



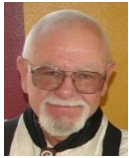
THE BULLET HOLE

DECEMBER – 2014

Next business meeting: To be scheduled.

Monthly Shoot is on January 18th - Shooters' meeting at 10:00 a.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Hello everyone...It was a nice one this month! My thanks to those cowboys who delivered equipment and helped set up & tear down the stages.

We had five stages and they went by pretty quick. The only slow stage was the double “Star” stage.

We seemed to have quite a few firearm malfunctions which also slowed us down a little.

We had three quest shooters: **Justin, Osage & Faro John**. It was great to have you guys shooting with us.

Since the “What’s the Rule” segment is a little long, I’ll stop writing and say see you next month!

Shotgun Marshal



THE MATCH DIRECTOR SPEAKS: Howdy... Well is sure was a cold one for the 17 shooters who showed up for the Sunday shoot. It was a warm 28 degree (burrrrrr) but everyone stuck it out till the end. **Jackpot Jerry** came out, but he decided, with his cold, it just wasn't worth getting worse. Hope he feels better. **Kate** took the scores down, but stayed in the car!!!!

Keep you powder dry and see you next month....Sagebrush Sam



We have some new shooters and there seems to be some questions as to the rules our shoots are conducted under. So, we are starting a new newsletter section called:

WHAT IS THE RULE?

ALL FIREARMS

All firearms must be designed to fire by use of an impact mechanism such as required by centerfire primers, rimfire primers, or percussion caps. All other firing mechanisms are illegal.

Internal modifications not referenced here that cannot be seen while the firearm is at rest (action closed) are allowed provided they do not affect the external operation or directly conflict with one of the modifications listed here.

Modifying the firing, cocking, chambering, or levering mechanism in any way that changes the process from an entirely manual operation to any other style operation (e.g., blowback operation, gas operation, or recoil operation) is expressly prohibited.

All firearms may be repaired and/or restored to their original condition.

Replacement parts may be made from materials other than the original unless such material is specifically prohibited.

All parts may be smoothed, reprofiled, polished, deburred, or replaced provided they are not prohibited in these Covenants.

HAMMERS

Hammers may be replaced or exchanged with hammers designed for the same frame size (e.g., small frame revolver hammers may not be installed on large frame revolvers or vice versa).

Internal parts of the hammer may be changed (e.g., to allow for a half-cock notch on a revolver).

Bisley style revolver hammers may only be used when mated with a Bisley style grip frame.

Ruger Blackhawk revolver hammers may be replaced with Ruger Super Blackhawk revolver hammers as a Modern Category revolver only.

Hammer stops may be added.

The hammer travel distance on any revolver may be adjusted.

Rear sight notches cut into the revolver hammer may be widened.

Hammer spur grooves may be recut.

BARRELS

Barrels or chambers may be rebored, lined, or sleeved to any of the approved calibers or gauges for that particular firearm provided industry safe limits are maintained.

Original barrels may be replaced with new barrels of correct styles (e.g., round, octagon, half-round) for that particular model firearm.

Barrels may be shortened and/or crowned.

Rifle barrels must maintain a length greater than 16 inches.

Rifle barrels may be altered to accept mounting hardware for an alternative tube magazine configuration and capacity appropriate to the model of firearm being altered.

Barrels may be altered to accept period style sights as described within the Sights Section.

Shotgun barrels must maintain a length greater than 18 inches.

Shotgun barrels may have internal choke tubes installed provided they do not extend beyond the muzzle.

No heavy competition or "Bull Barrel" is allowed on revolver caliber firearms.

Barrels must be made of steel or iron only.

Visible counter-weighting devices are not allowed.

Compensating ports are not allowed.

TRIGGERS AND TRIGGER GUARDS

Triggers may be profiled to narrow their width.

Trigger position may be adjusted.

Trigger stops may be added.

Shotgun trigger guards may be wrapped with leather or other natural material.

