraces Marlin 1894s, Winchester 1873s, and Colt SAAs and their clones, I opt for the less popular: 1860 Henry rifles, external-hammered double shotguns, and cartridge conversion revolvers. In a large part, this fixation on less

popular firearms is due to my affinity for the early years of the West, especially the years immediately following America's Civil War. Having been an avid Civil War re-enactor, I realize most of the guns that opened the West were Civil War firearms, or Civil War firearms with mechanical improvements made on them. The Remington .44 caliber New Model Army revolvers were some of the most popular handguns in both the Civil War and the post-Civil War eras. These same Remingtons were also the second most commonly converted revolvers to fire self-contained metallic cartridges.

Remington cartridge conversions have held a fascination for me since I handled an original New Model Army

“thin plate” cartridge conversion at a gun shop in Sonora, California more than 20 years ago. It was a .46 rim-fire version. Fast forward to today, when Cimarron told me they had one of the Uberti 1858 forged frame, factory-gated cartridge conversions in .45 Colt for me to evaluate. I was ecstatic. I have always wanted to own an original, but they are scarce and expensive, as well as not being practical to shoot in Cowboy Action matches. Cartridge conversion revolvers have become increasingly popular with Cowboy Action Shooters™ in the last 10 years. Cimarron was one of the first companies to cater to that popularity, offering a wide variety of Colt and Remington cartridge conversions in a large assortment of variations and calibers.

REMINGTON NEW MODEL ARMY CONVERSION HISTORY

The American Civil war created an enormous demand for firearms of every kind. Designers and manufactures pushed the limits with new designs and production methods. Existing firearms manufacturers such as Colt and Remington moved over and made room for the likes of Christian Spencer and Oliver Winchester. The first widely successful Remington revolver was the New Model Army in .44 caliber. While we generally (and erroneously) refer to it as a "Model 1858," it was actually introduced in 1861 after the beginning of the Civil War. The "1858" actually refers to the patent date. This New Model Army revolver from Remington was second only to the Colt in its production numbers and in its popularity. Part of its popularity was due to the reputation that its one-piece frame was much sturdier than the inherently weaker two-piece frame of the 1851 and 1860 Colts. Colt later adopted the Remington style one-piece frame for its 1873 Single Action Army. Even in the firearms industry, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery!

Self-contained metallic cartridges in Smith & Wesson, Henry, and Spencer firearms became immensely popular during the Civil War. There was no doubt they represented the future of firearms. Until 1871, how-

ever, Smith & Wesson held the exclusive rights to Rollin White's patent on "bored through revolver cylinders." This meant Colt, Remington, and others could produce only percussion-style revolvers. Bored through cylinders were an absolute necessity for cartridge revolvers. This gave Smith and Wesson a virtual monopoly on metallic cartridge revolvers.

Just after the Civil War, however, Remington decided to pay the licensing fee to Smith and Wesson in order to convert its huge stocks of percussion 1858s for re-issue to the US Army. They converted the New Model Armies to five-shot cartridge revolvers using a .46 caliber rimfire cartridge. Smith & Wesson received a \$1.00 per gun royalty. The new cartridge conversion Remingtons were very popular with US troops on the frontier.

THERE ARE FOUR BASIC TYPES OF REMINGTON CARTRIDGE CONVERSIONS

The first is the "thin plate" conversion. These were the first type Remington made. Most were converted to rimfire calibers like the .46 French (and some .44 Henry), so they could utilize the un-modified percussion hammer to smash the rim of the cartridge. A thin plate about 3/32" thick was screwed or soldered to the recoil shield on the frame. It had cutouts for the percussion

hammer and a loading notch for cartridges to pass through on the right side of the frame. The notch was centered in such a way that a cartridge could not pass through it unless the cylinder was between locking notches. A newly made five-shot cylinder (in the case of the .46 rim-fire) or six-shot (in the case of .44 Henry) was then fitted to the gun. Some thin plate conversions were in centerfire and required a modified hammer with a long firing pin added to the nose of the hammer.

The second type is the "thick plate" or "heavy plate" conversion. These used a shorter cylinder and a thicker plate on the recoil shield. This plate included a loading gate, similar to the loading gate on the later Colt Model revolvers. The thick plates sometimes include a frame-mounted firing pin where the modified percussion hammer hit the pin, thus setting of the cartridge, much like modern Ruger revolvers. These were generally in centerfire calibers. In the New Model Army, it was usually the centerfire .44 Remington, their version of the .44 Martin cartridge. In the 1863 Navy frame, it was mostly .38 centerfire. These thick plate conversions often had a simple ejector rod mechanism attached to the right side of the barrel/loading lever. The ejector rod had a small "flag type" protrusion at the muzzle end that was locked in place by a notch in the loading lever, when in the closed position. In order to use the



LOADING LEVER LOWERED TO ACTIVATE EJECTOR ROD.

ejector, the revolver was placed in half cock, and the loading lever unlocked and dropped slightly, freeing the end of the ejector rod.

The third variety of Remington cartridge conversions used a two-piece cylinder like Kenny Howell's modern R&D cylinder. Like the early .46 rim-fire conversions, these were also generally in rimfire calibers. Instead of the individual firing pins on the R&D's cylinder back plates, they had slots in the back plate of the cylinder that the hammer projected through to hit the rims of the rim-fire cartridges.

The fourth variety of 1858 Remington cartridge conversions were private "long cylinder conversions" done by industrious frontier gunsmiths. Most people do not realize many percussion revolvers were converted to cartridge revolvers not by the factory, but by frontier gunsmiths. Frequently, the .44 rim-fire was the cartridge of choice, due to its ready availability and popularity in the Henry and Winchester rifles that chambered it. There are examples of long cylinder conversions in .45 Colt. Generally the Remington 1858 percussion cylinder was replaced with a longer, newly fabricated bored-through cylinder. These "long cylinder Conversions" are desirable collector pieces. These Remington 1858 New Model Army "long cylinder conversions," are less common than the Colt "long cylinder conversions," as most Remingtons tended to be converted to the previously described .46 rimfire and .44 centerfire factory conversions, (which were readily available by 1869).

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: After writing this article, I actually located an original New Model Army with a heavy plate conversion and loading gate in .45 Colt. It was on the James D. Julia antique firearms auction site.]

CIMARRON'S 1858 .45 COLT GATED FACTORY CARTRIDGE CONVERSION

I can't tell you how excited I was the day I received the 1858 gated cartridge conversion. It was like being 10 years old and opening the Christmas package with my new Mattel "Fanner 50" in it!

I was not disappointed. The new forged frame Uberti 1858 .45 Colt



LOADING GATE AND CARTRIDGE CHANNEL OF CONVERSION.

conversions from Cimarron are exceptionally nicely done. The deep blue-black finish is smooth and even and highly polished. The brass trigger guard is also nicely polished. The 1858 conversion has perfect metal-to-metal fit. The hammer and trigger appear to have been case hardened. All the Uberti 1858 Remingtons have a much wider and more comfortable trigger than the Colts. The wider trigger seems to help me with my trigger pull. The metal finish and wood-to-metal fit is also excellent. The grips are two-piece walnut with a varnished finish common to most other 1858 replicas. (I plan on stippling mine and giving them a period correct oil finish.) The eight-inch octagonal barrel has a historically correct Remington "shaved post" design front sight, which is dovetailed into the front of the barrel. This is one of the best features of all the Uberti made 1858s, percussion or conversion. It allows you to adjust the windage to your sight picture and favorite load. The Remington's rear sight notch in the frame is wide and deep. The barrel is well crowned and the bore is centered in the barrel. The rifling is deep and crisp, which is good for those who shoot black powder loads.

The trigger pull on the 1858 cartridge conversion is really very nice, probably due at least in part to the lighter hammer spring that Uberti uses, instead of those found on other 1858 replicas. It broke clean and smooth at about 2-1/2 pounds. The hammer pull is fairly light, but not so light that it made primer ignition unreliable. All Uberti 1858s, whether percussion or cartridge conversion, have a main spring tensioning screw in the front of the grip. By unscrewing this screw or tightening it, you can adjust the hammer pull and falling force of the hammer.

The recoil shield of the Uberti factory gated conversion has a cartridge-loading notch milled out. Uberti incorporates a machined "thick plate" assembly added onto the rear of the cylinder opening. This plate has a frame-mounted firing pin and spring loaded loading gate, just as Remington did on some of their original cartridge conversions. This assembly is held securely in place by a single screw, attaching it to the recoil plate of the revolver. The conversion plate's single firing pin allows the conversion to use an unmodified percussion hammer.

It has a shortened, bored-through cylinder in .45 Colt. The timing, indexing, and lock-up of the cartridge cylinder is perfect. It has six chambers for either .45 Colt or .45 S&W Schofield ammunition. The cylinder face is rebated for enclosing the cartridge case rims completely. While it is a nice feature, and is period correct, it makes it a little difficult to ensure the empty chamber is under the hammer at the loading table.

Uberti has used what is generally referred to as a "heavy plate" conversion on this revolver. This thicker plate assembly is usually associated with the Remington Navy models converted to .38 centerfire, rather than the .44 Army conversions. They Army models generally had a "thin plate" conversion being less than half the thickness of the "heavy plate" conversions. A period Remington advertisement in an Army publication of the times, however, shows a picture of a .44 New Model Army revolver with a heavy plate conversion, though few examples have been encountered. Even



AUTHOR'S .44 MARTIN DUPLICATION LOAD (USING .45 SCHOFIELD BRASS) BETWEEN TWO ORIGINAL .44 COLT/MARTIN CENTERFIRE CARTRIDGES.

if the heavy plate is not entirely correct for an Army Model, I can certainly forgive them this slight infraction.

The Uberti Factory Gated Cartridge Conversion features a period correct duplication of an original Remington cartridge conversion ejector rod. It is a simple ejector rod mechanism attached to the right side at the junction of the barrel and loading lever. The rod slips through a machined piece that is inset into the front bottom edge of the barrel where the cylinder pin passes through. It had a "flag" at the muzzle end that is locked in place in a forward position by the loading lever in the closed position. In order to use the ejector, the revolver is placed in half cock, the loading gate is opened, and the loading lever unlocked and dropped slightly, freeing the end of the ejector rod. The ejector rod is rotated 180 degrees, where the flag type protrusion is away from the frame, allowing you to push the rod into the cylinder, pushing out the case. It sounds complicated, but it is really not.

AT THE RANGE

I used a traditional two-hand hold at about ten meters to do the shoot-

ing. I always managed to be in the black on a 25-yard pistol target at 15 yards. That was good enough for me. I'm not much for "punching paper." For this article, I used the following ammunition from Jeff Hoffman at Black Hills ammunition and reloads I had loaded up:

- Black Hills .45 Schofield 230-grain
- Starline .45 Schofield brass, 200-grain RNFP over 6.5 grains Trail Boss
- Starline .45 Schofield brass, 200-grain RNFP over 24 grains by volume 777.

I have been using the 1858 conversion at SASS® matches, and it is always an eye catcher. Everyone wants to know "What's that?" and it is always checked out on the loading and unloading tables by other shooters. It's a perfect match for my 1860 Henry military model rifle and my Richards 1860 Type II Conversion (also from Cimarron and also in .45 Colt). It is the perfect revolver for anyone who is trying to portray the early west, say 1867 to 1875.

The Uberti 1858 Remington factory gated conversion is a really special piece. It is very well done, and

shoots and handles wonderfully. It has a better than average sight picture. I am glad that Uberti brought out the Remington Cartridge Conversion. I liked the author sample so much, I bought it and had a local dealer transfer it to me.

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PATRON LIFE

Okay, my first reaction to the idea of “test-driving” Swab-Its® Bore-Sticks™ was here was just more stuff to clutter up my cleaning kit when going to a match. But I gave them a try and found these foam swabs amazingly convenient and that they worked remarkably well even for cleaning guns used to shoot black powder.

Pam Den Hartog, the Account and Media Development Manager for Super Brush LLC in Springfield, MA kindly provided me with some .357/9mm Bore-Sticks™ (Photo 1) to try out. In my first trials, I (uncharacteristically for me) followed the brief instructions provided with the product. (I usually start by just “winging it.”) I used three swabs to clean my .375



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caliber 1851 and 1861 Navy revolvers. After wetting a clean Bore-Stick with my usual cleaning solvent (glass cleaner with vinegar — Photo 2), I pushed it through the barrel to wet

the fouling (Photo 3). Then I ran a bore brush through the barrel several times to break up the fouling (Photo 4). I cleaned the first Bore-Stick with solvent and rinsed it with water then wetted it again with solvent and passed it through the barrel. I repeated the process twice more and observed that the swab and the barrel appeared clean after the third pass (Photo 5). Cleaning the swab after each pass might not normally be necessary but I wanted to see how many passes it would take to come out clean. I used a clean, dry swab to dry the bore (Photo 6) and followed that with a third clean swab moistened with Ballistol (Photo 7). The process took very little time and the steps would be the same if cleaning up after using that new smokeless powder. Only

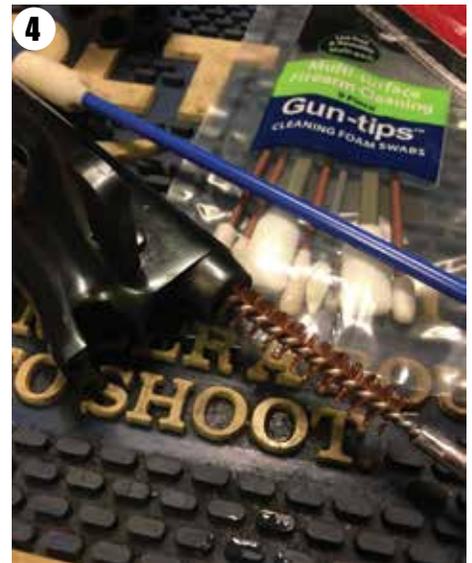
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the solvent and lubricant would differ. I also used some very handy little 3" Precision and Mini Gun-Tips® Pam had also provided to easily clean around percussion nipples on the cylinder and the face of the recoil shield (Photo 8).

The Swab-its® Bore-Sticks™ were a definite improvement over cotton patches and Q-Tips. When the swab gets dirty you just rinse it in water or clean solvent, squeeze dry (if desired) and reuse it. No threading patches into that little slot on the end of the cleaning rod or throwing away once used patches and Q-Tips. Instead of adding more stuff to my cleaning kit I was able to remove the plastic bag of cotton patches, the box of Q-Tips, and the roll of paper towels. And considering the reusability of the swabs, these little tools may even be cheaper in the long run!

Later I was provided with some *beta*

test .40/10mm and .45/11.5mm Bore-Sticks™. I used the .45 caliber swabs on my Colt's 1860 Army revolvers and my Ruger Old Armies. I had some concern about whether the 7½" handle would be long enough for some .44 caliber revolvers such as Colt's 1860 Army models whose barrels are up to 8½"–9" long. In these trials with the .45 caliber Bore-Sticks™ I skipped the dry swab step and went straight to the



swab with lube once the bore appeared to be clean and shiny. Thus, I only had to use two Bore-Sticks™ instead of three to complete the cleaning process and length of the handle did not present any problems with the Colt's 1860s.

