

OUTLAW CAMP



Heber Springs, AR

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It was pouring down buckets of rain on the way to the Outlaw camp this Saturday morning and half way there Mustang Toni and I pulled over and almost turned around and went back home. Sure glad we didn't. Upon arrival at Outlaws place Ozark was already making preparations to shoot in the only indoor Cowboy Action range in the country, his metal shed. Twenty four or so shooters showed up to brave the elements. I guess we had a good turnout on a bad day because many of us are preparing for the Arkansas State Black Powder Championships, Byhalia reunion shoot and finally the South West Regional down at the Bar 3, Comin' at Cha. We made it through one round of shooting indoors when the clouds parted and the blue sky took over. So, we all moved down to the range, split the group up into two posse's and shot five stages.

Ozark had set the place up complete with ghosts and spiders and a wild array of shooting scenarios' for Halloween that really made for a fun shoot. We even had one stage with a move with the rifle and of course the real challenge was to not move with an unsafe rifle. Several had hanging Ghosts that when hit with a solid shotgun blast went flying in circles. I was trying some new Ultra-lite shotgun loads and I think I heard one of the knock down targets call me a sissy when I hit it square several times without knocking it down. Or was that Outrider calling me a sissy? Another stage required the shooter to start by shooting a pair of spiders on a paper plate. It really put the action in Cowboy Action shooting for sure.

I have learned some hard lessons lately at a couple of shoots by not completely reading or understanding the shooting sequence. At one shoot I failed to move between pistols resulting in a "P" on the very first stage. And at another I failed to shoot my shotgun in the required order. It's not hard to shoot the shotgun out of sequence because most of the time it's just a knock'em all down but occasionally there will be an order and that will result in a "P" if you don't follow it. Just like a miss on the first stage it's tough to swallow a "P" on the first stage. And, for a guy like me who takes things a bit too seriously, occasionally, sometimes I get frustrated when a miss is called. Since I never miss and I am the fastest most accurate shooter competing for the \$25,000.00 dollar first place prize, I sometimes blame the counters. So, stop calling my misses! LOL! Bottom line is to have fun and I will make a greater effort to ensure everybody enjoys their shooting experience. Shooters Tip: READ the scenario, it will save you a "P"!

After shooting four stages we broke for an awesome lunch of Beans and Corn Bread. Those were some fantastic beans and plenty to go around. Ozark even challenged us to stay and finish up the leftovers after the shoot....."How bout some more beans Mr. Tagert?....."Believe you boys done had enough!" a now infamous line from "Blazing Saddles". Back to the range to finish up the last two stages rounding out what turned out to be a wonderful day. Even with the rain and moving from one place to the next several shooters managed a clean match, a feat I have yet to experience at the Outlaw Camp. Another lesson learned, stick to what works cause if it ain't broke it don't need fixed. See you at the State Black Powder Championships!

"Stumpman"

Thanks, Stumpman, it was an unusual day.

If anyone has any ideas about how we can slow Darth Raider down, without any actual physical injury let me know! It is really a pleasure to see how he has come along, and he doesn't miss!

With the SASS convention coming up I wanted to let everyone know what happening. You need to let me know what you think about the items coming up for a vote.

I am forwarding a copy of the TG bulletin so you may be aware of what is going on and the rules clarifications that have been made. You will also see a list of the announced discussion items for this year.

There were five clean matches this time. Congratulations to Darth Raider, Lefty Ed, Outrider, Ozark Outlaw, and Short Tree. That's almost 22% of the shooters! Other clean stages were shot by Badd Dawg Cowboy, Sandia, 1; Stumpman, Nichols Creek, Mustang Toni, 2; Pepper Pete, Arkansas Harper, Rattler Joe, 3; Quick Trigger, Arkansas Drifter, Wyoming Rattler, 4; Wild Big Bill, Wind Slinger, Ozark Red, 5. I might mention that Wild Big Bill had no misses only one P.

I want to thank those who helped with setting everything up and taking everything down. Arkansas Drifter, Arkansas Harper and Arkansas Bell are always in the forefront! Thanks also to Caney Creek Annie who helped with lunch set-up and clean-up. Thanks also to Barb for helping with the scoring.

We have several shooters who are planning to attend the Southwest Regional so good luck to all! Red and I look forward to seeing you there and we look forward to seeing everyone in November at our regular shoot, there are five Saturdays in November so put that Saturday after Thanksgiving on your calendar. After all that food and dealing with family we should be ready to shoot something. (I didn't say that!). Only kidding!

Remember this year the SASS Convention will be held in Branson, MO. This may be the closest to us it may be held for some time. Details in the SASS chronicle. There should be a lot of vendors there, it will be a party!

The Arkansas State Black Powder Shoot this weekend in Mountain Home at White River Gang. They also have smokeless categories.

Remember everyone.....Just

"KEEP 'EM POINTED DOWNRANGE!"

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Upcoming Events of Interest:

Oct. 18-19 "Black Smoke on the White River" hosted by White river Gang
Oct. 26 Sat. Shoot "True Grit" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
Oct. 27 Sun. Shoot "True Grit" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
Oct . 31 Thu. Halloween
Oct. 31-Nov. 3 Southwest Regional "Comin' at Cha"
Nov. 2 Sat. Shoot "MVV" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
Nov. 3 Sun. Daylight Saving Time Ends (set your clock back 1 hour)
Nov. 3 Sun. Shoot "MVV" shoot 9:00 call
Nov. 9 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
Nov. 23 Sat. Shoot "True Grit"
Nov. 24 Sun. Shoot "True Grit"
Nov. 28 Thu. Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 30 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" Fun fifth Saturday shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
Dec. 4-8 SASS Convention Branson, MO