

Gun Sight Press
Bessemer Vigilance Committee Newsletter
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The February 3rd Match

Lots of gunnies on hand for this un. We shot 4 excitin stages designed for us by Wyoming Mike and Nevada Spurs.

We may a had ta honker down from the wind a bit but we cowboyed up and got er did. After the last round was fired, we got er put up in short order and went up to the big log camp for a short meetin and some great chuck cooked for us by Wild Iris and Two Dot Lady.



Smokewagon Bill

Next match will be on March 2nd with set up at approximately 3:00 PM, March 1st. The help of all members in setting up will be appreciated.

Thanks to Billy Brent who paid for the Bessemer Vigilance Committee table at the Friends of the NRA Banquet. The evening was fun and the money raised went to a great cause.



Important Dates

February 23rd & 24th

Stuckenhoff Swap Meet - 9:00AM - 5:00PM

For information or to rent a table, call Smokewagon Bill, 267-1155 or 472-1926

March 1st

Stuckenhoff - Casper Shooters Club

Annual Meeting and election of officers

March 2nd

BVC Club Dues and Registration Forms need to be in.
\$35.00 for singles, \$50.00 for couples

April 26th and 27th

Hell's Half Acre Shootout and Cowboy Encampment



Cowboy Trader

For Sale - Winchester Model 94, 44 Mag, Saddle Ring Carbine,
Holds ten 44 Specials.... \$350
WT Cookie....577-1639

For Sale - approximately 100 issues of the Cowboy Chronicle and
Trails End Magazine. Contains obituaries and stories for Roy
Rogers and Dale Evans..... make offer
Will Markham....234-4929

For Sale -.45 Colt Round nose, Flat Point, 200 Gr. Cast and Lubed

.38 Cal Round nose, Flat Point, 158 Gr. Cast and Lubed

.38 Cal Round nose, Flat Point/BB 130 Gr. Cast and Lubed

Very affordable Prices

These are great Cowboy bullets

Smokewagon Bill..... 472-1926 or 267-1155

If you're not a member now, join the N.R.A. Help keep the precious right to own our guns.

Until next time,
Adios Amigos,
Smokewagon

Never trust a blonde or an
automatic,
Two Dot Lady



December 10, 2007

Greetings to all,

Survived another SASS governor's convention. It wasn't nearly as contentious as the first ones. We've all gotten older and mellowed over the years we've been meeting. A copy of how the vote went on the agenda items is included.

The Wild Bunch (SASS) not the governors have established a minimum ammunition standard. The power factor and its explanation sheet is also enclosed. The power factor applies only to main match ammo, not the junior .22's or black powder, and doesn't change the knock down target calibration. This power factor goes into effect at the 08 E.O.T. and will apply to all state and regional shoots.

It was brought to our attention that some of the warmer climate gamers way out west are running loaded 12 gauge shells through a 16 gauge sizing die, then into a 20 gauge sizing die to make them easier and faster to load. Birdshot from Hodgdon Powder Co. ran tests on these loads and found the pressures were extremely high; almost catastrophic. Therefore; anyone caught using them after December 8, 2007 will be assessed a major safety penalty and DQ'ed. Most of the governors looked at each other with a puzzled expression because we had not seen or heard of their usage before. Goes to show the gamers will go to no end, nor rest until they get an advantage.

During 08 we were asked to think about combining the traditional and modern class and splitting that class into a 18-34 young traditional class and a 35er class. I would appreciate your thoughts on this. I guess the under 49ers are tired of getting beat by teenagers.

Also, an 87 lever shotgun with an exposed screw on its underside to facilitate faster double loading is not approved. I haven't seen one so I don't know where it's been installed at or how it operates.

The Chisler is no longer with SASS or in the Wild Bunch. Lots of rumors on what happened and nobody with SASS would talk about it. He started a new Western Shooting Horse Association and magazine. He's the publisher, editor-in-chief and advertising director for Western Shooting Horse. The magazine was everywhere at the various Cowboy Christmas vendors.

Christmas sure came up on me fast this year. Maybe it was due to the beautiful warm fall we had. Anyway, I'm wishing you the best Christmas ever and that Santa brings you that new gun you've been wishing for.

Drummer

P.S. How about having all our WSAS members make a New Years resolution to bring one new shooter out to enjoy Cowboy Action Shooting.

SASS Minimum Ammunition Standards.

