



THE BULLET HOLE

● APRIL – 2015 ●

Next business meeting: To be scheduled.

Monthly Shoot is on May 17th - Shooters' meeting at 9:00 a.m.

SPRING BUFFALO SHOOT WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH

The spring Buffalo Shoot will take place on May 23 & 24 at the Dayton site. See the end of this newsletter for a shoot application and site map.

SSS YEARLY DUES MUST BE PAID BY APRIL 30TH

The yearly membership dues of the Silver State Shootists are due by April 30, 2015. The amount is still \$24.00 and should be given to the club secretary or mailed to:

Silver State Shootists
1805 North Carson Street, #59
Carson City, Nevada 89701



FROM OUR PRESIDENT: Hello everyone... This month's shoot was Smithy's Revenge. The temperature was in the low 70s with a light breeze. We couldn't have asked for a better day! The one "fly-in-the-ointment" was that we had only 13 shooters. Because of that, we only had one posse.

Rebel John came by to shoot with us and is our newest club member! Glade to have you with us **John**. **Lucky** and **Mendocino** also shot with us. Glade to have you with us, cowboys!

The shoot went by quick, even though we shot the belly gun and big bore on each stage. All-in-all, it was a good shoot.

The spring Buffalo Shoot is next month so get your applications and fees in. This shoot is always a great time so don't miss out by not attending. Even if you don't shoot a long range rifle, please come out and camp with us. We'll be setting up camp on Thursday (May 21st) and will be clearing out at noon on Sunday (May 24th). We will be getting together for breakfast on Thursday morning (May 21st) at the Gold Rush Casino (in Dayton) at 9:00 am. Please come by and join us!

Well, it's that time again! DUES! Please get your yearly dues (\$24.00) paid up by the deadline of April 30th.

It is also that time of year to start thinking about who you want to oversee our club. The officer's election takes place in August but the deadline for nominations ends the last day of June. This club doesn't just run itself. It needs officers that are willing to go that extra mile to help it run smoothly. As with all clubs, a very small number of people do most of the work. Our club is no exception.

Some of our members would like to see some changes made. They feel that the stagecoach (our club) should be driven in a new direction. If that is true, it is time for those members to step up and take the reins of the team leading this club. If they are not willing to step up, their commitment to those changes falls way short of that needed to effect any changes.

I, myself, will be stepping down as the President of your club. To quote LBJ: "I will not seek and will not accept the nomination for another term as your President."

See you next month! - Shotgun Marshal



THE MATCH DIRECTOR SPEAKS: Howdy. . .Well our yearly shoot of Smithy's Revenge is shot and over. The day turned out fairly warm, not too bad. It was a longer shoot than the monthly shoot, but it was nice. We had 5 stages with big bore and belly guns.

I want to thank everyone who pulled trailers and helped set up and tear down the stages.

Want to thank those that come out and also **Lucky, Mendocino** and **Rebel John** for coming out.

Just a note, we will need someone to pull the table trailer for our future shoots. If you are able to be willing to pull and take back the trailer, please let me know. Doc and I pull the other two, but Marshall will not be able to pull the table trailer any more.

Also elections are coming up in August, so you might think about holding a position. We will need several positions filled. Think about stepping up and taking part in your club to keep it going and from shutting down.

As usual, a few of us went down for pizza after the shoot. Hope to see you next month.

Keep Your Powder Dry. . . .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?

SAFETY PRACTICES - FIRST, LAST, AND ALWAYS

Our sport, by its very nature, has the potential to be dangerous and a serious accident can occur. Every participant in a SILVER STATE SHOOTIST match is expected to be a safety officer. Each shooter's first responsibility is for his or her own safe conduct, but all shooters are expected to remain alert for actions by others that are unsafe.

Any Range Officer or shooter may confront any participant about an observed unsafe situation, and it is expected the matter will quickly be corrected and not repeated. **Any argument concerning the correction of a safety related matter can be expected to result in that shooter being ejected from the range.**

Shooters shall adhere to the following safety rules:

