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TRAIL BOSS POWDER FOR SINGLE ACTION

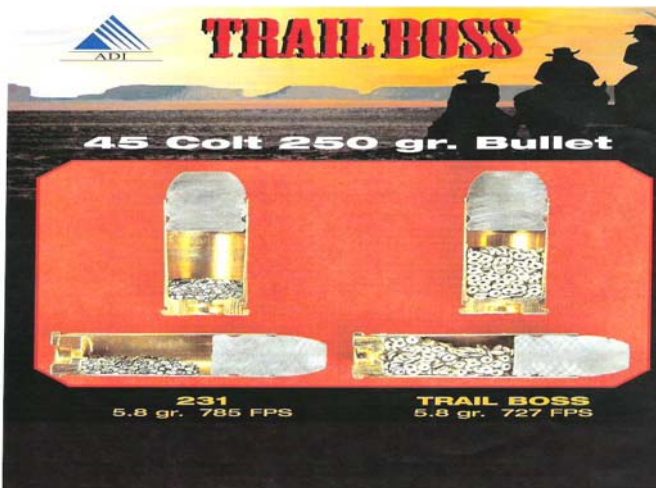
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Trail Boss has swept the market off it's feet in the USA and will be available in Australia early in 2007.



CHISHOLM TRAIL 2006

September 26th to October 1st, 2006 saw one hundred and ninety seven competitors friends and families head out to the S.S.A.A. owned Captains Mountain Complex near Millmerran, Queensland for the 14th National and 8th SASS Australian Regional Championships.

Competitors from all Australian States and visitors from New Zealand and the United States of America provided the truly international composite of this event.

A record field of Junior competitors both male and female proved that the younger folk of the twenty first century are still attracted to the shooting sports.

The hardy veterans in attendance at Western Creek had ridden the Chisholm Trail many times before with the likes of John Wayne, The Earps and the Spirit of The West, "*Manifest Destiny*" but none had before saddled up to ride with the James-Younger gang down this long and treacherous trail. This could prove to be the ride of a lifetime.

The old ghost town on stage one became the property of Quantrill's Guerillas and provided a back drop for one last time before the entire town is refurbished prior to Chisholm Trail 2007. The Northfield Bank had sprung up adjacent to the refurbished emporium on stage five and the room in which Jesse James allegedly met his demise on April 3rd, 1882 stood out starkly on stage twelve. The scene had been set.

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Chisholm Trail 2006 Results

CHISHOLM TRAIL OVERALL CHAMPIONS

Henry McCarty
Miss Ruby Redsmoke (NZ)

SASS AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Henry McCarty
Alvira Sullivan Earp

CATEGORY CHAMPIONS

Traditional

Henry McCarty
Henry Sharps
The Trapper

Ladies Traditional

Miss Clancy
Wandering Star
Violet Rose

Modern

R C Shot
Wichita Willy
Dr. Death

Ladies Modern

Mrs. H
Miss Mollie
Flipper

Seniors

John Slocum
Rooster Cockburn
Duke York

Ladies Seniors

Speewah Jill
Ripley Rose
Rea Coyle

B Western

Trooper
Caspar Kid
Miss Ruby Redsmoke

Classic Cowboy

Buster Giggs
Long Haired Jim
Cibolero

49ers

Pa McCarty
Frank James
Morgan Earp

Ladies 49ers

Alvira Sullivan Earp
Killajul's (NZ)
Two Gun Kate

Buckaroo

Quick Draw

Buckette

Miss Leena
Equalising Jane

Junior

The Terror
Savage Sam
D.J.

Junior Girls

Luck E Shot
Baby Sister

Duelist

Sam Balin
Lane
Carter Moss

Elder Statesman

Bad Al Zima
Hipshot
Trigga Mortus

Gunfighter

Black Bart McKeown
Coyote
Colorada

Frontiersman

C.T.M.
Black Rat
Mud

Frontier Cartridge

Joe Kidd
Lobo
Henry Moon

Congratulations and well done to these national and international champions.

Chisholm Trail 2007 will be held from September 25th to 30th, 2007 at the SSAA Captains Mountain Complex, Millmerran Queensland. For nomination forms, information and updates visit the website at <http://sasa.qir.com.au>

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Rawhide 2006

By: Tiresome Tony

Victorian club Little River Raiders staged its signature inter-club competition "Rawhide" in and around the rocky slopes and gulches of the SSAA (Victoria) Eagle Park Range over the weekend of 14th and 15th of October 2006.

Thirty eight enthusiastic Cowboys and Cowgirls ranging from the steely eyed slick guns to the average single action shooters lined up to compete for the silverware. For the many who can't shoot fast they can sure shoot fun.

Mild but windy weather greeted the group arriving at the main range on Saturday morning for the Long Range Rifle side events. Great fun was had as competitors tried to outguess the "breeze" and hit the buffalo at five hundred yards.

