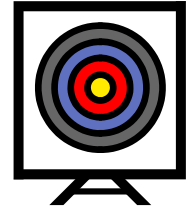




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MRC NEWS

COVID19

MRC would like to reiterate that the range is shut down for all public events except Shotgun Sports. The range is however, open to member use with a maximum of 4 guests. This will remain in effect until the executive Stay Home Order from the Governor is rescinded.

Additionally, because of CDC recommendations regarding social distancing, MRC is unable to hold any meetings and to continue with membership renewals.

Hunters Education Updates:

For students that have not taken any hunter education course.

1. Student X takes the On-Line Hunter Education course. <https://www.hunter-ed.com/washington/>
2. Student X completes the On-Line course, they then will be directed to the Virtual Field Skill on line course. Link is as follows: <https://www2.huntercourse.com/virtualfieldday/register>
3. Once they successfully complete the Virtual Field Skill course they get a certification for completion of the Virtual Field Day (The number on this virtual field course cert **IS NOT** THEIR HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATION number)
4. Once Student X completes the Virtual Field Skill course they must then go back

into the main On-Line Hunter Ed course and reprint an updated On-Line Hunter Education course certification that now reflects they have completed the Virtual Field Day. This certification will have a number on it that begins with an E
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5. Student X then can either present that E-number certificate to a dealer and they enter into the Wild licensing system as their Hunter Education Certificate or Student X can call WDFW's licensing division, e-mail copy and they can enter into the Wild licensing system. WDFW licensing number is: [360.902.2464](tel:360.902.2464).

For students that have already completed the On-Line Course:

1. Student X who has completed the On-Line course, they should have received an e-mail directing them to the Virtual Field Skill on line course. If they had not received link they go to the follow link and use their same log in information for the On-line course. Link is as follows: <https://www2.huntercourse.com/virtualfieldday/register>
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Dave Eason, Hunter Education Committee

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

I am sure like me, most of our members are looking forward to when we can all gather for public matches once again. I too miss the comradery and joy of watching fellow club members compete and have fun at my personal favorite shooting sport. Cowboy Action. I would be a fool to believe that most of our members don't already know the following information, however since we can't gather to compete in a match; let us instead revisit the history of this great and rewarding shooting sport we all love dearly. Till then, stay well, wash your hands, and remember to wear a mask with your other protective gear while using the range facilities.

Thank You.
Angela Romainger

Cowboy Action Shooting was first created in 1981 by Harper Creigh aka Judge Roy Bean, SASS #1. After watching a couple of old westerns on TV on a rainy Saturday afternoon, he had a brain storm. An avid shooter in Soldier of Fortune and IPSC type action shooting matches he called shooting buddies, Gordon Davis and Bill Hahn and presented an idea to shoot their next match using western type guns. The rest, as they say, is history.

Cowboy Action Shooting began at a shooting range in Coto de Caza, California. In the

beginning, very loose rules were adhered to. But before long an assemblage of rules began to take shape and the new shooting sport evolved into what it is today.

In April 1982, the first END of TRAIL was introduced. Sixty-five registered shooters competed. It wasn't until 1987, however, that SASS, The Single Action Shooting Society was formed. By then the Wild Bunch was formed and a membership organization was created to preserve and promote the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting.

Cowboy Action Shooting is the fastest growing outdoor shooting sport in the country. Attracting competitors from around the world, Cowboy Action Shooting is not only a sport that tests the shooters accuracy, but also a forum that brings back the days of the Old West in a veritable celebration of the cowboy lifestyle.

The Single Action Shooting Society is the governing organization of Cowboy Action Shooting, worldwide. Today, with over 97,000 members, SASS is represented in all fifty states and 18 foreign countries. The organization endorses regional matches conducted by its more than 700 SASS affiliated clubs and promulgates rules and procedures to ensure safety and consistency in Cowboy Action Shooting matches. Most importantly, however, SASS members share a common interest for preserving the history of the Old West.

SASS is headquartered in Edgewood, New Mexico and maintains a staff of 5 employees who conduct the day-to-day operations. All SASS publications, including The Cowboy Chronicle, SASS Rule Book, Territorial Governor Bulletin, END of TRAIL Publications, among others, are published in-house.

