Outlaw Camp Bulletin



Dec. 14, 2019

Here we are the last Second Saturday shoot of the year at Outlaw Camp! We have one more 4th Saturday shoot Dec. 28th. Tombstone Shadow read a list at today's shoot of those who needed one more shoot for the year to be eligible for 2019 awards for our Fourth Saturday shooting group.

Our annual awards party will be held following our Second Saturday Shoot in January at a place to be determined. Please read the rest of this newsletter if you are an Outlaw Camp member as we not only plan to give our awards but we will also have a business meeting to appoint a board of directors to guide our club into the future. Decisions will be made as to shooting schedules and times. Number of shoots, annual shoots, annual awards, or lack thereof. The combining of the Second and Fourth Saturday groups into one entity and other business. We need to get our 2020 schedule up on our website and our entry forms for Mayhem on the Mountain 2020 up as well.

Changes are coming to Outlaw Camp! The following few paragraphs will provide a little history of Cowboy action Shooting in Arkansas and how we have arrived at this point in time.

I got involved in CAS in about 1998 or 99. Through the years I have enjoyed many activities, but I stayed with CAS longer on a continuous basis than any other. Outlaw Camp started out as a little practice stage on my property actually what is now the Livery. Early on I cleared out the underbrush and added a couple of extra stages, (Crosscut Saloon and the Campfire), which came in handy as the Arkansas Cowboy Action Shooters Association, then shooting at Panther Valley, near Hot Springs had lost their range and were in the process of becoming affiliated with the Mountain Valley Sportsman's Assn. and changing the name to Mountain Valley Vigilantes. There were no facilities there for the Cowboys so that group came up and shot at Outlaw Camp for a few months until they were up and running. (That club charged their regular shooter fees which they kept). It was a rough winter, so the True Grit club came up and shot at Outlaw Camp a couple of times as their road was impassable. (They also kept their fees.) It's nice to be on a paved road and at that time both Mountain Valley and True Grit were gravel and dirt. During this period, we were associated with the True Grit club as a satellite shooting site and really were not officially our own SASS club. I really don't remember when we officially became an independent SASS club!

I know I built the web site for Outlaw Camp in 2007 and since March of that year have posted the monthly scores and newsletters on a regular basis as well as usually mailing or e-mailing the same. Red and I missed very few second Saturday shoots in those years. We also started shooting on the fifth Saturdays when one came around, sometime before 2007 and we have missed very few of those. The "True Grit Single Action Shooters" lost their range and affiliated with Outlaw Camp in about 2015 and we started shooting on the fourth Saturday. That amounts to somewhere around 156 newsletters and 264 monthly shoots, not counting the Long Range shoots we had on the third Saturday for awhile, our "Big Shoots" over the years, "Second Time Around", "Smokin' in September", and "Mayhem on the Mountain: 2011, 2012, 2018 and 2019. I am tired!

Red had to quit competitive shooting a few years ago due to health concerns and now I too am facing some extensive medical treatment. We just don't want to be the "responsible adults" any longer! Of necessity we will still take care of the greater part of the financial end of things and we intend to be there as much as possible. I can still serve as web-master as long as someone will send me newsletters and scores to post, schedules for the coming year, announcements of any type such as Mayhem 2020, and whatever else. If you want Outlaw Camp newsletters done, scores and newsletters mailed or e-mailed that will be up to someone else. Someone else will have to step up to see that the stages are written, the range is prepared for each shoot and secured after each shoot, the trash is hauled off, things are winterized if needed and things are properly maintained.

Most of the range construction and maintenance were done by us in those early years. We had some help however, of which we were thankful. In recent years I can't say enough about the efforts of our membership in the support of the range both with labor and monetarily.

For Red and I, health concerns, family obligations and travel plans will have to take the lead. We hope everyone understands. I think that our Board of Governors will do an outstanding job. A little new look and new energy can only spell good things for Outlaw Camp going forward.

Outlaw Camp is a privately owned entity. Here is my proposal. Outlaw Camp members will have access to the range, for shooting on the second, fourth and fifth Saturdays for 2020, at a cost of one half the established shooter fee per shooter, any "free" shoots will pay the landlord their usual share per shooter. Of course, there will be access for any work days. This does not include any hunting or other use of the property. Any other use of the range will have to be cleared through the landlords.

- 1. The club will be responsible for one half the electric bill each month and one half the cost of any required repairs to the well or the well pump including replacement if needed. The club will also be responsible for:
- 2. Any repair or replacement to existing electric or water lines from the meter or the well.
- 3. All range maintenance and improvements will be borne by the club. Including Paper goods, Printer supplies and maintenance, all office supplies, heaters and fans for the bathrooms and Madam Orr's, Target repair and replacement etc. Also the cost of the Outlaw Camp web-site.
- 4. Insurance will be paid in a timely manner
- 5. The main buildings and equipment located on the property are not to be included in this agreement.
- 6. The Owners of the range and their immediate family will have full use of the range at no cost, Including any weekly, monthly or annual shoots
- 7. Owner reserves the right to plant food plots at any location of his/her choice.
- 8. Failure to maintain this agreement or maintain the range in a suitable manner may result in cancellation of this agreement and/or forfeiture of the Outlaw Camp account in favor of the property owners.

Monies collected in excess of the landlord's share will be placed in a separate account for the benefit of Outlaw Camp to be spent according to the wishes of the club with the approval of the Board of Directors and the Landlords. Club Dues will be the property of the Club.

Ozark Outlaw and Ozark Red will have the final word on use of the range. No existing property will be removed from the range, (targets, props, etc.). We know a few targets are on loan from individuals.

This will serve as our agreement for 2020 and we will see how it goes!

Remember Judge Parker's Marshals annual shoot, "HELL ON THE BORDER" is coming up March 19-21 so get your entry in!

February brings a unique event, a fifth Saturday. That's right it only happens when February 1st is on a Saturday and it is a leap year. Your next opportunity to shoot a Fun Fifth Saturday in February will be 28 years from now!

There has been some talk of hosting the Arkansas State Wild Bunch match, be there at the year end party to discuss this further.

The Holidays are here! Red and I want to wish all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous, (also Healthy!) New Year.

Don't miss our party following the Second shoot 1-11-2020 and always remember nothing bad happens if you just......

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Upcoming Events of Interest:

Dec. 25 Wed. Christmas Day

Dec. 28 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" 4th Sat. Outlaws shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00

Jan. 1 Wed. New Years Day

Jan. 11 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" shooter mtg 9:45 shoot 10:00 Party to follow

Jan. 25 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp"

Feb. 8 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp"

Feb. 22 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp"

Feb. 29 Sat. Shoot "Outlaw Camp" Fun Fifth Sat." next one comes around in about 28 years!

For other shoots in Arkansas see each club's web-site