

# PACKING IRON

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Cowboy Action Shooting, it's a lifestyle.

## **PNZ CAS NATIONALS & SASS REGIONAL**

A full article of this event is featured in this publication. A good weekend was had by all, excellent stage design ensured a varied approach to some stages and the thinking shooters had plenty to ponder. Thanks to the Trailblazers Club for hosting this event and for ensuring we all enjoyed the weekend.

## **DUEL DOWN UNDER 2007**

The entry form for this event is on the PNZ website and now is the time to start organising yourselves. April 27, 28, 29 2007 are the dates to circle on your calendars but don't leave it too late to start your paper for taking your guns. Australian hospitality will be at its best with the crew at Newtec, just ask anyone who's been there. They'll tell you about the great time they had there.

## **SASS SUMMIT & CONVENTION**

An event that doesn't disappoint, in a town that doesn't sleep. What more can I say, what more should I say! The 5<sup>th</sup> SASS Convention & Summit has truly become a staple part of the Cowboy calendar in the USA. Also the fact that there are two other western/rodeo themed conventions on in town at the same time must help, so much more to see and shop.

The serious part of the gathering, the Territorial Governors Summit, had 6 items on the agenda and covered some ground on discussion items.

1. The Uberti 1873 Percussion Revolver be allowed for Frontiersman Category?  
Failed – 90 For / 202 Against
2. Should the Senior Category be divided in to smaller divisions by age? 60 and older, then 65 and older?  
Passed – 239 For / 55 Against
3. Should we adopt a set of recommended Stage Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Directors Guide and the RO Course Material? Passed – 235 For / 59 Against
4. Should we outlaw short & long sleeved tee shirts and tank tops in all categories?  
Passed – 272 For / 23 Against
5. The penalty for shooting out of category will be- First offence is a Procedure Penalty then the shooter must subsequently comply with their category requirements or change category. Second offence in the same match is a Stage Disqualification. Third offence in the same match is a Match Disqualification. Passed – 265 For / 30 Against
6. Make the following changes in scoring process for both time & rank scored matches.  
Match Disqualification = Eliminate shooter from all Main Match Awards. All times are erased.  
Stage Disqualification = Shooter is given a disqualification for the Stage only. Shooter can overcome the penalty and may win a category over another shooter.

## **WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT!**

Something is creeping in to our sport that I don't like the look of. It is being report at some clubs in America and I would hate to see it becoming prevalent in this country. In private discussions with other TG's at the Summit they mentioned the occurrence of shooters attending their planned monthly or weekly club shoots wearing ordinary street clothing, cargo pants & tee shirt for example. I was appalled to hear this. They continued to explain that the matter is made worse when visitors or new shooters arrive and see this complete non-conformity from these individuals, it sends a confusing message about what is expected.

I personally would never dream of attending even my club monthly shoot out of costume. It just wouldn't feel right – a golfer wouldn't wear different footwear to that which he would normally, it's all part of the check list to replicate the experience they have when they are competing.

So, to my mind, the same is true for Cowboy shooting. If you practice wearing a baseball cap and when you get a shoot the shells from your '73 rifle land on your hat brim this is an occurrence you may not be expecting and it could very well put you off. If you practise in trainers and then expect to perform to the same levels of dazzling speed and agility in those Cuban Heeled cowboy boots then all you are likely to do is give your possie a good laugh.

## **SECTION BADGES**

These are now back in stock and if you want one of the pin on Section badges with your CAS number engraved on it here's how to go about it. Send a cheque to Pistol NZ, (address on inside cover of Bullshooter) for \$15 made payable to NZ Pistol Assn. Write on the back 'CAS SECTION BADGE', your name, address, alias and CAS number. The badge will be engraved and dispatched to you. It shouldn't take longer than three weeks as I will be getting them engraved in batches.