Although the .357/9mm worked well for cleaning black powder from the .36 (.375") Navy caliber revolvers, the .40 caliber Bore-Sticks™ may work even better. I am looking forward to trying them on the Navies in the near future. By the time you read this the .40 and .45 caliber Bore-Sticks™ will be available on the market. When I wear these out I will definitely replace them but now I would also like to see Swab-Its® Bore-Whips™ available for Cowboy Action Shooting™ long guns in .357, .44, .45 and 12 gauge. For more information on all the Swab-Its products check out their website at <https://www.swab-its.com/> or www.superbrush.com.

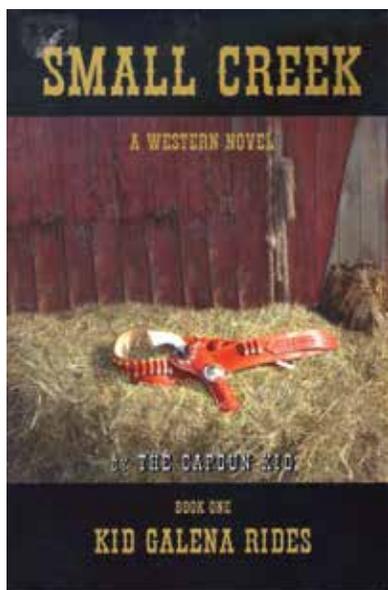
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SMALL CREEK: KID GALENA RIDES

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THE STORY THUS FAR: AT FIRST MISTAKEN FOR LEGENDARY OUTLAW KID GALENA, NOAH DOBBS IV CLEARS HIS NAME WITH SHERIFF AXEL SWEET AND SETS UP HIS BOOT AND HARNESS SHOP. HAVING TO LEAVE TOWN ON A CASE, THE SHERIFF APPOINTS NOAH DEPUTY AND LEAVES HIM IN CHARGE. SOON AFTER, NOAH IS CALLED UPON TO ARREST A GROUP OF TEXANS IN FROM A TRAIL DRIVE WHO ARE CREATING TROUBLE AT THE LOCAL SALOON, BUT NOT BEFORE TOWNSMAN AND OUTLAW CONSPIRATOR ANDY FARRELL IS KNOCKED INTO THE STREET.

CHAPTER NINE

DAD AND MISS MASON THE KANSAS PRAIRIE

Andy Farrell slipped quietly out of town by skirting around the back of the saloon where he found his horse grazing. He was mounted and moving even before Noah Dobbs finished his arrest of the Texans. He marked Luke Franklin, the man who pushed him around when he tried to intervene on Mauve's behalf, as a target for some future attack, and then forgot about it. He decided not to head right back to the Mason Spread, and that was enough of a reason for his secrecy. He was going to let Nebraska Ned and Portugee know something was up with a shipment of money on Rufus McCorkindale's stage runs. There was too much time in a month and not enough money coming from Nebraska Ned's Gang to suit him.

He took his Dun over the creek, crossing through the buffalo grass and then over the creek a second time in a long route to the edge of the coulies. When he reached the hideout in the coulies, he decided to not go in. Once again he held a shouting contest with Ned at the rim of his cave, letting him know what he had learned. Then he headed for the open prairie. He was beginning to like the open prairie more and more. He'd linger just an hour or two more on any given ride, or stay to watch the sunset over the rippling grass, or wake up a little early to watch the sunrise over the various rock outcroppings that broke up the tundra in this region. If anything made this duty of riding up and down the length of a fence in the middle of nowhere, the pleasure of the solitude was it.

Folks thought Bennet Mason was insane when he ordered so much single strand wire and put up this fence. It was more than fifteen miles long, cresting the northern end of his grazing lands in such a way as to discourage the buffalo and even the lingering Cheyenne, Caddoes, Kansas, and Osage from crossing onto his ranch. Ben defended the whole idea on only two concepts. The first was, combined with the presence of a rider patrolling and repairing it, the fence did its job. It kept most of his cows safe and the buffalo on the other side of it. The second was the idea that, someday, there'd be fences everywhere. The former did not draw much of an argument, because the fence seemed to be working. The latter would get folks vehement and passionate. It was contested nobody'd allow so many fences on the open range. Moreover, if there was a going to be fences, they'd be in Texas or Arizona or other places where folks grew cattle, not Kansas. Only a few enlightened residents shared approval of his ideas, notably the framers. The Kraptauer Farm was making a tidy profit growing a portion of the crop to feed the Mason Herds, a suggestion made by Banker McSweeney. The Circle D Boys, about to ride through the Kraptauer Farm, were interrupted by Axel Sweet. Indeed, in a tumultuous argument in Axel's office, it was McSweeney who calmed every-

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thing down with that very suggestion. Yup. It might be a dubious idea having a farmer feed cattle and a fence in the middle of nowhere, but Andy Farrell could find no complaint with it, and enjoyed his duty.

When he made camp that night he made only a small fire of scrub wood, taking note of the fact the buffalo chips a feller could find anywhere a few years ago were now gone. He got up early, having no supplies other than a little coffee and a stale biscuit left over from the party, and headed straight back to the ranch. The dun showed some eagerness to get back to the stable and corral, so he gave the gelding his headway. He got in a little before noon.

The Mason Ranch was a simple, sturdy building complex consisting only of the main house with a substantial porch. It was built of squared logs, carefully hewn, sawn boards and beams, and shingled on the roof with cedar. When she was alive, Mrs. Mason insisted on the several layers of shingles because she refused to live in a soddy or have so much as a grain of dirt on her roof. The main house had only one story and was built in the shape of an almost perfect square. A kitchen adjoined it and also joined to the bunkhouse. The kitchen was built so the front of it could be opened during the summer, thus the front of the kitchen and the front of the adjoining houses faced due south. By being so situated as to join the two buildings, it was able to serve both, because it was somewhat sheltered from the sun. Most who saw it admired the foresight of Bennet Mason. The entire complex had cut glass windows and solid frames, those being another style to daily living insisted upon by the late Mrs. Mason. The bunkhouse, holding ten to fifteen men comfortably in rotation depending on the season and the fullness of the crew, was also built in the shape of a perfect square. This gave the whole arrangement an even, sturdy, reliable look.

The front yard of the complex was quite spacious, about fifty yards or so between gate and front porch. The entire area was bordered by a split rail fence, zigzagging its way across the property just like they had back



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east. After surrounding the complex, it culminated in an open, arch-like gate atop which was a crudely fashioned Circle D. It was made of hardwood and painted red. Mason favored it because he made it when he and his wife first moved out here back in 1864. He'd fought off both Jayhawkers and Redlegs, such as they still were after the war ended, and gave the Cheyenne enough of a run for their money that those folks left him in peace. The split rail fence proved formidable when the zigzagging lines were filled with well-armed drovers who could turn their field of fire immediately while being protected by the rock and sod bastions strategically located at various points along the perimeter. Andy viewed the ranch as well planned, and had to admit you could almost admire the man. As far as work was concerned, once a body got to know him, Ben was not an arrogant bastard, the way most owners seemed to be. He was fair, but a little stern. That was what rankled Andy, and that was the driving force behind his willingness to help the outlaws. Andy Farrell was not proud of the fact that such a smart man as he should have to work for other men and take

their guff.

He undid the cinch, slipping the saddle and blanket easily off the dun's back, setting the affair on the rail fence by the barn. He was looking directly at the house and swore softly to himself as he saw Bennet Mason approaching from the porch. He wiped the animal's back, let him water a little and was preparing to turn him loose in the corral when Mason walked up. He did not smile, he did not say hello. He just nodded. That was one of the things that irritated Andy about Ben. Andy unbuckled his chaps while Mason spoke.

"Get some chuck from Cookie and mebbe take a nap whilst you can, Pard. I got to have you on the fence today and tomorrow at least. I'll have Shorty relieve you, but I need the work up there so's I can make sure we finish the cow hunt and get all of 'em to town Friday. You can set up your pack and draw supplies from Cookie. Take the brown packhorse. If you gents work it right I can get both of you back here to help the drive to town. How you doin' otherwise... OK?" Andy nodded. He did not dare to question why this was the second time Ben was having one of the drovers cut short his fence riding duties.

If Andy were prone to sharing some of his life story with Ben, he did not get the chance. Mason gave him a friendly yet patronizing slap on the shoulder, winked, and turned on his heels to leave. Andy Farrell added Ben Mason to the list along with that Luke Franklin Feller from Texas. Then he went directly to the bunkhouse, carrying his chaps and rifle. When he opened the door the smell of body odor, seegar smoke, leather and dirty socks hit him full in the face. He went over to his bunk, pulled off his gun belt, shirt, and felt flop hat and threw them on the bed. He yanked his boots and replaced them with a pair of moccasins that Good Pony's women had traded him for some tobacco. Andy liked the Cheyenne, impressed by their tall and haughty demeanors. He viewed them as noble, if one could view Indians as noble at all, and preferred their company over Caddoes and Kiowas and the like. He kept a distant, trading relationship with Good Pony,

using the gifts and favors he bestowed on the band to help ensure they would not snitch on his activities with Ned's Gang.

Picking up his saddle blanket he left the building, parked himself against the east wall so as to capitalize on the splendid shade, and slept for about an hour. He awoke with a start. As near as he could tell, he was dreaming of splitting up the cash from the stage haul when he frightened himself into thinking someone would overhear him, so he jumped a little when he awoke. He went back into the bunkhouse, washed himself down to the bare chest, donned his only other clean shirt, and packed his saddlebags. Andy had thin, wiry features in a body still strong and spry for a forty-year-old. Although his hair was thinning a little, he still had plenty of it. He fancied himself not only a handsome figure of a man, but a gift to any horse because he was so slight of build and thereby an easier burden to carry. He opened the door to the kitchen to let Cookie know that he was going to make ready to leave. He saddled the dun, leaving his blanket and slicker for the packhorse's load. The day went by, the buffalo grass rolled in it's hushed and soothing whisper in the breeze, and the bright, blue sky seemed to smile timelessly on him as he led his packhorse out to the fence.

It rained the second day, but cleared quickly because the storm was a windy one. He had ridden about half the distance of the north fence, occasionally rousting some chubby cattle and a few bawling calves. He saw a small band of Cheyenne at a distance on the other side of the fence

and wondered when and where they'd try to cut it and cross. He'd make sure Shorty knew about them because two of them were Dog Soldiers, the local tough hombres, and hence likely to be more warlike. He did not think they saw him. He tugged at his shirtsleeve, picturing, for a moment, how his arm would look with the wrist cuffs the boot maker was making for him. Then he heard a slight bleating, sort of whistling, noise off in the distance.

Andy Farrell pulled his Spencer carbine from his scabbard as he held his dun still with his heels. The horse, a good animal by his reckoning, stood still with its ears shifting back and forth as it caught scent of the antelope Andy was preparing to shoot. Andy pulled the hammer back as he waited for the curious animal to top the rise not more than forty yards in front of where he sat. He raised the Spencer to his shoulder and waited, trying not to move at all. He was a little itchy from the heat and the sweat and he heard the scruff of his beard scrape on the stock of the rifle as he set for his shot.

The wind was right and the sun was over his left shoulder. The Antelope would not have a chance. His return to the ranch would be a welcome sight, indeed, now that he was about to bring fresh meat to the cook. The little head topped the rise, ears shifting back and forth, head turning to see this way and that. Another step and he could see the full neck of the antelope. Two more steps and the chest came into view. He squeezed the trigger and the rifle cracked. He saw the antelope take the hit and bowl over backwards. He lowered the gun and pulled at the trigger guard to eject the

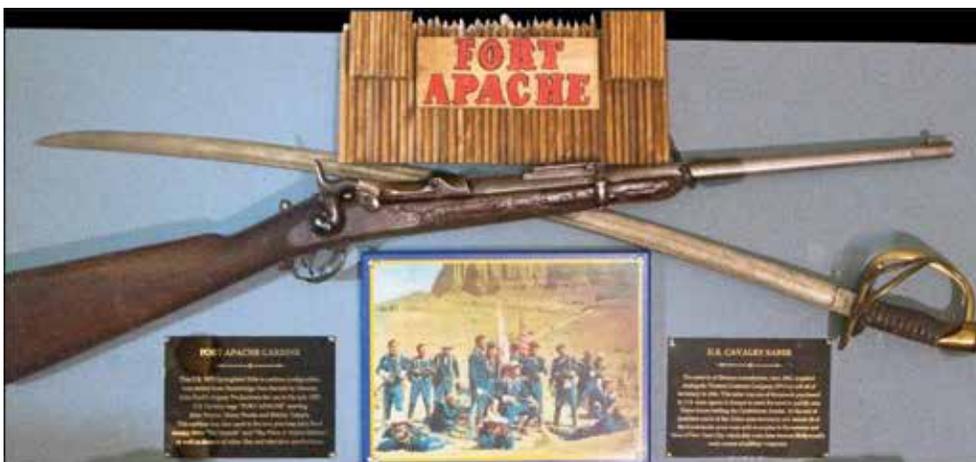
shell as he heard the thumping of a horse's hooves come up the rise behind him.

Shorty Allen reined in his horse as he topped the rise at a run, calling Andy's name on the way up. Andy tugged the reins slightly and the dun turned to face Allen as he pulled up. Andy took a dim view of his rushing forward when he did not know where the shot came from. That foolhardiness would get him killed one day. Andy rested the gun butt on his hip and forced himself to grin at Allen, who had a confused look from under his broad brimmed, spotlessly clean hat.

"You can put that hog-leg away, Monsoor Allen," stated Andy as he grinned from ear to ear. "I just shot us dinner for tonight iff'n we can get back to the bunkhouse before Cookie starts the evening meal."

Shorty smiled back and pulled a linen rag from under his saddle horn, wiping his brow and the lining of his prized hat with it. Andy mused over Shorty's dilemma. He'd kill himself keeping that hat clean, but would rather be caught dead than wiping the sweat off the hatband or his own brow with his white shirtsleeve. He led Shorty over the rise and they made quick work of the carcass, butchering it and leaving the remains for the coyotes, taking only the meat. They wrapped it in the hide and tied it onto the packhorse that Andy used when riding fence. Shorty preferred a mule as a pack animal, and Andy was thorough in transferring what was left of his supplies to that animal to make room for the antelope.

"Too bad you ain't gonna get any of Cookie's beans with yore steaks



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tonight, pard," said Andy. "You ain't got but another eight miles to run the rest of the fence, but I doubt we'll see you before Tuesday!" He laughed, chiding Shorty as the two of them parted company. Shorty, shifting his glance from right to left over and over again through the brief moment in which he struggled for something witty with which to respond, scoffed, spat to his left, and pulled his horse away from where they stood. Andy chuckled as he watched Allen ride away, heading toward the fence that segregated the northern end of the Circle D from the endless prairie. Leading the packhorse, Andy began his journey back to the bunkhouse.

As the routine of his ride settled in, he began to think once more about why Ben Mason was taking the pains to relieve him on the chore of riding the fence. This was the second time in two weeks. There was no change in Ben's treatment of Andy other than the changing of the guard for this lonely chore, but it made for difficulty in getting anywhere near the hideout or, for that matter, the entire range of the coulies. He wondered if Mason was on to something. He wondered if the crew would get wise to him and hang him.

