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DEADWOOD COMES TO LIFE WITH A FULL CAST OF CHARACTERS

Overcast weather with intermittent drizzling rain set the scene perfectly as shooters arrived at Teralba, New South Wales for the SAS Australian Blackpowder Championships in November 2006.

The themed event based on the television series *Deadwood* took on an entirely authentic atmosphere with those overcast skies, the characters and the sets. It appeared as if the entire movie set had been transported to the Newtech range facility.

Looking around one could see small clusters of folks talking quietly as they looked nervously over their shoulders. One thing was missing however in this equation. Where was the usually larger than life presence of Mister Skye? Lonesome was there but no matter where we looked Mister Skye was nowhere to be seen.

As is usual at this now firmly established annual event many competitors had themed their outfits around characters from the movie. Why even Trixie was there and close up she was more like the misfit in the series than the real character she usually portrayed. Still we searched for Mister Skye but still he eluded us.

Well a tour of *Deadwood* complete and the facades, saloon and indeed the characters filling the set had created an atmosphere not

often seen.

Who was that sitting over there in the corner of the saloon drinking coffee from a shot glass? Looked so much like Al Swearengen but no, it couldn't be. No one could look that much like him. Still I was sure I had seen that face before I just couldn't put a name to it.

Day one of the match dawned dull and drizzly as we headed out to the range. Perfect weather for a gunfight to be sure. Nasty Nick had flown in all the way from the United States of America and another American cowboy cousin had also ambled into town for this one having heard so much about the event. Even some of our New Zealand cousins had jumped the Tassman to shoot it out on the main street of *Deadwood*.

The first shots fired and it was evident that this annual match was going to be the best yet. Innovative stages, elaborate facades and yes even the drizzly weather left no doubt that a tremendous effort had gone into recreating the *Deadwood* set.

Somewhere along the line that well know character Plucka from the popular Saturday night show *Hey Hey Its Saturday* wandered onto the set but was soon sent packing.

The drizzle remained, the black powder smoke hung in the air for what seemed like eternity and yet there were smiles all round.

Sitting back there in the saloon, shot glass in hand

Al Swearengen turned out to be none other than Mister Skye who had undergone an amazing transformation that fooled most everyone.

Awards handed out and it was time to head back to reality for the entire cast. If I recall correctly even the rain ceased after the last shots were fired. Now clear the set, that's a wrap.

As is customary with this premier event each year the entire match is themed around a cowboy movie. This year it will be *"Rustlers Rhapsody"*

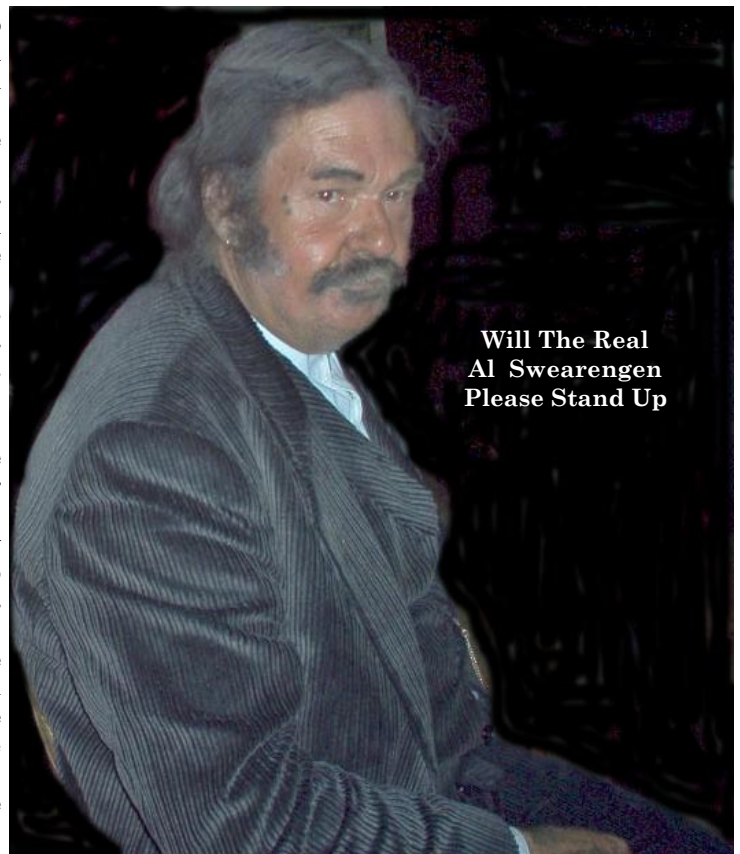
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Dalby Pioneers join The One Hundred Club with their 2007 Annual *"Settling Of The Pioneers"*

"Shootout At Yella Gully" The 2007 Queensland State Championships attracts a field of 127 competitors making it the biggest State Single Action Shooting Championship event to date.

