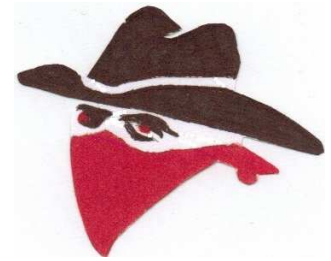


# Outlaw Camp Bulletin



February 13, 2016

It was a little cool but it was a beautiful sunny day with very little wind for our second Saturday shoot. Once again the ladies were honored for Valentine's day with roses and chocolate. The colder temperatures may have kept some of our shooters away but we had several guests who came to see what this cowboy shooting was all about, James and Sallie Alumbaugh along with their son Lucas. They stayed all day watching and even helping. We also had a visit from a veteran cowboy shooter, Dusty Chambers. We hope to see you all back soon!

We had some target damage due to shotgun swinger targets being shot by regular lead ammo. Our shotgun targets are not designed to stand up under that punishment. Some of our shotgun swingers (most) are only soft ¼ inch material, and while they will serve for quite some time, when used properly, they will not stand up to regular cowboy loads. Please shoot our shotgun targets, even the knockdowns, only with a shotgun! Remember that all our targets are designed to be shot only with SASS legal loads! If you have any question about your ammo and which targets to shoot just ask. If you have some hot loads or a 454 Casull you just have to shoot just let me know, we have plenty of material to fix you up a paper target and can direct you to a place with a proper backstop!!!!!!!!!!

Our Fifth Saturday shoot turned out to be a beautiful day and since the weather had been awful the week before the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Outlaws used that day for a makeup shoot.

Well we are off and running for the year and have several projects planned to improve our range. Right now if the weather cooperates and everything works out we hope to get our water and electric down to the range and get our restroom moved into position March 9-11, that's the three days prior to our next second Saturday shoot. If you can help please mark your calendar. We will send out additional information as the date nears.

In relation to an incident that occurred at our combined Fun Fifth and Fourth Saturday shoot: **The SASS RO1 manual ver. 21.6 page 17 states:**

**Shotgun:**

**Safe to leave the shooters hands:**

**Empty**

**Safe for movement, shotgun in hand only:**

**Action open, round in the chamber or on carrier. Hammer(s) fully down on empty chamber(s) or expended rounds, action closed**

In this situation: Shotgun is to be shot from three different positions engaging two targets from each position. Targets that do not fall must be reengaged from the position they were originally engaged. Shooter (who is shooting a double gun) loads two and engages the first two targets and knocks one down, this leaves one standing. Shooter loads two and engages the target which did not fall knocking it down with the first round, this leaves him with one fired round and one unfired round in the gun. Shooter opens the action, moves to the next shooting position and continues the stage. Shooter is in full compliance with the above stated rule.

I am not sure I have ever seen a “plant and poke rule”, written down anywhere, but my understanding is: The shooter may not load a shotgun until he or she has both feet planted, only then may live rounds be placed into the chamber(s) of the shotgun, at which time the “traveling” rule comes into effect and shooter may only move one foot. If the shooter has to move to another position to shoot, the gun must be emptied prior to moving. (open and empty). I never really worried about the rule because I never loaded a shotgun until I was ready to shoot it anyway, why would you? If stage instructions require me to shoot the shotgun from different positions, I just want to get from point A to point B as rapidly as possible. Trying to open and clear the action, make my way, (safely), to the next shooting position, (for me that means watching where I am going), and get my shells ready to load while maintaining muzzle direction is about all I can handle at one time.

I really see no advantage to picking up a shotgun, loading round(s) in it, then moving to a position from where it is to be fired, closing the action and continuing the stage. It takes the same amount of time to load it no matter where you are. If I pick it up and start safely moving to the required shooting position, I can control

the muzzle while retrieving the round(s) from my person to load. Trying to load on the move where you have uncertain footing, and are not watching where you are going, would seem to come under “unsafe gun handling”, “I know that is much too subjective”.

I would consider a stage requiring a lot of movement over rough terrain where you might be tempted to “load on the move” just plain poor stage design.

It boils down to me to be just plain common sense. When shooting the rifle, some shooters want to lever the gun when they pick it up prior to getting to the shoulder. Trust me you aren’t going to shoot it until it gets there, (I hope), so the first thing you want to do is get it to your shoulder, the faster the better! With the shotgun you aren’t going to shoot it until you get into position to do so, so get there as quickly as possible then “plant and poke”, it is simply the fastest, safest, thing to do. On the other hand I see nothing wrong with the SASS rule in this particular case where the shooter opens the action of his shotgun takes one or two steps and continues the stage, I don’t know if he was clearing the fired round as he moved or if he was loading another unfired round before he stopped to shoot or if he did both. He did maintain muzzle control and did not move after he closed the action.

At Outlaw Camp we will continue to play by the SASS rules.

Don’t forget to get your entries in for “Hell on the Border” hosted by Judge Parker’s Marshals March 18-20

Good luck to all who are headed out to Winter Range, travel safe, shoot straight shoot fast and.....

**KEEP ‘EM POINTED DOWNRANGE** \_\_\_\_\_ **OZARK OUTLAW**

**Upcoming Events of Interest:**

- Feb. 27 Sat. Shoot ‘Outlaw Camp’ shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00 (4<sup>th</sup> Sat)**
- Mar. 5, Sat. Shoot ‘MVV’ shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00**
- Mar. 9-11 Hopefully work days at Outlaw Camp- will let you know**
- Mar. 12 Sat. Shoot ‘Outlaw Camp’ shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00**
- Mar. 17-19 “Hell on the Border”**

**Mar. 26 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp' 4<sup>th</sup> Sat.**

**Mar. 27 Sun Easter Sunday**

**Apr. 2 Sat. Shoot 'MVV'**

**Apr. 9 Sat. Shoot 'Outlaw Camp'**

For other shoots in Arkansas consult that clubs web-site.