

SILLY VALLEY SAFETY COMMITTEE
RECORD

First of January, Nineteen Hundred Ninety and Seven

FIRST ROUND

By Henry Fardan, editor

Welcome to issue Number One of the *Record* of the Silly Valley Safety Committee.

It's been a whirlwind, getting this club rounded up and headed north. We had to get the word out to folks who might join up, organize places to shoot our matches, set up range rules and train range officers, gather targets and design stages, and create the myriad bits and pieces {like the *Record* in your hand} necessary to complete a star outfit like the SVSC.

With our first match scheduled for March, we're looking forward to finally enjoying ourselves at playing the game of Cowboy Action Shooting. We hope you decide to come along for the ride.

Whether you come as a shooter or significant other, dressed up as cowboy or a drifter, dance hall girl or a gambler, Western villain or hero, join us in having one hell of a good time with Cowboy Action Shooting. For membership information, contact one of the Committee members.

I look forward to meeting our new members at one of our matches or our club meetings, and watching this club grow.

MATCH SCHEDULES

There are two types of matches set up by the Committee: club matches and public matches.

Club matches are exactly that; practice sessions for members of the club. Thus they are open to members {or those who become members by paying their dues prior to the match} and invited guests only. Range fees for club matches are \$12 for members and \$36 for those who join at the match {including the annual fee}.

Club matches are scheduled at Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club on the following Sundays: April 20th, June 15th, August 17th, October 19th, and December 21st.

Public matches are open to all club members, members of other SASS-affiliated clubs, and the public, including spectators. {Those not able to meet certain criteria may be asked to prove their shooting capabilities prior to shooting an SVSC match.} Range fees for public matches are \$12 for members {\$36 if they join at the match}; \$15 for all SASS members and members of the Sunnyvale or Richmond clubs or the National Shooting Club; and \$20 for all others.

Public matches are scheduled at Richmond Rod & Gun Club on the following Sundays: March 23rd, May 25th, July 27th, September 28th, and November 23rd.

RANGE OFFICERS

The Safety Committee, in order to promote the highest standard of safety at its matches, has held two Range Officer training sessions.

The first, at Sunnyvale Rod & Gun Club on January 19th, consisted of several hours of classroom work on cowboy firearms and their habits, the range rules of both the Committee and SASS, and the exacting requirements of acting as Range Officer at a Cowboy Action shooting match, along with time as a 'on-the-job' range officer out on the range.

The second, at Richmond Rod & Gun Club on February 23rd, will let our Range Officers perfect their craft over four actual stages.

Our posse of Range Officers, led by the Range Master, Coyote Creek Mike, is there to ensure that shooting at all SVSC matches is both safe *and* fun. You'll recognize them by their ribbon-yellow neckerchiefs.

If you're new to Cowboy Action Shooting, or gun sports in

general, be sure to introduce yourself and ask for advice; they'll be happy to help.

Future sessions will be scheduled to train additional Range Officers; if you're interested, ask any officer for details.

JOINING THE POSSE

Taking a new name. To join the SVSC, as well as participate in any SASS affiliated shoot, you must have an alias. It should be representative of a character or profession from the Old West, or the name of a Western movie or television character. It may not in any way duplicate or be easily confused with the alias of another member; all SVSC aliases must be accepted by SASS before becoming 'final'.

Saddling up. You've signed up and paid your dues: what in tarnation do you do next? You now need to get outfitted as a proud member of the cowboy action shooting community. While firearms may be a priority, we suggest that you consider getting an appropriate outfit together first. You'll find fellow members willing to loan you a sidearm or two until you get your own, but no one is going to let you borrow their pants, boots, or hat!

Clothing is readily available from the back of your closet, the local thrift shop, and costume stores; there are many

patterns available to make period clothing. Worst case, some button-front jeans with suspenders, a long-sleeve collarless shirt, along with a cowboy hat and boots, makes a decent start.

