

SWAMPWATER GAZETTE



Lake County Pistoleros

June 2010



Match Director - Deadwood Woody

Well it's that time of the year that I think we all start appreciating the fine shade trees down in the berms. When the Committee decided to do all six stages in the berms, we were not sure how it would be received by our cowboys. We soon believed it was the right decision. I think it helps move the match along without pushing the posse, we generally finish the shoot earlier, there's less traveling with the cart, and besides it's usually easier to set up and tear down. The challenge for the Match Director is to give you all a fun, quality match without the feeling that you are shooting the same stage twice.

I think I will start petitioning the gun club to add electric lines for fans and flood lights so we can see the targets in the shade. Of course for "Cookie", "Marshall" and a few other select Black Powder Shooters we'll have auto/reverse switches for the fans.

If anyone has a favorite target, target array, or stage they would like to see let me know and I will try to fit it in.

Congratulations to Arcadia Outlaw and Oakley Mouse for their Top Gun finish, to all the Category Winners, and to the four "Clean Shooters"

Until next time, you all be careful out there and keep your powder dry.

DEADWOOD WOODY

RO2 Class Scheduled.

Please mark your calendar

RO 2 Class – July 11th

Instructors: Chilly Willy and Turkey Creek Red

Time: 8:00 AM

Cost: \$25

Please email [Chilly Willy](mailto:ChillyWilly@embarqmail.com) or [Deadwood Woody](mailto:DeadwoodWoody@embarqmail.com) if you plan on attending so that we can have enough supplies on hand.

If you are already an RO2 – This would be a great refresher course. Hope to see you there.

June 2010

TOP GUN – ARCADIA OUTLAW

TOP LADY – OAKLEY MOUSE

CLEAN SHOOTERS

Patty Cakes

Sgt. FL Cracker

Waimea

Stumpy

Wild Bunch Match

July 31, 2010 (5th Saturday) 6 stages

Check in 8:30 - Shooters meeting 9:00

Any questions, call Deadwood Woody 352-357-3065 or email

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Hello everyone, this is Patty Cakes!

I've been asked by the Lake County Pistoleros Committee, to write short features about our Cowboys & Cowgirls so that we may get to know one another a little better. Wouldn't it be nice to know where we all come from and some of our interests. Or how did you come to start Cowboy Action Shooting.

Guess,.. I'll start with me. First, ya'll need to know I'm not a member of the Committee. I'm just a little mouth piece, that doesn't know when to be quite. That gets me in trouble every time. But when these folks (the Committee) need a volunteer..... I step up.

SASS isn't all about Guns... er the Smoke or even that anticipation of the ... here it comes ...PING!!!! For me, it's all about the costumes. I've made them, thrown them away. Made them again, gave them away. Then by pure luck something slides out of my silver machine and Tadah!!!! An award winning gown appears. O.K. maybe a new shirt for Chilly. But it's a great feeling of accomplishment then all the right fabric and trims come together. Thanks to the gals at Truly Victorian, 'cause I now have a large selection of patterns to choose from. Now and again I'll add some Simplicity patterns along with some Butterick patterns too. And if that fails,... I'll just make my own.

Most of my creativity comes from my Mother and Grandmother who took the time to teach me how to make anything from just about nothing. We were farmers. Anything we needed in clothing my Mom made. I still remember all the flour sacks that my mom would collect. She would match them ,and when there were enough, She'd make me a dress. Grandma was known for Her sewing skills too, especially the Quilts. I studied Tailoring in High School .Which helped me to get my first job as a seamstress, in a Furrier shop; also worked as a seamstress for Levi Strauss and Olga Bras. As years passed I made clothing for my children. Their Halloween costumes and Prom dresses then came Wedding Dresses. While living in San Diego, I attended San Diego State College and studied Millinery in the fashion design dept. Now, I make my own Hats.

The Shooting part was easy. All I had to do was marry Chilly. Those of you, who know me, know I'm not a contender. In fact, if Patty Cakes places, the running joke is "well..... who didn't show up to shoot?" Remember... I'm the one who gets to the line, laughing. Turns to the timer and says "what am I suppose to do here?" I can read that scenario three times and still not get it. And my name sits proudly at the place of honor, at the bottom of the list.

Well folks, That's enough about me. So... if, ya'll, see me on the range with my camera, pen & paper in hand, be ready to smile pretty and be prepared to answer a few simple questions.
Ride Proud & Shoot Straight

CATTLE RUSTLER MATCH

SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

Be sure to set aside the 3rd Saturday of September to attend the Cattle Rustler Match. In keeping with our Spaghetti Western that we hosted last year, we will have 6 stages each designed by a different club. Ft. White Cavalry will be the defending club and will take on 5 other clubs for your vote for "THE FAVORITE STAGE". Following the shoot, the 4H will be preparing a special lunch – steak of course. Arcadia Outlaw has been hard at work coordinating the match with the different clubs. At our July

match, we will have a drawing from the clubs that have said they wanted to participate. The clubs that have indicated they wish to draw for a stage so far are: Ft. White (Defending Champion), Myakka, Cowford Regulators, Ghost Town Gunslingers, Ruskin, Orlando, Howie in the Hills, Antelope, Malabar and Hernando. After these clubs have been chosen, they will draw for a berm to set their stage on.



One of the biggest complaints we hear at matches is the lack of help by some shooters. With the heat of the summer months, if we all do a little – NO ONE HAS TO DO A LOT. We are very fortunate to have some of the finest workers and shooters around. But if you see yourself in the following article, it's not too late to start helping.

The following is a post that was on the SASS Wire this month. Thank you Creeker for a nice post.