Bending the trigger guard on side by sides so triggers are more exposed is not allowed.

Trigger shoes are not allowed.

STOCKS AND GRIPS

The length or style of stock may be altered or replaced (e.g., a carbine style stock may be interchanged for a rifle stock and vice-versa).

Checkering, carving, or laser engraving is allowed on fore-stocks, buttstocks, and revolver grips.

A permanently fitted, non-adjustable, lace on, or slip on recoil pad is allowed on the buttstock of rifles and shotguns.

Buttplates may be changed to a buttplate style that was generally available from the original manufacturer.

A piece of leather or similar natural material may be attached to the buttplate or butt stock.

Grips of simulated or natural materials are acceptable provided they are not customized to constitute a “target” grip. That is, they must be of the same basic profile as grips found on original firearms.

Revolver grips must conform to the front and rear of the grip frame but may extend beyond the bottom surface.

Contemporary rubber grips, modern target grips, grip tape, and the like are not allowed.

A slide on leather cover to protect the offhand from barrel heat is allowed on side by side shotguns.

Leather on a pump shotgun’s fore end or grip surface is not allowed.

SIGHTS - ALL FIREARMS

Sights must look like sights available during the cowboy era—bead, blade, simple post, or otherwise approved front sights (such as the XS Cowboy Express) made of materials such as steel, iron, ivory, faux ivory, brass, gold, pewter, copper, or silver are allowable.

Rear and front sights may be “blacked.” Colors other than those of the materials referenced above or any “day glow” materials are not allowed on either front or rear sights.

All rear sights may have their openings adjusted.

The front sight may be raised or lowered to bring point-of-aim and point-of-impact into alignment.

The back of the front sight may be serrated.

RIFLE

Tang mounted rear sights may utilize changeable “peep” apertures and eyecups.

No bolt or receiver mounted sight is permitted.

Dovetails may be milled in the barrel for sight replacement.

Beech style front sights and sight hoods are allowed.

Front sights may include a bead or insert of steel, iron, ivory, faux ivory, brass, gold, pewter, copper, or silver. The bead or insert shall be the color of the material.

Rear sights may utilize an insert of the same color as the rear sight to allow easy sight adjustment.

Ramp style front sights are allowed if original to the firearm.

Modern style click adjustable barrel or receiver sights are not allowed.

REVOLVER – TRADITIONAL CATEGORY

Traditional category revolvers may only use traditional style, barrel mounted, fixed metallic foresights of a simple blade, bead, or post configuration.

A simple open notched rear sight cut into the frame, hammer, or latch mechanism is the only rear sight allowed.

Ramp style front sights are not allowed.

Beaded post front sights or inserts are not allowed.

Allowed Exceptions: Original opentop cartridge revolvers, cap and ball revolvers, cartridge conversion revolvers, and their modern made replicas may have either a dovetail front or rear sight, and they must conform to the types commonly found on the originals. Any other revolver by whatever manufacturer or model that has either a dovetailed or screw adjustable front or rear sight, whether movable or adjustable, is a Modern category revolver.

REVOLVER – MODERN CATEGORY

Modern category revolvers may have dovetailed or adjustable rear sights and/or dovetailed front sights.

The rear of Modern revolver front sights may be reshaped (such as rounded).

Ramp style front sights are allowed if original to the firearm.

Beaded post front sights or inserts are not allowed.

Modern revolver REAR sights may be replaced with commonly available sights of the same size and type. Modern replacement target sights such as the Bomar and Millett type sights are not allowed.

Modern revolver FRONT sights may not be undercut.

SHOTGUN

Front sights may be bead or simple post types.

COSMETIC EMBELLISHMENT

Period style tacks, carving, engraving, checkering, inlays, and other such embellishments are allowed on stocks and grips provided they do not constitute any kind of radical or target type grip enhancement.