1. Treat and respect every firearm at all times as if it were loaded.
2. Muzzle direction is important between, before, during, and after shooting a stage. **A muzzle must not be allowed to “sweep” the other participants at any time.** Long guns shall have their actions open with chambers and magazines empty and muzzles pointed in a safe direction when transported at a match. Failure to manage safe muzzle direction is grounds for disqualification from the stage, and for repeated offenses, from the match.
3. All firearms shall remain unloaded except when under the direct observation of a Range Officer on the firing line or in the loading area.
4. **Six-guns are always loaded with only five rounds and the hammer lowered, fully down, and left resting on the empty chamber.** Five shooters may load five rounds, but the hammer must rest on a dummy chamber or safety slot in the cylinder so the hammer does not rest on a live round/cap. If a particular stage requires a one shot reload, the sixth chamber may be charged at the bench and then capped “on the clock.” A complete reload is handled by staging a loaded, uncapped revolver down range or switching uncapped cylinders and capping on the clock.
5. **No cocked revolver may ever leave a shooter’s hand.**
6. Revolvers are returned to leather (re-holstered) with hammer down on a spent case or empty chamber at the conclusion of the shooting string, unless the stage description specifically directs otherwise; e.g., “move to next position and set gun on table or prop.” A shooting string is defined as shots from one type of firearm prior to the next type of firearm engaged. Revolvers staged or re-staged with the hammer not all the way down on either an empty chamber or a spent case will result in a Stage Disqualification unless corrected before using the next firearm. Revolvers holstered or re-holstered with the hammer not all the way down on either an empty chamber or a spent case will result in a Stage Disqualification.
7. De-cocking a revolver, rifle, or external hammer shotgun may not be done with a live round under the hammer. De-cocking may not be done to avoid a penalty if cocked at the wrong time or position. The penalty for de-cocking is a Stage Disqualification.
8. Once a revolver is cocked, the round under the hammer must be expended in order for it to be returned to a safe condition. Once a rifle is cocked, the round under the hammer must be expended or ejected in order for it to be returned to a safe condition. Shotgun shells may be removed, if necessary, without penalty in order to return the firearm to a safe condition.
9. If a firearm is shot out of sequence or from the wrong position, the shooter will be awarded a single procedural penalty. In this situation, if the shooter elects or is forced to miss an appropriate target due to unsafe angles or target availability, a round may be reloaded to avoid a miss penalty (the dreaded “Double Jeopardy” of a procedure and miss). This does not mean a shooter may reload a rifle or revolver at any other time to make up a miss. Unfired ejected rifle rounds may be reloaded.
10. Inadvertently leaving unfired rounds in a revolver is a miss unless the round is under the hammer, then it is a Stage Disqualification.
11. Safe conditions of firearms for movement or leaving a shooters hand vary with each type of firearm.
12. **A shooter with firearm in hand shall never be allowed to move with a live round under a cocked hammer.** Movement is defined the same as “traveling” in basketball. Once the firearm is cocked, one foot must remain in place on the ground until the firearm is made safe.
13. A shooter shall not cock any revolver until the firearm is pointed safely down range. While on the firing line, any discharge of any firearm impacting within ten-feet of the shooter is unsafe and will result in disqualification from the stage or, if less than five feet, from the match. Any discharge away from the actual firing line shall result in a Match Disqualification.

14. A round over the berm is always a bad idea but is worse on some ranges than others. Match regulations establish the appropriate penalty, up to and including a Match Disqualification.
 15. Rifles may be staged down range from the shooter with the magazine loaded, action closed, hammer down, and chamber empty.
 16. Shotguns are always staged open with magazine and chambers empty and are loaded on the clock unless the stage begins with the shotgun in the shooter's hands. Mule eared shotguns can be cocked at the beginning of a scenario, whether staged or in the shooter's hands. Long guns are never staged with their muzzles on the ground.
 17. Long guns will be left open with magazines and chambers empty at the conclusion of each shooting string (i.e., before shooting the next firearm). This does not apply to "restaged for further use" rifles.
 18. A live round left in the chamber of a long gun constitutes a stage disqualification. Any other rounds, live or empty, left anywhere in a long gun in which it was loaded is a ten-second minor safety violation. Broken guns still containing rounds do not warrant penalties, except for misses, so long as the malfunction is declared and the gun made safe.
 19. All shooters must demonstrate rudimentary familiarity and proficiency with the firearms being used. Shooters are expected to perform within their capabilities at all times. **SILVER STATE SHOOTISTS, LLC** matches are not the forums in which to learn basic firearms handling.
 20. **SILVER STATE SHOOTISTS, LLC** matches are not fast draw competitions. Any unsafe gun handling in the course of a draw from the holster or any "fanning" will result in the shooter's disqualification from that stage. "Slip-hammering" is not the same as fanning and is legal.
 21. Extreme care must be exercised when drawing a revolver from a cross-draw or shoulder holster or returning the revolver to leather. **The user must "twist" their body, if necessary, to ensure the muzzle never breaks the 170-degree safety rule during the process.** Failure to ensure the muzzle is always down range is grounds for an immediate stage disqualification. A second infraction during the same match is grounds for match disqualification.
- (Note: The 170-degree safety rule means the muzzle of the firearm must always be straight down range +/- 85 degrees in any direction. If a competitor "comes close" to breaking the 180-degree safety plane, the 170-degree safety rule has been violated, and the competitor is at fault.)*
22. When changing location during a stage, all firearms being carried must either have the hammer down on an empty chamber or spent case, or have the action open. Movement is defined by the basketball "traveling" rule. Whenever a shooter has a loaded, cocked firearm in hand, at least one foot must remain in place on the ground. 1st violation will result in Stage Disqualification; 2nd violation will result in Match Disqualification.
 23. A dropped unloaded gun on the firing line (loading table to unloading table) results in the shooter's disqualification from the stage. A dropped loaded firearm results in a match disqualification. A shooter may not pick up a dropped gun. The Range Officer will recover the gun, examine it, clear it, and return it to the shooter.
 24. Ammunition dropped by a shooter in the course of reloading any firearm during a stage or "ejected" from any firearm is considered "dead" and may not be recovered until the shooter completes the course of fire. The round must be replaced from the shooter's person or other area as required by stage description or if the round is not fired it is counted as a missed shot. Staged ammunition dropped back where it was staged is not considered "dead."
 25. The unloading officer or Range Officer **MUST** inspect all firearms before they leave the shooting stage. All rifles and pump or lever action shotguns must have their action cycled for the inspecting official. All revolvers, whether used or not in the stage, must also be inspected.