A full range of Speed events followed seeing Saturday out. An evening BBQ followed by a "Swap Meet" saw a range of pre-loved clothing, leather, firearms and what have you picked over with much of it finding new owners.

Sunday and six main match stages ran smooth and clean. Minimal procedural errors were incurred acknowledging the fact that the clever and well planned stages had achieved the desired result.

Following their main stages the "Top Gun" was played out by the slick and the quick with *Wandering Star* coming up trumps for the Cowgirls. For the Cowboys, one by one they stepped up to the line to be hastily dispatched by the eventual winner, Fort Bridger Junior shooter *Cool Hand Luke*. There is no doubt that this young man has a bright future on the stage of single action shooting competition. Other Junior competitors, most notably *The Exford Kid* also displayed great potential.

In the wash-up the eventual winner of Rawhide 2006 Champion was awarded to *Woodrow Call* who shot fast and clean throughout the match. Now Woodrow has the added pressure of having to defend his title in 2007.

RAWHIDE 06 - RESULTS

49ers

Little Joe D
Panhandle
Half Cast

Duelist

Judge Ruger
Squizzy
Long Haired Jim

Elder Statesman

Rio Kid

Frontier Cartridge

Tiresome Tony
Painless Potter

Ladies 49ers

Shaft Shot Squaw

Ladies Modern

Cheyenne Jack

Juniors

Coolhand Luke
The Exford Kid

Modern

Woodrow Call
Tony Diablo

Seniors

Duke York
Sundance
Sambucca Kid

Traditional

Chuck wagon
The Irishman
OO Buck

RAWHIDE 2006 CHAMPION

Woodrow Call

Rawhide 2007 will be held on a date to be advised. Please check the SSAA-SASA website national annual match page at <http://sasa.qir.com.au> for updates. Organizers may be contacted at racs@immsfinance.com.au

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RANGEMASTER ON RULES & SAFETY

The Mysteries of Timer Operators and Spotters Revealed. Sounds a little like a shattering revelation but in reality there is no real mystery about these important functions whatsoever. Inconsistencies are usually related to incorrect interpretation and application in the way in which a shooter is administered on the firing line and how misses and procedurals are applied. Then of course there is always the fear of offending a buddy by applying a penalty or recording a miss. Perhaps this is one of the more significant influences surfacing at both club and above club level matches. Let us take a look at the roles of Timer Operator and Spotter separately and see if we can clarify some of those perceived mysteries.

The Timer Operator or R.O. Timer, another commonly used term to describe the Chief Range Officer on the stage is in charge of the firing line and whose primary function is to *safely assist the shooter through the course of fire*. Additionally the T.O. assigns the three spotters required to run the stage. We will come back to this a little further on in this article. The T.O. also watches the shooter for unsafe acts, correct target engagement and stage procedures and ensures that the shooter expends all rounds as required before moving to the next firearm in the sequence. What the T.O. does not do is count misses for do so is to discount the ability to safely and correctly administer the shooter as described.

Administering the shooter on the firing line and operating the timer is

not as difficult as some may think however there are a few fundamentals that should be kept in mind. Always stand at arms length behind the shooter on the strong side holding the timer at or above shoulder level just out of the shooters peripheral vision range and with the timer's sensor facing the shooter. It is not necessary to record every shot but it is important to get up close and personal to ensure the last shot is recorded. Another useful tip is to ensure that when performing the T.O. role that you do not cast a shadow over the shooters shoulder or firearms whilst in use. After announcing the score to the shooter, clear the range and announce the score to the Scorekeeper. It is always useful to show the timer reading to the Scorekeeper to ensure that there is no misunderstanding the time called. Lastly poll the spotters for misses and procedural penalties and announce the results clearly to both the shooter and Scorekeeper. There it is in a nutshell, simple and easy really. Did I say easy? Yes I did. The T.O. task can be made easy but only if the T.O. shares the role during the match with other competent T.O.s In short don't hog the timer because you are the posse leader or you think you are the only competent T.O. on the posse. Share the task and you are being fair not only to yourself but the shooters as well.

Now as I stated earlier the T.O. assigns the three spotters needed to ensure that the shooter receives fair adjudication on misses and procedurals. This task requires a great deal of

concentration and the use of not just the ears but the eyes as well. Next time you watch a referee at a ball game see how he focuses and watches intently as the ball is pitched so as to assess correctly what the pitcher and batter are doing. As a spotter you only need to ensure that the correct targets are being engaged to assess procedurals however you need to watch and listen to each target as it is engaged to ensure a correct call is made. Similar to the referee at that ball game isn't it? Eyes, ears and concentration are all used if a spotter is to discharge his or her duties correctly.