By Creeker, SASS# 43022 Las Vegas, NV

Welcome to the posse.
Be safe – Have fun.

But that is not the end of your responsibilities.
We need timer operators.
Spotters.
Brass pickers.
Target resetters.

What's that? You are a "Stove up" cowboy and unable to do any of the above? That's fine.

We also need a loading table supervisor. Unloading table supervisor. Score keeper.

There are a myriad of jobs that have to be performed for every shooter – hopefully we have enough people to cover all of the jobs AND everyone gets plenty of time to rest and socialize...

But if you are on a short posse – the work HAS to come first.

If you are not helping with the requirements of a working posse, you are forcing your fellow members to pull double duty.

Not everyone is capable or qualified to do everything, but almost EVERYONE is capable of doing something.

If you are truly unable – Let us know. We will abide by your restrictions and we are thrilled that you are here to play with us. We will happily pull whatever double duty necessary to allow you to play this game for as long as possible.

But, if you are simply unwilling to help. Stay home.

We came to the shoot to compete, to play with our friends and to spend time with like minded folks. Folks that ignore the duties, refuse the duties or pretend these duties exist for others, but don't apply to them, are not like minded and we have no interest in spending time with you.



Eustis Gun Club

Over the last couple of months I have received inquiries about joining Eustis Gun Club. In a nutshell, the cost is \$160 a year (after the first year) for the family (spouse). The membership runs from July 1 – June 30 and is pro-rated during the year for new members.

[Eustis Gun Club Membership info](#)

New Shooter Class and Information

Our 2nd Sunday class had some new and prospective shooters show up. Some others were rather new and wanting some practice. Our next class will be on July 11th (2nd Sunday) starting at 9:00 in the town. There will be no charge for the class. We will work on safety, gun handling, rules, transitions, spotting, timing, staging, and just about anything the shooter would like assistance with.

If you aren't able to take advantage then at the beginning of every match, we take new shooters to an empty berm and run a stage and have a hands on safety meeting.

During the match, a mentor will be available to help the shooter through the match. Ultimately, new shooters will attend our new shooters class the week before a match and get the jitters out of the way.

Please encourage your friends that might be interested in shooting to take part in one of our classes. This helps make the first shoot more enjoyable for everyone.



Safety Tips for Hot Weather Shooting By Patty Cakes –

Summer time and the living is ... Sun Shine on my shoulders.... It's Hot out here!!!!!!

I mean crazy Hot. We are all sweating, melting into the sand. It's hard to move, our brains get fuzzy..." Now what was that scenario saying to do?"

Summer in Florida will be a scorcher this year. We all need to come to the range prepared for this awful heat.

Here are a few safety tips:

Water lots of it. If it's real hot step it up to Gator Aid, or your favorite Sport drink. These drinks are designed to keep us from losing the nutrients. That is lost when we sweat.

Snacks, those of us who are diabetic, need our snacks. But on a hot day you may need more or a different kind. How about those Bananas, Peanuts? Umbrellas for shade. Straw Hats if permissible for your category. Light weight shirts and pants. Those new Henley Shirts. (They are made of breathable fabric, and SASS approved.)

Change your shooting category so you can adjust the costumes. And by all means talk to the range officer. Find out if there is a costume rule change for HOT weather.

If you're still being stubborn then read carefully the following information.

Heat Exhaustion / Heat Stroke may often develop quickly.

*Heat Stroke typically happens to folks who are not well adjusted to exercise in hot humid weather.

*At high temperatures, your body cools itself through sweating. When it is very humid this mechanism does not work properly. The body loses a combination of fluids and salts (called electrolytes) through sweating.

*When this is accompanied by an inadequate replacement of fluids, the results are similar to a mild form of shock. Remember medical conditions or medications that impair the body's ability to sweat may predispose you to Heat Stroke.

Know the signs.

* If your body is Hot to the touch, dry and has goose bumps, or if you feel as though ya just fell off yer horse.... Maybe you have Heat Stroke.

Here's the Cure:

If you're standing then sit down.... If, you, fell down lets' hope your pards will rest you, in a nice cool shaded spot, with a fan. Air Conditioning would be nice, too.

Drink cool water or a sport drink. (No ice) This will replace the salt you lost.

A salty snack would be good. Where were those peanuts?

Loosen your clothing. (*It isn't necessary to get naked.*)

Put cool water (No ice) on your skin. No rubbing alcohol.

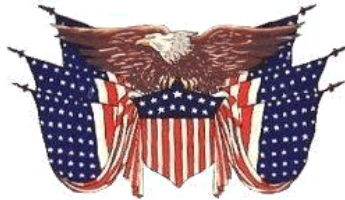
Never ever give someone alcohol or caffeinated drinks.

Safety first is our motto. Lets' have a great summer.





Lake County Pistolero Badges are available. They cost \$65 each. Please either pick one up at the match or you can contact us and we can send one out to you. [Email contact](#)



NEWS FROM AROUND THE TERRITORY

Please support all the SASS clubs in Florida.

ANNUAL MATCHES

Check out our [Calendar](#) on the website.

Cattle Rustler Multi Club Match – Hosted by Lake County Pistoleros – Eustis Gun Club. September 19, 2010

[Hernando County Regulators](#), Annual Match - October 3rd, 2010

[Ft. White Cavalry](#) – Annual Match – October 9th, 2010

[Southeast Regional](#) – Gun Fight at Givhans Ferry – November 11th – 14th, 2010

[Last Stand](#) – State of Florida Championship – January 6th – 9th, 2011

Ides of March – March 18th – 20th, 2011