26. **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the range area for all shooters, guests, range officers, and others, until shooting is done for the day.** No shooter may consume any alcoholic beverage until he or she has completed all of their shooting for the day and stored their firearms.
 27. No shooter may ingest any substance that will affect his or her ability to participate with a maximum state of awareness and in a completely safe manner. Both prescription and non-prescription pharmaceuticals that may cause drowsiness or any other physical or mental impairment must be avoided.
 28. Hearing protection is highly recommended and eye protection is mandatory in and around the shooting areas. While small, period glasses look great, full protection, high impact glasses are strongly recommended. Such protection is recommended for everyone when in the range area, and eye protection is mandatory for spectators when within direct line of sight of steel targets.
 29. All loading and unloading shall be conducted only in the designated areas.
- NOTE: Percussion revolver shooters must exercise care to ensure they maintain safe muzzle direction during loading and have fired or cleared all capped chambers prior to leaving the unloading area. It is not permissible to seat percussion caps on a revolver's nipple using the gun's hammer.*
30. Dry firing at the loading table is not allowed and results in a stage disqualification. Dry firing is allowed at designated safe areas. Dry firing is defined as the act of bringing the gun into a shooting position, cocking the hammer, and pulling the trigger as if to cause the gun to fire normally.
 31. Only registered competitors may wear firearms.

OUTLAWED

The use or presence of any outlawed item is a Stage Disqualification.

- Modern shooting gloves.
- Short sleeve shirts (Male competitors only)
- Short sleeve tee shirts, long sleeve tee shirts, and tank tops for all competitors. Long sleeved Henley type shirts with buttons are acceptable.
- Modern feathered cowboy hats (Shady Bradys). Straw hats of traditional design (e.g., Stetson, Bailey, sombreros,) are acceptable.
- Designer jeans
- Ball caps
- All types of athletic shoes or combat boots no matter the material from which they are constructed.
- Clothing displaying manufacturer's or sponsor's logos.
- Nylon, plastic, or Velcro accouterments.

Mainly, **SILVER STATE SHOOTISTS, LLC** wants our participants to be safe, have fun, develop their competitive shooting skills, and enjoy the rich traditions of the Old West. We ask you join us in the friendly spirit of competition and preservation of our heritage.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, COWGIRL!

THE FOLLOWING COWBOYS HAVE BIRTHDAYS IN MAY.

MAY 5TH ... AL JAMES (AKA: AL WRIGHT)

MAY 31ST ... LONGARM (AKA: BENT DULL)

