

# Welcome to Dry Gulch Home of the Dry Gulch Desperados Cowboy Action Shooting

The Dry Gulch Desperados club was formed five years ago by a group of local shooters who had been shooting Cowboy Action together, at other clubs, for several years. We started out with about 10 shooters each month and have grown to 30 shooters per month. We all truly enjoy our sport and hope you will come out and join us.

This is a brief summary of what Cowboy Action shooting is all about and what you'll need to start shooting at Dry Gulch. \*\*Please note that we do make allowances & exceptions for new shooters that might not be applicable at other ranges. \*\* We do recommend that you visit the SASS web site and familiarize yourself with the basic rules of Cowboy Action shooting.

The Single Action Shooting Society or SASS was formed 24 years ago. SASS is the quickest growing sport in the world, right now. There are more than 60,000+ members worldwide. SASS membership is not required to shoot at Dry Gulch but we do encourage you to check out their web site; [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com) and see what it's all about. Many of our local shooters tried the sport for a while before joining but just as many joined as soon as they heard about it.

On any Cowboy Action shooting range you will encounter people of all ages and occupations. From the Junior (under 18) to the Elder Statesman at 70+ years; grandchildren shooting with their grandparents and everyone in between; it's not uncommon to see three generations of a family out on the range. This is truly a family sport. There is nothing like putting on your boots, hat and strapping on a pair of six-guns to make you feel like a kid again. You just know John Wayne is smiling at you.

The rules are fairly simple:

- Eye & ear protection at all times

- Pistol caliber firearms only

- Lead bullets & lead shot only.

  - Because we shoot steel targets, the lead bullets & shot minimize the lead splattered back on the shooters and spectators. Steel shot & jacketed bullets on steel targets can cause serious splatter back on shooters and spectators and can cause serious injury.

- No tennis shoes or baseball caps

Not so simple is YOUR choice of weapon for this sport. All of us here at Dry Gulch had to get started at some point or the other. Many of us only had one pistol and a shotgun or maybe a pistol and a rifle; very few people have all the guns needed when they first start out. So, that required that we all play well together and share our toys until we could all get our own toys. And that's a lesson we've all learned quite well. New shooters are welcome to come out to the range and there are quite a few people who will be happy to share their guns with you until you're able to outfit yourself. There are a lot more options to choose from now than there were a few years ago. Taking advantage of this opportunity allows you the chance to try out several different calibers, models and style of firearm so you'll know what fits you.

This is what we ask; if you don't have all the guns you need or you're not sure if what you'll have will work come on out and bring what you've got. Being a smaller, local club we can be more flexible with the types of firearms used while you're getting started in Cowboy Action Shooting. For example, shooting double action pistols single action. We'll assign one of our experienced shooters to spend the day with you and help you however you need.

To assist you in choosing your firearms here is a brief summary of the SASS requirements for firearms and ammunition: For further information we do encourage you to visit the SASS website at [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com)

### Ammunition requirements

Revolver & rifle ammunition may not be jacketed, semi-jacketed, plated, gas checked or copper washed. It must be **ALL** lead. Velocities are relatively low:

Pistols - up to 1,000 fps

Rifles - up to 1,400 fps

### Equipment & Shooter Categories

#### **Pistols**

Shooters are divided into categories determined by the type of pistol he or she is using, the propellant used and the shooting style. Basic categories are Modern (pistols with adjustable sights), Traditional (fixed sights), Frontier Cartridge (black powder), Duelist (shooting one handed) and Frontiersman (cap & ball).

#### **Rifles**

Rifles must be lever or slide action, tubular feed, exposed hammer rifle or carbine manufactured before 1899, or any reproduction of.

.25 caliber or larger

Pistol caliber only

Open iron sights or original style, tang mounted peep sights

Velocities up to 1,400 fps

#### **Shotguns**

Shotguns must side by side typical of the era without automatic ejectors, with or without external hammers, with single or double hammers. Any lever action or pump shotgun with an exposed hammer (Winchester Models 1887 or 1897 or Marlin Model 1898 or their descendants)

Must be between 10 gauge and 20 gauge

Barrels must be over 18" in length

No magnum loads

Lead shot only (no steel shot)

Pump and lever action shotguns are allowed to load no more than two rounds at a time unless specified in the stage description

Extractors are legal (they pull the cases about ¼ inch out of the barrels)

Ejectors are **not** legal (they launch the cases out of the barrels)

#### **Costuming & Alias**

A big part of Cowboy action shooting is your alias and the costuming. Each shooter is asked to choose an alias, which he or she will be known by on the range. Your costume can then be developed based on your character or at the least we ask that you wear boots, a cowboy hat and western style shirt. As you may have noticed, looking at the shooter at the range today, almost everyone gets involved in the costuming. It is not uncommon for the men in the family to have more Cowboy Action clothes than their wives.

Basically that's what Cowboy Action shooting and the Dry Gulch Desperados are all about. We encourage you to come out and join us for a day and try your hand at it. If you've got any questions or would like more information please feel free to contact us and we'd be happy to answer any of your questions.

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