Adelaide Pistol & Shooting Club takes a bow with 10th Annual *"Winter Roundup"* reportedly the best yet.

"Trail Boss" Australian release date now expected to be June 2007.



Will The Real Al Swearengen Please Stand Up

A NEW GAME IN TOWN CFDA COMES TO AUSTRALIA

Cowboy Fast Draw Association of America, an NRA affiliated club, formed in 1972 in Deadwood, Dakota has extended it's activities into the international arena.

Originally formed to provide fast draw competition for single action revolver aficionados CFDA was determined not to allow the equipment race to destroy it's objectives as it had done with the original fast draw competitions. Fast Draw competitions date back to the 1950s but in the early years the quest for speed and the high stakes available for winners on the prize tables allowed the equipment race to severely curb interest in the sport across the board. Such notables as Sammy Davis Jnr. and other stars of the silver screen and early television were both active and extremely competitive in the sport.

Cowboy Fast Draw as the CFDA competitions are referred to only allow the use of stock revolvers in .45 caliber and there are severe limitations on holster configurations and holster front cutaways. Events across the USA attract over one hundred competitors to even some of the smaller competitions. After extensive negotiations with CFDA, Australia will be the first foreign country to establish an international Chapter.

The big news is that the first international championship event is currently being planned to run in conjunction with Chisholm Trail 2008..

The sanctioned rules are available from your State Governor and these cover all aspects of competition. What should be borne in mind is that this is not regarded as a live fire competition. Ammunition comprises especially manufactured cases loaded with a beeswax projectile and charged with a #9 shotgun primer. The cases cannot be used to load live ammunition and this is clearly stated on all packaging. All competition rounds are provided by an armourer at all levels of competition. No personal fast draw rounds or live ammunition is allowed in the competition precinct.

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Matches are conducted as *man on man* events in a best of three or best of five shootout. Competitors shoot in categories as they do in single action competition and categories and overall winners are declared

This is not an inexpensive competition to participate in however there are usually valuable buckles and prizes to be won at the major events.

Any club interested in setting up for Cowboy Fast Draw should contact their respective State Governor for guidance.

One word of caution is needed to conclude this article. NEVER EVER practice CFD with LIVE AMMUNITION. In the interests of safety neither the CFDA or any other person or persons associated with the promotion or execution of CFD events condone the use of live ammunition in any circumstance whatsoever in such activities.

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On Wednesday September 26th, 2007 a half day bus tour to Mt. Basalt and a guided tour of the Millmerran Power Station will be offered at a cost of **\$5 per person**. Departing from the SSAA Complex at 9:30 am and arriving back at the Complex at 1:30 pm this tour. This is unbeatable value however a minimum number of persons is required to operate the tour.

Thursday September 27th, 2007 a *BirthDay Tour* of the local Historical Society Museum (entry fee included in the tour cost) and on to Shayne Webke's historical Leyburn Hotel for lunch will be of interest to those who love an excellent steak, a cold beer and a look at some interesting local history to break their Chisholm Trail commitments.

This tour at a cost of **\$10.00 per person** will depart the SSAA Complex at 9:30 am returning at 3:45 pm with a two hour stopover in Leyburn (especially at the pub) Special lunch prices will be available to the Cowboy tourists.

These tours are unbeatable value and will be a fun experience so get a bunch of cowboys and cowgirls together and make up a party. No driving to be done so a cold beer and whatever else may take your fancy will be the order of the day.

It will be necessary to pre-book for these tours although there may be a limited number of seats available on the day of travel depending on the level of interest.

You asked for it and arrangements have been made to provide you and your families something extra on the program whilst at Chisholm Trail. Please take advantage of the opportunity and perhaps we will be able to expand the touring program in future years.

Bookings and other information are available from Leanne at the SSAA Office. Telephone Leanne on (07) 4695 4267 or fax (07) 4695 4272.

A Chisholm Trail 2007 Update

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RANGEMASTER ON RULES & SAFETY

Here we go again. We are well into 2007 already and the fixture of matches is in full swing. It is not surprising therefore that I have had a number of questions raised about rules and interpretations.