SSS April 2015 Monthly Shoot Scores

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				
Lucky	381.06	64.23	3		79.23	64.41	1		69.41	68.12	1		73.12	72.94	2		82.94	71.36	1		76.36
Sagebrush Sam	447.30	88.07	2		98.07	86.51	4		106.51	64.73	3		79.73	71.66			71.66	81.33	2		91.33
Jackpot Jerry	468.55	77.31	4		97.31	95.21	2		105.21	82.26			82.26	91.27			91.27	82.50	2		92.50
Tumbleweed	475.55	82.04			82.04	114.58	2		124.58	87.34			87.34	90.87			90.87	85.77	1		90.77
Smithy	497.67	82.32	1		87.32	78.39	1		83.39	91.95	4	1	121.95	87.59	2		97.59	87.42	2	1	107.42
Scurvy	501.15	80.78	3		95.78	74.42	3		89.42	85.08	3		100.08	87.39	2		97.39	88.48	6		118.48
Doc Holiday	502.91	98.80			98.80	90.13	2		100.13	94.31		1	104.31	92.05	1		97.05	97.62	1		102.62
Daisy	544.79	96.42			96.42	89.13	3		104.13	119.24	2		129.24	102.04			102.04	102.96	2		112.96
Shotgun Marshal	569.28	118.79	2		128.79	101.35	1		106.35	104.65	3		119.65	111.76	1		116.76	97.73			97.73
Dirk Slade	644.42	114.48	3		129.48	93.94	4		113.94	105.55	7		140.55	114.96	3		129.96	110.49	4		130.49
Tahoe Bill	655.33	116.28	1		121.28	114.77	1		119.77	129.45	3		144.45	126.54	1		131.54	123.29	3		138.29
Mendocino	695.26	118.51	3		133.51	119.43	1		124.43	155.45	2		165.45	116.91	3		131.91	124.96	3		139.96
Rebel John	942.35	169.11	2		179.11	178.92	6		208.92	163.71	11		218.71	161.59	3		176.59	139.02	4		159.02

SILVER STATE SHOOTISTS 2015 CALENDAR

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.**

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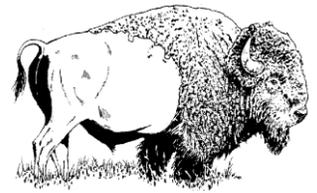
Call Joe at (775) 851-7211 for further information

If you are interested in placing an advertisement or you want to let the club members know about something you have to sell, just let me know, at the below listed contact information, and I get it into this newsletter.

The contents of this newsletter were edited and compiled by "Shotgun Marshal" Goldy.
If you have any questions or wish to place something in this newsletter, please contact me at:
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SILVER STATE SHOOTISTS SPRING 2015



LONG RANGE BUFFALO SHOOT MAY 23RD & 24TH 2015

Limited to first 35 shooting positions. Members will have preference over non-members

SIGHT IN: Friday, 12 noon to 4 pm & Saturday 9 am to 11:30 am

MAIN MATCH - Saturday (23rd) and Sunday (24th)

MANDATORY SHOOTERS MEETING ON SATURDAY AT 12 NOON

SATURDAY SHOOT: 100, 200 & 300 yard targets

MANDATORY SHOOTERS MEETING ON SUNDAY AT 9AM

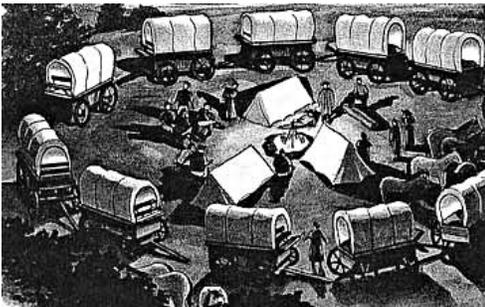
SUNDAY SHOOT: 400 & 500 yard targets

THREE DIVISIONS WILL BE OFFERED: Single Shot, Lever Action and Petticoat. Entrance limited to two divisions.

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 (SSS members per division) \$25.00 (non-members per division)

ALL SHOOTERS MUST BE REGISTERED AND PAID FOR IN FULL BEFORE SHOOTING.

Plaques will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each division.



COME ON OUT AND CAMP WITH THE "BUFFALO HUNTERS" !

Camping set up will begin Thursday afternoon. There is plenty of room for all too camp, if you so desire.

THURSDAY FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS ARE POTLUCK NIGHTS .

We will all gather in the big tent for dinner. Please bring something to share. The camp fire and coffee is always on early in the morning at Tahoe Bill's camp. All are welcome to have a cup or two. Just bring your cup!

RAFFLE!!! \$100.00 gift card to CAL-RANCH SUPPLY & \$50.00 to SPORTSMAN'S WAREHOUSE.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE \$10.00 EACH FOR REGISTERED SHOOTERS ONLY. SHOOTER MUST SHOOT THE ENTIRE MATCH TO TAKE PART IN THE RAFFLE.

FREE RAFFLE: If you bring a donation for the free raffle, you will receive a raffle ticket.

DRESS CODE: You must be dressed in cowboy or buffalo hunter clothing starting with the Friday sight in and continuing through the weekend. There are no exceptions to this rule. You may not practice or shoot the match if you are not dressed properly.

