

PACKING IRON

Cowboy Action Shooting, it's a lifestyle.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPS

Thank you to the Hole in the Foot Gang aka Mid North Rifle and Pistol Club for hosting the North Island CAS Championships. The range echoed to the sound of cowboys and girls shooting imaginative stages during the Friday & Saturday and the Top Gun Shoot Off on Sunday was a real crowd pleaser. A full set of results are available from the PNZ website and a report on the weekend is in this edition.

NEW REGIONAL GOVERNORS

At the CAS Meeting during the NI Champs we elected three new Regional Governors for the North Island. Buffalo Breath, RG for the Far North Region, presented his last report at the meeting and Pistol Pete accepted nomination and was elected unopposed. Both Wild Bill of the North Western and Whiskey Murphy of North Eastern Regions resigned *in absentia*. At the vote PJ for NW and Schofield Sue for NE were nominated. With no further nominations were confirmed as the new RG's for these regions.

PNZ CAS NATIONALS & SASS REGIONAL

Cowboy Paradise is the place to be on November 23 – 26. Trail Blazers Gun Club are hosting the CAS Nationals, the premier Cowboy match on the PNZ CAS calendar and is a fitting conclusion to the shooting year. The entry form is available from the coming events page of the PNZ website. End 2006 on a high by attending this event.

SASS SUMMIT

It's that time of year again and there are 6 items on the agenda for the SASS Territorial Governors Summit in Las Vegas in December.

Item 1. – Should the Uberti 1873 Percussion revolver be allowed as a Frontiersman Category Revolver? This was miss-worded last year and is being voted on again. It was voted on in previous years as a legal main match revolver but not as a Frontiersman Category legal revolver.

Item 2. – Should the Senior & Elder Statesman Categories be divided into smaller divisions by dividing both by age: 60 to 65, 66 to 72, 73 and up? This would accomplish dividing both categories and creating only one new category.

Item 3. – Should we adopt the following Stage Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Directors Guide? It is time we addressed a standard in "Understood Stage Behaviour." A set of Stage Conventions are a list of standards every shooter is expected to know and follow on every stage. These conventions are not 'rules' since they can be over-ridden by stage design. They are standard defaults when nothing is specified. They are as follows-

Unless stated otherwise in stage descriptions, all of the following applies in SASS matches:-

- All knockdown shotgun targets may be re-engaged until down.
- All knockdown targets (shotgun, rifle or revolver) must go down to count.
- All staged guns shall have their barrels pointed safely downrange and, where possible, all long guns staged horizontally shall be staged where no part of the firearm hangs over the edge.
- Staged shotguns shall be open and empty.
- Shooters may not start a stage with ammunition in hand.
- Long guns shall be discarded open and empty with their barrels pointed safely down range.
- Revolvers shall be returned to leather after the shooting string.
- Revolvers shall be drawn and used in accordance with the shooter's category.
- Safe gun handling is the shooter's responsibility. The 170° safety rule is in effect. The basketball travelling rule is in effect when there is a live round under the hammer.
- If no starting position is given, the shooter shall stand fully erect with revolvers holstered, hands at his/her side, not touching any firearm.
- Cowboy port arms is defined as the butt of the long gun at or below the waist of the shooter, the muzzle at or above the shoulder and the long gun held with both hands.
- Interpersonal conflicts **WILL NOT** be tolerated at this event.

Item 4. – Should we outlaw all short and long sleeve tee shirts and tank tops in all categories?

Note – Short sleeve blouses would remain acceptable only in ladies categories.

Item 5. – Should we change the penalty for shooting out of category as follows?

- **First offence in a match is a Procedure Penalty.** The shooter must subsequently comply with the 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.**

At the present time the penalty for shooting out of category is a procedure for each stage the shooter violates the rule. This includes, but is not limited to, not wearing the specified number of items in Classic Cowboy, not making enough smoke in blackpowder categories and shooting with a two handed grip in a Duelist category.

Item 6.- Should we make the following changes in our scoring processes for both time and rank scored matches?

- **Match Disqualification**
Eliminate the shooter from ALL 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 award over another shooter.
- **Did Not Finish**
Disregard overall scores so the shooter cannot finish in front of anyone who shoots all the stages. Does not affect other potential awards such as stage wins.

If you have any strong views, one way or the other, on the above proposed changes please make your views known to your local PNZ Regional Governor who will convey the feed back they receive to me. If you have a SASS Territorial Governor in your club or area, they have voting rights on these matters, you can talk directly to them.