Most folks will already have printed off the latest rule book (*Thirteenth edition, January 2007*) from the SASA website so I am sure we are all up to speed with the latest changes.

Those who have not updated their rule books I can say that the changes are only minor and will have only minimal effect on match operations.

Interestingly as the quest to enter the Winners Circle becomes more intense some interesting interpretations are brought forward by competitors.

First for 2007 has to be the following question which in itself raises another issue apart from the question itself so I will deal with it in two parts.

The question relates to scoring.

Scoring & DQs

SASS Rules recommend that matches be scored by an overall ranking system. This scoring system equalizes the difference in stages and rewards the most consistent competitor. Using this system the recommended stage disqualification score is **999.0** and the recommended match disqualification score is **999.99** seconds on all stages. The recommended score for not finishing a stage is a stage disqualification.

The foregoing prompted the following question:-

Does this mean that TWO DNFs (Did No Finish the stage) equals a Match disqualification. OR does the

statement simply mean the scoring time for a DNF is recorded the same as for a SDQ (i.e. 999.0) and the competitor with multiple DNFs may still receive Stage awards?

The latter is correct. Whilst a competitor incurs a DNF (penalty 999.0) which is effectively the same penalty as a SDQ it is not a Stage Disqualification in the scoring sense and that is why many match score sheets record safety penalties separately from procedural or other penalties.

Stage disqualifications incurred for safety infractions are entirely different and two such infractions require that the competitor be disqualified from the match.

Rule Interpretations

The secondary issue raised with this question is that related to interpretation of the rules.

I have said many times before that the rules must be interpreted as they were intended not by some obscure analogy of the wording to fit some specific scenario in the competitive sense. This raises the next question.

The **Stage Conventions** appearing in the SASS Rule Book are a set of standard practices that every competitor is expected to follow on every stage of every match unless otherwise directed in stage descriptions.

Item # 11 in these conventions defines Cowboy port arms as *standing fully erect with the butt of the longarm at or below the waist of the shooter, the muzzle at or above the shoulder, and the long arm held with both hands.*

A question was raised re-

cently as to whether holding the fore end of the shotgun with one hand and the other hand held with the back of the hand against the stock, palm facing and in close proximity to the rounds in a cartridge belt was appropriate. Simply the answer is No.

It seems that in pursuit of that elusive *oil well trophy* some competitors will try any edge to gain an advantage. In this instance it is quite clear. The long arm must be held with both hands. Failure to do so may attract at least a ten second procedural penalty.

Unfired Rounds In A Revolver

From a number of questions received there appears to be some confusion over the interpretation of the rule relevant to live rounds being left in a revolver.

Rule # 10 page 33 of the SASS Rule book states that *"Inadvertently leaving rounds in a revolver is counted as a miss unless the round is under the hammer, then it is a Stage Disqualification."*

Age Based Categories

A question arose recently whereby a competitor asked if he could nominate in an age based category less than his qualifying age. More specifically the competitor was aged in his sixties and wished to compete in the 49er category.

This is quite allowable under SASS Rules as the age categories whilst not protected as stated in the SASS Rule book were created to protect older competitors from the faster younger competitors. An aging competitor may shoot any of the standard categories in addition to the appropriate age based category for which that competitor is eligible.

Re-Staged and

Re-holstered Revolvers

What is the appropriate penalty for re-staging or re-holstering a revolver with the hammer not all the



way down on either a spent round or an empty chamber?.

The question arose because at a particular match a Stage Disqualification was given for re-staging a revolver with the hammer cocked. This in fact is the correct penalty. If however the competitor had corrected that problem before using the next firearm then there would be no penalty. The same applies to re-holstered revolvers. If the competitor re-draws the revolver and corrects the problem before using the next firearm then there is no penalty. If the competitor fails to do so however it attracts a Stage Disqualification penalty.

Shooting And Moving With A Pistol

A question has arisen relative to shooting a stage moving with a drawn pistol between shooting positions.

Specifically the stage procedure required that the competitor engaged two targets from Position A moved to Position B with drawn pistol hammer down on a spent round there engaging three targets.

The question was *"Is this safe and within the Rules"*

Yes . This is allowable provided the pistol does not leave the shooters hands, break the 170 and is not cocked until the competitor is at the next firing position.