Ammunition standards for Cowboy Action Shooting were set in the early days to ensure all competitor's loads were in a safe velocity range for shooting at the various types of targets used in Cowboy Action Shooting. Beginning ammunition standards were set at a maximum of 1000 fps for revolver ammunition and 1400 fps for rifle ammunition and a minimum of 650 fps for both rifle and revolver ammunition. During the Territorial Governor Summit of 1999, the minimum standard was deemed arbitrary and was set aside until testing could prove a better solution. After testing, input from various sources, and a study of current trends the Wild Bunch has determined the time has come to re-establish a new minimum standard for ammunition used in Cowboy Action Shooting.

Beginning at END of TRAIL 2008, the minimum standard for ammunition used in State, Regional, National, International, and World Championship Competitions shall be not less than a minimum power factor of 60 and no velocity may be less than 400 fps.

Power Factors are simply calculated by multiplying the bullet weight times the velocity and then the resulting number is divided by 1000. Some examples are as follows.

- 100 gr bullet traveling at 600 fps has a power factor of 60: $(100 \times 600) / 1000 = 60.00$
- 77 gr bullet traveling at 800 fps has a power factor of 61.6 $(77 \times 800) / 1000 = 61.60$
- 200 gr bullet traveling at 400 fps has a power factor of 80 $(200 \times 400) / 1000 = 80.00$

Power factors are the simplest and easiest way to maintain a minimum ammunition standard and allow competitors to shoot the weight bullet or velocity they feel comfortable with.

The procedure to check power factors will be random ^{or} and arbitrary. Only match officials can request to check competitor ammunition. All rules will be spelled out in the SASS ROII materials. If a competitor is checked they will be asked for five rounds, preferably from a revolver already loaded at the loading table. One round will have the bullet pulled and weighed. The other four rounds will be fired across a chronograph. The muzzle of the revolver should be raised to 80 degrees and then lowered each time prior to firing through the chronograph. If any one of the four rounds makes the power factor the competitor's loads will be considered as legal. If none on the rounds make the power factor the competitor is given a 30 second penalty for each stage already shot. The competitor will also be assessed 30 seconds for all stages to be shot unless the competitor changes ammunition that meets the power standard.

To assist clubs and matches checking power factors Dillon Precision has created a "Chronographing Kit" just for SASS Clubs. It consists of the CED Millennium 2 chronograph, a D-Terminator Digital Scale, and a kinetic bullet Puller (stock #09998), the cost is \$309.00, a 15% discount over ordering each item separately. A tripod can be included with a similar discount.

SASS Territorial Governor Summit 2007

Tally of Votes - Action Shooter Items

Agenda Item	Item Text	For	Against	Abstain	Result
1	Should we change the current Classic Cowboy category rules to require Chaps, Chinks or Botas and Spurs at all times and drop the other clothing requirements to three choices? <small>Percentage</small>	112 40.55%	160 57.97%	4 1.45%	FAIL
2	As of now you may get as many Minor Safety penalties as you incur per stage. Should we change the rules to limit Minor Safety penalties to one per firearm per stage? <small>Percentage</small>	124 44.93%	150 54.35%	2 0.72%	FAIL
3	As of now you are not committed to the stage until the first round goes down range. Should we change the rule to read as follows: A shooter, if properly started, is committed to the stage once the timer sounds. <small>Percentage</small>	84 30.43%	190 68.84%	2 0.72%	FAIL
4	The largest maximum shot size currently allowed is a #4. Should we change the maximum shot size to a #7 1/2? <small>Percentage</small>	72 26.09%	198 71.74%	6 2.17%	FAIL
5	Should we adopt the Proposed New Long Range Optical Category with rules as follows: (a) No length or power limitation on the scope. Scope tube body to be 3/4" or less in diameter and any ocular or objective lenses, adjusting or assembly rings to be less than 1" in diameter. (b) No internal scope adjustments for windage or elevation. (c) Mounts are to be of a traditional style of the period and contain the windage and elevation adjustments for the scope in either, or both, the front or rear mounts. No click adjustments in the mount. Either dove tail mounting or scope block mounting is allowed. Original scope mounts of either the Cataract or Malcom style or variations thereof, or replicas or derivative conforms to the criteria of paragraph (c) above. This rule matches exactly with the NRA Rifle Silhouette Rules of March 2005. <small>Percentage</small>	242 90.30%	26 9.70%	8 2.90%	PASS