



5 DOGS CREEK

September 2006

# HOWLER

Hello all,

It is time for an RO I & II course. I've been trying to fit it in for some time now, but have simply been too busy. I guess the best way to do it is to just set a date and make it happen. After a great deal of flip-flop over whether to do the course at 5-Dogs or KRR, I have decided to do it at both clubs. I will try to arrange for the Saturday shoot at 5-Dogs to be at the far end of the range so we can conduct a class. I will also need someone to set up the stage in the RO II course book to conduct the field part of the training. Plan on at least 5-6 hrs to complete both courses. I would suggest that you bring a lunch. It will be NECESSARY for all participants to download the course(s) that they intend to take. They can be downloaded from the SASS home page at:

<http://www.sassnet.com/Shooters-Handbook-001A.php>

Completely read all the course material BEFORE showing up for the class. We will cover the same material in class, but with the benefit of discussion. Participants MUST bring their copy of the course to the class, along with a writing instrument. If you do not have the means to down load and print the course, then get someone to do it for you. I WILL NOT HAVE COPIES TO PASS OUT! The cost for the class is \$10 for the ROI and \$25 for the ROII. These fees are set by SASS.

Course Dates:

5-Dogs ROI & RO II Saturday, November 4 at 8 am  
KRR ROI & RO II Saturday, November 18 at 8 am

If you need either or both of these courses, I suggest that you take or make the time to attend. It will be a while before they are offered again.

Snakebite

Territorial Governor and ROI & RO II instructor

A couple new shooters strapped on the irons and found their way to 5 dogs last match. First is Canajo Karen. I'm sure you've seen her, for the past few months, she's been keeping' scores for us. Mad Dog Drapper, her hubby, displayed a heightened level of concern. Not for her safety, not for your safety. She's demonstrated that. His concern was that when the scores were tallied, he'd be left in the shadows her first time out. With an up and comin' shooter like Canajo, he'd better invest in some more practicin' lead.



Our next young outlaw is Rapid Fire, aka Jarred. You might have seen him in cahoots with his dasdardly granddad Badfinger aka a Jerry. Jr's, watch your back, this young fella's gonna clean up after he gets a few matches under his belt. CHAMPIONSHIP!!



I will be attending the TG summit this year. If you have comments on the agenda, please send them to me at [snakebite4767@yahoo.com](mailto:snakebite4767@yahoo.com).

## TG SUMMIT 2006 TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS MEETING AGENDA

### 1) *Should the Uberti 1873 percussion revolver be allowed as a Frontiersman Category revolver?*

This was miss-worded last year and is being voted on again. It was voted on in previous years as a legal main match revolver but not as a Frontiersman Category legal revolver.

**Comment:** This is a gun that NEVER WAS. If allowed it would dominate the category just as the Handy Rifle dominates the Plainsman event, only MORE so. I oppose it's inclusion in the Frontier Category.

### 2) *Should the Senior and Elder Statesman Categories be divided into smaller divisions by dividing both by age: 60 to 65, 66 to 72, and 73 and up?*

This would accomplish dividing both categories and creating only one new category.

**No Comment**

### 3) *Should we adopt the following Stage Conventions and document them in the SASS Match Directors Guide?*

It is time we addressed a standard in "Understood Stage Behavior." A set of Stage Conventions is a list of standards every shooter is expected to know and follow on every stage.

These conventions are not "rules" since they can be over-ridden by stage design. They are the standard defaults when nothing is specified. They are as follows:

#### **STAGE CONVENTIONS**

Unless stated otherwise in stage descriptions, all of the following applies in SASS matches:

1. All knockdown shotgun targets may be reengaged until down.
  2. All knockdown targets (shotgun, rifle, or revolver) must go down to count.
  3. All staged guns shall have their barrels pointed safely down range and, where possible, all long guns staged horizontally shall be staged where no part of the firearm hangs over the edge.
  4. Staged shotguns shall be open and empty.
  5. Shooters may not start a stage with ammunition in hand.
  6. Long guns shall be discarded open and empty with their barrels pointed safely down range.
  7. Revolvers shall be returned to leather after the shooting string.
  8. Revolvers shall be drawn and used in accordance with the shooter's category.
  9. Safe gun handling is the shooter's responsibility.
- The 170-degree safety rule is in effect. The basketball traveling rule is in effect when there is a live round under the hammer.
10. If no starting position is given, the shooter shall stand fully erect with revolvers holstered, hands at his/her side, not touching any firearm.
  11. Cowboy port arms is defined as the butt of the long gun at or below the waist of the shooter, the muzzle at or above the shoulder, and the long gun held with both hands.
  12. Interpersonal Conflicts WILL NOT be tolerated at this event.