Rangemaster

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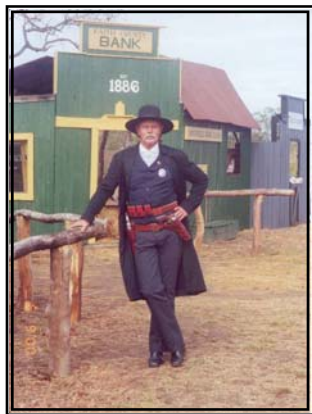
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From:

The National Chairmans Desk

March 3rd, 2007

Dear Single action Shooters,

Here we are again with more than one quarter of the year behind us. After a hot start to the competition year thoughts now turn to the Trans Tasman Challenge to be held in New South Wales in April. Duel Downunder, as this Australia versus New Zealand challenge has become fondly referred to, looks set to be a really tough and hard fought competition. Some of the best competitors New Zealand has to offer are preparing to defend the Trans Tasman trophy won by New Zealand on their home turf in 2006. Equally the Australian contingent is steeling itself for the challenge. It is not too late to step up to the line and be part of Australia team.

The world championships, End of Trail, will be held at Founders Ranch in New Mexico in June 2007 and whilst the Australian contingent of competitors is a shade smaller this year there is no doubt that some of Australia's best SAS competitors will step to the line for this prestigious event. Our national and SASS Australian regional champions Henry McCarty and Alvira Sullivan Earp are already well into their training programs and will lead the Australian "A" team to End of Trail. I am sure that I can, on your behalf extend to them and the other members of the Australian contingent our very best wishes for success at the championships.

On the breaking news front Cowboy Fast Draw association of America (CFDA), an NRA affiliated organization, have established the first international chapter here in Australia. Formed in Deadwood in 1972 CFDA intended to resurrect fast draw using single action revolvers and traditional gun leather. No titanium barrels and other equipment race tricks with this outfit. Competition is a "non live fire" event using wax projectiles and shotgun primers as the propellant. What is exciting about this new competition is that the inaugural Australian National Championships of Fast draw are scheduled to be held in conjunction with Chisholm Trail 2007. It is certainly not inexpensive to compete in these competitions however stakes are high with high dollar value prizes for the winners.

A note to Range Officer Instructors. Update your training materials and rule books at this time by going to the Rangemaster page of the SASA website. The latest version of the rule book is January 2007 version # 13. New SASA members will receive hard copies of the rule book with their membership materials.

Winter Roundup to be held in Adelaide in May will be celebrating it's tenth anniversary. Whilst competitor numbers are usually limited to around eighty I urge you to get your nominations in early as it won't take long to fill the shooting slots.

The year is certainly shaping up to be a mega year for single action shooters with many championship events on the calendar. Interestingly whilst the cost of staging above club level, championship events and travel have increased over recent years this does not seem to have thwarted the enthusiasm of SAS shooters to travel to well organized events. Now let's get to shooting and make these events the success we all want them to be. Good luck and safe shooting.

Until Next Time, Warm Regards

Hager

Profile of A Real Life Lawman Christian Madsen

Sometimes when selecting a character for single action shooting it is easy to create one from fiction. But for some the authenticity of re-enactment requires that a real character be portrayed. In many instances extensive research is required and many hours may be spent doing just that.

Here we will look at one of the more colorful characters of the era.

Christian Madsen , was born February 25th, 1851 in Schleswig-Holstein, Denmark and died January 9th, 1944 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Chris was a soldier and law officer.

The soOn of a professional soldier, at te age of fourteen he fought with the Danish army against the Germans. He later joined the French Foreign Legion and was stationed in Algeria until the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870. His outfit returned to Europe and fought the Battle of Sudan where Chris was wounded and taken prisoner. He escaped confinement and fought with irregulars until hostilities ended, at which point he headed for America.

Madsen landed in New York early in 1876 and joined the United States Cavalry. He was present when Buffalo Bill Cody scalped Cheyenne warrior Yellow Hand, and a short time later he was detailed to help bury dead troopers at the Little Big Horn. Erroneously Madsen was listed as among the dead in the first newspaper accounts of the massacre. He campaigned continuously against hostile Indians through 1890. In 1887 he was married while stationed at ort Reno, Indian Territory, and he son produced two sons.

In 1891, having served fifteen years and having acquired sergeant's stripes and a Silver Star, Madsen resigned from the service an accepted an appointment as a deputy U.S. marshal operating from El Reno, Oklahoma. The following year he transferred to Guthrie and was highly active arresting fugitives until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, when he joined the Rough Riders.

