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

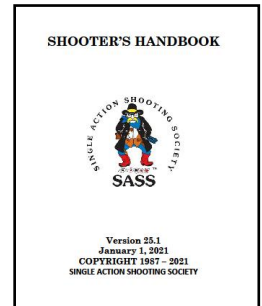
⁹/₁₀ of a mile north of the Texas Renaissance Festival Main Entrance—look for the **RED, WHITE & BLUE** sign

► **Match this Saturday: February 27, 2021:** match of **6** stages.

Registration cut off **8:30**

Rule Book Change: Shooters Handbook, version 25.1, Jan 1, 2021: Ammo **may not be** jacketed, semi-jacketed, **hollow point**, plated, or gas checked.

Hollow Point ammo is new to the prohibited list—concern is there would be increased splatter



Match Fees: starting this Saturday only paid up in full 2021 members will be getting to shoot for \$15. Everyone else will be paying the \$20 non-member fee. Not too late to fill out the attached membership form and save \$\$ in the long run.

And Speaking of Saturday's Match: there was a vote at the last match and the membership voted to continue having 6 stages. Just one more example of a democracy (rule by the people) in action.

Texas now Number 1 in the World: while reading the latest *Cowboy Chronicle* from cover to cover I spent some time on the pages that listed the clubs.

Texas has the largest number of SASS clubs of any other state or country. We have 16 with California a close 2nd with 15.

Yippee-Ki-Yay



RO Classes: as you can see by the table below we still have plenty of opening for this year's RO Classes. **Email me (cheyenne) back to sign up**

Hi all,

I will be teaching RO-I and RO-II as follows at my home. **Lunch is provided. Bring your own folding chair.**

Regards,
TJD

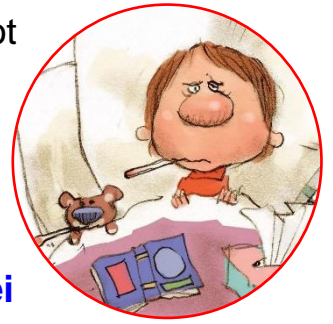
2021 RO Classes Attendees				2/21/2021 8:24	
Feb 27 Sat		After the match	RO-I	Mar 6 Sat After the match RO-I	
1	cheyenne			1	Lady Doc
2	Cowboy			2	Nile Ciy Slick
3	Nostrum Damus			3	Cowboy Kip
4				4	Ranger Bill
5				5	
6				6	
7				7	
8				8	
Feb 28 Sun		10 AM	RO-II	Mar 7 Sun 10 AM RO-II	
1	cheyenne			1	Lady Doc
2	Cowboy			2	Nile Ciy Slick
3	Osage Mike will move to Mar 7 if needed			3	Colonel Mackenzie
4				4	
5				5	
6				6	
7				7	
8				8	

We need more than 3 to have these classes

Sick Call: we still have a number of cowfolk who are not 100% health wise. For some it's dealing with covid and the flu, for others, it's a chronic condition.

In random order and without violating their HIPAA rights here are our members to keep in your thoughts and prayers:

Neshannock Leo, Judge Pete's wife **Linda, Lorelei Longshot, Shotgun** & **Texas Jack Daniels, Red River Mac** and **Solomon River Kid**. Other include **Boots Cassidy, Britt, Texas Drifter** and **Willie Cheatem**.



Some have been able to attend a match or two, others have been sidelined for a significant amount of time

They are all good folks and deserve our best wishes.

Cowboys and Cowgirls are creative folks.

We are looking into different ways to play our game until things get more available. It may be time to break out

the old Single Sixes or the Heritages. We may need to drop to five stages instead of six. We are seeing shortages of some of our supplies that we need. Brass is almost nonexistent.

Primers are scarce as unicorn feathers.

Let us know if you are needing anything, maybe someone can help out.

We have several new projects that are being discussed, several stages need a facelift. Cattle Company needs a roof, some of the boardwalk needs repairs. The office is a project all by itself. There are plenty that could use a hammer or a paint brush. Some need both. Soon, work days will be called. I know that our members will rise to the occasion as they always do. Thank you for that.



The generosity of our members to help others, to show up when needed, to loan a firearm to a fellow member whose gun broke during the match, and endless other acts, makes me really proud to act as President of our club. Thank you All.

Keep your powder dry.

Crash

Bulk Lead Purchase will NOT happen at this time:

I feel we had a good response from the bullet casters among us—problem is there are not enough to support an order of 1000 lbs of lead.



Unlike primers not everyone casts and to ask the members who did respond to double their order is not going to work. That would be a significant amount of cash to spend.

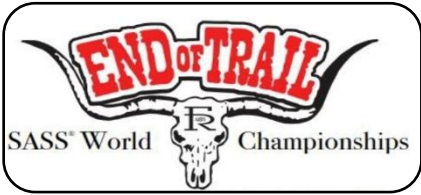
Nostrum Damus did locate a company that has pretty reasonable prices. Their product is made from range scrap so it has a bit of antimony and tin already in the alloy <https://www.pbcastco.com/product-page/66-lead-ingots>

Lead is Where you find it: I know back in the day we'd stop and pick up wheel weights off the road. But since WW have all gone to being zinc (♪ flowers gone to young girls everyone ♪ PPM is still one of my favorite groups) we need to be looking elsewhere.

Since the tree rats ate all our lead pipe and drain flashings on the roof I asked the repair crew to save me the old stuff. Now this is really nasty stuff with all sorts of tar and stickem on it but since I have an old pot that is used for smelting beat them into a shape that would fit into the pot. I lit the off-gassing to keep the smell down and wandered off up wind. Before you know it I had everyone melted down or floating on top.



