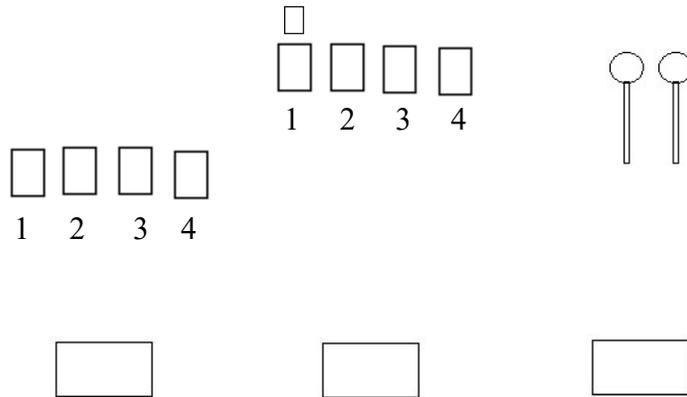


# Pistol Pete



## Stage 1

10 Pistol, 9+1 Rifle and 2 Shotgun

Pistol(s) loaded with 5 rounds and holstered. Rifle loaded with 9 rounds is staged on the middle table, shotgun is staged on the right table.

Frank Eaton (Pistol Pete) was pressed into service as a Deputy US Marshal. Pete went with the Marshal that found him at home and they went to the Marshal's camp in the barn lot of Joe Mack, an old friend of Pete's. There were 4 other deputies and 5 prisoners in the camp. Joe had told them about Pete's abilities with a gun but they did not believe him. Joe bet them a pony that Pete could outshoot them all.

Start at the left table with hands in the surrender position. When ready say "LET'S GET BUSY AND SEE!". At the buzzer, with your pistol(s), shoot the targets in the following order: outside, outside, inside, inside, outside, outside, inside, inside, outside, outside. Move to the middle table and with your rifle, shoot the targets in the following order: outside, outside, inside, inside, outside, outside, inside, inside, outside. Then load a 10<sup>th</sup> round and shoot the small target above target 1. **There is a 7 second bonus if you hit the target.** A miss doesn't count. Make the rifle safe and move to the right table. With your shotgun, knockdown the 2 targets.

## Stage 2

10 Pistol, 10 Rifle and 2 Shotgun

Pistol(s) loaded with 5 rounds and holstered. Rifle loaded with 10 rounds is staged on the middle table, shotgun is staged on the right table.

Pete's first warrant to serve was for a murderer named Jack Schonwaldt. Pete's old friend, John

Swanick, told Pete that Schonwaldt was camping on Swanick's land about a mile from the house and was stealing Indian cattle and hogs and selling the meat in Kansas. Pete and Jonas Swanick, John's son, were getting ready to ride to the camp when Schonwaldt rode into the herd near the Swanick's house and straight toward Pete and Jonas. Pete told Jonas to ride out 20 yards so they would not both be in front of Schonwaldt. He rode up to Schonwaldt and said hello. Schonwaldt then turned to look at Pete and recognized him and made a grab for his gun.

Start at the left table with hands on pistols. When ready say "DON'T DO IT!" At the buzzer, with your pistol(s), shoot the targets in the following order: 4 on 1, 1 on 2, 4 on 3 and 1 on 4. Move to the center table and with your rifle, shoot the targets in the same order as the pistol(s). Make the rifle safe and move to the right table. With your shotgun, knockdown the targets from right to left.

### Stage 3

10 Pistol, 10 Rifle and 2 Shotgun

Pistol(s) loaded with 5 rounds and holstered. Rifle loaded with 10 rounds is staged on the middle table, shotgun is staged on the right table.

Pete joined a group of Marshals to arrest the Bill Pidgeon gang who were holed up in a cabin at a place called Coodys Bluff in the eastern part of the Indian Territory near the Arkansas Line. The cabin was 12 by 14 feet and made of logs and was chinked and daubed. The gang had knocked some of the chinking out and was using the holes as gun ports. The marshals surrounded the cabin and shots were exchanged. There was a big oak tree in front of the front door and J.A. Wilkinson, the head Marshal, took Pete with him when it got dark and they were able to get behind the tree. He thought they could get a good shot at the outlaws when it got light enough to see. At first light, Pete took his hat off and carefully looked around the tree to try to see the front door of the cabin. A piece of bark hit him in the face and a bullet lodged in the tree trunk.

Start in the left table with hands on the table. When ready say "YES BY GAD, THEY'RE IN THERE!" At the buzzer, with your pistols(s), shoot the targets in the following order: 3 on 1, 2 on 2, 3 on 3 and 2 on 4. Make the pistol(s) safe and move to the middle table and with your rifle, shoot the targets in the same order as the pistol(s). Make the rifle safe and move to the right table. With your shotgun, knockdown the 2 targets.

### Stage 4

10 Pistol, 10 Rifle and 2 Shotgun

Pistol(s) loaded with 5 rounds and holstered. Rifle loaded with 10 rounds is staged on the middle table, shotgun is staged on the right table.

Pete rode to Webbers Falls and entered a store to get some vittles. He noticed a stranger at the other end of the counter looking at him. The stranger asked if he was Frank Eaton. Frank

replied that he was. The stranger asked if Frank had any warrants for him. Frank asked the man what his name was. He replied that his name was Bud Wells. Frank told him he didn't have any warrants but did have orders to bring him in. Bud Wells told Frank there was no way he was going to take him anywhere but they should finish eating dinner so Frank wouldn't be sent to hell on an empty stomach. After they finished eating, Bud Wells rolled a cigarette and lit it. Bud then asked Frank if he was ready.

