

Montana Territory Peacemakers (good) Times

FIRST .22 CALIBER MATCH IN RECENT YEARS HELD ON MARCH 28



We had a great day for shooting. Was a little cool to start with but warmed up nicely. The bay we shot in had a little snow and water but was still OK to shoot in. We had 14 shooters – 12 gentlemen and 2 ladies.

The stages were written by Galloping Swede with minimal target set up. 4 Shotgun, 5 rifle and 5 pistol which were easy enough to adjust for the shooting sequences on each stage. Initially only had 4 stages but then Homestake came up with a good one for number 5.

Stages were as follows: Camp – “Hands up!”, Gunfight – “Drop Them Guns!”, Escape – “Grab Your Horses and Ride!”, Surrender – “We Surrender”, Invention – “The Only reason They Hired A Sheriff Is To Keep Us From Having Fun!”. Easy starting lines to follow until you had to remember the story on Stage 5.

Of the 14 shooters we had 5 that shot a clean match and were given our first clean match pins. Those individuals in alphabetical order were Angel, Backstrap Bill, Bugler, Shotgun Kegger and Solo Browncoat. Congratulations!

Thanks to all who came to set the stage targets, do take down and remained to hear the final scores and receive Clean Match Pins.

Angel

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Cowboy Poetry

“To a Quiet But Useful Class”

Anonymous

THERE'S a Union for Teamster and Waiter,
 There's a Union for Cabman and Cook,
 There's a Union for Hobo and Preacher,
 And one for Detective and Crook.

There's a Union for Blacksmith and Painter,
 There is one for the Printer, of course;
 But where would you go in this realm of woe,
 To discover a Guild for the Horse?

He can't make a murmur in protest,
 Though they strain him both up and down hill,
 Or force him to work twenty hours
 At the whim of some drunken brute's will.

Look back at our struggle for freedom—
 Trace our present day's strength to its source,
 And you'll find that man's pathway to glory,
 Is strewn with the bones of the horse.

The mule is a fool under fire;
 The horse, although frightened, stands true,
 And he'd charge into Hell without flinching
 'Twixt the knees of the trooper he knew.

When the troopers grow old they are pensioned,
 Or a berth or a home for them found;
 When a horse is worn out they condemn him,
 And sell him for nothing a pound.

Just think, the old pet of some trooper
 Once curried and rubbed twice a day,
 Now drags some damned ragpicker's wagon,
 With curses and blows for his pay.

I once knew a grand king of racers,
 The best of a cup-winning strain;
 They ruined his knees on a hurdle,
 For his rider's hat covered no brain.

I met him again, four years later,
 On his side at the foot of a hill,
 With two savages kicking his ribs,
 And doing their work with a will.



I stroked the once velvety muzzle,
 I murmured the old name again,
 He once filled my purse with gold dollars;
 And this day I bought him for ten.

His present address is "Sweet Pastures,"
 He has nothing to do but eat,
 Or loaf in the shade on the green, velvet grass,
 And dream of the horses he beat.

Now, a dog—well, a dog has a limit;
 After standing for all that's his due,
 He'll pack up his duds some dark evening,
 And shine out for scenes which are new.

But a horse, once he's used to his leather,
 Is much like the old-fashioned wife;
 He may not be proud of his bargain,
 But still he'll be faithful through life.

And I envy the merciful teamster
 Who can stand at the bar and say:
 "Kind Lord, with the justice I dealt my horse,
 Judge Thou my soul today."

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Cowboy/Cowgirl Profile

“Shotgun Kegger”

MTP Times: Thanks, Shotgun Kegger, for providing this issue’s “Shooter Profile.” Tell us, how did and/or why did you choose your Alias?

Shotgun Kegger: *I have always liked shotguns and my initials seemed to fit at the time I had to come up with an alias.*

MTP Times: How long have you been shooting Cowboy Action?

Shotgun Kegger: *About three years.*

MTP Times: Why did you start shooting Cowboy Action?

Shotgun Kegger: *I was aware of SASS for a long time, but jobs and other commitments didn’t allow me time to shoot.*

MTP Times: What do you like about Cowboy Action Shooting?

Shotgun Kegger: *I like the costume part. Getting to dress up as a cowboy is fun and takes me back to when I was a kid watching the westerns at the movies. Also, the friends made at the matches are life long.*

MTP Times: What guns do you shoot and why? Have you shot others? Why did you change?

Shotgun Kegger: *For SASS matches, I normally shoot Ruger Vaqueros in .357. The rifle I prefer is a Winchester 1873*

in .357. I will shoot either a Stoeger Coach Gun in 12 gauge or a Winchester ‘97. In my career I have shot many weapons from single shots, numerous full automatic weapons to 105 tank rounds. I prefer the American brands even though I know they usually are not made in the US.