That idea just about ruined Andy Farrell's day altogether. The simple truth was there did not seem to be much profit in running with Nebraska Ned's Gang. That feller seemed jinxed. Andy had not received more than fifty dollars or so compared to all the profits he was supposed to reap if you listened to Ned's talk about big plans. Besides, Bennet Mason did not get to where he was by being stupid. He was now seriously considering drawing his pay and riding off. Well, mebbe not for a while, seeing as how the winter would be here soon and the bunkhouse was not all that cold or drafty.

He walked the dun due east for about five miles and then cut south by southeast by the lone outcropping of rock that was a convenient landmark for the boys of the Circle D. He'd make it there just before three or four o'clock, as he reckoned. If he remembered correctly, day after next was the day when the entire crew would finish gathering their remuda for the run

into Small Creek with about a hundred head of Mason's fat cows. While he was riding fence looking for any strays, the rest of the crew was living off the chuck wagon while they gathered in all that stock during the cow hunt. Tonight they'd all meet at the ranch.

Andy was looking forward to another visit to Small Creek. Until that run in with those Texans, he was actually enjoying himself. It was sort of an unplanned trip, having to pick up some chuck for this recent ride along the fence line. Two days out on the prairie after that was not all bad. Now he'd get some more time in town to boot. Luke Henry, one of the other drovers, was going to take care of his string until he got back, and all five of his horses were going to get shod in this upcoming trip, along with the rest of the Circle D horses. He wondered if the Texans would still be there, and briefly felt a rise in anger when thinking of Luke Franklin. He wondered if the skunk was still in the jail.

On that morning of the arrest two days ago, Noah did not see Andy Farrell leave, but gave that only as much thought as warranted by the fact he still held a set of wrist cuffs the man had ordered and not yet taken. As night fell on Small Creek, seemingly calming the town after the excitement of Noah's arrest of the Texans, Axel and McGee came and went, once again taking advantage of Noah's duty status. This time they were looking for a little farm boy who had become lost. They were in a hurry because the boy's mother was having conniptions, and there was a mob of farmers roaming the prairie with torches. Given the risk to all, Axel did not relish the thought of these bumbling men starting a prairie fire. After eating at Wendell's Saloon the next night, Noah made sure Wendell would feed the two jailed Texans. Noah himself would let them out in the morning. After a brief conversation with Wendell he went home. Mrs. Thompson would take over the food with Mauve, mebbe to rub their noses in it a mite so they'd think twice about disturbing the peace in the future.

The next morning he awoke with a start. This was the day he'd go riding with the Masons and he hoped he had

not overslept. He checked his bedside clock and found he had at least an hour and a half. Noah was meticulous in washing from the pitcher and bowl this morning. He laid out a fresh shirt. He also laid out a pair of canvas trousers that he preferred on horseback because of their stout construction. He gathered his rifle and saddlebags, strapped on his Colt and carefully placed his hat on while in front of a mirror.

He went over to the jail first, surprised to find McGee snoring soundly and the Texas men begging for mercy because of it. He sat at the desk in the dim light of the morning sun that managed to filter through the room, not caring to awaken McGee, and penned a short report describing the transgressions of the Texans. Then he went over to Wendell's and took two tins of peaches and a small loaf of raisin bread that Mrs. Thompson had baked just for him and placed them carefully in the saddlebags.

It was Mauve who poured him some morning coffee and served him a slice of cornbread and strawberry jam. She asked if he'd like some bacon, which he declined. She wished him a pleasant ride and then disappeared into the kitchen after thanking him for arresting the two rowdy drovers. Mrs. Thompson sat with him for a moment until he finished his breakfast, then took the dishes and bid him a good morning and a pleasant ride, adding that Miss Mason was certainly a beautiful young lady.

Noah crossed the street to find Pete Williams changing the water in the trough and moving around some bails of hay for later placement in the stalls. Loopy perked up his ears when Noah entered the stable. He threw a blanket and saddle over Loopy's strong back, tightened the cinch and threw the bridle on the paint, and carefully laced the saddlebags. Deputy Dobbs opened the action just slightly on his Yellow Boy rifle to ensure there was no round in the chamber and asked Pete for a small bag of cracked corn with some apples and carrots ground up in it for Loopy, once on the trail. Pete filled a canvas sack, handing it to Noah along with a large canteen and wished him a pleasant ride, adding the Masons would surely prove to be good company.

The sun was already getting oppressive even at this early hour, with cicadas and grasshoppers singing loudly as if in protest as he led Loopy up the street. Small puffs of dust kicked up as they walked. Inasmuch as he did not see the sorrel or the gray tied up at the hotel rail, he assumed Bennet Mason was at his daughter's house. The sky, decorated sparsely with a few mare's tail clouds, was a bright, crystal blue such as he was not used to seeing very often back in Danbury. Once spotting their horses tied outside Miss Mason's tiny house, Noah began to move up The Turnpike, passing his shop and the stage office with more than a little trepidation. Rufus McCorkindale, washing down his coach with a wetted push broom that had some rags tied to it to avoid scratching the paint, dipped liberally in a pail of water and touched his hat brim as a hello. He wished him a pleasant ride, hoping for a good time with Miss Mason and her father. Noah briefly wondered if he should stop back at the jail and see what the Texans had to say on the matter, because by now the news of their picnic

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must have made its way back down the trail as a major social event.

Ben Mason emerged from the door of Miss Mason's house first, carrying a set of pack baskets. He stepped over the low, white picket fence as if in sarcastic remark about its uselessness. He slung the basket arrangement on Hank's croup just behind the saddle. They were dainty little baskets not unlike those Noah had seen in the Adirondacks of New York, but were rigged on a leather cross piece to sit astride the horse and backed with cloth so as not to irritate the gray's sides. Miss Mason emerged and actually greeted him with a cheery smile as she donned her broad-brimmed hat and mounted her sorrel. They mounted up, and as the gray swung its hind quarters in response to the reins, backing up against Loopy, Bennet whispered, "Still got the hat, I see."

They left town by crossing Mason's bridge, keeping the Creek on their right until they came to a small ford that was only as deep as their horses. Bennet let Noah know he wanted to skirt the western edge of his spread, keeping well clear of the coulies while staying on the eastern side of The Mud River. They rested the animals in the shade of a small stand of pines that seemed out of place on the rolling prairie. There was a lot of small talk centered mostly on the Masons' desire to know more about the east. Bennet could not understand how grown men would allow themselves to be trapped in the stifling atmosphere of factories where their skins would turn pasty-white and their wills would quit to the slavery of their existence. It was downright un-American. The conversation turned a little livelier when Miss Mason interjected her comments about the greater evil of subjecting women to sweat shop conditions. Indeed, the very hats and clothing that Ben and Noah were wearing were probably the products of such unconscionable abuse.

"One moment," said Noah as they walked among the seemingly endless swells of high grass and rolling territory. "It isn't all that bad. Many of those people came from countries where they would have been starved to death. I've seen several families over-

come their condition and move to a better life."

"How much better can it be when bought at so high and immoral a price?" snapped Alice. Noah rolled his eyes. This was almost exactly what he feared, and he searched for an idea to shift the topic of conversation. Out of the corner of his eye he saw Bennet consumed by that shaking he now knew was quiet laughter. "You gotta watch my daughter," he started. "She draws social injustice toward women like you draw a pistol. And she can shoot!"

Surprisingly, Miss Mason did not become impassioned immediately. "My Daddy is a product of an all male society. They made the laws and they built the way of life to suit themselves."

Noah stopped Loopy. The others stopped after a short delay until they realized that Loopy was standing. "Miss Mason, let me tell you something," said Noah, his voice becoming a little more even. "Those men who built this society to suit themselves lost almost everything they had in the effort. My Great, Great, Great Grandfather helped write the constitution, and our family has always carried on one tradition. Those men knew they'd make mistakes. That's why they wrote it all as such... with some compromise built in."

"Then, why didn't they write in women's voting rights if they were so smart?"

"Because women in their day did not especially want it."

"Oh, spare me!!!"

"Now, just a moment. Before you go marching through Georgia you better understand something. My Great, Great, Great Grandmothers ran their culture in their day from the home. That's where the seat of power in our colonies was. On the farm. The men did not do anything at all without talking to the women first. You oughta see the letters the men folk wrote while away, asking for advice. Why, Jingles Christmas! The Iroquois Indian Chiefs couldn't even hold council without the women's say-so. So don't be so quick to sing the song of injustice."

Bennet was now laughing overtly. When Noah noticed that Alice was about to reply from behind cheeks

flushed with a rising anger, he deliberately cut her off.

"Those men left it to future generations to solve problems. So be a little more careful before you condemn them by revising their history."

"I am just as much a child of that constitution as you are, Noah Dobbs The Fourth, so don't patronize me. When women are ready to revise the way of life, they will do so. So you better watch out, Mister Oaf who bludgeons Texans!" She urged the sorrel, who kicked up clods of earth as she sped away, to the top of a rise about fifty yards off. Noah lifted his arms instinctively and shifted in his saddle as if he were going to kick Loopy into pursuit, and was surprised to see Ben reaching out to grab the reins.

"Now, hold on there, boy!" he said, still laughing. "I am not one to interfere in things not my business, but I think enough of you to offer some advice." He waited for Noah's focused attention and then continued when he was sure Loopy would stand. "It'd be a good idea for both of you to learn to give ground BEFORE she marries you."

"Well, Mr. Mason, thank you for your gentlemanly concern, but what is it that makes you think I am going to marry your daughter?"

"I didn't say you were going to marry Alice, I said Alice was going to marry you. Trust me. You just ain't gifted with the wisdom of the generations yet, m'boy. Now, let's you and me top that rise yonder and Alice will join us directly."

For some reason he could not identify, Noah thought it better to take Mason's advice, and they galloped not a hundred yards to a small rise in the endlessly rolling ocean of grass. When they got to the top, reining in, Noah could see about a quarter of a mile to a fence made of wire that seemed to run from the Mud to the horizon. "This is my North Fence," started Mason, as he swept his arm as if describing the horizon as his own. "I ran it about a year ago, and everybody thought I was crazy for putting up a fence out here. Simple truth is I did not want the buffalo mixing with my herds." Noah said nothing, so Mason continued. "Y'see, I think those Texas boys have the wrong

idea. Running a herd all the way up from Texas is real expensive. I grow 'em up here. Weather is a little harsher mebbe, but they have plenty of grass. All I got to do is keep 'em from the buffalo."

He looked over to Noah to see that the man was indeed interested. He continued, "Banker McSweeney agrees with me when I tell him the future of this land is going to belong to the farmer. Cows are a crop, not a livestock. Them buffalo are going to be gone before long and the Indians with 'em. I talked a couple of them thickheaded farmers into growing feed for my cows and horses so we could both live out here together. That feller Kraptauer figgered out cows get real healthy and fat if you feed 'em beets. Beets! Who'd a thought of that?" Noah smiled faintly as he ran the images of cows feeding placidly on produce by his mind's eye. Then Mason tapped his forearm and pointed off in the distance. "You're a lucky tourist, today, Mister Noah Dobbs the Fourth. It ain't every day a feller gets to see the noble Cheyenne."

On the leeward side he saw for the first time a band of Indians. There were five adults and several children. The children ran about the prairie, loosely following the ponies. Two of the animals were pulling queer looking devices made of long poles that crossed over the horses' withers where they met their backs. Atop each animal sat what appeared to be the women, wrapped in blankets in spite of the heat. One man walked alongside the procession carrying what looked like a giant shepherd's stick, which was adorned with feathers and fur, visible at even this distance. Noah wondered why he walked when there were extra horses available. The other two men, as if they were posing, sat in arrogant dignity atop their ponies, bows slung

on their backs and each carrying what appeared to be old muskets. They were brightly painted.

Bennet muttered, "I figgered they'd be somewheres around here." When he noticed Noah looking a little confused he continued, pointing to the Indians. That feller walking is Good Pony. He is a revered Medicine Man with these Cheyenne. They used to be everywhere around here but began moving away with the buffalo. He's probably walking because a frog told him to, or because he will have a vision soon, or because God hit him in the back of the head and told him such. One of them women is his wife. She is an Osage, but that did not seem all that important to him when his warhorse told him to marry her. The other I don't know."

"His warhorse? His warhorse spoke to him?" replied Noah.

"Yeah, his warhorse. And don't make light of it. Them Holy Men have a different relation with the universe than we do. A different kind of wisdom, I guess. Them two men all painted up are Dog Soldiers, so we'll keep an eye on them because they're hard cases. If they seem like they're spookin' and charge you, whatever you do don't shoot 'em. They're just going to rap you with one of their sticks and count coup on you." Noah looked a little puzzled as Mason explained further in his hushed voice, "That's how they show off. They figger ridin' right up to a man and smacking him once with their stick is audacious and brave. They'd rather fight that way than just shoot their enemies down. It don't hurt us, so we can let 'em do it."

He looked over at Noah, raised an eyebrow, winked and continued, "You just do what I do and be quiet. Stare straight ahead if you are nervous, but for goodness sake don't stare too long at any one of them. They get irritated when a stranger does that. Also,

keep an eye on Alice until she wanders over here. They keep tryin' to buy her and I don't want no ideas coming into their heads." The Indians presently approached with aloof stares emblazoned on their coppery, dignified faces. The bare-chested men were painted light blue with black spots and yellow, jagged lines. The older man simply wore a blanket about his waist and a single feather in his braided hair.

"The young ones wear paint like we wear clothes. They're looking for some medicine to make for rain, mebbe to get the buffalo to move the way they want." Mason sat up straight in his saddle and stopped speaking from the side of his mouth to Noah. It seemed odd he did that as if in secrecy and confidence even though the Indians were not yet in hearing distance. Maybe, thought Noah, that old man could hear even at this distance if he had such a strong relationship with the universe. Bennet continued, shaking his head slightly. "The Railroad has already cut the herd, and I'm a saddened man to think future folks out here ain't ever going to see the buffalo and Cheyenne in their glory. These folks here are but a vestige of what they once were." Noah was surprised to see the older Indian begin to make a series of motions with his hands, resting the curved stick in the hand of one of the Dog Soldiers so he could gesture. Then Bennet Mason began to make gestures. Then the Indian began again, as if in reply. It occurred to Noah, the third time around, they were speaking, and speaking quite fluently at that. Presently, the old man pointed to Noah and made a series of short gestures, and both the women began to laugh, hiding their faces in the blankets. Then they turned and left.

"Les' eat!" said Mason suddenly as they watched the Indians leave. Alice was riding toward them and then



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motioned over a set of rises to their right, and straight ahead of where she sat on her sorrel. Ben nodded and motioned her to go ahead. They joined her shortly amid the only shade for a mile in any direction under some cottonwood trees.

Noah did not want any, more serious discussion with Miss Mason, and would have been clearly off his poise had he not taken the opportunity to tend to Loopy. He unfasted the feed sack and spent a longer time than usual stroking Loopy's forehead and ears. He loosened the cinch and dropped the reins.

"Good Pony bartered me out of a cow back where they came from. Said his children were a mite hungry, so I gave him one to butcher."

"Oh." Replied Noah, "Wha'd you take in trade?"

"Him not takin' TWO cows."

