

# Outlaw Camp Bulletin December 2008

We have wound down for another year of shooting here at Outlaw Camp and a good year it was. A big thanks to those who supported the club through your attendance and help in maintaining the range etc. We are looking forward to a great 2009.

I am not sure if moving some targets in made a difference or not but we had three shooters with a clean match to close out 2008. Congratulations to Pumpkin Ball, The Russian, and Sundown Duke. Other clean stages were shot by Ozark Outlaw, Lefty Ed, 4; Tombstone Shadow, Mustang Moore, Arkansas Drifter, Strongbox Bill, 3 ; Mo Brian, 2; Red River Ralph, Sure Shot Colt, Badd Dawg Cowboy, Lucky Dawg Cowboy, 1;

Here at Outlaw Camp we have year- end awards for those who have shot at least six regular monthly matches in the same category. We just tally up your best six matches in that category. This year's award winners were Red River Ralph, Gunfighter; Badd Dawg Cowboy, Traditional; Strongbox Bill, Modern; Tombstone Shadow, 49er; Sweetwater Sue, Lady Senior; Mustang Moore, Elder Statesman; Ozark Red and Ozark Outlaw, Silver Senior; Arkansas Drifter, Senior. We had some shooters who shot more than six matches but jumped around categories.

We try to make improvements to the range as we can and I am happy to report that due primarily to the work of Arkansas Drifter we now have replaced all the ropes on knockdown targets with wire rope. Drifter also fabricated the 'holders' to keep the ropes off the ground. Strongbox Bill also helped with this project. Thanks Pards.

A big thanks to Tombstone Shadow for filling in for me this year when Red and I were away: and certainly to Arnetta for making sure we had something to eat at the lunch break.

I think I mentioned before that Riley Roy and his son came over and spent one day this fall taking out some trees that were a little close to the pavilion so we should be a little less vulnerable in the case of an ice-storm this winter.

Our Fun Day shoot held the fifth Saturday November 29, gave those who attended the first look at some of the changes in target placement that have been made. It was a little cool but we shot the equivalent of seven stages. We shot pistol and rifle knockdowns, flip the bird shotgun targets, swinging pendulums, we shot around the bartender, we shot a couple of "True Grit" stages which required four handguns, two rifles and one shotgun with up to eight+ rounds. Two regular stages and one team match. WOW! I think everyone got to shoot all they wanted. Fun Fifth Saturday shoots are about having a good time and trying some new things. The only thing you need to remember is that all ammo must conform to SASS standards. All bullets must be lead with a max of 1,000 fps for pistol and 1,400 fps for rifle ammo (pistol caliber). Shotgun shells must be standard or low velocity with lead shot #6 or smaller (we prefer that no shot be larger than 7 and ½).

Lunch was Soup, Beans and Cornbread with pumpkin pie.

We had two new shooters, Arkansas Atticus AKA Robert Crank and Bearcat Henry's daughter Bearcat Annie. We also enjoyed having Turquoise Tony from Illinois down to shoot with us. Mustang Moore's son was in from New Mexico for a Thanksgiving visit and came with his Dad to visit. It seems he got his father into this game. He also helped us get a couple of nice big targets for Stage three.

Outlaw Camp will no longer be affiliated with True Grit Single Action Shooters after January 31<sup>st</sup>. We would encourage you to join Outlaw Camp and support our club. Thanks to Arkansas Drifter for tracking down the best price he could find on wire rope to replace the rope on our knockdown targets, hopefully we can at least start to replace our ropes prior to our regular December shoot. (We did!)

A number of changes are coming to SASS as a result of voting at the Territorial Governors meeting in Las Vegas. Sometimes these changes get modified even after they are voted on, so I am hesitant to report much until I have the official word from SASS. Suffice it say at this time that we all may need a refresher class on the rules. There will be several changes in the 2009 handbook, mostly clarifications and interpretations. I will forward them on as I get them. One of the biggest changes is the approval of the Ruger Montado for CAS. This gun was produced for the Mounted Shooters and has a lower hammer profile and serrations on the front of the grip-frame. In order for it to be legal for a SASS match (other

than mounted) the serrations on the front of the grip-frame must be polished smooth. Ruger has indicated that they will produce this gun in an approved format with the front of the grip-strap smooth.

There will no longer be a Modern or Traditional Category. The modern category was dropped and two more age based categories were added. You may still use your adjustable sighted revolvers and any shooting style, except Gunfighter, in these new age based categories, just as you can in the other age based categories.

This is a direct quote of the e-mail posted on the SASS wire from Coyote Calhoun at SASS:

“I know that everyone is on pins and needles just waiting to see what the new category names are. Thanks for all the suggestions. First there is an explanation or correction. In the past we have allowed Juniors and Buckaroos to move up to the Traditional Category if they felt they were ready to compete with the older shooters. Some have moved up for all the right reasons, not only to compete with the older shooters but to give other juniors a chance to win. For this reason there is a change in the 17 and up category voted on at the convention. This category will be open to ALL Ages to allow Buckaroos and Juniors to move up.

So.....(Drum Roll)..... our new age based categories are **Cowboys / Cowgirls**, open to all ages and **Wrangler / Lady Wrangler**, open to ages 36 and up. Remember all age-based categories may shoot fixed sight or adjustable sighted revolvers.

These categories will go into effect at all state matches after March 1<sup>st</sup>, Regionals and EOT.

Also, at EOT we tried Senior Gunfighter last year and it was a success and it will be offered again.  
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If you use a cross draw holster the SASS rule states that all holsters must be no less than 30 degrees **as worn**. There will be a push to see that this rule is enforced at all state and above matches this year. You may want to check yours! A lot of cross draw rigs start out okay but by the time you move around a little some are much less. Just a word to the wise! Some relief for cross draws may be on the way if they are no less than 30 degrees.

There will be other questions and clarifications in the weeks ahead. I will try to keep you informed as I am informed.

It is time to pay dues for 2009, several have already renewed. Dues are \$25.00 per year.

Enclosed are three items, Fun Day Scores, December scores, and a summary of the voting at the TG Summit. For those who get this electronically only two attachments as I already sent the fun-day scores.

Remember January has a fifth Saturday so we have a Fun Fifth shoot coming up pretty soon!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Red and I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season.

Remember nothing bad happens when you just.....

**KEEP 'EM POINTED DOWN RANGE**

**OZARK OUTLAW**

**Upcoming Events of Interest**

- Thu. Jan. 1 New Years Day
- Sat. Jan. 3 'MVF' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
- Sun. Jan. 4 'MVF' shoot 9:00
- Sat. Jan. 10 'Outlaw Camp' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00**
- Sun. Jan. 25 'True Grit' shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00
- Sat. Jan. 31 'Outlaw Camp' Fun Fifth Saturday shooter mtg. 9:45 shoot 10:00**
- Sat. Feb. 7 'MVF'
- Sun. Feb. 8 'MVF'
- Sat. Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Sat. Feb. 14 'Outlaw Camp' Special Valentine's Day shoot**
- Sun. Feb. 22 'True Grit'