MTP Times: Where all do/ have you shot matches?

Shotgun Kegger: *I have shot in Cody and Powell, WY, Jerome, ID, and Billings, MT.*

MTP Times: Have you held any club positions, been match director, written scenarios, built/ contributed props (which ones)???

Shotgun Kegger: *No, I haven’t had the time.*

MTP Times: Anything new or different you'd like to see at our matches?

Shotgun Kegger: *No, they are well run.*

MTP Times: What other types of shooting do you do? Hunting?

Shotgun Kegger: *I do a lot of target practice with various calibers in various rifles. I like to shoot gophers. I don’t hunt big game anymore, but I do go*



out for pheasants and grouse.

MTP Times: Do you reload? If so, how long have you been reloading? Smokeless? Black Powder? Any advice for reloaders?

Shotgun Kegger: *I have been reloading for over 50 years. I learned early that as much shooting as I like to do, reloading was a necessity. I only load smokeless. The only advice to hand loaders is to be careful, use the reloading manuals, don’t take chances, and don’t multitask. Concentrate only on reloading. Mistakes can be deadly.*

MTP Times: Anything else you'd like other shooters to know about you??? Any advice for new shooters?

Shotgun Kegger: *If you are a new shooter, don’t be in a big hurry to buy weapons. Try out various kinds first. Most club members will let you try their weapons.*

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Territorial Governor

“Backstrap Bill”

MTP Times figured some of the readership might not be familiar with the SASS Territorial Governor system and with our own Territorial Governor in particular, so we asked our Territorial Governor some questions. Here's his response.

Dear Editor, I understand you wish some background about SASS Territorial Governors and this one, in particular. I shall endeavor to answer your questions truthfully, if not completely.



Who is our Territorial Governor? *The beloved Backstrap Bill, SASS 26516 Life, of course.*

What does a Territorial Governor do? *Territorial Governors, aka TGs, help SASS ensure the game of cowboy action shooting is played consistently across all 650+ SASS-affiliated clubs. We help SASS improve the clarity of rules, work out interpretations of rules, identify and resolve equipment/category problems, serve on Protest Boards, and ensure the game is played fairly and safely. We also share decisions of the Rules Committee with the clubs we represent. Plus, other duties as assigned.*

How long have you been Territorial Governor? *I think I've been doing it for 12 years or so, started about the time Spencers were invented. Brother Van was MTP's first TG. He was the only one of us who could afford the now-defunct requirement to be a SASS life member, a \$600 proposition. Brother Van went to many of the SASS Conventions, which included TG Summits, where he did us proud.*

How much "Territorial" do you govern? *Most TGs represent a single club. In sparsely populated regions, like ours, TGs often work with several clubs. I used to cover four clubs, but am down to just two at this time.*

What's the most impressive thing you've done as Territorial Governor? *At SASS conventions, I always advocate for few categories, adhering to the target distance "guidelines," and generally downplaying turning our sport into a speed-at-all-costs and equipment race. Gee, guess my achievements in these regards haven't been all that great. There are about 150 TGs, one vote per club; what do you expect, eh?*

Anything else you want to tell us about being TG? *SASS has removed the life member requirement to be a TG. You must be an RO II, up on the rules, have been a match director a few times, take a formal rules class every few years and be willing to weigh in on the TG Wire (private group) of the SASS Wire Forum, and travel to TG conclaves which occur about every lustrum; there's one planned for December 2019. If you'd like to give it a try, I am willing to step aside without firing a shot.*

Do you think we'll ever get statehood? *Not a chance. Too many people here have guns!!!*

See Page 6 for Backstrap's Territorial Governor's "Sagacious Circumspection."

UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE

2019 EVENTS

APRIL

- 4/27 Monthly Match
 Registration/Set up—8:00 am
 Shooting—9:00
 Stage Writer—Grizzly Bill
 Match Director—Latigo

MAY

- 5/4 Introduction to Cowboy Action
 Shooting Class
 5/4 CHJC Match—Powell
 5/9 Practice
 5/12 Combined CAS/WBAS Match
 5/18 WY Wild Bunch Match—
 Powell
 5/20 Monthly Club Meeting
 5/25 Monthly Match
 Registration/Set up—8:00 am
 Shooting—9:00
 Stage Writer/Director—Bugler

JUNE

- 6/1 CHJC Match - Powell
 6/9 Combined CAS/WBAS Match
 6/13 Practice
 6/15-16 Quigley Match - Forsyth
 6/17 Monthly Club Meeting
 6/22-23 Monthly Match
 Registration/Set up—8:00 am
 Shooting—9:00
 Stage Writer/Director—
 Homestake
 6/29 Monthly Match – Backup Date

JULY

- 7/6 CHJC Match - Powell
 7/11 Practice
 7/15 Monthly Club Meeting
 7/18-21 Montana State Cowboy Action
 Shooting Match – Great Falls
 7/27 Monthly Match – Big Sky State
 Games Homestake, Griz,
 Swede, Latigo
 7/28 Big Sky State Games – Wild
 Bunch Match

Cowboy Recipe

“A man’s gotta eat!”