Receiver, frame, grip frame, cylinder, or barrel engraving is permitted provided it does not constitute a grip enhancement.

No portion of the grip frame may be checkered or stippled.

A light bead blasted finish may be applied to the exterior of any SILVER STATE SHOOTIST firearm.

Metal surfaces may retain their natural color or be blued, browned, plated (such as nickel, gold, or silver), blacked, color case hardened, aged to a patina type finish, or jeweled.

SCREWS

Factory screws may be replaced with socket head cap or other type screws.

FRAMES AND RECEIVERS

Frames and receivers may be drilled and tapped (such as to accept approved type sights).

Ruger Blackhawk frames may be modified by removing the rear sight assembly, welding up the sight cutout, recontouring the frame top strap, and cutting a new sight notch to replicate Colt SAA or Vaquero frames. The reconfigured frame must be mated with a conventional Ruger Vaquero type barrel, hammer, and the original grip frame assembly in order to be allowed as a Traditional Category style revolver.

Percussion revolvers may be converted to accommodate cartridge firing mechanisms common to the period. They may also be modified by adding a narrow cap guard to the recoil shield and undercut the hammer (i.e., Manhattan modification). Modern percussion revolvers may have the frame contoured to approximate original type designs.

The dimensions of the ejection port on a slide action shotgun may not be altered.

LEVERS

“John Wayne” style levers may be substituted on rifles for the standard factory lever.

Levers may be wrapped or padded with leather or other natural material.

Filler “blocks” or other such mechanisms designed to prevent all movement of the fingers within the lever loop are not allowed.

With the exception of the “John Wayne” levers, any replacement lever must maintain the same basic contour and size as the original lever.

The lever may be cut and welded provided the basic exterior contour and size is not changed.

The exchange of an 1873 rifle lever with an 1866 rifle lever is allowed.

All lever action rifles must have a lever travel distance of not less than 4-1/8 inches when measured as follows:

With the action closed, measure three inches back from the back edge of the trigger at the point where it enters the frame. Mark this point on both the bottom of the buttstock and the lever opposite the buttstock mark. Open the lever to its maximum extension and measure the distance between the two marks.

FEED / LOADING MECHANISMS

The carrier and/or lifter mechanisms in rifles may be lightened, welded, modified, or replaced.

A “two-shot” drop type system for lever action shotguns may be added.

Loading lever mechanisms on percussion revolvers may be removed or modified to accommodate barrel length changes.

The seating mechanism on percussion revolvers may be removed or may be modified to adjust seating depth.

FIRING PINS

The length of the firing pin may be extended.

The visible contour of the rear portion of firing pins or firing pin extensions may not be altered.

Friction reducing devices such as roller bearings are not allowed on the rear portion of firing pins or firing pin extensions.

RECOIL REDUCERS

Internal recoil reducing devices may be added.

REVOLVER EJECTOR RODS

Colt style bullseye or crescent ejector rods may be installed.

REVOLVER GRIP FRAMES

Birdshead grip frames and grips may be installed on any SAA or its modern replicas but may not be used with Bisley style hammers.

Grip frames may be replaced, “rounded,” or extended (e.g., the exchange of a Single Action Army grip frame with an 1860 Army grip frame and vice versa).

Brass or aluminum grip frames are allowed.

Bisley style grip frames may only be used when mated with a Bisley style hammer.

REVOLVER CYLINDER BASE PINS

The cylinder pin may be shortened.

A screw may be used to secure the base pin.

REVOLVER CYLINDERS

Centerfire and rimfire cylinders may have no less than five and no more than six chambers.

The front of the cylinder may be beveled.

Unfluted cylinders may be fluted.

Lead in grooves may be cut or extended.

The revolver may be altered to allow the cylinder to spin in either direction.

Cylinders may be rebored, lined, or sleeved to any of the approved revolver calibers provided industry safe limits are maintained.

Cylinders must be made of steel or iron only.