In the years since its inception, SASS has been owned and run by a board of directors know as "The Wild Bunch." These individuals wrote the rules, created the membership benefits and developed The Cowboy Chronicle, monthly Journal of The Single Action Shooting Society. Many individuals have contributed to the growth

and direction of SASS and Cowboy Action Shooting and the board has evolved equally. Today there are four Wild Bunch members who meet on a regular basis to administer the organization's ever growing concerns, each using his unique talents and expertise directing the organization in areas including membership services, marketing and public relations, accounting, shooting range management, and safety.

The Wild Bunch members are:

Harper Creigh, AKA Judge Roy Bean, SASS #1, SASS Ambassador / Boyd A. Davis, AKA General U.S. Grant, SASS #2, SASS President / Brad L. Myers, AKA Hipshot, SASS #7, Special Programs Director / Don Ormand, AKA Tex, SASS #4, Editor of The Cowboy Chronicle and SASS publications editor

In the beginning, all rules for Cowboy Action Shooting were determined by the Wild Bunch. Today, things are much different. One of the early developments of SASS was the enlisting of Territorial Governors. These individuals were, and still are, voted in annually by members of their SASS affiliated clubs and given the responsibility of club representation. Until the last few years, Governors acted only as an advisory board. Today, however, it is the consensus vote of the Territorial Governors that determines any new rule changes in the game.

SASS has evolved and spread its game around the world. With Judge Roy Bean traveling to sometimes three matches in one month across the country, SASS also attends such major conventions as The Shot Show, NRA Convention, Ducks Unlimited Outdoor Festivals and a myriad of guns shows and events.

In 1999, SASS expanded its national Cowboy Action Shooting Championship program to include SASS Regional Events.

In 2004, SASS purchased a rustic 480-acre ranch in the rolling hills 20 miles east of

Albuquerque, New Mexico where it is building the world's premiere Cowboy Action Shooting facility. Christened Founders Ranch in honor of those who founded SASS, the ranch is a one by three-quarter mile rectangle surrounded by a seven-foot game fence containing a small herd of American buffalo and several longhorn cattle. Located six miles off Interstate 40 at the top of the grade east of Albuquerque, Founders Ranch has its own roads, a good well, and ample electricity. The property also contains a three-bedroom ranch house and a 1500 square foot steel barn. The facility includes a state-of-the-art twenty bay shooting range, camping pads for up to 600 recreational vehicles, parking for up to 4000 cars, as well as a weather proof road network. The center piece of the shooting facility is a functional Western Town replica opposite the shooting range used by SASS and its sponsors and vendors. An equestrian center is located at the northern most portion of the ranch which includes a 150 by 300 foot arena.

The SASS Web Site at www.sassnet.com receives on average 1.5 million visits per month and continues to grow. The Cowboy Chronicle now prints over 30,000 copies and supports advertising from more than 150 advertisers.

Men, women, and children have all shared the benefits of the unique shooting design that focuses more on our American history, camaraderie and the safe recreational use of firearms instead of pure competition.

SASS has made an effort to bring support from not only those in the shooting industry, but from the non-shooting arenas as well. SASS continues to produce END of TRAIL, The World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting and it is still our flagship event, taking place every June at Founders Ranch, New Mexico. END of TRAIL, the granddaddy of all Cowboy Action Shooting events regularly hosts over 1600 competitors and conventioners with more than \$250,000 in sponsorship support. On average some 25,000 spectators and participants attend the annual event.

END of TRAIL, however, is not the only major Cowboy Action Shooting event. SASS has more than 500 affiliated clubs, the majority of whom present annual multi-day events, some having escalated to proportions once never imagined.

SASS has come a long way since its origins back in 1981. It has become a direct reflection of the membership who join with heart and vigor expanding and keeping alive the Spirit of the Game.

SASS must give credit to many individuals and groups who have contributed to the growth and direction of Cowboy Action Shooting. The bottom line however is SASS members are what make the organization and The Wild Bunch is determined to lead, and at the same time, follow the direction our great sport is taking us.

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