Slumgullion

Slumgullion may not sound like the most appetizing name for a dish, but that’s part of its charm. The word’s etymology doesn’t do it any favors: "slumgullion" is believed to be derived from "slum," an old word for "slime," and "gullion," an English dialectical term for "mud" or "cesspool." Most of the earliest recorded usages of "slumgullion," such as in Mark Twain’s *Roughing It* (1872), refer not to a stew but a beverage. The sense referring to the stew debuted about two decades later, and while there is no consensus on exactly what kinds of ingredients are found in it, that’s the "slumgullion" that lives on today.

Ingredients:

Due to the nature of “Slumgullion” the ingredients can be pretty flexible. Add more or less to your taste.

1 pound ground beef or stew meat cut in small pieces – you can use venison if you want

Onions, garlic, and celery

1 can each of tomatoes, beans, peas, and corn or, alternatively, 1 cup macaroni, 1 cup rice, and several diced potatoes

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Fry up the meat in a large skillet

Add onions, garlic, celery

Cook until tender

Add a can each of tomatoes, corn, green beans and peas.

Alternatively, you can cook and add 1 cup macaroni, and/or 1 cup rice, and/or several diced potatoes or you can add any of these to the vegetable mixture.

COMMENTS

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SAGACIOUS CIRCUMSPECTION FROM THE “GUV”

T a b l e E t i q u e t t e

After a long, cold, snowy winter, I find it good to get the rust outta the rulebook as well as my guns. Range etiquette is one topic I always review. Loading & unloading table behavior are particularly important.

I sometimes find myself getting impatient to get my guns loaded, occasionally jumping the gun on the Loading Table Range Officer. There should only be one person loading their guns at a time. That's just basic safety sense; can also help ensure the right number of rounds get stuffed into the rifle. If you jump in on a new shooter, they could become nervous enough to shake their gun belt right down to their ankles. So, if the RO asks you to wait, please comply.

At the unloading table, it is important to work the actions of long guns and revolvers slowly enough for the Unloading Table Range Officer to see what's really going on in there. A member of our club related the following story about an incident occurring last year while running the unloading table. The shooter spun a cylinder faster than greased lightning and started to stuff the gun back in the holster. The RO asked the shooter to put the gun back on the table and turn the cylinder s-l-o-w-l-y; shooter got in a huff, but complied. And, whaddyaknow? There was an empty cartridge in that pistol (recognize yourself?). A sheepish apology was issued and a Stage DQ was prevented. Had the shooter really gotten owly, they could have been disqualified from the whole match. The table Range Officers are there for everyone's benefit, please help 'em keep us all safe and happy.



Montana Territory Peacemakers March 18, 2019 Club Meeting Notes

Attending: Delilah Bored, Angel, Muggins Taylor, Backstrap Bill, Shotgun Kegger, Bugler, Galloping Swede, Latigo, Miz Griz, Grizzly Bill, Homestake Drifter

Latigo will check on the range for the .22 match. Swede has 4 stages written.

BSSG preparations and status were discussed.

The Christmas Party date was set as December 14. Invitations will be by email this year.

Homestake reported on the status of the keychains.

Information on match stages, round counts, side matches, etc. needs to be to Homestake 2 weeks prior to the match so correct information can be sent to the Billings Gazette.

Bugler reported that he will be using “stolen stages” for the May match.

The club rule change on dropped ammo was discussed. In the future, a dropped round is dead only if it hits the ground.

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“My First Match” Bugler

Montana Territory Peacemakers (good) Times asked frequent stage writer and match director, shooter at most every match, club bugler and MTP club member, Bugler to tell us about his first match. Here's what he had to say.



So, Bugler, what can you tell us about your first Cowboy Action match? When and where was it?

It was in the fall of 2001. My first match that I actually shot in was in Idaho Falls. Prior to that I was living in Great Falls and was invited by a now deceased friend of mine (Major Ben MacIntyre) to come out and take a look in 1997.

Why did you go to that first match?