Spotters should be spread across the stage, one either side and one more or less in a central position so that there are three alternative perspectives of the target arrays. Watch the targets individually as they are engaged and you **will** see that "nick" or "edge" that more often is lost if you are only listening for that elusive ring of the steel. Another useful indicator is the ground below and to the rear and either side of the target being engaged. That puff of dust is not necessarily a missed target but often a fragment of the projectile as it sheers after hitting the edge of the target then the ground. There is no easy way to determine this except to say, assess the impact point in relation to the target and then assess where the firearm would have to be pointed to directly hit that ground point. In many instances the firearm would have to be pointed in a vastly different direction than at the particular target. Lastly of course if you are simply not sure give the benefit of the doubt to the shooter. Now that raises another issue. Exactly what does *benefit of the doubt to the shooter* mean? It means if you are not sure of a hit or miss then the shooter is given



the shot as a hit. What it does not mean is that you confer with the other spotters or alter your miss and procedural count to agree with them. To do so is not only unfair to the shooter but it is in reality unfair to every shooter in the match.

The question sometimes arises as to how to adjudicate the miss count when three spotters do not agree on the number of misses. Firstly let us assume the count is 2, 2, 1. In this instance the call would be two misses. That is, majority rule or two out of three break the tie. Another more difficult situation is where the spotters arrive at a 3, 2, 1 count. The solution however is still a simple one, the shooter in this instance is accorded two misses. The score recorded I would then be changing my spotters immediately as obviously not enough attention is being paid to the task at hand. This may be for a number of reasons but most often it is simply due to weariness after spotting for lengthy periods of time during a match.

Tie Breakers and the last case *Average Call* have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with *benefit of the doubt to the shooter*.

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TO OUR READERS A WARNING:

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Chisholm Trail 2006

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After a walk down Main Street with Quantrill's Guerillas on stage one the ride through the years with Jesse and the gang proved to be fraught with danger. Targets were as they should be, big and close, but the target arrays were not set in the usual straight line layouts. There were ore carts and buffalos set to challenge all shooters and even the traditional shaped targets were set out at varying heights. All of this made for an interesting match but in the end it made no difference whatsoever to the final results.

The Northfield bank on stage four provided some added twists where the shooter was required to push down the front door to reveal the targets. For some this was a breeze, for others .. well let us say it was not quite as easy as it looked.

The attention to detail of costuming was more than evident and stayed that way right through to the conclusion of Chisholm Trail. There were even some shady ladies walking down Main Street in truly flamboyant costumes each day and that in itself breathed life into the town that otherwise would have only been a street of heartless buildings.

The shooting done and the question still remained. Did that dirty little coward really shoot Mr. Howard? Well history sometimes remains silent on many things and this question is one of them. It was rumored that Jesse living under the assumed name of Thomas Howard was not in fact murdered by Bob Ford back in 1882. I guess we will never know.

As the dust settled and the streets of Western Creek returned to silence thoughts turned to socializing, shindigs and bragging rights. Once again at the Saturday evening Shindig costuming was amazing. One could be forgiven for thinking that indeed we had all stepped back into the 1800s. The dusty cowboys of earlier that day had become gentlemen in evening attire escorting their belles and even the young folk looked right at home in their cowboy era outfits. As the night wore on *Ridgy Didge*, the band, coaxed the cowboys to the dance floor with their brand of old time music. Whilst many danced others swapped yarns and related tall stories of their feats and deeds along the Chisholm Trail with Jesse James and the Youngers. The band played their last song, weary folks wandered back to their camps and it was all but over. Over that is until next year.

Read the main match results on page 2.

Now here is an interesting way to build a range from round hay bales. Twelve bays were built and facades erected for a match on what was an open range cattle paddock. Afterwards there was no evidence that a match had even been held. Cowboys do think outside the square - don't they?



Bet You Didn't Know About This Outlaw

Much has been written about the Earps, the Clanton Gang and almost everyone with an interest in the *Old West* can talk about such notables. There are however some lesser known scoundrels or more to the point outlaws about whom little is known. Harry Head known as *Harry the Kid* is one such person. Head was a stage robber and cattle rustler who met his demise at Eureka, New Mexico in 1881.

Head carved out a career on the wrong side of the law as a cattle thief in southern Arizona and was associated with Ike Clanton's nefarious operations. IN March 1881, Head, Bill Leonard and two others were engaged in a bloody attempt to rob a stage coach. Three months later Head and Leonard were killed while trying to hold up a store in New Mexico.

On March 15, 1881 near Contention, Arizona a stage coach leaving Tombstone was loaded with \$26,000 of Wells Fargo money. Thee were eight passengers aboard and the bullion was guarded by Bob Paul a lawman. The stage passed through Contention about twelve miles from Tombstone where driver Budd Philpot changed teams.

A mile outside Contention the coach slowed to negotiate a steep grade when Head, Leonard and Jim Crane stepped from an ambush and ordered the driver to stop. Paul and the bandits began to trade shots. Peter Roerig, a passenger in the coach was killed as was Philpot. Shot in the heart Philpot pitched forward on top of the horses and they bolted. Paul leaped onto the wagon tongue, managed to secure the reins and bought the coach under control.