SHOTGUN BREAK ACTION

Internal mechanisms to guarantee side-by-sides do not close accidentally may be added or modified.

The open angle for side by sides may be increased.

RIFLE REQUIREMENTS

Rifles or carbines used in the main and team matches must be original or replicas of lever or slide action rifles manufactured during the period from approximately 1860 until 1899, incorporating a tubular magazine and exposed hammer. Rifles with box magazines may not be used. Certain shooting categories require a specific type of rifle and ammunition to be used. Please see the shooting categories for further information

RIFLE CALIBERS

Must be centerfire of at least .32 caliber and not larger than .45 caliber.

Must be in a caliber commonly available in revolvers. Examples include, but are not limited to, .32-20, .32 Magnum, .357 Magnum, .38 Special, .38-40, .44-40, .44 Special, .44 Magnum, and .45 Colt. The only allowed exceptions are the .25-20 and .56-50. No rifle calibers such as .30-30 or .38-55 are allowed.

REVOLVER REQUIREMENTS

Original single action revolvers manufactured prior to 1899, their approved replicas, and the SILVER STATE SHOOTIST approved modern category revolvers are the only revolvers approved for use in SILVER STATE SHOOTIST main match competition. The rules relative to SILVER STATE SHOOTIST approved revolvers depend upon the competition category in which one participates. Examples of SILVER STATE SHOOTIST approved revolvers for each category are listed elsewhere in this Handbook. Sights are a major factor for determining in which category a revolver may be used. Certain shooting categories require a specific type of revolver and ammunition be used. Please see the shooting categories for further information.

No more than two main match revolvers may be carried to the firing line.

REVOLVER CALIBERS

Must be centerfire calibers of at least .32 caliber and no larger than .45 caliber or percussion calibers of at least .36 caliber and no larger than .45 caliber.

Must be in a caliber commonly available in revolvers. Examples include, but are not limited to, .32-20, .32 Magnum, .357 Magnum, .38 Special, .44 Magnum, .44-40, and .45 Colt).

Although the .32 caliber revolvers and .36 caliber cap and ball revolvers are legal, they may not be powerful enough to handle all reactive targets.

SHOTGUN REQUIREMENTS

Any side-by-side or single shot shotgun typical of the period from approximately 1860 until 1899 without automatic ejectors, with or without external hammers, having single or double triggers is allowed. Lever action, tubular feed, exposed hammer shotguns of the period are allowed, whether original or replicas. The only slide action shotgun allowed is the Model 1897 Winchester shotgun, whether original or replica. Certain shooting categories require a specific type of shotgun and ammunition to be used. Military configurations are not allowed (i.e., trench guns). Please see the shooting categories for further information.

SHOTGUN GAUGES

Side-by-side, single shot, and lever action shotguns must be centerfire of at least 20 gauge and no larger the 10 gauge.

Slide action shotguns must be centerfire of at least 16 gauge and no larger than 12 gauge.

Side-by-side, single shot, and lever action centerfire shotguns in .410 gauge are not allowed.

Note: ANY EXTERNAL MODIFICATION TO ANY FIREARM NOT SPECIFICALLY REFERENCED IN THIS HANDBOOK IS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED!

OTHER APPROVED FIREARMS

The following additional firearms have been approved for use:

Small frame Model P revolvers such as the Cimarron Firearms Lightning, Uberti Stallion, and Ruger Single Six .32 H & R Magnum.

Henry Big Boy Rifle.

US Firearms Omni Potent Revolver.

Marlin 1894 Tube Feed Rifle—.32 H&R Magnum.

Original or replica Nagant Single Action Revolver.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COWBOY!

THE FOLLOWING COWBOYS HAVE BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY.