After returning from Cuba, Madsen re-entered law enforcement and in 1911 was appointed United States marshal for Oaklahoma. In 1916 he resigned and helped promote Bill Tilghman's motion picture on Oklahoma outlaws.

From 1918 until 1922 he was a special investigator for Oklahoma Governor J.B.A. Robertson. Chris Madsen passed away at the Masonic Home in Guthrie when he was nearly ninety three years of age.

There is little doubt that Chris Madsen had a remarkable and colorful life and was indeed a notable character well into the twentieth century.

Madsen was indeed engaged in a number of gunfights throughout his lifetime and obviously survived them all to tell the tale.

On November 29th, 1892 in Orlando, Oklahoma Madsen, Heck Thomas and Deputy Tom Hueston were on the trail of bank robber Ol Yantis at his sister's farm three miles outside of town. About sunrise Yantis emerged from the house carrying a sack of feed in one hand and a six gun in the other. "Ol" ordered Madsen "Throw up your hands we're officers" Yantis snapped off a shot, then staggered from a wound inflicted by Madsens rifle. The fugitive kept firing, but Hueston hit him and he collapsed. The lawmen carried him into town however he died that night.

Again in Oklahoma in 1893 Madsen had escorted a district judge Beaver City. They had just bedded down in a makeshift bedroom over a saloon when drunken revelers

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Began discharging guns. When a few slugs crashed through the ceiling Madsen went downstairs. He jerked a six-shooter out of the grasp of one man whereupon a second belligerently announced "I'm a son-of-a-bitch from Cripple Creek"

"I knew you were" replied Madsen "But I didn't know where you were from"

The man swung at Madsen who clubbed him to the floor with his gun. A third man pulled his pistol but Madsen fired first winging him in his shooting hand. Madsen then took the trio into custody.

Again in 1894 Chris Madsen was engaged in gunplay. In El Reno an informer told Madsen that a train robber, Felix Young was in the street talking with a gambler. Madsen approached to within forty yards of the fugitive before Young recognized him and bolted towards a horse. Madsen ordered Young to stop but the outlaw mounted the horse and snapped off two shots at the lawman

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

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SOUTHERN BUSHWHACKERS

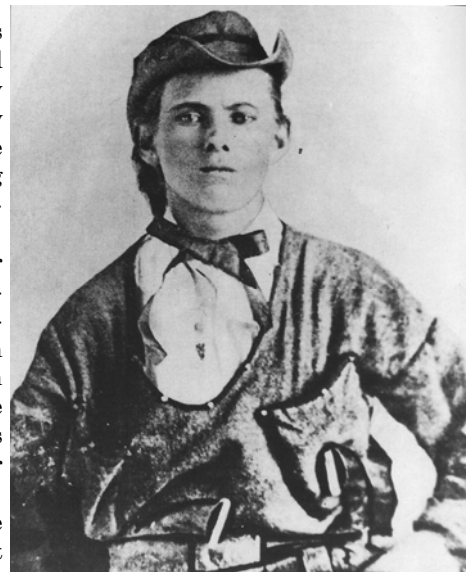
Howdy Coyote here. In this issue we will get a little insight into the clothing and accoutrements of some of the Confederate guerilla fighters of the American Civil war era. Often referred to as Bushwhackers these groups included the infamous Quantrill Guerilla Band.

Frank and Jesse James were among some of the more notable names who rode with William Quantrill and Bloody Bill Anderson toward the end of the Civil War. This group in particular used their clothing strategically throughout the war. Their outfits often consisted of stolen Union Army frock coats, sack coats, shell jackets and great coats, all of which could be used to disguise the fact that they were Southern fighters. When wearing their disguises they would wear a US belt buckle upside down to distinguish the from the Union troops.

Under their disguises many of the men wore overshirts which are better known as Bushwhacker vestments or battle shirts. These shirts were colorful and often decorated with embroidery and other fabrics. Two large pockets sewn on the front panels of the shirt enabled the wearer to carry much needed items close at hand. These shirts became a common battle uniform among the renegade bands. Underneath the battle or overshirt most wore typical Southern garb consisting of long sleeve collared shirts, ties, vests and woolen or cotton high waisted pants. Knee high boots completed their outfits.

Hats were another unique item of apparel for these men. Such hats were broad brimmed and top hats. The broad brimmed hat, probably the most popular sometimes had one side folded up and many decorated their hat with feathers tucked into the upturned brim. Feather adornments ranged from small pheasant feather to ostrich and peacock feathers. These hats were also a practical adornment that allowed the renegade bands to tuck up and hide their long hair when necessary. As long hair was not common among Union troops the disguise was necessary and completed the code of dress.