Luther King, who held the outlaws horses was captured a day later by Morgan Earp, and he divulged the names of his confederates. Wells Fargo put up a reward of \$2,000 each for Head, Leonard and Crane, dead or alive. Wyatt Earp eager for the glory of apprehending the outlaws secretly offered the Clantons' \$3,600 if they would lure the escaped trio into a trap.

June 1881 near Eureka, New Mexico Head, Leonard and Crane remained at large despite the offered rewards and arrest warrants. In late June Head and Leonard attempted to rob a store in Eureka. The owners Bill and Ike Haslett produced guns and after a sharp flurry of shots Head and Leonard were no more. Crane later engineered the deaths of the Haslett brothers and was himself killed in New Mexico a short time later.

There are numerous Harry Heads in the history books but few rise to folklore status as the Clantons and Earps have done as a result of the O.K. Corral incident.

Essentially most of the lesser known outlaws were not known as *gunfighters* as they were little more than thieves who resorted to violence from time to time.

Gunfighters on the other hand have been credited with far too many deeds, or misdeeds in relation to so called "gunfights". Looking at just a small selection of the notables it is patently obvious that the misconceptions created by Hollywood and the B Western over the years are just that, misconceptions. For example, Sundance Kid is credited with just four gunfights, Wyatt Earp with five, Johnny Ringo with two and Bat Masterson with three. Only Bat Masterson and Johnny Ringo are credited with one death each. Simply the notion that gunfighters faced off in the dusty streets of places like Dodge City, Tombstone, Deadwood and the like has no foundation or supporting evidence. The only gunfight recorded, and even the authenticity of that is hotly debated to this day ,concerns James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok.



From:

The National Chairmans Desk

November 15th, 2006

Dear Single action Shooters,

As the year draws to a close one could be forgiven for wondering where the months have gone. I guess the ever increasing number of single action events keep us all on our toes and time seems to be a secondary consideration.

Sadly during the year some of our fraternity have suffered ill health and to those folks I extend my best wishes for a speedy return to good health. Sadly also we have lost yet other folk to the heavenly posse. To their families I extend my condolences and kind thoughts.

On a brighter note, this year saw twenty five Australians compete at the world championships, End of Trail, in New Mexico in June. Again in 2006 the Australian contingent made up more than fifty percent of the international field of competitors and proved that indeed Australia produces world class single action shooters if the number of plaques and trophies brought home is anything to go by. To those stalwart competitors I say well done.

Chisholm Trail 2006, the Australian national and SASS Regional Championships attracted just shy of two hundred competitors drawn from all Australian states, New Zealand and the U.S.A. Many of the veterans were there as were a number of "first-timers" but the most significant and impressive group was the record number of Junior competitors both male and female. Very impressive indeed and my congratulations goes out to those young shooters who will without doubt be tomorrow's champions. In the wash-up Miss Ruby Redsmoke from New Zealand again took top honors as Overall Lady winner of Chisholm Trail and Alvira Sullivan Earp again took out the Regional Lady Championship. Henry McCarty after a neck and neck race just pipped Henry Sharps for the Overall and Regional Championship. Indeed to watch these competitors in action is a real treat. The rising stars are there also and as each year goes by these folks exert more and more pressure on the top shooters. I predict that a changing of the guard is not too many years away.

The number of major events now available during the year have been increased by the surge in interest and addition of black powder only events. The inaugural "Ride With The Devil" match held in Queensland was an outstanding success with a baptism by fire for some of the traditionally smokeless shooters and a conversion process to the dark side for yet others.

The long established SASA International Black Powder Championships hosted by Mister Skye, Lonesome Dove and CASS again produced the goods and surprises synonymous with this event. If you miss this one in 2007 you will miss a classic event.

I would like also, to congratulate and thank all those folks who have, over the year, again put in so much time and effort to produce the excellent matches that make up our annual calendar. I urge you to take the time when the opportunity arises to thank these largely unsung folks for their dedication and effort that gives us all a safe, competitive and enjoyable time at their events.

In closing may I wish each and every one of our fraternity a very peaceful, safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year period and I hope 2007 brings good health and happiness to you all.

Until Next Time.

Hager

BASIC GUNSMITHING TIPS

Screwdrivers and Screws

In this new column for The Telegraph we will be outlining some very basic gunsmiths' tips and techniques in this and future issues that will help keep those prized firearms working and in good condition.

How many times have you burred or completely ruined a screw on one of your prized firearms? Most of us have done it at least once. Well don't despair here are a few tips to assist in avoiding that problem again.

Unbreakable Screwdrivers

Simply there is no such thing as "unbreakable" screwdrivers. Further it is not possible to make such an indestructible tool. What does exist however are quality fixed blade screwdrivers that are manufactured of S2 steels which are double-tempered for the optimum combination of hardness and toughness. Given proper care and use these screwdrivers will provide excellent service for many years. Used improperly however and they will fail.