After skimming off the crap I ended up with 8½ lbs of bright shiny ingots. No, it's not enough for a major casting session but every little bit helps



End of Trail is moving to another state: Misty Moonshine has informed us that EoT will **NOT** be in New Mexico due to that state's draconian Covid rules and regulations.

She tells us to stand by for the announcement as to exactly where it will be this year.

Be assured TRR is NOT the site of this year's event though **Crash** tried very hard to get us considered. 🤓

End of Trail Update: this year's event will be held at Paradise Pass - 8414 West 25 South, Etna Green, Indiana 46524.



To give you an idea of there that is: **about 100 miles ESE of Chicago.** Another way to look at it: about 1100 miles by car and 16+ hours. I know some of you can easily drive that far in a day—I'm not one of them but there are folks that can.



Clean Matches for the Year Compilation: the drawing for the yearly prizes has been **put off till the end of February** mostly because "someone" didn't order the Midway USA gift certificate in a timely fashion.

RO facts for strange shooting sequence:

Some folks will ground their first pistol after firing on the shelf then shoot their second one. This is fine/not-a-penalty/OK as long as they holster both before shooting the next firearm.

If the pistols are the last gun fired they can take them, SAFELY, to the unloading table without holstering—though how they are going to do that and carry the rifle and shotgun is beyond me.

Food for thought

So you want to be a Gunsmith? During the 1-23-21 match my SxS's right hammer gave up the ghost. Turns out the mainspring plunger broke where the rod and crescent shaped part meet.

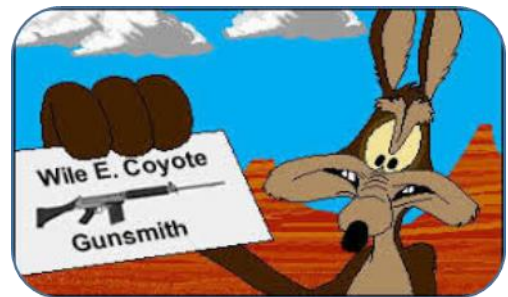
Let's talk about the shotgun first: it is a Coyote Cap Model 99 Hammered Coach Gun made in China and I'm the original owner. It didn't cost an arm and a leg and is fun to shoot.

I have no idea if it is based off an actual 1880s scatter gun but once inside I quickly realized that the guy who built it was one day out from watching the south end of a north bound water buffalo while planting rice. The quality rival the guns that come out of Afghanistan and Iraq which were hand made by like-skilled artisans using hammers and bigger hammers. But say what you will, it did work fine up until the match.

I realized that finding parts is like finding primers so I did a bit of shade tree work and made a new rod out of Allen wrench in keeping with idea of not using anything that could be mistaken for a real replacement part

From there it was just a 3 hour exercise in learning about spring compression devices, making several that didn't work and finally getting spring, repaired plunger and main spring back in place.

For once, no blood was spilled and it seems to be fixed. When I showed Violet my handiwork she said to be sure to take the backup shotgun with me.



“Clean Matches, No Procedurals”

Jan 23:

Tell Sackett
San Juan Steve
Texas Rooster
Cowboy
Blackpowder Burn

Kurten Kid
Cheyenne

Feb 6:

Tell Sackett
Three Fingered Jack

TJD
BPB
Angels
Shotgun Steve
Fast Tracker

Top Ten Shooters

Jan 23:

GW Ketchum
Tell Sackett
Dealin Lead
Manassas Jack
San Juan Steve
Fairplay John
Thunderhawk
Rooster

Cowboy
Cherokee Jones

Feb 6:

Texas Scout
Tell Sackett
GW Ketchum
Three Fingered Jack

TJD
Thunderhawk
Doc O'Bay
Fairplay John
Popcorn Kelly
Lead Leg Vaquero

Top Lady Shooters

Jan 23:

Bristlecone Jan
Angels
Ellie Mae
Ruby Red Rider

Feb 6:

Bristlecone Jan
Angels
Ellie Mae

Ruby Red Rider
Lady Doc
Miss Hoppy

The Thunder River Mercantile



Osage Mike's: I'm a one man shop building custom leather goods for cowboy action shooters. I build holsters, cartridge belts, shotgun belts and cowboy shooter accessories one at a time. TRR member **Osage Mike**, jayemgee@msn.com Phone: 281.785.2397

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

Wooden Fully Adjustable Bench Top Shooting Sticks

Made in the U.S.A.

Solid Oak, wood sealed for long life, heavy duty construction, leather strips on uprights to protect rifle, pinned-easy height adjustment, fully adjustable to match shooting bench height and shooter, collapses for easy transportation.

If anyone is interested in owning one of these bench top shooting sticks built by one of your fellow TRR members

please contact Cartwright at gauth1965@gmail.com. Currently have 7 shooting sticks ready for delivery.

Close-Out - \$60 Thanks, **Cartwright**




Everyone has been noticing all the wonderful signs appearing around the range. We have **Suzie Q** and **GW Ketchum** to thank for them.

Their son commercially makes

them up in Willis so if you're in the market for some custom made ones of your own give them a call (936.827.2560) or catch them on FaceBook: [click on their name] [Fallow Fabrications](#)




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Shooting once a month not enough?

Oakwood Outlaws

2nd Sat. & Sun. every month and the Monday following the 2nd weekend. www.oakwoodoutlaws.org/

Willow Hole Cowboys 3rd Weekend of the month

<http://www.willowholecowboys.com/>

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