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Upcoming 2011 Annual Shoots

Winter Range
February 22–27

Shootout at Fort Miller
April 15–17

Dry Gulch at Arroyo Cantua
April 22–24

SASS California State Championship
April 29–May 1

High Sierra Shootout
May 26–29



Autumn is Finally Here

Cool, cloudy days mean Autumn is finally here.

Winter shooting hours go into effect and it's time to get out the felt hats, long johns and hand warmers for soon it will be winter.

As we head into the fall shooting season, we need to remember to pick up gun oil, dry rags, umbrellas, slickers, warm socks and dry boots.

This time of year makes up

for the 100 degree heat of the summer and shows us how crazy the black powder shooters are as the smoke hangs for hours after they finish a stage.

It's still important to stay hydrated, but more important to stay warm.

Enjoy the season as next summer looks to be hotter still.



AS THE ROOSTER CROWS - SLICK ROCK ROOSTER

Tucson's Revenge

The October shoot for KRR was put together by **Tucson Smith** and **Mariposa Slim**. It was a fun six stages that enabled two shooters to shoot a clean match.

The two clean match shooters were also the two posse leaders, **Badman Bob** and **Ruthless Ray**.

We had some long range pistol shooting in Bay 7, a two pistol reload on Stage 3, and a couple of birds on Stage 6 to make it a very interesting match.

The stages were simple and straight forward, but a few still found their way to get a procedural.

Mother Nature tried to set-

tle the dust with a few little showers near the end of the match. Just enough rain to mess up the windshield for the drive home.

Next month we start winter hours and begin an hour later with the shooters meeting at 9:00 am.

With saddened hearts KRR mourns (cont page 3)

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TG Requests Your Input...

1. Should we eliminate the 10-second minor safety penalty for overloading a RIFLE?

This will do away with the **double penalty** for overloading a rifle at the loading table; and then leaving the extra live round(s) in the long gun. Penalties for leaving unfired rounds in the rifle would still apply but, if a shooter overloaded the rifle, they could clear it within the current rules and not be charged a penalty. This rule change would not make the rifle any less safe.

Note this only applies to a rifle and NOT to a revolver or shotgun.

Should the following Minor Safety Penalty be deleted?

Loading more than the correct number of live rounds in a firearm.

I support this rule change. We have been trying to get rid of it for a number of years, but each time it falls just short of the required 2/3 majority vote. I expect it to pass this time.

2. Should we change the rule regarding empties left on the carrier or in the chamber of a long gun? An unfired round in the chamber would continue to carry a Stage Disqualification penalty and an unfired round anywhere else in the action or magazine a 10 second minor safety. This change would eliminate all penalties for EMPTY rounds in the chamber or action of long guns.

Should the MSV penalty for leaving an EMPTY case/hull in a long gun be deleted?

I also support this change. It has also received a majority vote, but has been short of the 2/3. We do not penalize for empties in a handgun, so why do we in a long gun? An empty is no danger, and if it is live..... then there is a penalty to cover it. I would like to see all guns cleared on the stage before going to the unloading table for a check.... but I don't see that happening.

3. Should we create the new sanctioned shooting category "Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter"? The category would follow the firearm and ammo guidelines of the current "Frontier Cartridge" category and follow the shooting style and holster requirements of the current "Gunfighter" Category.

The main reason to add FCGF to the list of "officially recognized" categories is that it brings the **BP** categories up to par with the smokeless ones in regard to available shooting styles. **Smokeless** = Open/age-based (**two-handed**); Duelist/Senior Duelist/Classic (**one-handed**); Gunfighter/B-Western (**both hands**) **Black Powder** = Frontier Ctg (**two-handed**); Frontiersman/Frontier Ctg Duelist (**one-handed**); **FCGF (both hands)**

Once again, I support this action. I must say, however, that SASS is moving toward a completely new and reorganized Category system. I believe that it is coming , down the road a bit, but none the less I expect it will eventually happen. In the mean time, there seems to be a great deal of interest in a FCGF category.

4. The Burgess Rifle is a SASS legal firearm. It was patented in 1882.

Should the rifle regulations for B-Western be changed as follows to allow the earliest rifle to be from 1880 instead of present 1884?

Rifles: Any SASS-legal rifle of 1880 or later design or a replica thereof (i.e. Burgess, Lightning, 1892, 1894 Winchester or Marlin).

Yep.... this is a gun that should be allowed in the B-Western category, without a doubt.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1) Multiple alias entries by the same individual at the SASS-sanctioned (State +) level.