Screwdrivers are available in many shank diameters and blade thicknesses. The thinner blades are particularly useful for European firearms that employ narrow slotted screws however they will not withstand the same levels of stress and torque that the thicker blades will handle. As stated earlier the fixed blades are preferable to the interchangeable variety due to the fact that they are much more durable and able to withstand higher levels of torque and stress.

Break Or Bend

A failing screwdriver blade will either fracture cleanly or bend and distort. It is best to have the blade break cleanly rather than bend. If the blade bends it will transfer the torque to the sides of the screw slot resulting in a marred or burred slot. Professional gunsmiths always prefer the blade to break rather than bend and distort a screw on a firearm worth many hundreds or thousands of dollars.

Proper Screwdriver Fit

The single greatest cause of screwdriver blade breakage is improper screw slot fit. The screwdriver must be a perfect fit. That is to say it must have a blade thickness equal to the width of the slot. Additionally for maximum effectiveness the blade must also match the slot width.

Developing A Feel

In turning a screw pressure should be applied in a smooth even manner. A sharp twist or impact is not desirable in most situations. A firm pressure will almost always move the screw with minimal chance of damage to either the driver or the screw slot.

The screwdriver must be held properly in line with the axis of the screw. It must not be canted or slanted off to one side and sufficient downward pressure must be exerted to keep the blade seated in the screw slot. The fear of the screwdriver blade skidding across a receiver or stock is unfounded. If the correct pressure and blade direction is applied then in 99.9% of cases the blade will not slip.

Loosening A Tight Screw

The removal of a tight, stuck or Loctited screw can be easily overcome if the correct approach is used. First and foremost always exercise care when force must be applied to a gun or gun part. Initially attempt to "break" the screw lose by tapping the end of the screwdriver handle with a light hammer not heavier than 8 ounces. Often this alone will break the screw loose. The principle is to ensure the screwdriver perfectly fits the screw slot and that the shank is perfectly aligned with the screw axis.

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If after a few hammer taps the screw still doesn't loosen then a drop or two of penetrating oil should be applied to the screw shank. This will work only if the oil penetrates the screw thread. Because some firearm screws have long shanks getting the penetrating oil into the threads may not always be possible. In such cases the only way to loosen the screw is to heat it until the thread "breaks" or if Loctited the Loctite releases.

Sometimes all has failed and still those rusted in place or Loctited screws simply won't let go. There is one last approach that can be used but one which should be a last resort attempt to loosen a stubborn screw. A magna tip bit fitted to a drill press and the firearm secured in place in a machinist's vice directly below the chuck should do the trick. By locking the quill and hand turning the chuck in most cases the screw will loosen. Because the quill is locked the magna tip cannot ride up and out of the screw slot.

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Miss Clancy & Coyote's **COSTUME CORNER**

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CHATELAINES

Chatelaines, are a type of jewellery worn at the waist with work implements suspended by chains, were worn throughout the Georgian and Victorian eras until the 1920's.

The chatelaine originated in Europe during the 1600s where the Mistress (wife, mother, housekeeper) of the castle held the keys that opened all locks. As the keys were needed on a near constant basis, they had to be accessible yet safe from mischief or thievery. So they were put on a ring that hung from a silver belt which the mistress wore around her waist. It was a very distinguished object for a very distinguished person. As with many things, the object of need became an object of fashion.



By the mid-1800s, the chatelaine no longer was used for just keys-it held various female tools and accessories. Early chatelaines were made as pins or brooches with attached chains and hooks where each held a particular item; later chatelaines used rings.

There are many varied types of chatelaines, they all depended on the need, cost and adornment. They were made in gold, silver, pinchbeck, cut-steel, and ivory. Designs can be from relatively plain to extremely decorative.

For example, a chatelaine for an upper-class young woman might include a dance pad with ivory pages, a notepad complete with pencil, vinaigrette, pocket knife, perfume bottle, lorgnette or locket or other necessary item. The chains were designed so that these different items could be easily taken off and replaced with other items.

A seamstress, for example, would have the tools of her trade, small scissors, thimble, pin cushion, etuis (sewing cases).

Purses would eventually be hung from the chatelaine hook, the hook slips over the waistband of the dress and the chain of the purse hooks onto the clip. Chatelaines make a great accessory for anyone wanting to add an authentic touch to their costumes. **E Bay** is a great place to find some real antiques as well as great reproduction ones.



Before closing I have to say that both Coyote and I were very impressed indeed with the high standard of costuming at Chisholm Trail this year. What a tremendous improvement over previous years. Take a bow those of you who made the Saturday night Shindig look like a serious step back in time. All we can say is WOW and keep up the great efforts.

Remember there are some really great websites out there that can provide everything from patterns to finished clothing but also remember that if you are on a tight budget the Op shops can provide you with some really great clothing and ornaments that just beg for conversion into period costume and accoutrements. All that is required is a few dollars, a little imagination and some time to search out some good sources of these items. It can be a whole bunch of fun and not only that it is quite likely that you will come across some little treasures from time to time. This is especially true when fossicking through some of the Op shops in country towns.