Alice Mason laughed in what Noah at first thought was a musical sound. The meal of fried chicken, raisin bread, peaches, and lemonade, was pleasant and filling. They rode back to Small Creek in continuous banter about the east, how the war had changed everything, the economy, and some of Ben's dreams about raising special cattle and horses. As they approached Small Creek, Alice decided to run her sorrel and left them behind. Noah turned in his saddle and asked of Ben, who was slightly behind and to the left on his gray, "Why were they laughing at me? Do I still stick out as an easterner?"

"Naw..." replied Mason. "They don't know what an easterner is. All white men look alike to them. They was laughing because Good Pony wanted to know where I found my new son-in-law."

There was an uncomfortable silence that Bennet broke only after what seemed a very long time. "Mind you, talk to Axel when you get a chance about my drover, Andy Farrell. I asked Pete to put special shoes on his horse because I think something is brewing with him."

"How so?" responded Noah, his curiosity peaked.

"Good Pony told me he saw him in a spot fifteen miles west of where Andy was supposed to be. Some of my calves and a colt or two have been missing for some time, and I have a deep suspicion of Andy. You being a deputy and all, I figure you should know. I told Axel about it and we agreed to shoe Andy's horse a little different so he'd be easier to track. You gotta be careful before you accuse a man of what I'm thinking."

They parted company with Noah not knowing whether Ben Mason was truthful about the matter of Good Pony or convinced of the matter with Andy.

The next day Noah Dobbs IV reported for duty with the Abilene Stage Line. He reported to the Stage Office with a light pack of an extra shirt, shaving gear, his gun belt, and two pair of socks. He also brought along a book to read if the ride proved uneventful. They rode mostly small packages and mail with only one passenger down to Abilene, and Rufus made quick time alternately trotting and walking the horses. After several points of instruction about constantly looking around for anything that moved, and some comments on how they would be carrying some cash on the way back, he was generally quiet. He did ask

Noah, however, what he thought thus far about his stay at Small Creek. Noah was very surprised when Rufus commented on the mutual agreement of the townspeople that he belonged there, and should have come away from the east sooner.

They made Abilene shortly after dark. After tending to the coach, Noah took Rufus to dinner, and learned much about prodigious eating. There was no doubt in his mind about the origins of the man's size.

Being tired from the day's journey, they retired to the hotel early and, judging by what Rufus told him the next morning as they hitched the team, Noah slept so soundly he missed the brawl just down the street between two cattle outfits up from Texas the day before. There were even some gunshots, although the only injuries seemed to be from knuckles and hangovers. Nobody was arrested.

On the ride back to Small Creek, with two Cattlemen and a woman destined to become another of the Thompsons' daughters, they were a little more quiet. Noah Dobbs IV regarded his migration to the west in a pensive mood so quiet that Rufus wanted to know if he had angered the shoemaker.

"No, not likely," replied Noah as the coach made its way through a light and welcomed rain. "So far you are one of the most interesting sorts out here. It's just that nothing I've seen or experienced has proven anything like what I expected."

Rufus nodded and offered Noah a chew. Noah was looking forward to the stage rides as a pleasant break in the day-to-day sense of monotony that had set so thoroughly in with his tenure here at Small Creek. McSweeney told him the feeling was part of the change he'd have to undergo when moving from a busied metropolis to a land of endless prairie and empty sky. The incident with the Texans was trivialized by Axel, who told Noah he expected a few Texan thick skulls to be cracked by a six-gun as a matter of doing one's duty. Hell, even the Texans expected it. They were basically good men, but even good men become intolerably stupid with enough whiskey. It did not really matter these boys had earned a little fun after the impossible work they had performed coming up the trail. Moreover, nobody had any hard feelings. Thus the incident, which would have rocked Danbury Connecticut, passed into history.

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stretch about 30 seconds at an intensity that is on the edge of mild discomfort. You should be able to breathe calmly for five cycles of inhales and exhales. Let each exhale relax your muscles more.

- Quad/front hip stretch: This stretch is especially important for knee health and can also relieve tension in the lower back. Stand next to a table or other stable item for support and bend your right knee so the right heel comes near your tush. Reach your right hand behind you to hold the right ankle or foot. If you can't reach your foot or ankle with your hand, hold onto a towel and loop it around the foot. You should feel a stretch in the front of the right leg and right hip. Hold for 30 seconds at a moderate intensity of stretch. Switch legs.

Pull the pubic bone up towards the navel to lengthen the lower back since a common error is to arch the back beyond its neutral position which creates undue stress on the back. Keep the knee of the stretched leg underneath the middle of the hip. A common error is to allow the stretched leg to stray to the side, away from the ideal vertical placement. Keep the foot in line with the lower leg so that the ankle is straight and not bending inward. For a balance challenge, do this stretch while balancing without holding onto anything.

- Hip/ piriformis/ Figure 4 stretch: Sit on a chair or the side of your parked car or truck seat. Place the right ankle on top of the left thigh. You may feel enough stretch in the right hip already. If not, increase the stretch by hinging forward toward your shin. Hold for a minimum of 30 seconds at the edge of mild discomfort. Switch sides.

You can stretch different fibers of the hip by leaning more toward the foot or more toward the knee. Usually hinging the torso more towards the foot will increase the intensity, but experiment to feel what works for you. If you have any knee sensitivity, pull the toes of the leg you are stretching towards the shin.



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My name is Kathryn Kirby, aka Diamond Kate. My parents are Ms. Vonnie and Fairbanks Sam, and my siblings are Little John and Texas Cutie. My home clubs are the Plum Creek Shooting Society in Lockhart, Texas and the Thunder River Renegades in Plantersville, Texas. I chose to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio while I pursue my Bachelor's Degree in Biology on the pre-medical track. I plan to continue to medical school to further pursue a Doctorate in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

SASS® and Cowboy Action Shooting™ has and continues to provide me with a mature environment that has greatly impacted who I am today. My friends in the SASS community have watched me grow up and have always been encouraging, supportive, and willing to help. They are some of the best friends I could ask for. Many of these friends have offered opportunities that have and will continue to help me gain experience and knowledge to continue my journey. They have also written many of my recommendation letters over the years, as I have spent more time on and off the range with them than friends not involved in SASS. SASS has become my second family.

The hardest question I have ever been asked is what am I most proud of. The best answer I can give is, I am most proud of getting where I am today and where I am going. I have worked hard along with all of the support I have been given, and I will continue to do so as I strive for the future I have planned.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END - ESSAY BY DIAMOND KATE, SASS #95104

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Every day, whether living in rural or suburban areas, fences are a staple in society. When we see a fence, we automatically know the land within that fence is owned by someone. Prior to modernization, the land was an open range used for living and working, especially by the classic American Cowboy.

In October of 1873, Joseph Glidden applied for a patent on his barbed wire design. A machine was then created to produce this cheap and durable wire very quickly. Farmers and stockmen began using Glidden's barbed wire to portion their land for commercial enrichment. Extensive acres of land became enclosed, initiating the shrinkage of the open range. With minimal property being left unclaimed, cattle drives began to shut down.

In his painting "The Fall of the Cowboy," Frederic Remington depicts two cowboys. While one remains on horseback, the other is forced to dismount in order to open the gate of a barbed wire fence. This suggests the closing of the open range and the end of cattle drives. This led to the downfall of the cowboy and changed the West forever.

Barbed wire not only made the open range disappear, it brought about the construction of towns with physical borders and limits. The minor jobs of the cowboy, such as being a delivery man, became endangered. Continuous building and progression called for an express means of transportation. With only certain routes available where land was not claimed, the cowboy could not keep up with the rising stan-

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dard. In May of 1869, the main line of the First Transcontinental Railroad was completed. Resources, supplies, and mail could be transported quicker and in bulk amounts. As people began to use and rely on trains, the cowboy continued to go out of business.

In the West, barbed wire was the beginning of a significant change. It quickly became modernized by the rapid isolations of property and the needs of growing communities. The job of the cowboy was forced to work around and adapt to obstacles until the position died with the open ranges it began on.

SASS ALIAS — POSSIBLY THE BEST PART OF THE GAME!

BY HAIRTRIGGER HAYES, SASS
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I see, quite often, people writing about how they got their alias. I'd like to point out that the fact I have an alias is much more important than how I got it.

First a little FYI, my granddaddy on my mom's side was a mountain of a man. A real hard working bruiser of a guy, but he was also a hard drinker. When he was sober it was said no one around could out work him or outshoot him, so all his family and friends took to calling him "Trigger." So my alias is a spinoff of my granddaddy R.D.'s nickname. And quite naturally so — I mean, I'm a good shot, I like to drink, and I work hard... when the boss is watching!

Our aliases are, in my opinion, one of the very coolest parts of the game. Our alias develops its own persona. Many people around the country may know us by our aliases and not have a clue what our given names are. It is, simply put, an alter ego that can be anything we want it to be.

Point in fact: Duane Hayes is a pretty good guy. He has a job, a mortgage, a beautiful wife, three great kids



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and the most beautiful granddaughter. But he's also pretty danged boring! Hairtrigger, on the other hand, is kind of a bad hombre. He shoots, he drinks, and he travels the countryside with the beautiful Miss One Chance Fancy (SASS #105776). Being Hairtrigger is awesome! In the everyday world, Duane is somewhat of an introvert (actually taken the test... more than once.) He's not a people person. Hairtrigger, however, loves to be the star of the show. Eager to engage with folks he's never laid eyes on. HT is boisterous, daring and fun. DH goes to work, mows the yard and cracks the occasional "bad dad joke."

So what brings us out of our shell when we put on our assumed moniker and don the duds of yesteryear? When we step into the realm of our Old West character, we have the freedom to be who we've always yearned to be. The character has very few responsibilities other

than abiding by the "spirit of the game." When the burdens of everyday life are removed, the result is a carefree individual who can be free to let the inner self come through uninhibited. For example, a person may be completely fed up with the whole "PC" agenda so their alias has developed a proclivity for light-hearted political IN-correctness. At the opposite end of the spectrum, let's say a particularly pleasant individual is required to be a strict boss at work 40-plus hours a week. Their alias might offer them the opportunity to be more light-hearted and jovial. Either way, it's the freedom to break out of the norm that brings out the very best in our assumed personas.

It also helps that we're surrounded by like-minded folks with common interests. I don't think Hairtrigger would be very well accepted at an annual stockholder's meeting, but at any Cowboy Action Shooting™ range in the country

he fits right in. It's similar to that "out of place" feeling we get when we stop for breakfast on our way to the range. But then, when we get to the range we simply melt into the crowd with familial acceptance. Which brings another question to mind. What about the family aspect of the game? Let's face it, I'm more comfortable with many of you than I am with some members of my own family. I believe the comfort of being around like-minded folks who are as close as family aids in removing a lot of the hurdles faced in our everyday lives and, in turn, allows our aliases to thrive.

Whether it be the name, the clothes, the escape, the people, or all of the above, our aliases have the opportunity to reflect a very unique part of ourselves the world may never have seen otherwise. So yes, I have a story as to how I got my alias. But the better story is how my alias became Hairtrigger... and that story ain't over yet!



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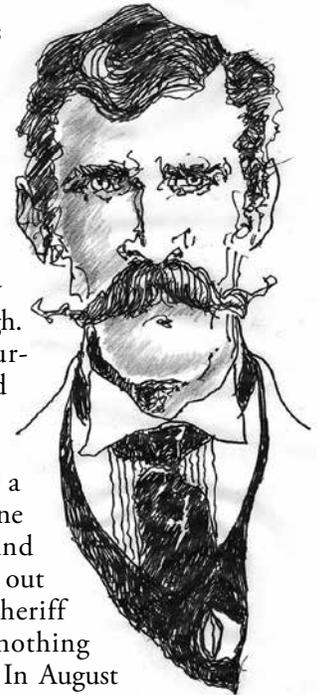
LITTLE KNOWN FAMOUS PEOPLE WAY OUT WEST

BY JOE FASTHORSE, SASS #48769

Josiah Gordon “Doc” Scurlock was born in Tallapoosa County, Alabama January 11, 1849. Josiah got the nickname “Doc” when he studied medicine in Louisiana. Doc went to Mexico in 1870 and while there he and another man argued over a card game. Pistols flared and Doc was shot in the mouth. The bullet knocked out his front teeth, coming out the back of his neck. Doc returned fire, killing the man who shot him. Scurlock returned to New Mexico Territory in 1871 and went to work for John Chisum. In 1873, he and Jack Holt were attacked by Indians. Holt was killed. Scurlock held the warriors at bay, killed the Indian leader, and slipped off after dark. In 1875, another one of Doc’s friends was killed by Indians. He was so upset over this incident, he quit Chisum and left for Arizona Territory where he met Charlie Bowdre. The two men opened a cheese factory and one of their first employees was Billy the Kid. They closed the cheese factory in early 1876 and bought a ranch in Lincoln Coun-

ty, New Mexico. In October 1876, Doc married Maria Antonia Miguela Herrera. A few weeks later, Charlie Bowdre married Maria’s sister, making Bowdre and Scurlock brothers-in-law. Over the next year, Scurlock rode with several posses to arrest and hang horse thieves. After John Tunstall was murdered by members of the Murphy-Dolan faction in February of 1878, Doc was one of the founders of the Regulators. He was involved in every major battle of the Lincoln County War. In April, the Regulators—including Dick Brewer, Charlie Bowdre, Billy the Kid, Doc Scurlock, Frank McNab, George Coe, Frank Coe, John Middleton, Kim French, Henry Brown, and Fred Waite—were involved in the Gunfight at Blazer’s Mill. The fight started when the Regulators tried to arrest Buckshot Roberts. Roberts and Dick Brewer were killed. Doc Scurlock, John Middleton and George Coe were wounded. Scurlock became the final leader of the Regulators after Dick Brewer was killed. In May 1878, Doc led a posse that included Billy the Kid, Bowdre, George Coe, and Brown to the Dolan-Riley cattle ranch. They drove off 26 horses and killed a herder, a Navajo Indian, and a 15-year-old boy. When Billy the Kid tried to make a deal with Governor Lew Wallace,

Scurlock was captured and held with Billy on suspicion of the murder of Buckshot Roberts. The Wallace/Billy deal fell through. Billy and Scurlock were told they were going to be charged for a murder. In June 1879, Billy and Scurlock rode out of Lincoln. Sheriff Kimball did nothing to stop them. In August Billy and his outlaws stole a large herd of cattle from the Chisum ranch. John Chisum sent a posse after them and Scurlock decided it was time to quit the gang and leave New Mexico. In October 1879, he went to Texas and settled down. In the 1880 census in Potter County, Texas, he was keeping the mail station. Doc Scurlock died in Eastland, Texas in 1929 at the age of 80. He is buried in Eastland City Cemetery.



