

On behalf of the Club, I want to take this opportunity to make sure all of you know how we will be shooting the Long Range Side Matches at Trailhead™ this year, and how we shoot the THSS Wild Bunch™ category.

### **LONG RANGE SIDE MATCHES**

The Long Range Side Matches, both Single Shot and Lever, will be true *long range shoots* this year. Instead of having them at Gunsmoke on Thursday afternoon with the rest of the side matches, we will shoot them on Friday afternoon at the silhouette range behind Herman's house. Notice I said *Friday afternoon*. In order to get this done we will need everyone's help in a few areas. Number one, we will need to make sure there is absolutely no one on the East side of the fence that runs by Fort Finn in order to make the silhouette range 'hot'. As soon as all the posses shooting Stages 1 thru 5 on Friday are finished we need everyone, and their vehicles, moved from that side of Gunsmoke. Second, in order to make sure we have enough time to get this done, we need everyone that is going to shoot, to get over to the range as soon as possible after they finish their stages for the day. Third, if possible, share a ride over there with someone. There is not as much room for parking around Herman's house as there is at Gunsmoke. The course of fire will be as follows. Single Shot shooters will shoot at the 300 meter Pigs and the 500 meter Rams. Lever Gun shooters will shoot at the 200 meter Chickens and the 270 meter Quigley Bucket. In each category you will get two 'sighter shots' and then shoot five rounds for score at each range. The match will not be timed this year. After everyone has shot, all shooters that are tied for 1<sup>st</sup> Place with the most hits, in each category, will then go to a shoot off to determine the First Place winner for that category. You can use cross-sticks and shoot from either sitting or prone position. We want everyone to enjoy these side matches, but also know what you will need to be able to do so. So, if you use a mat, make sure you bring it and your cross-sticks. Also, bring plenty of ammunition, as the shoot-off may take a good number of shots, you don't want to be there and then run out of ammo.

### **THSS WILD BUNCH™ CATEGORY**

We do shoot THSS Wild Bunch™ as a Main Match Category at Trailhead™, but we do not shoot it exactly the same as SASS does. Since THSS started THSS Wild Bunch™ shooting, and has been shooting organized matches since 1994, we like to stick with the rules we started with. Our rules are as follows:

- 1) You will need two, period correct (1917 or earlier) pistols, one semi-automatic and one revolver.
- 2) You can shoot any Main Match legal rifle, does not have to be .44 caliber or larger.
- 3) You can shoot any Main Match legal shotgun, does not have to be a '97 Winchester. Also allowed, in THSS Wild Bunch™ shooters classification/category only, is a Winchester Model 12 shotgun, original or replica. The Model 12 must appear to be typical of the period, circa 1912.
- 4) You will load the shotgun like everyone else, on the clock, not at the loading table.
- 5) You will shoot all the stages exactly the same as everyone else, except for your 2<sup>nd</sup> Pistol.
- 6) You will always shoot your semi-auto as the '2<sup>nd</sup> Pistol', then reload and repeat the '2<sup>nd</sup> Pistol' target sequence at each stage.

If you have any questions about the Long Range Side Match or THSS Wild Bunch™, please call me at 281-687-1590.

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