As Christmas draws close Coyote and I wish you all a very peaceful and safe festive season and we look forward to catching up with you all somewhere in 2007. Coyote will be writing the next column so I am sure there will be some interesting information for both Cowboy and Gentleman alike

Cheers Clancy



*** YOUR SHOOTING EVENTS CALENDAR 2007 ***

MATCH	DATE	CONTACT	TELEPHONE/EMAIL	LOCATION
End of Trail 2007 26th World Championships	June 15 - 24, 2007	Virgil Earp	earpvirgil@yahoo.com	Albuquerque, NM USA
Chisholm Trail 2007 15th Australian National & 9th SASS Regional Championships	Sept 25 - 30, 2007	Virgil Earp	earpvirgil@yahoo.com	Millmerran, QLD
10th Annual Winter Roundup	May 04 - 06, 2007	Lobo/Misfire	misfire@tpg.com.au	Adelaide, SA
Silverado Shootout 2007	June 08 - 10, 2007	Slap Happy	08-8088-4240	Broken Hill, NSW
International BlackPowder Championships 2007	Nov 02 - 04, 2007	Mister Skye	02-9975-7983	Teralba, NSW
Pan Pac Masters Games 2008	TBA, 2008	Dagger Jack	geoffjhall@bigpond.com	Gold Coast, QLD
Trans Tasman Challenge 2007	Apr 27 - 29, 2007	Mister Skye	misterskye@optusnet.com.au	Teralba, NSW
Shootout At Mule Camp 2008	Mar 21 - 24, 2008	Ricochet	sswbtr@bigpond.net.au	Majura Range, ACT
The Gathering of The Pioneers	Apr 07 - 08, 2007	Mr & Mrs H	07-4662-3804	Dalby, QLD
Man With No Name Invitational	Apr 21 - 22, 2007	Judge Ruger	keith@netconnect.com.au	Ararat, VIC
Qld State Championships 07	May 04—07, 2007	Spikey Jake	Spikey_jake@hotmail.com	Wondai, QLD
Sharpshooters Roundup 2007	TBA 2007	Curly Sue	02-6895-4540	Condoblin, NSW
WA State Championships 07	June 02 - 04, 2007	John W Hardin	www.gleneaglesrustlers.com	Bedfordale, WA
Sth. East Heartland Territorial 07	Jul 14 - 15, 2007	Dagger Jack	07-5537-5857	Gold Coast, QLD
Ride With The Devil 07	Jul 28 - 29, 2007	Black Bart	blackbart06@bigpond.com	Murrumba, QLD
Far North Territorial Champs 07	Aug 11 - 12, 2007	Frank James	07-4092-5606	Mareeba, QLD
The Cowboys 07 Wild West Show	Aug 25 - 26, 2007	Sheriff of Tinstone	07-5486-5512	Gunalda, QLD
Buffalo Camp 2007	Aug 24 - 26, 2007	Cibolero	02-6373-4201	Old Cooyal Range, NSW
Hell West & Central Territorial 07	Nov 10 - 11, 2007	Spikey Jake	07-4164-8179	Wondai, QLD

If your club runs a Territorial, Annual, Invitational or Open match get the details listed here and on the website so that folks can plan their shooting calendar and vacation times early in the year. Simply email your match details to earpvirgil@yahoo.com or mail to Events Calendar, P.O. Box 431 Millmerran, Qld 4357.

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Screwdrivers And Screws

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With this technique either the magna tip or the screw head will break. Needless to say this procedure is for only the most desperate situations.

Tightening Screws

In most situations, extreme pressure is neither desirable, nor necessary in securing a screw in a firearm. You do however want to have all screws seated with sufficient pressure that they will not loosen in normal use. The most important single factor in the proper tightening of a screw is to use a screwdriver blade that fits the screw slot properly. Only a properly fitted screwdriver will transfer the torque necessary to tighten a screw without damage to the screw or the screwdriver blade.

In tightening a screw apply torque to seat the screw gradually and firmly. Do not attempt to jerk or snap the screw into place. Firm even pressure will result in the operator "feeling" the point at which the screw is seated.

When the screw has been seated with normal pressure use a small lightweight hammer to gently strike the screwdriver head to give the screw extra tightness. The screwdriver blade must be properly seated in the screw slot for this procedure. By tapping the end of the screwdriver you will normally be able to turn the screw an additional 1/8th to 1/4qtr turn. Do not strike the screwdriver with excessive force, a gentle tap is all that is required.

Well there are a few tips that may assist you when next you need to remove and replace screws in any of your prized firearms.