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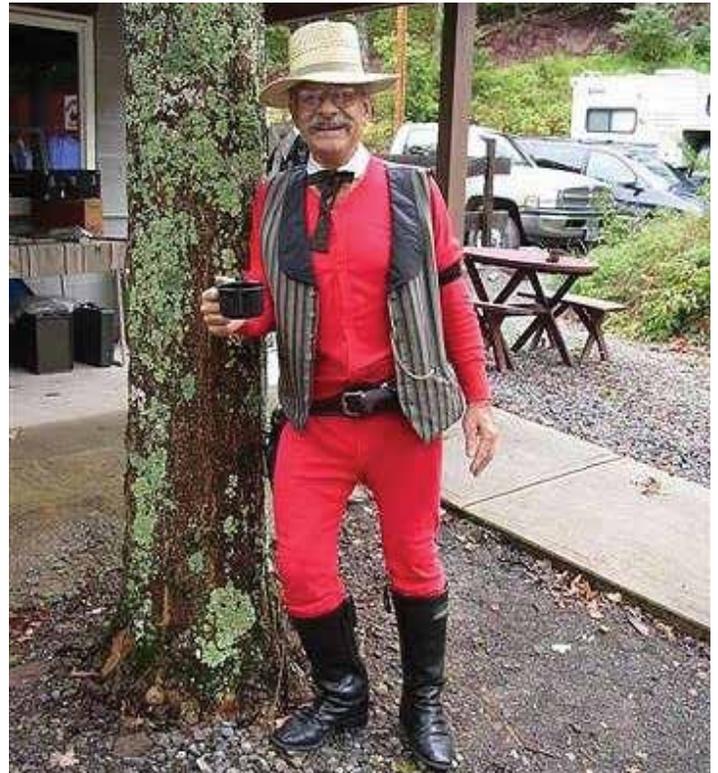
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RONALD ZAKEOSIAN BOOMER ZAK SASS #8198 MARCH 17, 1936 – JULY 20, 2018

BY BLACK HILLS BARB, SASS #34171

When I came upon SASS® in 2000, Boomer Zak (or Boomer, as we all knew him) was already well known at many clubs in the east. If there was ever a Cowboy who fit the description of a renaissance man it was Boomer. He was known for far more than being a Cowboy Action Shooter™. He was a vendor, known for his Boomer Bags and the many treasures he offered for sale during the matches. Hundreds of his hand-sewn canvas bags are still in use, I'm sure. He had a knack of knowing just what the perfect accessory was for just about every Cowboy and Cowgirl he met. When he wasn't at cowboy matches, he was scouring flea markets and auctions for just such treasures. Often, the first to arrive at a match in his Chevy mini-van with his trademark "Seabee" license plate on the front, Boomer would begin the task of setting up shop. Out came the tables, followed by the old blankets he used as table coverings. Old whiskey crates served as shelves. Soon the Cowboys and Cowgirls began to arrive. As they gathered around his "mercantile" they greeted each other and watched, anxious to see what treasures Boomer had found during the week. While the match was going on, a hand-written sign sat propped on his old open briefcase with the words "Gone With the Posse." The first to arrive, and usually among the last to leave, Boomer had his own method of packing up his extensive mercantile and always refused the help of well-meaning Cowboys and Cowgirls.

Boomer was a chef. Somehow, he managed to find room in his van for so much more than just his mercantile. All his camping gear and camp kitchen for those times when he attended multi-day matches had a place, too. He loved sharing recipes and cooking for his friends. It wasn't just your usual campfire cooking either. Boomer cooked and served his



meals with the same flare and attention to detail as that found in the classiest of restaurants. One of his most popular creations, however, was his brandy-soaked apricots. Oh my, the kick they delivered!

Boomer was an expert storyteller. Campfire gatherings were always better when Boomer was around. From stories about his many hunting trips to those of his Seabee days, he always had the most interesting tales. He would arrive at the fire circle with his little black liquor suitcase in hand and quite often some type of stool he most likely found at a flea market. His case was sure to hold a bottle of George Dickel Tennessee Whisky and an array of silver shot cups so he could share with his friends. He knew quite a few little drinking games too.

Boomer was a proud veteran. No one stood taller and prouder than Boomer as the match began with the Pledge of Allegiance and our national anthem. He taught many a match director the proper flag decorum and the proper technique to fold the flag.

Boomer was not only a Cowboy, but one of the best dressed Cowboys I ever met. His clothing was quite often authentic apparel he found during his regular trips to flea markets and auctions. From his well-worn little derby to his high boots, Boomer dressed the part to the max. He liked nothing better than a chance to surprise us all with his costuming choices. One of his most loved matches was the "Underwear Shoot." We just couldn't wait to see what he might show up in and he drove about three hours one way to show us. As a Cowboy, he was the epitome of the Cowboy. The Spirit in the Game lived in Boomer. He worked hard both on and off the posse. He recruited members simply by being Boomer. For all his influence over the years, Boomer was made a SASS regulator.

But most of all, Boomer was loved. And now, Boomer is missed. RIP old friend. You are gone with the posse once again.

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After his “second” retirement, his son-in-law took him to a Cowboy Action match and he fell in love with the sport, the guns, and the friendships. It became an important part of his life as he and his wife, Sweet Magnolia Mary (SASS #44396), shot actively in their home state of Florida. Over the years, they traveled to a number of matches out of state, but shot primarily close to home. Their local club was the Gold Coast Gunslingers in Sunrise, Florida, where John served as the President of the club for nine years (2003-2012). One of his proudest moments was when his club honored him with the Gold Coast Gunfight Cowboy Spirit Badge in 2008. John enjoyed guns, shooting and hunting, but cowboy action shooting was his passion.

He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He leaves behind his best friend and wife of 57 years, his daughter and her husband, Joann and Mike Burner (Pinky Jo, SASS #12902 and Smokey Mike, SASS #12716) and his granddaughter, Ryann (Ry Whiskey, SASS #12903). John was a wonderful friend to so many people he encountered throughout his life. He was deeply loved by his family and friends and will be missed greatly.



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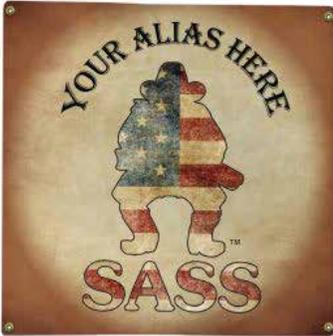
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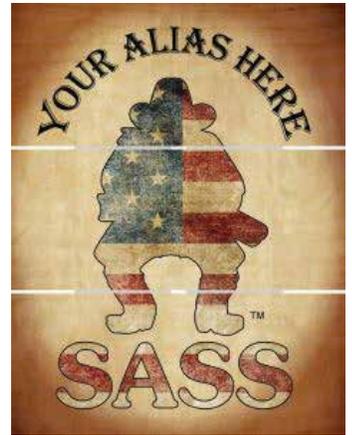
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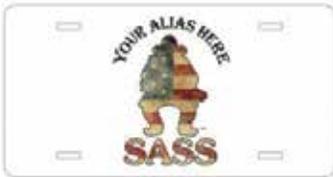


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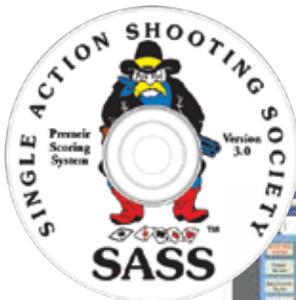


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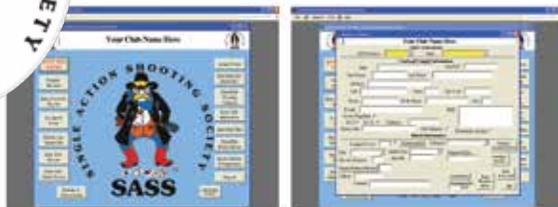
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Tir Olympique Lyonnais	Lyon	Sun	04 78 22 41 20	Thierry Dadoy	N/A
GERMANY					
CAS Europe	Heerd	Wed	28235807	Hurricane Irmis	TR-Dusseldorf
Cowboy Action Shooting Germany	Edderitz	Last Sat	+49 1609 76 52588	Marshal Heck	Tombstone Village
SASS Germany	Bocholt	Wed	28233426	Rhine River Joe	Caritz Springs
The Chain Gang	Erndtbrueck	As Scheduled	+4915158795501	Blue N. Wild	Red Mountain Ranch
ITALY					
Association Federal Old West	Civitella Val Chiana	As Scheduled	3663232538	Jonn Skally White	Devil's Club
NETHERLANDS					
Dutch Western Shooting Association	Varies	As Scheduled	+31619430223	Dutch Bear	N/A
NEW ZEALAND					
Ashburton Pistol Club Wild Bunch Shooting	Ashburton	3rd Sun PM	N/A	Kiwi Witch Doctor	Ashburton Pistol Club
Bullet Spittin' Sons O' Thunder	Palmerston North	2nd Sat	+64275221920	Calamity Carrie	Rifle Rod & Gun Club Manawata Inc.
SASS Pistol New Zealand	Hastings	As Scheduled	+64 21 488 345	Kiwi PJ	New Zealand Pistol Association
Wairarapa Pistol and Shooting Club	Gladstone	2nd Sun	+6421774666	Wild Ben Hickok	Wairarapa Pistol and Shooting Sports Club Inc, Gladstone
POLAND					
SASS Polish Western Shooting Association	Lodz	As Scheduled	+48605100315	Crazy Zebra	Polish Sport Shooting Association
W.A.S. Banditos	Ostroda	1st Sat	+48512707038	Pavlos Banditos	Garda Ostroda Kaczory
SLOVAKIA					
Slovak Western Shooting Association	Domaniza	As Scheduled	+421903667096	Bambino	Shooting range Domaniza
SOUTH AFRICA					
Western Shooters of South Africa	Simon's Town	3rd Sat	+27 21 702 3070	Dusty Devil	False Bay Gun Club
SWEDEN					
SASS Sweden Northern Rangers	Torsby	As Scheduled	46 702711107	Ace Heart	N/A
SWITZERLAND					
Old West Shooting Society Switzerland	Kreuzlingen	As Scheduled	+41 79 909 92 70	Texas Knight	N/A
UNITED KINGDOM					
Shooters of the Cast Iron Shore	Liverpool	As Scheduled	44 7876377609	Woodrow F. Call	Atlantic Leisure Sport Complex
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA					
ALASKA					
Alaska 49er's	Chugiak	As Scheduled	907-232-4958	Tripod	Birchwood Recreation & Shooting Park
Alaska 49ers Wild Bunch	Chugiak	As Scheduled	907-232-1080	Marshal Stone	Birchwood Recreation & Shooting Park
Golden Heart Shootist Society	Fairbanks	2nd Sat & Last Sun	907-479-9339	Drover Knutts	Charanika Gold Camp
Juneau Gold Miners Posse	Juneau	3rd Sun	907-723-9309	Five Card Tanna	Hank Harmon Rifle Range
ALABAMA					
Gallant Gunfighters	Birmingham	3rd Sun	205-587-5103	Dobe Bob	Brock's Gap Training Center
North Alabama Regulators	Woodville	1st Sun	256-431-3737	Drake Robey	Cavern Cove
Old York Shootists	Cleveland	4th Sun	205-616-9395	Derringer Di	Greenridge Shooting Range
Russell County Regulators	Phenix City	1st Sat	706-566-1740	Will Killigan	East Alabama Gun Club
Vulcan Long Rifles	Birmingham	2nd Sat	205-541-2207	Parson Henry Brown	Brock's Gap Training Center

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ARKANSAS

Arkansas Leadslingers	Rogers	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	479-633-2107	Dirty Dan Paladin	Frisco City
Judge Parker's Marshals	Fort Smith/Van Buren	3rd Sat and Sun	479-651-2475	Naildriver	Old Fort Gun Club
Mountain Valley Vigilantes	Hot Springs National Park	1st Wkd	501-337-9368	Bulldog McGraw	Mountain Valley Sportsman's Association
Outlaw Camp	Heber Springs	2nd, 4th & 5th Sat	501-362-2963	Ozark Red	Outlaw Camp
White River Gang	Mountain Home	1st Sat	636-463-2361	Lakeview Drifter	Twin Lakes Gun Club

ARIZONA

Arizona Cowboy Shooters Association Inc	Phoenix	2nd Sat	602-564-0321	Champ	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
Arizona Yavapai Rangers	Camp Verde	4th Sat	480-266-1096	Pecos Clyde	Forest Service Road 9571
Bordertown Inc. Wild Bunch	Tombstone	As Sch	480-266-1096	Pecos Clyde	Tombstone Livery
Bordertown, Inc.	Tombstone	As Sched	520-290-8599	Quicksand	Tombstone Livery
Colorado River Regulators	Lake Havasu City	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	928-669-8707	Mike L. Phikzit	Lake Havasu Sportsman's Club
Colorado River Shootists	Yuma	4th Sun	209-613-4598	Dirty Harriet	Adair Range
Cowtown Cowboy Shooters	Peoria	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	480-773-2753	Barbwire	Cowtown Shooting Range
Cowtown Wild Bunch Shooters	Peoria	2nd Sun	602-721-3175	Wild Bodie Tom	Cowtown Shooting Range
Dusty Bunch Old Western Shooters	Casa Grande	4th Sat	520-568-2852	Squibber	Casa Grande Shooting Range
Los Vaqueros	Tombstone	3rd Sat	520-235-0387	Myles Houston	Tombstone Livery
Mohave Marshalls	Golden Valley	3rd Sun	928-231-9013	DB Chester	Mohave Sportsman Club
Old Pueblo Shootist Association	Tombstone	1st Sun	520-249-2831	Gilly Boy	Tombstone Livery
Old Pueblo Shootist Association Wild Bunch	Tombstone	4th Sat	520-249-2831	Gilly Boy	Tombstone Livery
Payson Cowboys	Payson	3rd Sun	575-937-9297	Rowdy Lane	Jim Jones Shooting Range
Rio Salado Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Mesa	1st Sat	480-982-7336	A. J. Bob	Rio Salado Sportsman's Club
Whiskey Row Gunslingers	Prescott	2nd Sun	928-925-7323	Turquoise Bill	Whispering Long Tree Range(Prescott Action Shooters)
White Mountain Old West Shootists	St. Johns	3rd Sat	928-245-6276	Fred Sharps	Northeastern Arizona Shooters Association