Bushwhackers carried as many as eight pistols spread around their bodies, saddle bags and pommel holsters many of which had been stolen from dead soldiers after a battle or skirmish. These bands also carried other weapons including shotguns with sawn off barrels, carbine rifles, swords and large knives all of which were necessary in differing battle conditions and all easily used from horseback.



Pictured above right is Jesse James wearing his battle shirt and sporting several Colt model 1860 revolvers.

Pictured left is George Maddox, another of the Quantrill Guerillas dressed in approved fashion and sporting four Remington 1863 new model army revolvers.

Pictured right is Coyote in his home grown battle shirt. The detail of Coyote's shirt is typical and authentically correct to those worn during the period.

Further to what I have mentioned, a couple of good movies to watch that portray the attire of these groups are *"Ride With The Devil"* and *"The Outlaw Josey Wales"* These two movies are among my favorites.





*** 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
14th Annual Last Posse	Mar 7 - 9, 2008	Old Gringo	02-4423-2794	Nowra, NSW
Trans Tasman Challenge 2008	Feb 14 - 17, 2008	Sudden	cowboypardise@farmside.co.nz	Cowboy Paradise, NZ
Shootout At Mule Camp 2008	Mar 21 - 24, 2008	Ricochet	sswbrt@bigpond.net.au	Majura Range, ACT
The 3rd Gathering of The Pioneers	Apr , 2008	Mr & Mrs H	07-4662-3804	Dalby, QLD
Man With No Name Invitational	Apr , 2008	Judge Ruger	keith@netconnect.com.au	Ararat, VIC
Qld State Championships 08	May, 2008	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

PERSONAL NOTICES AND NEWS

Misty Fye Comes of Age

Her Pa is planning a birthday shindig to make the Hatfields green with envy.

December 31st, 2007 is the big day and to celebrate Crutchy is planning a fun shoot for the day and a New Years Shindig at the Innisfail, Queensland PCYC complex. Indoor camping (huh!!) and all amenities including secure storage are available. They say most folks will arrive Sunday and depart Tuesday. What a bash. Help Misty Fye celebrate her 21st. For more information contact Misty or her Pa on (07) 4061 8557

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Trail Markers

J.R.

a.k.a. John Bye
1937 - 2006

J.R. moved on to the heavenly posse on December 7th, 2006 after a long battle with cancer.

J.R. with his partner Sierra Sal were prime movers in developing Single Action Shooting in Western Australia. First at PWAC then at SDRC.

Unfortunately deteriorating health forced J.R. to forego his shooting activities in later years however that didn't mean that he lost interest or his love of the Cowboy Way.

Well known for his support and guidance for new shooters J.R. was a respected member of the SAS Family.

J.R. would often relate the highlights of attending the Single Action Shooting National Championships held in Mareeba in 1999 as one of the team of fourteen West Australian Cowboys and Cowgirls who attended. This is the largest W.A. contingent ever to attend the National Championships.

J.R. will be missed by the Western Australian Single Action Shooting Community however his contributions over the years are indelibly branded in the future.



Profile of A Real Life Lawman - Chris Madsen

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Madsen fired five times and the horse fell dead. Young began running but Madsen chased him down and the outlaw eventually was sent to prison.

The last occasion Madsen was engaged in what could be termed a "gunfight" was in Cheyenne, Oklahoma on March 5th, 1896.

Red Buck George Weightman had been a vicious member of the Dalton and Doolin Gangs and was at large in Oklahoma. Madsen and a posse finally located Weightman in a dugout near Cheyenne. The posse surrounded the dugout and ordered Weightman to surrender. Instead he tried to shoot his way out. Madsen killed him with a rifle shot.

As the twentieth century emerged Chris Madsen still pursued his career but life in the Frontier towns had all but been tamed and life for him was much less dangerous. Nonetheless he was still known as "*The Fighting Dane*"



A highly decorated Christian "*The Fighting Dane*"
Madsen in his later years

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CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

MATCH	DATE	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	LOCATION
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
CONDOLIN SHARPSHOOTERS	1st & 3rd Saturday	Curly Kid	02-6895-4540	Condoblin, 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
SOUTHERN REGULATORS	2nd Sunday	Old ringo	02-4423-2794	Nowra, 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	Warrnambool, 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
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