**Comment:** Most of these are already stated in the rule book. Proper scenario writing and stage setup is all that is necessary. I oppose this.

### 4) *Should we outlaw all short and long sleeve tee shirts and tank tops in all categories?*

Note: Short sleeve blouses would remain acceptable only in ladies categories

**Comment:** As far as I am concerned, they have NEVER been SASS legal. If the current rules were enforced, this would not be necessary.

### **Up'n Comins'**

#### **Monthly's:**

Chorro Valley  
[slosa.org/cvr/](http://slosa.org/cvr/)  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Kings River Regulators  
[kingsriverregulators.com](http://kingsriverregulators.com)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

Robbers Roost Vigilantes  
[robbersroostvigilantes.com](http://robbersroostvigilantes.com)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

#### **Annuals:**

CA State Championship  
Manteca, CA  
<http://californiagunslingers.com>  
Oct 12th—15th

CA State Championship  
5 Dogs Creek  
May 3rd—5th

5) *Should we change the penalty for shooting out of category as follows?*

- First offense in a match is a Procedure Penalty. The shooter must subsequently comply with the category requirements or change category.
- Second offense in the same match is a Stage Disqualification.
- Third offense in the same match is a Match Disqualification?

At the present time the penalty for shooting out of category is a procedure for each stage the shooter violates the rule. This includes, but is not limited to, not wearing the specified number of items in Classic Cowboy, not making enough smoke in the blackpowder categories, and shooting with a two handed grip in a Duelist category.

**Comment: I agree**

6) *Should we make the following changes in our scoring processes for both time and rank scored matches?*

• Match Disqualification

Eliminate the shooter from ALL AWARDS. All times are erased.

• Stage Disqualification

Shooter is given a disqualification for the stage only. Shooter can overcome the penalty and may win a category award over another shooter.

• Did Not Finish

Disregard overall scores so the shooter cannot finish in front of anyone who shoots all the stages. Does not affect other potential awards such as stage wins.

**Comment: I agree. If a shooter has a stage DQ, and is still able to overcome his opponents, then he/she deserves the win. However, stage DQ scoring needs to be standardized. Such as for a total time match, all targets times 5 sec per target plus 30 sec. This will usually mean 150 sec on the stage. This amount of time is almost impossible to make up.**

*Items for open discussion, not up for a vote.*

• Should we revamp the Modern and the Traditional Categories? An idea was discussed at the New England and Mid-West Regional Territorial Governors Meetings to make the Modern Category an open category in which all SASS legal firearms (Fixed or Adjustable Sighted) and ammunition can be used. Then, redefine the Traditional Category as a true "Traditional" Category, allowing only the traditional calibers of .25-20, .32-20, .38-40, .44-40, and .45 Colt. Ammunition could be smokeless or blackpowder. Revolvers would be limited to full-size fixed-sight handguns. Rifles and shotguns would be all SASS legal rifles and shotguns. There would be no clothing requirements other than the SASS minimum.

**Comment: This would have been great if it had happened 25 yrs ago, at this point it too late. The vast majority of shooters have long since acquired their equipment. Telling them, at this point, that they must shoot in an open category is simply wrong. I would like to see an "Open" category, but not done this way.**

• In light of a recent accident, should we mandate all firearms remain on the loading table until the shooter is called to the shooting line or to the expediter position?

**Comment: NO! This is the non-gunner mentality if I have ever seen it. Just because one inexperienced shooter shot himself in the leg is no reason to attempt to mandate something like this. This could be an endless road under the banner of safety. I'm sure that Senator Feinstein would support something like this.**

Snakebite 4767  
Territorial Governor

**Elections are a comin'. Lets get those nominations in. If ya got any questions, Almost Dangerous is the guy capable of makin up an answer suitable to your needs.**

**- Goof**

**WE REALLY HAD A GREAT MATCH THIS MONTH AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. THE WEATHER WAS REALLY GREAT IN THE AM BUT HEATED UP SOME IN THE AFTERNOON. HOPEFULLY NEXT MONTH WILL BE COOLER STILL AND JUST AS ENJOYABLE. GREAT GOING EVERYONE.  
- DOLL MAKER**

**Next weeks shooters meeting will begin at 8:30 am. Keepin' it cool. Have fun out there**



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