So, believe it or not, there are folks that are entering a match twice... under two different aliases. It is certainly legal to have more than one registered SASS alias, however.... it seems to be getting carried away in some circles. Allowing this practice is fine in a local monthly match... if there is enough time. However.... at a large match it creates problems. Yep.... so if Snakebite enters the match, and his alter ego.... Rosebud also enters, this is what we have. One of them gains the advantage of getting to shoot the stage once before shooting it under the other alias. Also... what if one of them gets a MDQ for dropping a loaded gun? Does the other guy get to keep on shooting? I don't like the idea, and I support action to not allow it at State and above matches.

2) Mares Leg handgun as a main match firearm.

Just plain NO. If this gun is allowed, it will create a number of problems. Also, I just don't think that they are safe. IMO

3) Category restructuring ideas.

Boy howdy.... this is going to be a HOT topic. There is a simplified matrix that has been proposed, but it is only a very early brainstorming idea. The current category system could use some simplification. I think that it is going to happen eventually.

Next Month: Clarifications and Discussions from the Rules Committee

Monthly Matches	
<i>1st Weekend</i>	
FRPC Silhouette and Long Range	
5 Dogs Creek	
<i>2nd Weekend</i>	
Chorro Valley	
<i>3rd Weekend</i>	
Kings River Regulators	
<i>4th Weekend</i>	
Two Rivers Posse Manteca	
Faultline Shootists Gonzales	
<i>5th Weekend</i>	
Chorro Valley	

RAMROD'S MUSINGS

From the Pokey

Posse Courtesy -

Sometimes you see a posse waiting quite a while to get on an occupied stage.

For the waiting posse, don't crowd up on the other shooters. Stay back and let them shoot. No one likes have someone breathing down their backs. Offer to help reset targets, pick up brass, work the loading/unloading tables but don't crowd.

For the posse shooting, don't stand around and gab after the shooter has finished shooting. Take the critique back to camp unless it is safety related. Unless it's a special caliber, don't worry if you get all the brass/hulls, you can come back at the end of the day to get anything you missed. Be ready to be on the loading table, don't wait until it's your turn to actually show up at the table. Know the scenario, SASS frowns on standing at the line and having to rethink the entire stage.

Move the posse along and everyone will have a good time at the range.

Cowboy Logic

Pat Garrett 1850—1908

When he triggered a bullet into the heart of **Billy the Kid** on the night of July 14, 1881, **Pat Garrett** won a permanent niche in the front rank of frontier officers.

Patrick Floyd Garrett was raised on a Louisiana plantation, but his parents died after the Civil War, and the lanky teenager went west in 1869.

Garrett spent the next several years as a Texas cowboy and buffalo hunter. In 1876 during a brawl in a buffalo hunters' camp, **Garrett** was forced to shoot a skinner named **Joe Brisco**. As **Brisco** lay dying, he reduced **Garrett** to tears by asking, "Won't you come over here and forgive me?"

Garrett drifted to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, where he married in 1879. His teenage bride died during childbirth, but he quickly remarried and began raising a large family.

By 1880 the Lincoln County War had raged for two years. **Garrett** was elected sheriff to restore order in

general and to halt the crime spree of **Billy the Kid** in particular. **The Kid** was a daring killer and horse thief with many friends who helped him elude capture, but **Sheriff Garrett** launched a systematic, relentless manhunt. Two of the **Kid's** closest companions were killed and **Billy** was arrested, but he shot two guards and escaped. **Garrett** finally tracked down the **Kid** and killed him.

There was immediate criticism for shooting **Billy the Kid** without warning and in a darkened room. **Garrett** was forced to hire a lawyer to collect reward money posted for the **Kid**. He was not renominated at the next election.

Garrett finally moved his family to a ranch east of Las Cruces. But he became embroiled in a feud with a neighbor, and in 1908 the 57-year-old **Garrett** was murdered.

WANTED

MATCH DIRECTORS

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Next Month's Match Director



TALON HAWKE

ROAD APPLES



- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging

Fannie Mostly's Sharp Shooting Award

This month's Sharpshootin' Award goes to the two pards who cleaned the match. They must have done some pretty fancy pistol handling to get through the long range pistol shots and the reload stage, and still shoot the match clean while finishing in the number 1 and 5 spots overall.

Congrats to **Badman Bob** and **Ruthless Ray** for their fine shooting!



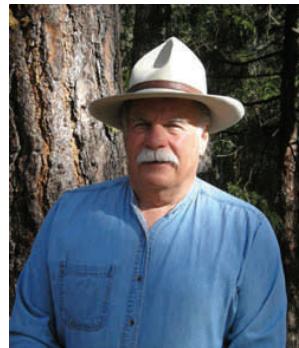
As the Rooster Crows (cont)

the passing of **Peaceful (SASS 256)** aka **Dexter O'Day** after a long fight with cancer. **Peaceful** was one of the founders of the High Sierra Drifters, West Point Rod and Gun Club and co-match director of the High Sierra Shootout and End of Track, High Si-

erra.

A fine pard and gentleman who will be greatly missed.

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Snakebite

