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*The **Premiere** Cowboy Action Shooting Club in Grimes County, Texas*

9/10 of a mile north of the Texas Renaissance Festival Main Entrance—look for the Red, White and Blue sign

► **Match this Saturday: August 22, 2020:** match of **five** stages;
registration cut off **8:30**

“Clean Matches, No Procedurals”

July 25:

Thunderhawk
Osage Mike
Crockett
cheyenne

Aug 8:

Wildcard Wayne
Osage Mike
Cowboy

Manco

Emery Goodner
Ranger Bill
Fast Tracker
cheyenne

Top Ten Shooters

July 25:

Texas Scout
Outlaw Dave
Thunderhawk
GW Ketchum
Dusty Bottoms
Osage Mike
Rooster

Ranger Bill

Cherokee Jones
Crockett

Aug 8:

Wildcard Wayne
Texas Scout
Thunderhawk

Cherokee Jones

Dusty Bottoms
Osage Mike
Cowboy
Three Fingered Jack
Texas Ghost
Dealin' Lead

Top Lady Shooters

Aug 8:

Ruby Red Ryder
Catastrophe Kate

from our Range Master, **TJD**



Safety Glasses, Shotguns and Shotgun Targets

At our last match a shooter was hit **IN THE EYE** with a shotgun pellet. It managed to get to his eye by going in the gap between the safety glasses and his face.

Shotguns generate a **LOT** of splatter.

1. Wear safety glasses **with side shields**
2. **DO NOT** use heavy hunting loads.
 - * You are trying to hit a steel plate, not kill a rabbit.
3. Make sure all shotgun targets:
 - * Are **AT LEAST** 8 yards away
 - * Have a 20 degree forward tilt
 - * Are parallel to the line
 - * Are directly in front of the shooting position
 - * Are below waist level

Your BoD takes safety **VERY** seriously. We will be inspecting all shotgun targets and their placement. All targets deemed "worn out" will be removed. All targets improperly placed will be repositioned.

Sincerely,
TJD

► also from **TJD**

Status of SASS

Dear TRR Membership,

I have been asked about the recent announcement from SASS regarding the decision, effective October 1st, of the board to “to step down from their roles within the organization” and “will no longer play a role in the operations of SASS”.

Note: SASS and Founder’s Ranch are separate private for-profit companies registered in New Mexico. The announcement is about SASS, not Founder’s Ranch.

You know as much as I do. SASS has not been communicating separately to the Territorial Governors on this subject at all. I have not heard further since this announcement. I could speculate on many things but that is neither useful nor helpful. We all have opinions and mine have no more worth than anyone else’s. I will try to address all the questions and commentary put to me as of late below.

To be clear, the board stepping down does not mean they are giving up ownership of SASS. There is no mention of that in the announcement. All the announcement states is that the board is stepping down effective Oct. 1st. As they still own SASS, they can change that decision at any time, either before or after stepping down.

The announcement does not include **Misty**. There is no statement one way or the other concerning **Misty’s** status after the transition. Misty is the CEO of SASS. Her position is determined by the stockholders of the company. Even after the board steps down it is still their purview in this matter as long as they own the company.

The communication from SASS does not state that the current stockholders are selling their ownership, giving away their holdings, dissolving the company, etc. Stepping down from the board does not dissolve SASS. As a company they still have to execute said filing as required by law. The stockholders of the privately held company still are legally accountable for the company itself. Pursuant to and protected by the statutes and articles of incorporation.

The announcement states “assembly of a new advisory board”. Nothing more and nothing less on that item.

The announcement does NOT state that:

1. The advisory board will have any ownership in SASS.

2. Who, specifically, will be on the advisory board.
3. Whom the advisory board is advising.
4. Whether or not this board is compensated.
5. SASS will be owned by its membership, the advisory board, etc.
6. How SASS will be structured going forward.

SASS itself was originally registered in California and moved to New Mexico. All of this is public record and can be looked up on New Mexico state business websites, which I did. There is also a building in Edgewood owned by some of the Wild Bunch (Exactly whom I do not know). As both SASS and Founder's Ranch are private companies, I have no knowledge as to who all the stockholders are, how much stock they hold, etc. I also do not know how any stock held by **Coyote Calhoun, Dutch, Chisler**, and **General Grant** was managed once they departed. I don't know if there are silent partners, partners yet to be announced, partners under consideration.

There is no information published that I am aware of, concerning the future of the Territorial Governor organization, the Range Officer committee, or anything else.

Over the last year I have been approached by more than a few Cowboy Action Shooters (not the Wild Bunch) about; being the match director for EoT, as well as being on the advisory board. SASS has not approached me on either of these items. Or anything else for that matter.

The concept of an advisory board is not new. An advisory board serves to advise the owners of a company. SASS was presented with this concept/opportunity in Feb 2012 and again August 2015 by yours truly. However, at that time it was not inclusive of the board stepping down. Whom the advisory board will advise is not stated in the announcement.

I have no knowledge as to the financial status of SASS.

As you know EoT 2021 is already announced. I have no details on how that will be managed.

If, at any time, I am made aware of actions and activities by SASS I will communicate this to you.

SASS and Cowboy Action Shooting has been a major part of my life for longer than I have been a member of SASS. By my count I have been a SASS member at least 22 years and active in Cowboy Action Shooting even longer. Maybe 26 years in total. I am hopeful that whatever changes the owners of SASS have in store that they are successful in their endeavors.

I deeply appreciate everything the Wild Bunch has done to create and grow the activity which I dearly love. I have offered to help many times. I wish them all the best and am hopeful they all have many years ahead of them to enjoy their family, friends, this sport, and whatever else they may wish to endeavor to do.

Sincerely,

Texas Jack Daniels

Patron Life Member #8587

TG, RO Instructor, TG of the year, Regulator

The Rain in Spain stays Mainly on the Firearms: as many of us know we got our guns a mite damp on July 25, seems Hurricane Hanna needed to be sure we knew she was around. While not enough fell to allow us to see water pouring out of the barrel when the rifle was brought to the shoulder (Little Billy and I have shot in such conditions) there was still enough to get everything metal damp to sopping wet. So where do we go from here?

Get the Lead Out—deleading a neglected barrel. A neighbor had an old family rifle that he wanted to get back in service. He did a good job of tearing it down, cleaning and reassembling it—no left-over parts.

Problem was the barrel—just wouldn't come clean so I get a call to help out. Turns out this rifle had pretty much been shot and put away its whole life. Not too many if any cleanings between. That, plus the time it was just sitting in a closet wasn't kind to it though the outside really didn't too worse for wear.



The owner had done the typical powder solvent application with a brush, wait a bit and clean with a number of patches.

Where there wasn't leading looked good but nothing he did put a dent in the streaks running about 1/2 the length of the tube.

Twenty-five years ago I would have pulled out my Outers Foul Out and spent an evening de-plating the lead onto a rod in the bore. Problem is RCBS, who bought out Outers, stopped making both the machine and chemicals.

There are places on the internet that tell how to recreate the Cop-Out and Lead-Out but I haven't had a chance to mix the two chemicals needed for the Lead-Out. Total cost on-line was \$50 so it's not that expensive of an experiment. I'll report back after running the tests



The Thunder River Mercantile

Off-Cowboy but still a lot of fun: Did you know that **Crockett** is a Class 3 FFL? This means he can handle **suppressor (silencer)** sales. From the talk round the pavilion this sound like a lot of fun and while not cheap still is within the price range of many of us.

For more details contact him at: trentffl@gmail.com




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