CALIFORNIA

5 Dogs Creek	Bakersfield	1st Sat & Sun	661-549-7916	Panhandle Red	Five Dogs Creek Shooting Range
Buffalo Runners	Rail Road Flat	Sat Before 2nd Sun	530-676-2997	Grizzly Peak Jake	Taylor Park
Cajon Cowboys	Devore	2nd, 4th, & 5th Sat	760-900-5199	Pasture Patri	Gem Ranch
California Shady Ladies	Sloughhouse	4th Sat	916-447-2040	Lady Gambler	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Chorro Valley Regulators	San Luis Obispo	2nd Sun & Prec. Sat	805-286-1188	Sinful	San Luis Obispo Sportsman's Association
Double R Bar Regulators	Lucerne Valley	2nd Sun	909-228-5154	Smiley Ed	Lucerne Valley Lions Club
Dulzura Desperados	Dulzura	2nd Sat	619-997-2755	Reuben J. Cogburn	South Bay Rod and Gun Club
Escondido Bandidos	Escondido	1st Sat	858-735-2354	Rustler	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	530-467-4045	Wichita Belle	Dodge Range
High Desert Cowboys	Palmdale	3rd Sun	661-579-6917	Doc Silverhawks	Desert Marksmen Rifle & Pistol Club
High Sierra Drifters	Rail Road Flat	2nd Sun	530-676-2997	Grizzly Peak Jake	West Point Rod & Gun
Hole In The Wall Gang	Piru	1st Sun	661-373-2709	Lefty Longridge	California Tactical Academy
Kings River Regulators	Clovis	3rd Sun	559-268-1115	Sierra Rider	Fresno Rifle & Pistol Club
Lassen Regulators	Susanville	1st Sat	530-260-0806	Bugtown Dusty	Rice Canyon Shooting Range
Mad River Rangers	Blue Lake	4th Sat	707-445-1981	Kid Kneestone	Long Prairie Gun and Archery Club
Mother Lode Shootist Society	Jamestown	1st Sun	209-795-4175	Sioux City Kid	Mother Lode Gun Club
Murieta Posse	Sloughhouse	3rd Sun	530-676-2997	Grizzly Peak Jake	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Nevada City Peacemakers	Nevada City	3rd Sat	530-274-3430	Constable Dan	Nevada County Sportsmen's Club
Pozo River Vigilance Committee at Lazy Arrow	Santa Margarita	4th Sat	805-801-8750	Roger Rapid	Camatta Ranch/Lazy Arrow Adventures
Richmond Roughriders	Richmond	2nd Sun As Scheduled	925-250-0737	Leapin Otis	Richmond Rod and Gun Club
River City Regulators	Davis	1st Sun	707-227-5905	Napa Belle	Yolo Sportsmen's Association
Robbers Roost Vigilantes	Ridgecrest	1st & 3rd Sat	760-375-7618	Nast Newt	Ridgecrest Gun Range
Sloughhouse Irregulars	Sloughhouse	5th Sat & Sun	530-265-9213	Marlin Schofield	Diamond Dick's Cowboy Town
Sunnyvale Regulators	Cupertino	3rd Mon Night	650-464-3764	Shaniko Jack	Sunnyvale Rod and Gun Club
Sunnyvale Regulators Wild Bunch	Cupertino	4th Mon	408-264-5647	Lucas McDennis	Sunnyvale Rod and Gun Club
The Cowboys	Corona	4th Sun	805-402-4144	Mattel Sackett	Raahauge Shooting Enterprises
The Outlaws	Sloughhouse	1st Sat	209-296-2709	Allie Mo	Sacramento Valley Shooting Center
Two Rivers Posse	Manteca	1st Sat & 4th Sun	209-814-5322	Dragon	Manteca Sportsmen's Club

COLORADO

Black Canyon Ghost Riders	Hotchkiss	4th Sun	970-835-8871	Fandango Dave	Stengel Gun Range
Briggsdale County Shootists	Briggsdale	2nd & 4th Sat	970-493-1813	Kid Bucklin	Pawnee Sportsmens Center
Colorado Cowboys	Lake George	1st Sat	719-491-4524	Scary Indian Dude	M Lazy C Ranch
Colorado Shaketails	Hanover	1st Sun	719-338-5912	Shootin Hoosier	Frontier Sportsman's Club
Montrose Marshals	Montrose	2nd Sun	970-240-0419	Silver Rings	Montrose Rod & Gun Club
Northwest Colorado Rangers	Craig	4th Sat	970-208-3196	Black Mountain Cat	Bears Ears Sportsman Club
Pawnee Station Vindicators	Nunn	3rd Sat	970-667-0734	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.
San Juan Rangers	Montrose	1st Sun	970-417-6247	Kodiak Kid	San Juan Shooting Range
Sand Creek Raiders	Byers	4th Sun	303-366-8827	Sweetwater Bill	Colorado Rifle Club
Thunder Mountain Shootists	Whitewater	3rd Sun & Prec. Sat	970-464-7118	Pinto Being	William Jarvis Shooting Complex
Windygap Regulators	Cortez	1st Wkd	970-739-9705	Stumble Leena	Windygap Regulators

CONNECTICUT

CT Valley Bushwackers	Coventry	2nd Sat	860-384-0543	Double Tap Taylor	Manchester Sportsman Association
Ledyard Sidewinders	Ledyard	1st Sat	860-536-0887	Yosemite Gene	Ledyard Sportsman's Club

DELAWARE

Paden's Posse	Bridgeville	3rd Sun	302-670-9990	Vaquero Dan	Bridgeville Rifle Club
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FLORIDA					
Antelope Junction Rangers	Clearwater	2nd Sat	727-798-0994	Moog	Wyoming Antelope Club
Big Bend Bushwhackers	Woodville	3rd Sat	850-567-5694	Ocklawaha Kid	Tallahassee Rifle and Pistol Club
Cowford Regulators	Jacksonville	4th Sat	904-316-0644	Misfire Mordecai	Gateway Rifle and Pistol Club
Doodle Hill Regulators	Ruskin	4th Sun	910-797-7110	Shelleen	Gun Craft Inc. Range
Five County Regulators	Punta Gorda	4th Sun	239-772-7994	Vaquero Tom	Hansen Range and Gun Club
Fort White Cowboy Cavalry	Fort White	2nd Sat	352-222-4214	Confederate Colt	Fort White Gun Club
Gold Coast Gunslingers	Sunrise	1st Sat	786-256-9542	George Washington McLintock	Markham Park Pistol and Rifle Range
Hernando County Regulators	Brooksville	1st Sun	517-622-4372	Shoulda Dun Gun	Hernando Sportsman's Club, Inc.
Indian River Regulators	Palm Bay	4th Sat	321-431-6404	Turkey Creek Red	Port Malabar Rifle & Pistol Club
Lake County Pistoleros	Tavares	3rd Sat	650-776-2854	Smart Asterisk	Eustis Gun Club
Lake County Pistoleros Wild Bunch	Tavares	As Scheduled	650-776-2854	Smart Asterisk	Eustis Gun Club
Miakka Misfits	Myakka City	3rd Sun	941-758-9454 ext.106	Crossfire Brown	Manatee Gun & Archery 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	Gulf Rifle Club
Panhandle Cowboys	Cantonment	2nd Sun	850-932-3955	Jeb Stuart Foley	Escambia River Gun Club
Red Hills Rangers	Midway	3rd Sat	850-459-5472	Cassalong Hopidy	Talon Training Group
Roughshod Raiders	Gainesville	4th Sun	352-317-2357	Delta Glen	Gainesville Target Range, Inc.
Southwest Florida Gunslingers	Punta Gorda	3rd Sat	239-772-7994	Vaquero Tom	Hansen Range and Gun Club
Weewahootee Vigilance Committee	Orlando	1st Sat	407-729-8057	Dead-Aim Dave	Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club
GEORGIA					
Doc Holliday's Immortals	Griffin	2nd Sat	678-472-7778	Pale Ale Rider	Griffin Gun Club
Georgia Piedmont Regulators	Eastanollee	2nd Sat	770-540-7612	Rolan Kraps	Georgia Mountain Shooting Association
Lonesome Valley Regulators	Junction City	1st Sun	478-747-8149	Wishbone Hooper	Lonesome Valley Regulators
River Bend Rough Riders	Dawsonville	1st Sat	770-893-7745	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	423-827-2527	Hurricane Charly	Phoenix Farms
Valdosta Vigilance Committee	Valdosta	1st Sat	229-244-3161	Goliath	Little River Sportsmen's Assoc.
HAWAII					
Maui Marshals	Lahaina	1st & 3rd Sat	808-463-0636	Darnin' Daisy	Valley Isle Sport Shooters Club
IOWA					
Fort Des Moines Rangers	Indianola	1st Sun	515-537-3633	Marshal Kane	Central Iowa Shooting Sports
Outlaw's Run	Red Oak	2nd Sun	712-621-5726	Capt. Jim Midnight	Red Oak
Turkeyfoot Cowboys	Elk Run Heights	1st Sat	319-215-0340	Grizzly Red	Turkeyfoot Long Rifles Range
Zen Shootists	Nevada	2nd Sat	515-783-4833	Sergeant Duroc	Scorpion Gulch
IDAHO					
Hells Canyon Ghost Riders	Moscow	3rd Sat	208-882-1888	Zebra Dunn	Bernard Peterson Memorial Range
Oregon Trail Rough Riders	Boise	2nd Sun & 3rd Sat	208-466-0061	Gem Hunter	Black's Creek Rifle Range
Snake River Western Shooting Society	Jerome	4th Sat	208-731-6387	Missy Mable	Jerome Rod & Gun Club
Squaw Butte Regulators	Emmett	1st Sun, 3rd Wed	208-866-7271	Idaho Six Gun Sam	Gem County Rod and Gun Club
Squaw Butte Regulators Wild Bunch	Emmett	4th Sun	208-866-7271	Idaho Six Gun Sam	Gem County Rod and Gun Club
The Portneuf Vaqueros	Pocatello	3rd Sat	208-540-0367	Varmint Hunter	Gate City Sports Shooting Association
ILLINOIS					
Good Guys Posse	Winnebago	4th Sun	815-923-2191	Cornbread Lawman	Dry Gulch Ranch
Illinois River City Regulators	Chillicothe	2nd Sun	309-243-7236	Granville Stuart	Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club
Illowa Irregulars	Milan	3rd Sun	309-236-5082	Justice James Newton	Milan Rifle Club
Kaskaskia Cowboys	Sparta	2nd Sat	618-615-3988	Randolph Raider	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Kaskaskia Cowboys Wild Bunch	Sparta	As Scheduled	618-663-7423	Back Forty	World Shooting and Recreation Complex
Lakewoods Marshals	Rinard	1st Sat	618-262-4562	Rusty Banker	Coon Creek Ridge Riders Club
Marion County Renegades Wild Bunch	Sandoval	2nd Sun & 4th Sat	618-267-6952	Shell Stuffer	Centralia Trap Club
McLean County Peacemakers	Bloomington	3rd Sat	309-379-4331	Marshall R. D.	Darnalls Gun Works & Range
Midwest Gunfighters	Sparta	As Scheduled	217-971-6107	Billy the Avenger	World Shooting Complex
Rangeless Riders	Bunker Hill	1st Sat	618-210-2586	Jean Duke	Brittany Shooting Park Ltd.
INDIANA					
Circle R Cowboys	Brookston	3rd Sat	219-208-2793	Mustang Bill	Wildcat Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Paradise Pass Regulators	Erna Green	1st Sat	574-354-7186	C. C. Top	Paradise Pass
Pine Ridge Regulators	Carbon	3rd Sat	812-420-2250	Buckshot Butt	Pine Ridge Ranch
Pine Ridge Regulators Wild Bunch	Carbon	As Scheduled	812-420-2250	Buckshot Butt	Pine Ridge Ranch
Wabash Rangers	Cayuga	4th Sat	217-267-2820	Henry Remington	Clark's Shooting Range
Westside Renegades	Evansville	4th Sat	812-457-0304	Dead Eye Mike	Westside Sportsmen's Club
Wildwood Wranglers	Michigan City	4th Sun	219-221-0868	Voodoooman	Michigan City Rifle Club
Wolff's Rowdy Rangers	Bristol	3rd Sat	574-536-4010	Justice D. Spencer	St. Joseph Valley Rifle and Pistol Association
KANSAS					
Butterfield Gulch Gang	Chapman	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	785-479-0416	Flinthills Dawg	Clark's Station
Capital City Cowboys	Topeka	4th Sun	785-220-4203	Badmoon Rison	Capital City Gun Club
Free State Rangers	Parker	1st Sun, 3rd Sat, & 5th Sun	913-904-8733	Buffalo Phil	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 & 4th Wed	816-507-2887	K. C. Ranger	Powder Creek Shooting Park
Powder Creek Cowboys Wild Bunch	Lenexa	5th Sat	913-680-5757	High Plains Hud	Powder Creek Shooting Park

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KENTUCKY					
Green River Gunslingers	Bowling Green	2nd Sat	270-792-9001	Yak	Green River Gun Club
Hooten Old Town Regulators	Mckee	1st Sat	423-309-4146	Double Eagle Dave	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	406-231-2329	Shaddai Vaquero	Knob Creek Gun Range
Levisa Fork Lead Slingers	Pikeville	4th Sat	606-631-4613	Escopeta Jake	East Kentucky Sportsman Assoc.
Ohio River Rangers	Paducah	3rd Sat	270-554-1501	George Rogers	Paducah Shooting Sports Complex
Ponderosa Pines Posse	Manchester	3rd Sat	606-599-5263	Copperhead Joe	N/A
LOUISIANA					
Bayou Bounty Hunters	Amite	2nd & 4th Sat	985-789-0744	Soiled Dove	Florida Parishes Skeet Club
Deadwood Marshals	Sorrento	1st & 3rd Sat	504-458-1898	Doc Spudley	Deadwood Marshals
Jackson Hole Regulators	Quitman	2nd Sat	318-278-9071	Slick McClade	Jackson Hole
Up The Creek Gang	Lake Charles	2nd & 4th Sat	337-274-3625	Hellbender	Lake Charles Gun Club
MASSACHUSETTS					
Danvers Desperados	Middleton	As Scheduled	781-599-1930	Pittsburg Mac	Danvers Fish & Game Club
Harvard Ghost Riders	Harvard	As Scheduled	978-456-6971	Grazer	Harvard Sportsman's Club
MARYLAND					
Damascus Wildlife Rangers	Mt. Airy	4th Sat	301-717-9672	Chuckaroo	Izaak Walton League of America
Eastern Shore Renegades	Sudlersville	1st Sat	410-924-7284	Gunpowder John	William T. Roe Memorial Range
Thurmont Rangers	Thurmont	1st Sun	240-285-7673	Cash Caldwell	Thurmont Conservation and Sportsman Club
MICHIGAN					
Eagleville Cowboys	Central Lake	4th Sat	231-676-0922	One Son of A Gun	Eagleville Ranch
Hidden Valley Cowboys	Sturgis	3rd Sun	269-651-5197	Saulk Valley Stubby	St. Joseph Conservation and Sportsmans Club
Johnson Creek Regulators	Plymouth	4th Sat	313-618-2577	Rainmaker Ray	Western Wayne County Conservation Club
River Bend Rangers	Niles	2nd Sat	269-684-1782	Paul Puma	Bend of the River Conservation Club
Rocky River Regulators	Utica	3rd Sun	248-709-5254	Terrebonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Rocky River Regulators Wild Bunch	Utica	As Sch	248-709-5254	Terrebonne Bud	Detroit Sportsmen's Congress
Saginaw Field and Stream Club	Saginaw	As Scheduled	989-585-3292	Katie Callahan	Saginaw Field and Stream Club
Wolverine Rangers	Kimball	As Scheduled	248-528-0440	R.J. Law	Blue Water Sportsman's Association
MINNESOTA					
Cedar Valley Vigilantes	Morristown	1st & 3rd Sat	952-467-3874	Whopper	Ahlman's Gun Shop
Fort Belmont Regulators	Jackson	2nd Sun	507-840-0883	Mule Town Jack	Des Moines Valley Sportsman's Club
Granite City Gunslingers	Kimball	2nd & 5th Sat	320-979-1745	Timber Jack Thompson	Kimball Rod and Gun Club
Lookout Mountain Gunsmoke Society	Virginia	3rd Sat	218-780-6797	Wagonmaster	Virginia Rifle & Pistol Club
MISSOURI					
Bear Creek Volunteers	Walnut Shade	2nd Wkd	417-501-1886	Alice K. Grierson	Liberty Range
Butterfield Trail Cowboys	Walnut Shade	4th Wkd	417-759-9114	Smokie	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Butterfield Trail Cowboys Wild Bunch	Walnut Shade	4th Wkd	417-759-9114	Smokie	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Central Ozarks Western Shooters	Newburg	3rd Sun	573-486-2259	Irish Jack Daniels	Central Ozarks Practical Shooters Range
Gateway Area Shootist Society	Barnhart	3rd Sun	314-846-2904	Doc Slogun	Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club
Gateway Shootist Society Wild Bunch	Barnhart	1st Sun	314-846-2904	Doc Slogun	Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club
Liberty Land and Cattle Company	Walnut Shade	3rd Fri & Sat & 5th Sat	417-294-0524	Hon. Sgt. Edward Greenwood Hampton	Liberty Range Bear Creek Shooting Complex
Southern Missouri Rangers	Marshfield	4th Wkd	573-374-8491	Flossie	Outlaw Range
The Ozark Posse	Cassville	1st Sat	417-846-5142	Tightwad Swede	N/A
MISSISSIPPI					
Gulf Coast Gunslingers	Lumberton	1st & 3rd Sun	504-722-8988	Cooper York	Lamar County Shooting Range
Mississippi Peacemakers	Mendenhall	3rd Sat	662-417-0250	Buck Bow	Purgatory/Peacemaker
Mississippi River Rangers	Byhalia	4th & 5th Sat & 3rd Sun	901-490-0183	Jered Maddox	Rabbit Ridge Ranch
MONTANA					
Bitterroot Buckaroos	Hamilton	1st Sat	406-531-4116	May B. Shecann	Whittecarr Rifle & Pistol Club
Black Horse Shootists	Great Falls	Wkd of 3rd Sun	406-727-7625	J. E. B. Stuart Montana	Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex
Custer County Stranglers	Miles City	3rd Sat	406-232-0727	Hartshot	Custer Rod & Gun Club
Gallatin Valley Regulators	Logan	2nd Sat	406-388-2902	El Hombre de Montana	Manhattan Wildlife Association
Montana Territory Peacemakers	Billings	4th Sat	406-254-9414	Lascivious Latigo	Billings Rod & Gun Club
Rocky Mountain Rangers	Noxon	2nd Wkd	406-847-0745	Jocko	Noxon Rod and Gun Club
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society	Augusta	1st Sat/Sun apr-oct & 4th Sat apr-oct	406-452-3015	Montana Wrangler	N/A
NORTH CAROLINA					
Buccaneer Range Regulators	Winnabow	2nd Sat	910-330-7179	Jefro	Buccaneer Gun Club Inc.
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
Neuse River Regulators	Hevelock	Every Sat	252-354-4275	Bronco Kid	Sure Shot Gun Sports
North Carolina Cowboys, Inc.	Salisbury	As Scheduled	919-920-7819	R. J. Gatling	Rowan County Wildlife Association
Old North State Posse	Salisbury	1st Sat	336-558-9032	Tracker Mike	Rowan County Wildlife Association

