

Dixie Desperados
New Shooter Orientation
(Questions encouraged!)

- Welcome
- What is "Cowboy Action Shooting"?
- A brief history of SASS
- The Dixie Desperados

Cowboy Action Shooting

- Your Alias
- Clothing and Accoutrements
- Eye/Ear Protection
- Leather, Guncarts and other gear
- Non-Approved/Outlawed items

Shooting Categories (Including a brief description of Wild Bunch)

Firearms

Ammunition (Including, but not limited to: Min./Max velocities, Power Factor/Black Powder Smoke, etc.)

Range Operations and Safety

- Spirit of the Game
- Firearm and Stage Safety (Including, but not limited to: The 170 rule, Safety Officers, Range Officers, The TO, Spotters, etc. "Everybody is a Safety Officer")

Match Procedures, Standards and Penalties

Firearm Handling

- Different Pistols, Rifles & Shotguns will be available for SAFE examination.

Supervised Live Fire

- An Instructor will demonstrate the proper way to load, going from the loading table to the firing position, then to the unloading table. Then.....
- Participants will be allowed to fire five (5) rounds with Pistol, five (5) rounds with Rifle and four (4) shotgun - all on an individual basis. They may use their own firearms if they have them, or firearms provided by the instructors.

Sample "Live Fire" Stage

- Participants will engage a simple stage using all required firearms. They will be "on the clock" with all SASS rules applying. An individual critique will follow.

Summary - Q&A - "What's In MY Cart"

- The Instructors will discuss the different type(s) of gun carts and show what individual items they personally take to a match.
- Handouts and a copy of the SASS Shooters Handbook will be given to each participant. If they (and the Instructors) are comfortable with them proceeding to a club match, they will be told to tell the sign up officer and their Posse Leader that they are a new shooter. A "mentor" will be assigned. If they, or the Instructors feel they need more work, they will be asked to attend another New Shooter Orientation.



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RESOURCES:

Single Action Shooting Society Home Page: www.sassnet.com

- Go 3/4 of the way down, left side of Home Page to "Shooter's Handbooks"
- You've been given a copy of the latest version - 23.2 January 2019

Captain Baylor's Ranger Camp: www.curtrich.com

- Go to: Captain Baylor's Ranger Camp / Getting Started in Cowboy Action Shooting. There are also other worthwhile articles & links, such as "Wild Bunch for Dummies", "Black Powder for Dummies", "Ruger New Vaquero", etc.

Marauder's Old West Page: www.marauder.homestead.com

- Lots of great information links, including:
 - Getting started in Cowboy Action
 - Marauder's Irons Page (LOTS of great info!)
 - And more.....

Facebook: Doc McCandless - S.A.S.S. and Cowboy Action Shooting

- Articles for New Shooters: Choosing Rifles and Pistols. Shotgun article in the works.

REMINDERS:

- Only SASS approved firearms and lead Cowboy ammunition are approved for use on our range. NO jacketed ammunition, hollow points or gas check bullets.
- Preferred shotgun ammunition is usually Winchester AA Light/Featherlight (low noise/low recoil)....or....Remington STS Light Target. #7 1/2 or #8 shot is the Cowboy Standard.

Always think "Safety First!" and remember - Shoot Safe, Shoot Straight....and have fun!

"BT" Blade - SASS #35685 Life

One Ton - SASS #45061 Life

