

Outlaw Camp Bulletin April 2008

Congratulations to Mo Brian on shooting a clean match! While some seemed to be struggling though the day, he stepped up and led the way by completing the day with no misses or 'brain fades'. Clean stages (No misses or procedural) were shot as follows: Arkansas Harper, Lefty Ed, 5; Mississippi Mac, 4; Deadeye Duke, Just Enuff Jean, Dakota Vigilante, 3; Mustang Moore, Sweetwater Sue, Arkansas Drifter, Missouri Plowboy, Badd Dawg Cowboy, 2; Arkansas Bell, 1.

We had a brand **new shooter** - Cowgirl Princess (Joyce), wife of Badd Dawg Cowboy, shot 22 pistols and no shotgun for her first time. She has a good teacher! New to our range was Dakota Vigilante from Hot Springs Village.

A big **thanks** to Simon Slick, AKA Gary Brewer for fixing my computer. This allowed us to get the scores and newsletter out. The power supply burned up and had to be replaced. If I didn't reply to an e-mail or didn't reply in a timely manner it was because my computer was down for awhile.

I want to address the two Match DQ's we had. Both involved dropped loaded firearms - neither involved any particularly negligent behavior on the part of the shooters involved. SASS rules state: Shooter Handbook, 14th Edition, Jan. 2008, page 10, Holsters, Cartridge Belts, and Bandoleers ***"All handguns must be carried in a safe holster capable of retaining the firearm throughout a normal range of motion."*** and Safety Practices , First, Last and Always, item #23, page 24

"A dropped loaded firearm results in a match disqualification. A shooter may not pick up a dropped gun. The range officer will recover the gun examine it, clear it, and return it to the shooter." From the Range Operations Basic Safety Course version I, Jan 2008, Match Disqualification ***"Dropping a loaded firearm."***

In one case the shooter had two loaded revolvers holstered and was moving to the firing line from the loading table to stage long guns. The buckle on the gun belt failed allowing the whole rig to fall to the ground, belt, holsters and loaded firearms. While I guess it was funny (everyone laughed) some said I could have improved my performance if my pants had also fallen. It did put two loaded revolvers out of the shooter's control. The other case was that of a young Buckaroo who turned abruptly and had a loaded revolver fall from his cross draw holster.

These next comments apply to all new shooters. We all want to see these folks shoot and learn and sometimes in our own enthusiasm we loan them firearms and leather in an effort to get them started. Perhaps the leather does not fit just right or the pistol doesn't really fit in that holster. Yes, we are willing to loan a shooter a gun, holster, or whatever - it's the Cowboy Way. Let us remember that safety is first and keep our equipment up in top shape. Make sure that if we outfit a new shooter or loan equipment, that it fits properly and that the shooter is

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familiar with it's use. We can always stage firearms or ammunition at a club shoot, if needed for safety reasons.

Ozark Red and I had to leave early to attend the funeral of one of my favorite Aunts and we appreciate those who helped to pick up, clean up, put up and lock up.

The State Championship hosted by True Grit Single Action Shooters will be here before you know it - that's the weekend after Memorial Day weekend. If you need to take the RO1 or RO2 class they will be offered on Thursday prior to the shoot. Let me know so we can have a head count. E-mail me at oo@outlawcamp.com or call 501-362-2963. RO1 will be in the morning starting at 8:00 and RO2 in the afternoon starting at 1:00.

If you are going to be around the Fourth of July weekend the Mountain Valley Vigilantes are planning a sort of fun shoot weekend. For more info check out their web site.

I want to remind you all that there will be no "Fun Fifth Saturday" shoot in May here at Outlaw Camp as we want to support the Arkansas State Championship match. We encourage all to attend.

This time remember if you are letting your gun belt fall off or are dropping a loaded firearm you probably can't.....

KEEP 'EM POINTED DOWNRANGE

--- OZARK OUTLAW

Upcoming Events of Interest

Apr. 27 Sun. "True Grit" shooter mtg. 10:45 shoot 10:00

May 3 Sat. "MVV" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

May 4 Sun. "MVV" shoot 9:00

May 10 Sat. "Outlaw Camp" shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

May 17 Sat. Long Range Rifle "MVV" reg. 9:30 shoot 10:00

May 25 Sun. "True Grit"

May 29 - June 1 Arkansas State Championship hosted by True Grit Single Action Shooters

Jun. 7 Sat. "MVV"

Jun. 14 Sat. Outlaw Camp