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NORTH DAKOTA					
Dakota RoughRiders	Moffit	As Scheduled	701-400-5648	Bohunk Charley	Fried Family Marksmanship Complex
Sheyenne Valley Peacekeepers	Enderlin	Last Sat	701-793-4116	Wild River Rose	Sheyenne Valley Peacekeeper Range
Trestle Valley Rangers	Minot	2nd Sat	701-852-1697	Doc Hell	Minot Rifle and Pistol Club
NEBRASKA					
Columbus Rifle Club	Columbus	As Scheduled	402-276-1391	Scruffy Skippy	Columbus Rifle Club
Eastern Nebraska Gun Club	Louisville	2nd Sun	712-323-8996	Flint Valdez	Eastern Nebraska Gun Club
Lincoln Area Regulators	Bennet	1st Sat	402-429-2277	Mustang Gregg	Izaak Walton League, Chapter 65
Platte Valley Gunslingers	Alda	3rd Sat	308-380-4682	Stirrup Trouble	Heartland Public Shooting Park
NEW HAMPSHIRE					
North-East Western Shooters	Pelham	As Scheduled	401-651-5827	Preacher Ben Pray'n	Pelham Fish and Game
Pemi Valley Peacemakers	Holderness	As Scheduled	603-648-6641	Crystal Creek Chris	Pemigewasset Valley Fish and Game Club
The Dalton Gang Shooting Club of NH, LLC	Dalton	3rd Sat	603-444-6876	Littleton Sidecar Dalton	The Dalton Gang Shooting Range
White Mountain Regulators	Candia	As Scheduled	603-957-0377	Dead Head	Kinnicuc Fish & Game
NEW JERSEY					
Jackson Hole Gang	Jackson	4th Sun	908-872-7459	Dancin Angel	Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol Club
NEW MEXICO					
Angels and Outlaws	Clovis	2nd Sat	575-760-2221	Gridlock McLeod	Patriot Outdoors Club, Inc.
Bighorn Vigilantes	Edgewood	1st Sat	505-286-0830	German George	Founders Ranch
Buffalo Range Riders	Edgewood	1st Sun	505-323-8487	Garrison Joe	Founders Ranch
Buffalo Range Riders Mounted	Edgewood	2nd Sat	505-379-8957	Chili Cowboy	Founders Ranch
Gila Rangers	Mimbres	2nd Sat	575-388-2531	Chico Cheech	Fowler Land and Cattle Company
High Desert Drifters	Edgewood	2nd Sat	505-550-9230	Jim Miller	Founders Ranch
Lincoln County Regulators	Ruidoso	2nd Sat	575-937-5499	Gunsmoke Cowboy	Ruidoso Gun Club
Rio Grande Renegades	Albuquerque	2nd Wed, 3rd Sat, 4th Sun, 5th Wkd	505-301-4993	Rich Diamond	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Rio Grande Renegades Wild Bunch	Albuquerque	3rd Sun	505-263-1181	Mica McGuire	Albuquerque Shooting Range
Rio Vaqueros	Truth or Consequences	3rd Sun	575-744-5411	Anna Sassin	Adobe Hills Shooting Range
Tres Rios Bandidos	Farmington	2nd Sun	505-632-9712	El Mulo Vaquero	San Juan Wildlife Federation
NEVADA					
Battle Born Rangers	Fernley		775-250-4554	Irish Ike	N/A
Desert Desperados	Las Vegas	3rd Sun	702-419-7024	Nasty Nels	Desert Sportsman Rifle and Pistol Club
Eldorado Cowboys	Boulder City	1st Sun & Prec. Sat	702-328-4867	Creeker	Boulder Rifle & Pistol Club
Nevada Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Society	Las Vegas	2nd Wknd	702-460-6393	MT Fargo	Clark County Shooting Range
Silver State Shootists	Carson City	3rd Sun	775-586-9178	Tahoe Bill	Carson Rifle & Pistol Range
NEW YORK					
Alabama Gunslingers	Bason	1st Sat	716-693-3237	Nickel City Dude	Alabama Hunt Club
Bar-20 Inc.	West Eaton	2nd Sat	315-247-7244	Badlands Buck	Eatonbrook Rod & Gun Club
Boor Hill Regulators	Chester	1st Sun	845-782-0760	Tom Payne	Monroe Chester Sportsmen Club, Inc.
Circle K Regulators	Ballston Spa	3rd Sun	518-368-3535	Annabelle Bransford	Kayaderoseras Fish & Game Club
Circle K Rough Riders Wild Bunch	Ballston Spa	As Sch	518-584-9869	Roy Cassidy	Kayaderoseras Fish and Game Club
East End Regulators	Westhampton	1st Sun	631-874-2061	Waco Johnny Lane	Long Island Practical Shooters, Inc.
Hole In The Wall Gang	Calverton	3rd Sat	631-864-1035	El Fusilero	Calverton Shooting Range
Holiday's Rough Riders	Blasdell	5th Sun	716-838-4286	Rev. Dave Clayton	Blasdell Rod and Gun Club
Oxford Regulators	Oxford	2nd Sun	607-434-8883	Doc Hostetler	Oxford Rod and Gun Club
Sackets Harbor Vigilantes	Watertown	4th Sun	315-465-6543	Ranger Clayton Conagher	Sackets Harbor Sportsman's Club
The Long Riders	Shortsville	4th Sun	585-734-0867	Loco Poco Lobo	Shortsville Rod & Gun Club
OHIO					
Big Iron Rangers	Middletown	1st Sat	513-304-3505	Deadwood Stan	Middletown Sportsmen'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	614-563-6034	Stagecoach Hannah	Pickaway County Sportsmans Club
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
Ohio Valley Vigilantes	Mt. Vernon	4th Sat	614-870-3462	Useless Houston	N/A
Scioto Territory Desperados	Piketon	3rd & 5th Sun	740-474-8638	Col Caleb Boone	Arkoe Gulch-Arkoee Outdoors, LLC
Shenango River Rats	N/A	2nd Sat & Last Thurs	330-719-5078	Shenango Joe	Brookfield Tri-District Conservation Club
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	Sperry	3rd Wkd, 4th Wed, & 5th Sun	918-207-7586	Irish Kid	Tulsa Red Castle Gun Club
Lincoln County Cowboys	Cushing	1st & 3rd Sun	918-285-0543	Scott Wayne	Crossroads Gun Range
Oklahoma Territorial Marshals	Arcadia	2nd Sat & 4th Sun	405-373-1472	Flat Top Okie	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Oklahoma Territorial Marshals Wild Bunch	Arcadia	2nd Sun	405-694-5270	Hondo Tweed	Oklahoma City Gun Club
Rattlesnake Mountain Rangers	Checotah	1st & 4th Sat	918-908-0016	Black River Jack	N/A
Red River Valley Cowpokes	Albany	2nd Wknd	580-847-2210	Calamity Di Bar	Red River Valley Cowboy Church
Shortgrass Rangers	Grandfield	1st Sat & 3rd Sun	405-640-5650	Oklahoma Spuds	N/A

CLUB NAME	CITY	MATCH DAY	PHONE	CONTACT	RANGE LOCATION
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Tater Hill Regulators	Broken Arrow	3rd & 5th Sun	918-622-3630	Tulsey	Oil Capital Rod & Gun Club
Tulsey Town Cattlemen's Association	Tulsa	2nd & 4th Sat	918-697-7396	Dry Gulch Deryl	Tulsa Gun Club

OREGON

Horse Ridge Pistoleros	Bend	1st, 3rd, & 5th Sun	541-848-7260	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
Klamath Cowboys	Keno	2nd Sun	541-884-2611	Jasper Wayne	Bill Scholtes Klamath Sportsman's Park
Molalla River Rangers	Canby	1st Sat	503-866-8993	Rowdy Rex	Canby Rod and Gun Club
Old 97 Railroad Rangers	Redmond	2nd Sat	541-548-3198	Tetherow Tex LaRue	Redmond Rod and Gun Club
Old 97 Railroad Rangers Wild Bunch	Redmond	4th Sat	541-548-3198	Tetherow Tex LaRue	Redmond Rod and Gun Club
Orygun Cowboys	Sherwood	4th Sat	503-539-6335	Kansan	Tri County Gun Club
Pine Mountain Posse	Millican	2nd Sun	541-678-2566	Stonewood Kid	Central Oregon Shooting Sports Association
Siuslaw River Rangers	Florence	1st Sun	541-997-6313	Johnny Jingos	Siuslaw Rod and Gun Club
Table Rock Rangers	Eagle Point	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	541-944-2281	Jed I. Knight	Jackson County Sports Park
Umpqua Regulators	Roseburg	4th Sun	541-430-1021	Oregun Gustaf	Roseburg Rod and Gun Club

PENNSYLVANIA

Beaver Valley Bushwhackers	Beaver Falls	4th Sun	724-234-2893	Duncan Disorderly	Beaver Valley Rifle and Pistol Club
Blue Mountain Rangers	Hamburg	3rd Sun	610-488-0619	Cathy Fisher	Shartlesville, PA
Boot Hill Gang of Topton	Topton	1st Sun	610-704-6792	Lester Moore	Topton Fish & Game Association
Chimney Rocks Regulators	Hollidaysburg	2nd Sat	814-695-7064	Colorado Smith	Hollidaysburg Sportman Club
El Posse Grande	Muncy Valley	4th Sun	570-337-3974	Black Hills Barb	North Mountain Sportsman's Association
Elstonville Hombres	Manheim	4th Sun	610-939-9947	Trusty Sidekick	Elstonville Sportsman's Association
Hamburg Rifle and Pistol Club	Hamburg	3rd Sun	610-334-3504	Tombstone Coty	Hamburg Rifle and Pistol Club
Jefferson Outlaws	Spring Grove	3rd Sat	443-392-1615	Red-Eyed Kid	Jefferson Rifle Club
Logan's Ferry Regulators	New Kensington	2nd Sat	724-727-7879	Dirt Slider	Logans Ferry Sportsmen's Club
Mainville Marauders	Mainville	2nd Sun	570-690-3932	Dodge Bill	Mainville Sportsman's Club
Matamoras Mavericks	Milford	2nd Sun	570-686-3618	Ziggady Zag	Matamoras Rod & Gun Club
Perry County Regulators	Ickesburg	1st Sat	717-606-5652	Slim Chance Pistolero	Ickesburg Sportsmen's Association
River Junction Shootist Society	Acme	3rd Sat	724-593-6602	Mattie Hays	Indian Creek Sportman's Club
Welsh Mountain Regulators	Gap	2nd Sat	610-286-0036	Biloxi Bob	New Holland Rifle and Pistol Club
Westshore Posse	Lewisberry	2nd Sun	410-984-2249	Hud McCoy	West Shore Sportsmen's Association

RHODE ISLAND

Lincoln County Lawmen	Foster	3rd Sun	401-651-5827	Preacher Ben Pray'n	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	843-737-3501	Doc Kemm	Palmetto Gun Club
Greenville Gunfighters	Greenville	4th Sun	864-414-5578	Cowboy Junky	Greenville Gun Club
Hurricane Riders	Galivants Ferry	3rd Sat	843-756-6351	Palmetto Jack	Horry Chapter Wildlife Action
Palmetto Posse	Gaston	1st Sat	803-447-0853	Stone Ground	Mid Carolina Rifle Club
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
Medicine Creek Road Agents	Oneida	1st Sun	605-222-5145	Iron Mender	Medicine Creek Road Agents Shooting Range

TENNESSEE

Greene County Regulators	Rogersville	1st Sat	423-360-7494	Shamrock Paddy	N/A
Memphis Gunslingers	Lakeland	1st Sun & 2nd Sat	901-601-7459	Hot Lead Lefty	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Memphis Gunslingers Wild Bunch	Lakeland	2nd Sat	901-601-7459	Hot Lead Lefty	Memphis Sport Shooting Association
Ocoee Rangers	Cleveland	4th Sat	423-476-5303	Ocoee Red	Cleveland Hunting Rifle & Pistol Club
ORSA's Oak Ridge Outlaws	Oak Ridge	2nd Sat	865-567-1574	Horse Doc	Oak Ridge Sportsman's Association
Tennessee Mountain Marauders	Ringgold	3rd Sat	423-827-2527	Hurricane Charly	Phoenix Farms
Wartrace Regulators	Wartrace	1st Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	N/A
Wartrace Regulators Wild Bunch	Wartrace	3rd Sat	931-703-8274	Whiskey Hayes	N/A

TEXAS

Badlands Bar 3	Clarksville	3rd 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	432-557-6598	Dee Horne	Timberline Ranch
Comanche Valley Vigilantes	Cleburne	4th Wkd	817-980-7206	Shady McLarry	Ormsby Ranch
Concho Valley Shooters	Water Valley	2nd & 4th Sat	325-655-3625	Doc Sanders	McDuffie Range
Darby Rough Regulators	West Point	2nd & 5th Sat	512-801-8424	Dodge City Mike	Van Wart Ranch
Green Mountain Regulators	Marble Falls	4th Sat	254-449-0082	Reckon	Joma Enterprises LLC
Gruesome Gulch Gang	Plainview	3rd Sat	806-729-5887	Eli Blue	N/A
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club	Cleburne	2nd Wkd	817-905-3122	Rock Rotten	Ormsby Ranch
Oakwood Outlaws	Oakwood	2nd Wkd	214-384-3975	Denton Dancer	Shank Ranch
Old Fort Parker Patriots	Groesbeck	3rd Wkd	903-720-7270	Bent Barrel Betty	Old Fort Parker Gun Club
Orange County Regulators	Orange	1st & 3rd Sat	409-267-1091	Texas Gator	Orange Gun Club
Plum Creek Shooting Society	Lockhart	1st Sat	512-626-8189	Dragon Hill Dave	Agarita Ranch
Purgatory Ridge Rough Riders	Slaton	4th Sat	806-777-6182	Armed to the Teeth	Rustic Range
Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros	Pharr	4th Sun	956-648-7364	Dream Chaser	Pharr Rifle and Pistol Club
South Texas Pistoleros	San Antonio	1st & 3rd Sat	210-379-3711	SaukValley Sam	A Place To Shoot Inc.