Start at the left table with both hands at your sides. When ready say "YES, I'M READY, GET YOUR IRON!" At the buzzer, with your pistol(s), shoot the targets with a Lawrence Welk Sweep, 1 on 1, 2 on 2, 3 on 3 and 4 on 4. Move to the middle table and with your rifle, shoot the targets in the same order as the pistols. Make the rifle safe and move to the right table. With your shotgun, knockdown the 2 targets.

### Stage 5

10 Pistol, 10 Rifle and 2 Shotgun

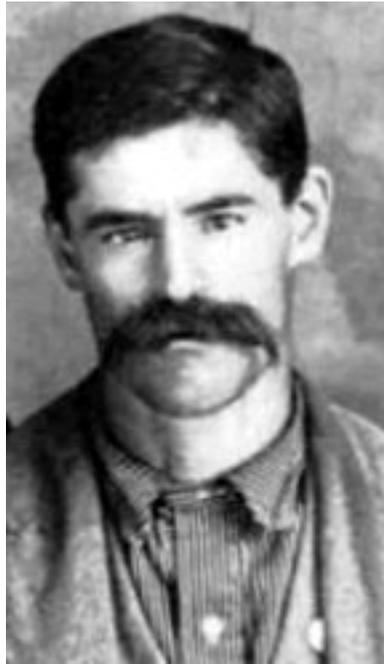
Pistol(s) loaded with 5 rounds and holstered. Rifle loaded with 10 rounds is staged on the middle table, shotgun is staged on the right table.

Pete also worked with the Cattlemen's Association headquartered in Arkansas City. He was given orders to head for Texas to help stop some cattle rustling. He left Arkansas and rode to the Rocking Chair Ranch. He signed on undercover as a **stray man**. After riding the range for a while, Pete found a group of rustlers with a herd of stolen cattle. After watching them for a day, he was able to slip away unnoticed and go back and get the rest of the lawmen. Before they set out to capture the outlaws, Captain Anson, the man in charge asked Frank what his plan was.

**Stray man: A cowboy that works for different outfits and finds stray cows for each.**

Start at the right table with shotgun pointing down range. When ready say "SHOOT FIRST AND BE SURE YOU DON'T MISS!" At the buzzer, with your shotgun, knockdown the 2 shotgun targets. Make the shotgun safe and move to the center table and with your rifle, shoot the targets in the following order: 1, 3, 2, 4, 1, 3, 2, 4, 1, 3. Make the rifle safe and move to the left table. Shoot the targets in the same order as the rifle.

## Match Back Story



Frank Eaton was born in 1860 in Hartford, Connecticut. At the age of eight, he moved with his family to Twin Mound, Kansas.

When Eaton was eight years old, his father, a Vigilante, was shot in cold blood by six former Confederates, who served during the Civil War with Quantrill's Raiders. The six men rode with the southerners who called themselves "Regulators." In 1868, Mose Beaman, his father's friend, said to Frank, "My boy, may an old man's curse rest upon you, if you do not try to avenge your father." That same year, Mose taught him to handle a gun, but it would take nineteen years for Frank to avenge his father.

At the age of fifteen he decided to visit Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, a cavalry fort, to learn more about how to handle a gun. Although too young to join the army, he outshot everyone at the fort and competed with the cavalry's best marksmen, beating them every time. After many competitions, the fort's commanding officer, Colonel Copinger, gave Frank a marksmanship badge and a new nickname. From that day forward, Frank would be known as "Pistol Pete." He began tracking down his father's killers, claiming that by 1887 he had killed five of them, and that the sixth only escaped his gun by being shot by someone in a dispute over a game of cards.

During his teen years, Eaton was reputed to be faster on the draw than Buffalo Bill. From his first days as a lawman, he was said to "pack the fastest guns in the Indian Territory." By the end of his career, Eaton would allegedly have eleven notches on his gun.

He began serving in Indian Territory as a deputy U.S. Marshal at the age of seventeen, under Judge Isaac C. Parker, who was known as the "hanging judge." Eaton's territory extended from southern Kansas to northern Texas.

Eaton was said to have been given a cross by a girlfriend, which he wore around his neck and which saved his life when it deflected a bullet during a gunfight. He would write later that, "I'd rather have the prayers of a good woman in a fight than half a dozen hot guns: she's talking to Headquarters."

Eaton would serve either as a marshal, a sheriff or a deputy sheriff until late in life. At twenty-nine, he joined the land rush to Oklahoma Territory. He settled southwest of Perkins, Oklahoma where he served as sheriff and later became a blacksmith. He was married twice, had nine children, 31 grandchildren, and lived to see three great-great-grandchildren. He died on April 8, 1958 at the age of 97.

Frank Eaton lived the life of a true cowboy. He usually carried a loaded .45 Colt and often said "I'd rather have a pocket full of rocks than an empty gun." He was also known to throw a coin in the air, draw and shoot it before it hit the ground. The common saying in the mid-western United States, "hotter than Pete's pistol," traces back to Eaton's shooting skills, along with his legendary pursuit of his father's killers.

Frank Eaton wrote two books that exemplify the life of a veteran of the Old West. His first was an autobiography titled *Veteran of the Old West: Pistol Pete*, which tells a tale of his life as a Deputy United States Marshal and cowboy. His second book, which was published thirty years after his death, is entitled *Campfire Stories: Remembrances of a Cowboy Legend*. *Campfire Stories* is a collection of yarns and recollections that Frank Eaton would tell to the many visitors that came to sit on his front porch in Perkins, Oklahoma.

In 1958 "Pistol Pete" was adopted as the school's mascot of Oklahoma State University. The familiar caricature of "Pistol Pete" was officially sanctioned in 1984 by the university as a licensed symbol.

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