Reshaping A Screwdriver Blade

In the event that a screwdriver blade does break don't despair as virtually any screwdriver blade can be reground and reused. The secret to reshaping is to use the proper sharpening stone fitted to the chuck of a drill press or variable speed hand drill run at around 2,000 rpm for shaping a new blade and 1,000 rpm for thinning an existing blade.

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Someone said in one of my classes recently the shooter in the last scenario where the *average call* was used should have received only one miss. When questioned further the answer was *benefit of doubt to the shooter*. This is not correct and should never be interpreted as such.

There are three simple rules for Spotters that are not in any way difficult to follow. Rule # 1, Use the eyes, ears and concentrate on the target engagement. Rule # 2, Observe the area around targets in an effort to identify those target nicks and edges. Rule # 3, Be independent in your judgment.

It is always wise to change spotters regularly to avoid fatigue. Additionally it is always a good idea to avoid spotting for family members. What about spotting for those buddies of ours? Friendships are friendships but on the firing line there is an obligation to every shooter in the match not just our buddies to ensure we make fair calls. If there is any uneasiness about spotting for our buddies then hand over the role to someone else rather than compromise that friendship.

I trust the foregoing dispels any myths and mysteries about Timer Operators and Spotters but for further information consult the SASS R.O. Course materials and Rule Book.

In conclusion I will share a couple of principles that I have found invaluable over the years. These are to keep in mind that "*The Spirit of The Game*" means good sportsmanship and to read the rules as they were intended rather than to try and place some obtuse interpretation on them that simply does not exist. I hope these principles may be as useful to you as they are to me.

Well that about wraps it

up for me for 2006 but I will still be posting on the Rangemaster page of the SASA website so check it periodically for updated news on Rules and Safety matters.

Before closing however I would like to comment on what is a related safety issue. Amateur gunsmithing is the issue. A word of caution if you are one of those handy folks who can perform successfully a little gunsmithing on your firearms to improve their performance. Working on your own firearm is one thing but working on someone else's firearms is something entirely different. If you are engaged in this sort of work be aware that unless you carry proper insurance and hold qualifications as an Armourer you and the owner of the firearm may be legally exposed should a firearm that you have worked on experience a failure causing injury. My advice is leave the gunsmithing to the professionals who spend considerable amounts of money to ensure that proper insurance and qualifications are in place to protect their clients and themselves.

Lastly don't forget to keep sending those questions on Rules and Safety to me.

In closing may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rangemaster

Trail Markers

Doug Graves

a.k.a. Peter Edwards
1953 - 2006

It is with deep regret that we announce the untimely passing of Doug Graves. Doug passed away suddenly at the young age of fifty three years.

A Founding Member of Little River Raiders Doug will be sadly missed for his enthusiastic efforts to develop Single action Shooting at the club.

The Little River Raiders were represented at the funeral by the Club President, Club Captain, Treasurer and several members, all of whom presented in full Cowboy and Cowgirl costume. This gesture was much appreciated by Doug's family.

Until we meet again old friend.

Submitted By: Tiresome Tony

TRAVELLING OVERSEAS

Traveling overseas in this day and age sees more and more security measures being put in place at airports. The carriage of firearms in check in luggage these days is only one issue to be dealt with by the shooter when traveling to and from international competitions.

Due to recent events overseas there are now however additional restrictions on what may be carried on international flights. These changes do not relate to firearms but to more mundane items such as cigarette lighters, medications and liquids.

Cigarette lighters may not be carried into the USA or on US domestic flights. Additionally there are restrictions on carry-on of some duty free purchases. Medications, particularly liquid medications taken on board in carry-on luggage are restricted and must be packed in a particular manner.

Procedures are constantly changing and it is recommended that before you travel check the airline website and consult with Customs to ensure you have the latest information.

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CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