JANUARY 9TH ... SAGEBRUSH SAM (AKA: FRANK WARDWELL)

JANUARY 21ST ... STARK WILSON (AKA: ED RANN)

JANUARY 21ST ... HIGH DESERT DAVE (AKA: DAVID MCDONALD)



SILVER STATE SHOOTISTS 2015 CALENDAR

JANUARY 2015

Match 1/18/15, 10 am shooters meeting

FEBRUARY 2015

Match 2/15/15, 10 am shooters meeting

MARCH 2015*Daylight saving time begins*

Match 3/15/15, 10 am shooters meeting

APRIL 2015

(Smithy's Revenge)

Match: 4/19/15, 9 am shooters meeting

Dues are due by April 30.**MAY 2015**

Match: 5/17/15, 9 am shooters' meeting

Buffalo Shoot: 5/23-24/15

Sat. Shooters' Meeting: 12 Noon

Sun. Shooters' Meeting: 9 am

JUNE 2015

Match: 6/21/15, 9 am shooters meeting

JULY 2015

Match: 7/19/15, 9 am shooters meeting

AUGUST 2015

Match: 8/16/15, 9 am shooters meeting

SEPTEMBER 2015

Match: 9/20/15, 9 am shooters meeting

OCTOBER 2015

Match: 10/18/15, 9 am shooters meeting

Buffalo Shoot: 10/24-25/15

Sat. shooters meeting: 12 Noon

Sun. shooters meeting: 9 am

NOVEMBER 2015

(Turkey Shoot)

Daylight saving time ends

Match: 11/15/15 10 am shooters meeting

DECEMBER 2015**Christmas Party**

12/5/15 at Carson Station Casino

Match: 12/20/15, 10 am shooters meeting

**The business meetings are held as needed
for club business.****Shooters meetings for matches will be
at 10 am from November through
March and 9 am from April through
October.****SSS Monthly Shoot Scores for December, 2014**

Alias	Total Time	Stage 1			Stage 2			Stage 3			Stage 4			Stage 5							
		Raw Time	M	P	Stage Total	Raw Time	M	P	Stage Total	Raw Time	M	P	Stage Total	Raw Time	M	P	Stage Total				
Eldorado	238.02	36.47	1		41.47	37.94			37.94	49.91	5		74.91	38.96	1		43.96	34.74	1		39.74
Faro John	247.46	46.10			46.10	45.58			45.58	45.66	3		60.66	38.54	2		48.54	36.58	2		46.58
Sagebrush Sam	251.45	51.08			51.08	40.00	1		45.00	42.21	4		62.21	43.64		1	53.64	34.52	1		39.52
Doc Holiday	276.21	47.03			47.03	43.00		1	53.00	70.86	2	S	90.86	47.29			47.29	38.03			38.03
Tumbleweed Ed	306.31	49.86			49.86	44.30		1	54.30	64.69	5		89.69	58.13			58.13	49.33	1		54.33
Cal-Tex Rider	313.16	43.30	2		53.30	42.16	2		52.16	87.59			87.59	40.10	2		50.10	40.01	6		70.01
Scurvy Kid	318.20	59.93	1		64.93	52.03	1		57.03	54.01	6		84.01	55.73	2		65.73	46.50			46.50
Longarm	337.38	67.92	3		82.92	54.09			54.09	60.96	5		85.96	62.23			62.23	47.18	1		52.18
Daisy	339.18	54.79	2		64.79	49.76	2	1	69.76	72.74	3		87.74	57.84			57.84	54.05	1		59.05
Osage	379.12	66.74	6		96.74	48.09	5		73.09	47.58	3		62.58	51.91			51.91	59.80	5	1	94.80
Black Sheep Ron	403.09	65.99	2		75.99	59.47	3		74.47	57.43	3		72.43	75.38	5		100.38	54.82	5		79.82
Justin	423.05	71.84			71.84	79.22			79.22	84.83	3		99.83	79.82	2	1	99.82	70.34	1		75.34
Blade Wade	464.53	73.58	4		93.58	62.24	1		67.24	60.20	13		125.20	62.00	4	1	92.00	56.51	6		86.51

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