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Tejas Caballeros	Blanco	3rd Sat	210-870-9411	Mia Jameson	Texas Republic Ranch
Texas Historical Shootist Society	Columbus	3rd Sun	979-479-4380	Catfish Doyle	Brune Ranch
Texas Ten Horns	Leonard	1st Sat & Sun	972-658-4347	Hairtrigger Hayes	Top Gun Shooting Sports
Texas Troublemakers	Brownsboro	1st Sat	903-539-7234	Lefty Tex Larue	Troubletown Range
Texas Tumbleweeds	Amarillo	1st & 2nd Sat	806-231-4569	Cayenne	Texas Tumbleweed Range
Texican Rangers	Comfort	2nd Sat & Sun	210-862-7464	A.D. Texaz	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Texican Rangers Wild Bunch	Comfort	5th Sat As Scheduled	830-634-3414	Crazy Clyde	Adolf Stieler Ranch
Thunder River Renegades	Plantersville	1st & 4th Sat	281-785-2397	Osage Mike	N/A
Willow Hole Cowboys	North Zulch	3rd Sat	979-696-1300	DefWillie	Thomason Ranch

UTAH

Castle Gate Posse	Price	4th Sat	435-650-4449	Wolf of North Springs	North Spring Shooting Range
Devils Gate Gang	Morgan	1st Sat	N/A	N/A	870 East Mahogany Ridge Road
Dixie Desperados	Hurricane	2nd & 4th Sat	85246	Navajo Kelly	Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park
Dixie Desperados Wild Bunch	Hurricane	1st & 5th Sat	435-773-8916	William Waddy	Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park
Mesa Marauders Gun Club	Lake Powell	2nd Sat	435-272-1708	Copper Queen	Gunsmoke Range
Utah Territory Gunslingers	Salt Lake City	1st Sat	435-840-5193	Rusty Razor	Big Salty
Utah War	Salt Lake City	3rd & 5th Sat	801-518-3374	Jubal O. Sackett	WASR "Big Salty"
Wasatch Desperados	Kaysville	4th Sat	801-940-9742	Sly Steadyhand	Wasatch Shooters Association
Wasatch Summit Regulators	Salt Lake City	2nd Sun	801-201-9758	Harry Trigger	Big Salty Lee Kay Shooting Complex
Wasatch Summit Regulators Wild Bunch	Salt Lake City	5th Sat	801-201-9758	Harry Trigger	Big Salty Lee Kay Shooting Complex

VIRGINIA

Bend of Trail	Hardy	4th Sun	540-890-6375	Rowe-A-Noc	Roanoke Rifle & Revolver Club
Blue Ridge Regulators	Vesuvius	2nd Sun	540-886-3374	Bad Company	Blue Ridge Shooter's Club
Cavalier Cowboys	Montpelier	1st Sun & 2nd Wed	804-339-8442	Striker	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
Pepper Mill Creek Gang	King George	4th Sun	540-775-7417	Justice Deadly	Northern Virginia Gun Club
Pungo Posse Cowboy Action Club	Waverly	1st & 2nd Sat	757-635-6198	Bear Tooth Les	Sussex Shooting Sports
Rivanna Ranger Company	Charlottesville	2nd Sat	434-286-6949	Dunderberg Drifter	Rivanna Rifle and Pistol Club

VERMONT

Verdant Mountain Vigilantes	St. Johnsbury	As Scheduled	802-363-7162	Doc McCoy	Caledonia Forest and Stream Club
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WASHINGTON

Apple Valley Marshals	East Wenatchee	3rd Sat	509-667-9377	First Chance	North Central Washington Gun Club
Beazley Gulch Rangers	Quincy	Last Sun	509-787-1782	An E. Di	Quincy American Legion Gun Club
Black River Regulators	Rochester	4th Sat	360-786-0199	Short Schatz	Capital City Rifle & Pistol Club
Mima Marauders	Olympia	2nd Sat	360-352-1393	Diablo Dalton	Evergreen Sportsman Club
Northeast Washington Regulators	Colville	1st Wkd	509-684-2325	A. T. McGee	Ricochet Junction
Olympic Peninsula Strait Shooters	Port Townsend	3rd Sat	360-461-6927	Jose Cuervo	Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association
Poulsbo Pistoleros	Poulsbo	4th Sun	360-830-0100	Sourdough George	Poulsbo Sportsman's Club
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	Sat & Sun 2nd & 4th Wkd	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	2nd Sat	509-576-0866	Hondo Red	Sun Valley Shooting Park

WISCONSIN

Bristol Plains Pistoleros	Bristol	2nd Sat & Sun	815-675-2566	Huckleberry	Conservation Club of Kenosha County
Crystal River Gunslingers	Dayton	2nd Sat	920-722-4105	James Rosewood	Chain O'Lakes Conservation Club
Hodag Country Cowboys	Rhineland	2nd Sat	715-493-0152	Singleshot Virgil	Hodag Sports Club
Liberty Prairie Regulators	Ripon	3rd Sat	920-602-8925	Dirty Deeds	Ripon Rifle and Pistol Club
Rock River Regulators	Beloit	1st & 3rd Sat	608-931-4821	Stoney Mike	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

WEST VIRGINIA

Brassmasters Cowboy Action	Peeltree	2nd Sun	304-838-2791	Jessie May Belle	Whitehorse Firearms and Education Center
Cowboy Action Shooting Sports	Great Cacapon	4th Sun Mar to Oct	540-428-1805	Arizona Anzie	Singing Hills Ranch
Dawn Ghost Riders	Hinton	1st Sun	304-832-6550	Blue Ridge Rooster	Dawn Sportsmen's Club
Henderson Wilds Justice League	Williamstown	3rd Sun	740-516-6624	Thaddeus Jones	Henderson Wilds
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

WYOMING

Besemer Vigilance Committee	Casper	1st Sun & 3rd Sat	307-267-1155	Smokeywagon Bill	Stuckenhoff Sport Shooters Complex
Border Vigilantes	Cheyenne	3rd Sat	307-287-6733	Assassin	Otto Road Shooting Range
Cheyenne Regulators	TBA	As Scheduled	307-214-7706	Wild Horse John	N/A
Colter's Hell Justice Committee WSAS	Powell	1st Sat	307-254-2090	Yakima Red	Heart Mountain Rod and Gun Club
Donkey Creek Shootists	Gillette	4th Sun	307-686-7519	Wyoming Gus	Milney Valley Range
Great Divide Outlaws	Rawlins	4th Sat	307-320-7250	Slingn Lead	Rawlins Outdoor Shooting Comple

SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS 2019 ANNUAL MATCHES

CLUB NAME	DATE	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL	CITY	ST	WEB SITE
AUSTRALIA							
SASS Australian Regional Championship	10/3-6	R. C. Shot	0447831154	russell.behren@mmem.com.au	N/A	N/A	www.ssaa.org.au
CANADA							
SASS WESTERN CANADIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Shootout at Bounty Gulch	8/7-10	Grey Beard	306-749-2822	chuckm@sasktel.net	Saskatoon	SK	www.sawws.com
SASS Canadian National Wild Bunch Championship	8/28-29	Whistlin Will	250-650-2947	edgy52@gmail.com	Courtenay	BC	www.valleyregulators.com
SASS CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Bustup at Boomtown	8/29-9/1	High Country Amigo	250-897-6255	keanauto@shaw.ca	Courtenay	BC	www.bustupatboomtown.ca
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA							
Shootout on the Little River 2019	1/5	Goliath	229-244-3161	bigboyd@gmail.com	Valdosta	GA	http://vvc.lrsa.info/shootout.html
Territorial Prison Breakout	1/18-20	Dirty Harriet	209-613-4598	ymsecretary@yahoo.com	Yuma	AZ	www.yumamatchmasters.com/
Shoot Out with the Barber	1/19	Palmetto Jack	843-756-6351	palmettojack45@gmail.com	Galivants Ferry	SC	www.hurricaneriders.net
Shootout at the OK Corral	1/26	Seth Adams	772-834-7497	sadams77613@gmail.com	Okeechobee	FL	okcorraloutlaws.com
Gathering of The Poses	1/25-27	Squibber	520-568-2852	dustybunch@yahoo.com	Casa Grande	AZ	www.dustybunch.com
SASS Arizona State Wild Bunch Championship	2/9-10	Zona	480-227-8045	jeffrey.hiser@aps.com	Peoria	AZ	www.ccsa-az.us
Fire and Ice	2/16-17	Barbwire	480-773-2753	snow.g@att.net	Peoria	AZ	www.ccsa-az.us
SASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Winter Range	2/18-24	Sunshine Kay	623-465-8683	kbrand@cox.net	Phoenix	AZ	www.winterrange.com
SASS Southeast Territorial Blackpowder Championship Darkness Falls	3/7	Confederate Colt	352-222-4214	confederatecolt@yahoo.com	Fort White	FL	www.fwcc.net
SASS International Blackpowder Championship A Dark Day on The Santa Fe	3/8-9	Confederate Colt	352-222-4214	confederatecolt@yahoo.com	Fort White	FL	www.fwcc.net
Shootout at Aubrey Hills	3/10-11	Mike L. Phikzit	928-669-8707	mikelphikzit@gmail.com	Lake Havasu City	AZ	N/A
SASS Arkansas State Championship Hell on the Border	3/14-16	Naildriver	479-651-2475	naildriver2355@gmail.com	Fort Smith	AR	www.ofgc.org/
The Ide's of March	3/15-17	Smart Asterisk	650-776-2854	SmartAsterisk@Outlook.com	Tavares	FL	actionshootingnetwork.com/event/2/idea-of-march-2019
Showdown at Purgatory	3/20	Buck Bow	662-417-0250	montgomery38967@bellsouth.net	Mendenhall	MS	www.mississippipeacemakers.net
Duel in the Desert- Wild Bunch	3/29	Gilly Boy	520-249-2831	gillyboy18499@gmail.com	Tombstone	AZ	www.oldpubloshootists.com
Cops and Cowboys	3/30-4/3	Mia Jameson	210-870-9411	slomchinskia@yahoo.com	Dripping Springs	TX	www.tejascabaleros.org
Duel in the Desert	3/30-31	Gilly Boy	520-249-2831	gillyboy18499@gmail.com	Tombstone	AZ	www.oldpubloshootists.com
The Plainfield Incident	4/5-7	Napa Belle	707-227-5905	millerae01@yahoo.com	Davis	CA	rivercityregulators.org/
SASS Texas State Championship Comancheria Days	4/11-14	A. D. Texaz	210-862-7464	joeneumann@sbcglobal.net	Comfort	TX	www.texicanrangers.org
SASS Nebraska State Championship Showdown on the Prairie	4/11-13	Stirrup Trouble	308-380-4682	dsayers@eaglecom.net	Alda	NE	www.plattevalleygunslingers.com/
SASS Florida State Championship Red Hills Ruckus	4/11-14	Cassalong Hopidy	850-459-5472	cdv1875@comcast.net	Midway	FL	redhillrangers.com/2018sassocchampionshipfl/
Gunfight at the Double C	4/13-13	Major B. S. Walker	804-307-2980	majorbwalker@gmail.com	Montpelier	VA	www.cavaliercowboys.org
SASS Nebraska State Blackpowder Championship	4/14	Stirrup Trouble	308-380-4682	dsayers@eaglecom.net	Alda	NE	plattevalleygunslingers.com/
Shootout at Fort Miller	4/18-20	Calamine	559-299-8059	paulvgarin@yahoo.com	Clovis	CA	www.kingsriverregulators.com
SASS California State Wild Bunch Championship	4/19-21	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	mike.calvo24333@gmail.com	Sloughhouse	CA	www.californiagunslingers.com/
SASS Western Territorial Wild Bunch Championship	4/22-24	William Waddy	435-773-8916	drbilldsc@hotmail.com	Hurricane	UT	www.dixiedesperados.com
SASS California State Championship	4/24-28	Sutter Lawman	530-713-4194	mike.calvo24333@gmail.com	Sloughhouse	CA	www.californiagunslingers.com/
SASS FOUR CORNERS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP Legends	4/24-27	William Waddy	435-773-8916	drbilldsc@hotmail.com	Hurricane	UT	www.dixiedesperados.com
Rattlesnake Gulch Roundup	4/25-28	Ricochet Robbie	509-628-0889	ricochetrobbie@gmail.com	Benton City	WA	www.rattlesnakegulch.org
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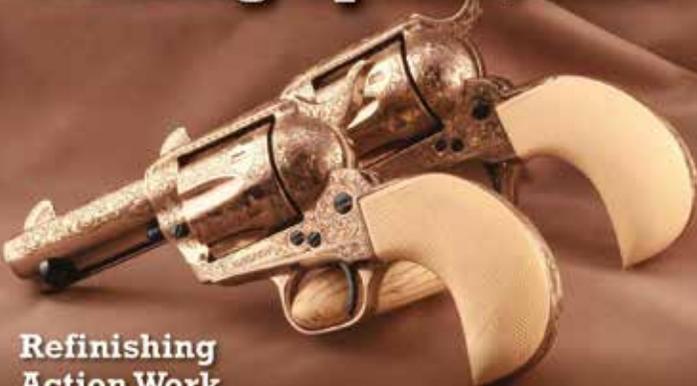
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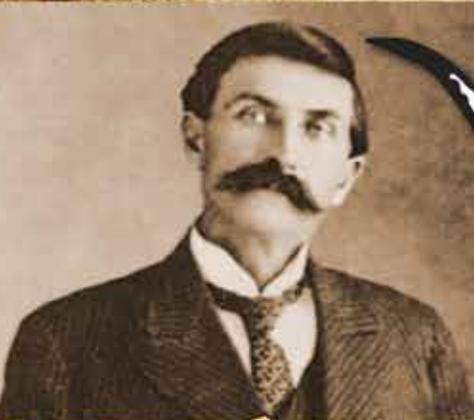
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