I went because it seemed like fun and the folks were all quite friendly. I already had most of the gear, so why not?

What and whose guns did you shoot? What about leather?

I already had my Grandpa's Winchester 1897 shotgun made in 1902, but it had a bulged barrel and I took it to a local gunsmith and he cut the barrel just behind the bulge in exchange for the Cutts Compensator that was on the barrel. The rifle was a Navy Arms 1860 Yellowboy in .38 Spl. that I had inherited from my Dad, so now all I needed was a set of handguns and I was good to go. I ended up finding in pawn shops two older 7 ½ in. bbl. Jaeger .357 Magnum SAA copies that are well made and had been shot a LOT but the price on each was really right. First one was \$125, and the second one was \$140. I've since had to have each of them rebuilt. As far as leather went, I already had two flap over cavalry holsters for my 1860 Army Cap and Ball revolvers. I use them today but have added some other holsters along the way.

What category did you shoot in and why?

I don't remember the first category but I always had an interest in cavalry so I shot what is now called Classic Cowboy first, A shooter that was a mentor to me in yesteryear (Hard Tack Henry) chided me at a match in Simms about shooting with two hands on the revolver....in his words, "No trooper ever shot with two hands" He also told me that any cavalry trooper worth his salt carried all that he needed in his saddle bags, if it wasn't in his saddle bags, he didn't need it. I may be the only SASS shooter that doesn't use a cart. Not then and not now. I shot Duelist from that point and still do.

What was different about it and matches we shoot now?

The matches then had story lines and were built around a movie or actor such as Clint Eastwood, John Wayne etc. There were also many things that are no longer done such as getting on a stationary horse (sometimes they also moved on a track while you engaged targets and moving at the same time), roping things, shooting bow and arrow, stabbing things, sticking a knife or hatchet into a log, these things put the "Action" into Cowboy Action Shooting. Other things would be reloads on the clock with either handguns or the rifle. The emphasis was on doing fun things while you were shooting and not just blazing speed that is the rule of the day now. Similar things would be that we shoot period firearms at distances that were long ago unheard of.

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Bugler's First Match continued

What else do you remember about your first match?

I remember that unlike some other shooting sports that I have shot in everyone was quite willing to help out in whatever manner they could, from suggestions on shooting the stage and transitions, to reloading tips, many "how to" pearls of wisdom were passed along etc. I also remember many shooters firing real Colts and real Winchesters, many 10 gauge shotguns, usually all shooting Black Powder.

What about it made you come back for your second match?

I returned because I was made to feel quite welcome by the existing shooters, they all had a first match at some point and they wanted to help out in whatever manner they could. That is still with us and I try to pay it forward whenever I can.....ie. loaning gear to new shooters etc.

How did you come by your Alias?

Mine is simple, I am a real deal bugler but had to wait for another shooter that had that alias to not renew before I could officially be known as Bugler.

Have any pictures of you when you first started????

It seems like there were a few pictures that made it into the Chronicle from when I shot in Six Gun Justice matches in Rexburg Idaho in 2002. I shot in that match for 10 years in a row and am the only shooter to shoot clean all ten years. The Rexburg experience is an awesome range and awesome experience as well. I don't think that this match exists anymore, which is very sad to me. They have all kinds of great props on the range. Such as a fort, a gallows, an ore cart on track, a real ca-boose, a livery stable, a sheriff's office, a motel, an outhouse, a line shack, a general goods store. They used to have around 150 shooters show up for that match!

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April 15, 2019 Club Meeting Notes

Attending: Angel, Muggins, Shotgun Kegger, Latigo, Delilah Bored, Grizzly Bill, Galloping Swede, Montana Redeye, Keystone, Backstrap Bill

Stages written for Saturday April 27th match by Grizzly Bill. Setup Saturday morning at 8 AM with registration also at 8 AM. Round count is 50 rifle, 50 pistol, 20+ shotgun. There will be a side match requiring a 97 pump, can borrow if necessary, needing a round count of 5 shotgun/10 pistol. The side match can be shot at least twice so bring enough extra ammo as needed.

Big Sky State Games update – Cajun Phatty's has confirmed to cater lunch at a cost of \$10. Selections available will be chicken, shrimp and alligator. Angel will be checking with owner Ashley regarding drink availability and cost. Club may provide.

Two day matches were again discussed and again kept as previously stated at \$15 match fee and must shoot both days to qualify for clean match pin.

Update on Lucky Bill – he has moved to the Advanced Care facility in room #404. Anticipated to be there until about May 4th. If thinking of visiting around that time call first if possible to be sure he's still a resident.