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SYNDICATE RIDGE COWBOYS	1st Sunday	Glen Heifer Kid	02-6655-5073	Gleniffer, NSW
CAMPBELL CRK. CIBOLEROS	4th Sat & Sun	Cibolero	02-6373-4201	Old Cooyal RR, NSW
CONDOBOLIN SHARPSHOOTERS	1st & 3rd Saturday	Curly Kid	02-6895-4540	Condobolin, NSW
DRYGULCHERS	1st Sunday	Stoney Burke	02-6772-7750	Armidale, NSW
SCONE DISTRICT	"	Hans Van Hees	0265-454-192	Scone, NSW
S.C.M.L.C. SACKVILLE	" (B/powder)	David Mathers	02-9631-4092	Sackville, NSW
CUDGEGONG TROOPERS	"	Carwell Kid	02-6379-4192	Mudgee, NSW
TAMWORTH DISTRICT	"	Charlie Siringo	02-6766-4004	Tamworth, NSW
MAJURA RANGERS	3rd Sunday	Ricochet	02-6254-2909	Canberra, ACT
SILVER CITY REGULATORS	4th & 5th Saturday	Lucky Pierre	08-8087-3022	Broken Hill NSW
THE NEWTEXICANS	3rd Sunday	Dusty Fog	02-4956-8742	Teralba, NSW
URBAN COWBOYS	3rd Wednesday night	Sodbuster	02-4735-5805	St Marys NSW
QUARRY BUNCH	1st Sunday	Dutch Henry	02-4871-3337	Bowral, NSW
KARIONG COUNTY COWBOYS	4th Sunday	Dakota Dan	02-4976-1232	Kariong, NSW
BUSHRANGER CREEK BUNCH	1st Sunday	Jones	02-4655-9643	Silverdale, NSW
WINGHAM WRANGLERS	2nd Sunday PM	Wallaby Jack	0427-565-220	Taree, NSW
BORDER VIGILANTES	2nd Sun / 4th Sat	Dusty Lace	03-5025-7171	Mildura, VIC
EL DORADO REGULATORS	1st Sunday	Virge Earp	03-9889-6828	Oakleigh, VIC
FLINT HILL PROSPECTORS	As scheduled	Judge Ruger	0418-383-299	Ararat, VIC
FORT BRIDGER	4th Sunday	Long Haired Jim	0419-529-999	Seymour, VIC
HOMEWOOD OUTLAWS	1st, 3rd, Saturday	Noble Adams	0419-324-404	Strat creek, VIC
LITTLE RIVER RAIDERS	2nd Saturday	Sambucca Kid	rac@immsfinance.com.au	Springvale, VIC
LITTLE RIVER RAIDERS	3rd Sunday	Sambucca Kid	rac@immsfinance.com.au	Little River, VIC
WISKI MOUNTAIN RANGERS	1st Sunday	Caretaker	0414-383-845	Melton, VIC
MOUNT ROWAN RANGERS	4th Saturday	Squizzly	03-5342-8400	Ballarat, VIC
THE PEACEMAKERS	1st Saturday	Heck Thomas	03-5156-0155	Bairnsdale, VIC
WICKHAM BUSH RANGERS	As Scheduled	Rus Ler	03-5565-4222	Warmambool, VIC
ADELAIDE CLUB	3rd Sunday	Lobo	08-8284-8459	Adelaide, SA
FRONTIER SHOTING CLUB	1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday	Texas Jack	0438-681-926	Adelaide, SA
KENTON VALLEY P&SC	1st Sunday	Chris Bowie	08-8568-2117	Kenton Valley, SA
MT GAMBIER CLUB	As scheduled	El Condor	08-8725-1360	Mt Gambier, SA
SALT BUSH FLATS REGULATORS	2nd Sunday	Tombstone Terry	08-8649-1344	Whyalla, S.A.
GLENEAGLES RUSTLERS	fortnightly Sundays	Cheyenne Bodie	08-9493-3937	Bedforddale, WA
JARRAHDAL RANGERS	fortnightly Sundays	Charo	08-9458-6684	Jarrahdale, WA
CACTUS CANYON COWBOYS	2nd Saturday	Rusty Barrels	07-4973-7625	Gladstone, QLD
NORTHFIELD COWBOYS	Fortnightly Sundays	Frank James	07-4092-5606	Mareeba, QLD
LONGHORN GULLY CATTLEMANS ASSN.	3rd Saturday	Doctor Death	07-4959-1787	Mackay, QLD
ORANGE COUNTY VOLUNTEERS FORT BURNETT	2nd Sunday	Capt. J.C. Jackson	07-4161-1573	Gayndah, QLD
YELLA GULLY	As Scheduled	Spikey Jake	07-4164-8179	Wondai, QLD
RIPLEY COUNTY REGS.	4th Saturday	RIP McGaw	07-3288-5476	Ipswich, QLD
GOLD COAST GAMBLERS	1st & 3rd Saturday	Dagger Jack	07-5537-5857	Gold Coast, QLD
DALBY PIONEERS	4th Sunday	"H"	07-4662-3804	Dalby, QLD
MURRUMBA MARSHALS.	As Scheduled			Murrumba, S.E. QLD
TIN CAN BAY SIDEWINDERS	1st Sunday	Black Bart	07-5485-0057	Tin Can Bay, QLD
THE BOUNTY HUNTERS	2nd & 4th, Sunday	Dixon Mills	07-4779-3315	Townsville, QLD
HIGH RANGE DRIFTERS	4th Sunday	Clancy	07-4630-8440	Western Creek, QLD
THE LAST FRONTIER	1st & 4th Sunday	The Sheriff	07-5484-6298	Gunalda, QLD
MADDENS RANGERS	2nd Saturday	Miss Bea Haven	07-3893-0034	Brisbane, QLD
NORTHARM COWBOYS	2nd Sunday	Bad Al Zima	07-5492-5854	Sunshine Coast -QLD
CAIRNS CITY COWBOYS	fortnightly Saturday	Trooper Al	0438-357-357	Cairns, QLD
TERRITORY RANGERS	fortnightly Sunday	Apache Bob	08-8927 9114	Mickett Creek, NT

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