

OUTLAW CAMP



Heber Springs, AR

OUTLAW CAMP BULLETIN

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Well it's a new year and we are off to a rousing start. Saturday morning brought with it hesitation as the weather was less than desired and pouring down rain. But after a great awards breakfast from 2012's "best of the best" anticipation and was high and everyone was excited to kick off the New Year with a clean match. Just as we began to make our way to the range a huge line of rain moved in and it did not look very promising. But Ozark Outlaw was to the rescue. He announced we would be shooting out of his new barn where we all could stay dry. Awesome! After setting up some rifle and pistol targets along with two shotgun swingers, it was name that stage. Ozark started out with the call on the first stage and several folks took turns calling out the rest of the stages. It made for some interesting and challenging stages. As the rain poured down and mud began to fly from the lead splatter the friendly banter and ribbing swung into full force and yours truly seemed to provide plenty of opportunity for the gamers to pile on the fun. We shot six stages straight through and to my surprise finished at a very reasonable time. I heard Mustang Moore claim "Hey I like this not having to move from stage to stage". I think his walker gets tangled up in the roots down on the range. And one thing for sure you don't have to call out misses for Arkansas Bell #@%&. Poor Short Tree had a 10 round hang up in his new 73 .45LC on the first stage. Gotta make sure your rounds aren't too long or they won't feed. You have to love Ozark Red "Sometimes I just forget what I'm doing". You and me both. And apparently Outrider had a really fun Friday night. Mustang Toni shot her first 30 something stage and actually finished with several under forty. It was really an unusual shoot but everyone had a lot of fun. I can't say enough about all who braved the storms to kick off our New Year at the Outlaw camp.

Speaking of the New Year I would like to take this opportunity to challenge all of us to add a little something extra to make the Outlaw Camp the best in the state. Cowboy action shooting is very unique. We don't have sponsors, advertising or high paying tournaments. Our shooting sport is probably the only one that is Integrity based. We have the only shooting sport where dress is as much of the sport as the shooting is. I have heard debate over what is first, the dress or the shooting. Is it a dressing sport with shooting? Or is it a shooting sport with dress? I'll offer you my first shoot experience.

It was a fifth Saturday shoot at the Outlaw camp. I had no idea what to expect. Short Tree had shot several times and just beginning in Action Shooting. He told me wear a Cowboy hat and Cowboy Boots. I had neither so off to the local Cowboy store I went. I can't tell how out of place I felt with my modern day hat and boots. I remember thinking "These guys are the coolest Cowboys I have ever seen". Not only that but we are shooting guns! I am of the generation of little boys who dreamed of being a Cowboy and now here I am with six guns strapped to my side - a Winchester and Coach gun in each of my hands. I knew right then and there this was for me. Later on as I shot more and more Mustang Toni said "You like dressing up as much as you like shooting" "Well these aint cap guns". My point here is the dress defines Cowboy Action shooting. Otherwise we are just shooters. I implore all of us to honor the Cowboy way and dress according to the SASS rules. We don't expect new shooters to have all of the goodies right off the bat but we should all set the example, dress correctly every shoot and persuade through demonstration everyone to do the same.

And while I'm on the soap box I want to make mention of the most important job in Cowboy action shooting. Counters. This job is the one job that defines the integrity of our sport. We have three counters for each shooter. This allows for a majority count. Can't really get any fairer than that. But when counters are not paying attention, engaged in conversation or even having their backs turned to the firing line it is a huge disservice to the shooter. If you are counting you have made a commitment to the shooter to be up close to the firing line. Witnessing the shots. Listening for the ping and recognizing glancing shots that don't make a ping. You are expected to make your own call and not add too or take away from because someone else is holding up more or less fingers than you. It's not a group decision.

We have all heard this, "If you think it's a miss, it's a HIT" "If you know it's a miss, it's a miss" "If you think it's a hit, it's a HIT".

This year we will see one the biggest attempts to control our second amendment rights. We must stand up and be counted. We must preserve all of the fundamental rights we all cherish. Please write your Congressmen and State Representatives in support of the Second Amendment. Cowboy Action and all shooting sports depend on it.

"Stumpman"

Congratulations to those who shot a clean match, Wind Slinger, Outrider, and Ozark Outlaw. Other clean stages were shot by Tombstone Shadow, Ozark Red, Mo Brian, Mustang Moore, Lefty Ed, Arkansas Harper, with five; Arkansas Drifter, Arkansas Bell, and Mustang Toni with four; Quick Trigger, Short Tree and Lefty Forty-Five with three; Stumpman with two. Strongbox left early but managed two clean stages prior to departing.

Prior to shooting everyone enjoyed a complimentary brunch along with annual awards for 2012. Winners were:

Lady Senior	Arkansas Bell
Senior Duelist	Sundown Duke
Elder Statesman	1 st Arkansas Drifter
	2 nd Lefty Ed
	3 rd Short Tree
49er	Tombstone Shadow
Duelist	Wild Big Bill
Frontier Cartridge	Outrider
Gran Patron	Mustang Moore
Gunfighter	1 st Stump Man
	2 nd Red River Ralph
Lady 49er	1 st High Card Kay
	2 nd Mustang Toni
Senior	1 st Moon Dance Kid
	2 nd Riley Roy
	3 rd Millican
Silver Senior	Wind Slinger

We shoot the second Saturday each month. For our annual awards here at Outlaw Camp we take the shooter's best six scores shot in the same category. We also shoot on the Fifth Saturday each month; these matches are not included for annual scores. Always check the registration sheet to see that we have entered you in your proper shooting category and check the scores to see that we have recorded you as shooting in the proper category. **Our sincere apology to Mo Brian** who actually was 2nd Elder Statesman for 2012, but due to our error, we had inadvertently failed to change his category in our scoring program for the months of April and May. This was the only change in that category.

Spring is just around the corner!

We are very pleased to have Stumpman step up to help us with the bulletin. We look forward to more. If you have a contribution you would like to make submit it.

Speaking of Stumpman, if you haven't already, check out the article by Cree Vicar Dave in the January issue of the Cowboy Chronicle page 30.

Mark your calendar October 11-13 "Mayhem on the Mountain"

KEEP 'EM POINTED DOWNRANGE!

Ozark Outlaw

Upcoming Events of Interest:

Jan. 26 & 27 Sat. & Sun.	Shoot "True Grit" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
Feb. 2 Sat.	Shoot "MVV" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
Feb. 3 Sun.	Shoot "MVV" shoot 9:00 call to check
Feb. 9 Sat.	Shoot "Outlaw Camp" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

Feb. 14 Thu.	Valentines Day
Feb. 23 & 24 Sat. & Sun.	Shoot "True Grit"
Sat. Mar. 2	Shoot "MVV"
Sun. Mar. 3	Shoot "MVV"
Mar. 9 Sat.	Shoot " Outlaw Camp"

You can shoot somewhere in Arkansas every weekend check club websites at SASSNET.com