Backstrap Bill picked up spray paint for the targets. It is marker paint and needs to be shaken vigorously before trying to spray. To paint can is held upside down. To clear nozzle spray straight up. Use non acetone finger nail polish remover if paint gets on glasses/hands.

Grizzly Bill has props to donate.

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Third Ever Newsletter Contest

“WHOSE HOLSTER, ACCESSORY, OR ACCOUTREMENT IS IT????”



The Contest: We spend a bunch of our time at our Cowboy Action Shooting matches observing other shooters, as counters, waiting in line to load or unload, loaded and waiting to shoot, shootin' the bull, or just plain spectatin'. In view of this recurring actuality, the editorial staff of the Montana Territory Peacemakers (good) Times has devised this “Whose Holster, Accessory, or Accoutrement Is It????” contest to test your observatory prowess.

The Rules: 1) If you fail to identify your own holster, accessory, or accoutrement, you are disqualified (yes, we know this is a harsh rule since most of us can't see our own holsters, accessories, or accoutrements while we are wearing them, but unlike our backsides, we can see them when we take them off). **2) If you don't want your holster, accessory, or accoutrement used in the contest, you must so inform the editorial staff immediately (for eight of you, you are already too late).** 3) All identifications for each issue's holster, accessory, or accoutrement selections must be received at contest headquarters before the publication of the next newsletter issue. Since no one knows when that will be, best get them in right away. 4) The judges' decisions/determinations are final. 5) You need not be present to win.

Contest Duration: The contest will last as long as: there are sufficient holsters, accessories, or accoutrements for identification; until a clear winner can be determined; the readership participation declines; someone complains; and/or the editorial staff tires of administering the contest.

Contest Prizes: One or more prizes (as yet to be determined) will be awarded the winner(s). Prizes are guaranteed to be of at least the quality, character, and nature as the gifts exchanged at the annual Christmas Party white elephant gift exchange.

Where to Send Your Entries: E-mail your entries to: ar129@aol.com with the subject “MTP Newsletter Contest” or, if that's too much typin', “MTP HAA” will do.

Holsters, accessories, or accoutrements must be identified by alias and contest number.



Left: Holster, Accessory, or Accoutrement #7



Right: Holster, Accessory, or Accoutrement #8



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MARCH .22 MATCH RESULTS

MTP SASS: .22 Match March 23, 2019

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Match Results Combined

Final Name	Division	Final Time	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Stage 4		Stage 5	
			Time	Rank								
1 Missouri River Kid	ES	132.60	36.23	1	27.16	1	23.22	1	22.29	1	23.70	1
2 Donk	CO	166.12	36.38	2	32.65	2	26.04	2	35.34	5	35.71	3
3 Solo Browncoat	CO	183.10	39.53	3	37.60	3	36.57	5	34.84	4	34.56	2
4 Bugler	DU	194.88	40.20	4	39.66	4	38.59	6	39.26	7	37.17	5
5 Lascivious Latigo	FO	211.05	57.47	11	44.44	8	35.30	4	34.26	2	39.58	6
6 Homestake Drifter	SS	224.07	61.49	12	56.90	12	34.64	3	34.47	3	36.57	4
7 Shotgun Kegger	CB	233.10	44.05	5	41.96	6	55.69	11	44.99	9	46.41	8
8 Galloping Swede	ES	239.42	54.69	7	48.30	10	42.63	8	39.03	6	54.77	11
9 Angel	LSS	239.72	65.90	13	40.48	5	41.95	7	46.08	11	45.31	7
10 Backstrap Bill	SS	239.77	55.54	8	48.52	11	44.79	9	43.96	8	46.96	9
11 Two Gun Montana	EP	258.98	47.19	6	44.22	7	69.52	13	45.26	10	52.79	10
12 Vinnie Bagodonuts	SS	270.61	55.97	9	47.34	9	52.98	10	51.77	12	62.55	12
13 H M Muggins Taylor	CB	379.16	56.74	10	78.79	13	61.14	12	96.83	14	85.66	13
14 Delilah Bored	LSS	530.75	98.80	14	123.02	14	104.12	14	83.07	13	121.74	14



Left: VINNIE BAGODONUTS SHOTS HIS PISTOL (NEVER did SEE THE BAG 'O DONUTS—HE MUST HAVE EATEN THEM BEFORE HE ARRIVED AT THE MATCH)

Right: BACKSTRAP BILL MAKES A RARE APPEARANCE



Left: SOLO BROWNCOAT SHOTS HIS RIFLE AS GALLOPING SWEDE TIMES

Right: DONK—MUST HAVE BEEN TOO COOL FOR HIM TO WEAR HIS SKIRT

