

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING SOURCE DIRECTORY.

The cowboy Clubs of Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa want to invite you to join us for some good old western rootin' tootin' shoot 'em up fun. You find the nicest folks who are always willin' to give ya' a helping hand to get ya' started, along with a little kiddin' and laughter along the way.

- **Shoot the Guns of the Old West** like single action revolvers, Lever action rifles, and old time shotguns. Buffalo rifles too.
- Your score is your time plus penalties for misses and such.
- An honest effort to dress in appropriate "old West" style clothing is appreciated. (No ball caps, or T-shirts please.)
- There are many shooting categories and styles to choose from at the area clubs.

Some of the national affiliations and guidelines used are:

- SASS = the Single Action Shooting Society;
www.SASSnet.com , or call 877-411-SASS.
- NCOWS = National Congress of Old West Shootists;
www.NCOWS.com , or call 319-277-6839.
- GAF = the Grand Army of the Frontier;
www.GrandArmyoftheFrontier.org .
- CMSA = Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association;
www.CowboyMountedShooting.com Call 480-683-0485.
- Some Clubs are "Independent" and follow rules from one or more of these organizations or similar rules.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SOME OF THE AREA CLUBS:

- **The Columbus Rifle Club** in Columbus, NE. Contact Bow View Haymaker at 402-270-1697 or Scruffy Skippy at 402-276-1391.
- **Flat Water Shootists** at the Grand Island Rifle Club in Grand Island, NE. Contact Wes Beckett U.S. Marshal, 308-226-2651 or Scorpion Blain, 308-226-2567.
- **Hawkeye Rifle and Pistol club** at Sergeant Bluff, IA. Call Forgund at 712 251-5550.
- **The Nebraska Territorial Rangers** at Logan, IA. Contact Six Gun Newt, 402-895-1325 or Calhoun Slim and Little Lou at 402-572-1599.
- **Eastern Nebraska Shootists** at ENGC, Louisville, NE. Contact Flint Valdez at 712 323-8996 or Cherokee Gambler at 402 639-4889.
- **Calamus Vigilance Committee** at Ord, NE. Call. Ned Niederlander at 308 728-3915.
- **Blue River Regulators** at Valparaiso, NE. Call Montana Sam, 402-540-8087 or Cactus Jack, 402-499-3184.
- **Outlaws Run** at Red Oak, IA. Contact Tejas 712-623-5152.
- **Goddard Cowboys** at Colfax, IA. Contact Granny Annie or Blacksmith Hoss at 515-674-3814 or 515 249-2772.
- **Council Bluffs Rifle Club**. Call Matt at (402)553-4363.
- **Platte Valley Gun Slingers** at the Heartland Public Shooting Park in Grand Island, NE. Contact Firewater at 308 226-2255, Dalton Masterson at 308 325-3253 or Gunsmoke at 308 750-5138.
- **The Border Regulators** at Mount Ayr, IA. Contact John Newton at 641-464-3942 or Ron Landphair at 641-464 2808.
- **Fort Des Moines Rangers** at Indianola, IA. Contact Tracy or Sandy Thorpe at 515 262-9277 or Chad Carpenter at 515 795-3219
- **The Turkey Creek Regulators** Mounted Cowboy Action Shooting. Contact Wendell Lindsley 402 747-6011 or 402 366-8877.

A TYPICAL MATCH WILL CONSIST OF DIFFERENT SHOOTING SCENARIOS THAT THE SHOOTER GOES THROUGH. FOR EACH SCENARIO, IT GOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

Stage flow is loading table, stage firearms, shoot stage, move to unloading table, clear guns, return long guns to cart.
Help with the work for the rest of the shooters.

***Loading table.**

*Watches and monitors loading process.

*Observes that the proper number of rounds are loaded and hammers are on empty chambers.

*Verifies the shooter has enough shotshells.

*Verifies the shooter understands the stage directions.

***RO/Timer**

*Controls the firing line.

*Responsible for running the stage.

*Sees that the shooter completes the stage safely and coaches where necessary.

***Shooter shooting order** will be read out by the posse leader.

*Shooter will be given the **target shooting order**, verbals, where to stage all guns and starting position.

***Score keeper.** (Records the times and penalties on a score card).

***Unloading Table.**

*Verifies that all guns are empty by observation and demonstration by the shooter.

***Spotters**

*Three spotters are recommended.

*Counts misses and the number of shots, watches for the proper shooting order and completion of all stage instructions.

*After the shooter completes the stage, the three spotters concur on the number of misses.

Discrepancies are scored in favor of the shooter.

***Brass pickers.** (Picks up rifle brass and shotshell hulls for each shooter after the shooter is done shooting the stage).

***Target setters.** Reset any knockdown or reactive targets.

***Stage story** and shooting sequence will be read or described by the posse leader.

CHECK WITH THE INDIVIDUAL CLUBS AND RANGES FOR DETAILS. EACH ONE MAY HAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT GUIDELINES. EACH ONE MAY HAVE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

Some basics at almost all clubs are:

- Single action revolvers of a design before 1899, Pistol Caliber, exposed hammer rifles of a design before 1899, and a double barreled or Winchester 97 or 1887 design shotgun. Most modern reproductions are fine.
- All main match ammunition must be center fire, all lead. No copper jacketed, copper wash or gas checks allowed. Speed of ammo, Rifle 1,400 FPS maximum. Pistol 1,000 FPS maximum. 400 FPS is the minimum with a minimum Power factor of 60. $PF = (\text{bullet grains} * \text{fps}) / 1000$
- The "Spirit Of The Game" is a term we use to describe the honor of the old west, a handshake was your bond and honesty was the rule of the day. It also means the shooter fully participates in what the stage requires. (Common-sense exceptions are made for those shooters with physical disabilities that hinder participation in certain activities). If in doubt, just ask "WWJWD" (What would John Wayne do?)
- *Remember, No target is to close or to big, that it can't be missed. And remember, It ain't how good you shoot, it's how good you look and how much fun you have!*
- **Firearms** may **only** be handled at the designated "**Safe Areas**". All firearms will remain unloaded until given the command to load by the range officer at the firing line. Loaded firearms are only allowed at the firing line. All other times, long guns will be empty with actions open and handguns will be empty and holstered or cased.

For more information or input on this directory, contact Bow View at (402)270-1697 or pjarens@frontiernet.net. Or Gunless Bigfoot at (402)730-3173.