As to firearms, there are plenty of replicas available from any local gunshop, along with a surprising number of originals made before the turn of the century. You'll see plenty of different kinds to choose from at any of our matches.

Riding herd. Now that you have an alias, look the part, and own or have borrowed a period firearm or two, you're probably itching to get going. So are we.

To keep posted on our match schedule, come to meetings of the Safety Committee, see the schedule above, or consult the match schedule on our web site {see *Surfing Cowboys* below}. Let's get shootin'!

SURFING COWBOYS

The SVSC has put up its own web site [see the URL at the bottom of the page]. It contains club history, all meeting and match schedules {with directions}, match scores, frequently asked questions about the SVSC, our range rules, a list of member's aliases, a map of Silly Valley with the story of the town and its citizens, and back issues of the

Record, plus links to the SASS home page as well as other web sites of interest to cowboy shooters. As if all that wasn't enough, you'll also find *Their Last Resting Place*: grave locations of the Old West. Have a gander, and let us know what you think.

CALLING ON THE NEIGHBORS

By Elegant Ella

These cowboy action shooting clubs are within a three-hour drive of SVSC territory; contact each club for more details.

River City Regulators at the Yolo Sportsman's Association, Yolo. Shoots are on the first Sunday; club Days are in odd months {January, March, May, July, September, November} where new shooters are welcome; regular matches are in even months {February, June, August, October, December}. Shoots start at 9 am.

Three-day match: *Plainfield Raid*, April 4th, 5th, 6th. Pot shoots and long range rifle after the safety meeting Friday at 11:30 am. Eight stages of main match Saturday and Sunday, starting with a safety meeting Saturday at 8:30 am. A potluck dinner and music Saturday evening.

Ammo required: 150 pistol, 150 rifle, 100 shotgun plus ammo for pot shoots

SVSC web site address: <http://128.125.109.137/SASSNet/Clubs/USA/SVSC/SVSC.html>

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and long range rifle. Price: \$60 individual, \$20 junior. Contact Diamond Dick {Dick Price} at {916} 483-9198 or Max Sand {Tom Anderson} at {916} 967-6148 or email at maxand@aol.com.

Note: 10 second penalty for misses; great props.

Directions: I-80 to Pedrick Road. North to Road 29; turn left. Turn left onto Aviation Ave. Yolo Sportsmen's Association is the first entrance on the left. The Cowboy range is on the first left within the club property.

Motherlode Shootist Society at Mother Lode Gun Club, Jamestown Road, Jamestown. Shoots are the first Sunday at 9:30 am

Contact Tuolumne Lawman {Bernard Malloy} at bdmolloy@mlode.com

Note: new club; their first match was in February.

Directions: 580 to 205 {thru Tracy} to I-5, then take 120 east. Turn left on 'Jamestown Road' as you pass Jamestown on 108 {120 splits off towards Yosemite, and 108 continues to Jamestown}. Go about a mile; the 'Mother Lode Gun Club' is on the right.

Chorro Valley Regulators at San Luis Obispo. Shoots are the second Sunday; they have a weekend match on the 2nd weekend in May.

Contact John Marrs at {805}

462-0180.

Directions: South on 101 to Santa Rosa St. {Highway 1} exit in San Luis Obispo. Turn right and head out of town. Landmarks: the Men's Colony on the right, Camp San Luis {National Guard} on the left, Cuesta College on the right. There are two stop lights at Cuesta; the turn for the range is on the right side of the highway, one mile after the second traffic light. The public range is on the left and the CAS range to the right. After turning right, drive through a cattle guard and over a wooden bridge. There will be another cattle guard. Turn left and follow that road until you get to the last range; signs will be posted after the turn off.

Murieta Posse at Sacramento Valley Shooting Center, Sloughhouse. Shoots are the third Sunday at 9 am. Setup and new shooter orientation is the day before.