The shooting rules are on the back of this page **please read them carefully.** For more info or questions, contact the Match Director "Sagebrush Sam" at 775-246-3580 or "Shotgun Marshal" at 775-265-0267 marshallgoldy@frontier.com

BUFFALO SHOOT RANGE SAFETY RULES

- ✓ THIS IS A COLD RANGE.
- ✓ MUZZLES MUST BE POINTED UP WHILE MOVING ANYWHERE ON THE RANGE WITH ACTIONS OPEN.
- ✓ MUZZLES MUST BE POINTED DOWN RANGE AT ALL TIME WHILE BEING HANDLED ON THE FIRING LINE.
- ✓ THE 170 DEGREE RULE APPLIES.
- ✓ LOAD ONLY UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE R.O.
- ✓ LOAD 1 ROUND AT A TIME (IE: SINGLE SHOT)
- ✓ NO SIDEARMS, AT ANYTIME, DURING THE MATCH.
- ✓ WAIT TO PICK UP BRASS FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT TWO SHOOTERS.
- ✓ INDIVIDUAL GUN RACKS WILL BE PROVIDED TO USE AT YOUR OPTION. YOU MAY, IF YOU CHOOSE, GROUND YOUR WEAPON AT YOUR SIDE WITH THE MUZZLE POINTED DOWN RANGE AND ACTION OPEN.
- ✓ ALL SIGHT ADJUSTMENT & OTHER WORK ON GUNS MUST BE PERFORMED WITH THE RIFLE POINTED DOWN RANGE ADHERING TO THE 170 DEGREE RULE.
- ✓ NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED DURING THE MATCH EITHER BY SHOOTERS OR SPECTATORS, WHILE SHOOTING IS TAKING PLACE.
- ✓ THE RULE OF FIVE APPLIES.
 1. YOU HAVE **5** MINUTES TO SET UP YOUR FIRING POSITION.
 2. YOU HAVE **5** MINUTES TO FIRE 5 SHOTS.
 3. IF YOU ARE NOT READY IN **5** MINUTES, YOU MAY REQUEST THE R.O. TO PASS YOU BY (AND COME BACK TO YOU AFTER THE LAST SHOOTER HAS FIRED).
IF YOU ARE STILL NOT READY WHEN THE R.O. COMES BACK TO YOU, YOUR **5** SHOTS WILL BE COUNTED AS MISSES.

BUFFALO SHOOT APPLICATION

Please fill out one form for each shooter.

Name: _____			Alias: _____		
Division:(circle only one)	Caliber: _____	Division:(circle only one)	Caliber: _____	Division:(circle only one)	Caliber: _____
Single Shot		Single Shot		Single Shot	
Repeater		Repeater		Repeater	
Petticoat		Petticoat		Petticoat	

Example for a SSS member shooter entering two divisions:

Name: <u>John Doe</u>			Alias: <u>Hillbilly</u>		
Division:(circle only one)	Caliber: _____	Division:(circle only one)	Caliber: _____	Division:(circle only one)	Caliber: _____
Single Shot		Single Shot	<u>45-70</u>	Single Shot	
<u>Repeater</u>	<u>38-55</u>	Repeater		Repeater	
Petticoat		Petticoat		Petticoat	

Shooting Fees:

The entry fee is \$20.00 (for each division) for **Silver State Shootists members**.

The entry fee is \$25.00 (for each division) for **non-Silver State Shootists member shooters**.

Payment:

Number of divisions: _____	Times \$20 or \$25: _____
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Example for a SSS member shooter entering two divisions:

Number of divisions: <u>2</u>	Times \$20 or \$25: <u>\$40</u>
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Make checks payable to: **Silver State Shootists**

Mail entry from and payment to: Silver State Shootists
 1805 North Carson Street, #59
 Carson City, NV 89701

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 (For use by SSS)

Date received: _____ By: _____

Payment forwarded to Treasurer on: _____ By: _____

Return Entry Form to Shotgun after payment received by Treasurer.

Directions to Buffalo Shoot

1. Take Hwy 50 from Carson City to Dayton
2. At the first traffic light (Dayton Valley Road at the service station), turn right
3. Cross the bridge (over the river)
4. Make a right turn just after the bridge (at the Dayton Valley Nursery & Dayton Rock)
5. Go straight up the hill and make a turn left into the road going to the Rodeo Arena
6. Go through the Rodeo Arena gate and follow the dirt road around the arena and up the gravel road
7. Go 1.3 miles on the gravel road until you see the campers on a hill to the right of the road
8. Go right on a one lane dirt road off of the gravel road and then left onto a dirt road which goes up the small hill
9. You are there.