Contact Boss Hayes {Mike Flanigan} at {916} 443-0381}

Note: five second penalties, great props.

Directions: 580 to 205 {thru Tracy} to I-5 northbound. Take 120/108 {real soon after getting onto 5} over to 99. North on 99 to Twin Cities Road {past Galt, about 30 miles}. Head east toward Jackson. After about 20 miles, you will cross the Amador County line. The next road

heading to the left is Ione-Michigan Bar Road. Turn left onto it. After about 4 miles you'll see Meiss Road {with a sign for Sacramento Valley Shooting Center}; turn left. Turn right into the shooting center, go around the right end of the pond and then turn left. Cowboys park up the rise at end of the paved parking lot.

Kings River Regulators at Fresno Rifle and Pistol Club, 15687 Auberry Road, Clovis. Shoots are the third Sunday. Contact Snakebite {Doug Gilmore} at {209} 787-2943}.

Note: club started in December of 1995.

Directions: I-99 South to Herndon Road. East to Willow. North to Copper. East to Auberry Road. North to the range, which is on the left.

Chabot at Chabot Gun Club, Oakland. Shoots are the third Sunday of odd months. Weekend event in September.

Contact Dead-Eye Dick {Dick Betts} at {415} 892-5754}.

Note: not SASS affiliated; small, distant, and challenging targets.

Directions: 580 east to Redwood Road. North on Redwood Road. When you can see a reservoir off to the right, start watching for the turn into the park on the left. Once in the park, turn left and follow the signs to the rifle range.

MY FAVORITE PLACE

Trigger Hill Trading Post

{*Dealing in Antique & Modern Firearms*}, 1162 South Main Street, Salinas, California. {408} 757-1188

I have dealt with Kim Pisor, the owner of Trigger Hill, for several years. I've bought several pistols and rifles there, plus reloading gear and supplies, and have always been treated in a warm, friendly, and interested manner. I've found Trigger Hill to be competitively priced and willing to accommodate in most areas. Trigger Hill has 'full service' gunsmithing capability, as well as firearms and supplies for the black powder shootist. Talk to Kim or one of his staff {John, Dave, Kay, or Bruce} and see what real service is in a shooting sports store.

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I just bought my first firearm from Trigger Hill, and I suspect it won't be my last. Great selection, price, and service; well worth the trip.

H. Fardan

THE DIAMOND DICK LIBRARY SHELF

Book review by Ned Buntline

James Carlos Blake has written only two books. His first, *The Pistoleer*, was well-received in the book world; the *El Paso Herald-Post* said that it "captures the music of the West within its pages". His second, *The Friends of Pancho Villa*, may be better.

Written from the point of view of Rudolfo Fierro, right hand man to Villa, it deals with the Mexican Revolution from the inside out, with all the power and sweep due its subject.

The book is not only very well written, but also provided this *gringo* with both a thrilling read and an education in the history of the Revolution. Did you know that there were *two* presidents of Mexico named Huerta, or that Francisco Villa was born with the less-than-intimidating name Doroteo Arrango? I thought not...

Sex, violence, and a good history lesson, all in an engrossing and believable package. What

could be finer? Ned B. says check it out.

The Friends of Pancho Villa, James Carlos Blake, 1996, Berkley Books. \$13.00

BADGEWEARERS

Members of the town council of Silly Valley are:

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aka Cliff Cook @
{408} 742-8653

Secretary: *Major Slinger*
aka Rueda Davis @
{408} 742-4053

Treasurer: *Tennessee Jed*
aka Dean Rogers @
{408} 653-1052

Range Master: *Coyote Creek Mike*, *aka Mike Sloan @*
{408} 365-8266

Members may contact them about membership or other issues, as appropriate.

Meetings of the Silly Valley Safety Committee are held at 7 pm, the third Monday evening of each month, at the National Shooting Club, 1100 Duane Avenue, Santa Clara.

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