

Rifles of the West

First Saturday of the month, April through July
September through November!

Fees for the match are \$10.00 per shooter!

Sign up starts at 9:00 AM with first shots fired at 9:30 AM.

This is a rifle only match, no handgun or shotgun. It is for the rifles of the "cowboy era" (generally defined as the years between 1865 and 1900). Period costume circa 1865-1900 is welcome. This can range from the simple (jeans, long-sleeved shirt, boots and cowboy hat or bowler) to the elaborate (hand-sewn costume including accessories). Not everyone was a cowboy, there were miners, farmers and town-folk too! Ball caps, tennis shoes and short-sleeved shirts not encouraged.

Rifles are limited to originals or reproductions of pre-1900 rifles found in the Western USA, Mexico, or Canada during the cowboy era. Any firearm that is visually similar to an original may be used. Ammunition is limited to cartridges that were in use prior to 1900 (exceptions noted), caliber .25 or greater, loaded with lead alloy bullets only, either plain base or gas check. Jacketed bullets are not allowed. An exception will be made to allow the .32 H&R magnum, .38 Special, .357 mag, .41 mag, and .44 mag. cartridges in the pistol cartridge category and the .375 Winchester cartridge in rifle cartridge category. (Other exceptions might be made prior to the match - check ahead if an exception is required.)

Sights are limited to open iron sights, or tang mounted peep sights. Globe front sights are OK. Receiver sights or optical sights of any kind are not allowed.

Sighting shots are for checking your zero, do not wait until the match and hope to find a 100 or 200 yard sight picture.

Spotters are allowed prior to shooting for score, but coaching or spotting scopes are not allowed during the timed firing!

Targets are 20" steel gongs at 200 yards for rifle cartridges and at 100 yards for pistol cartridges. Course of fire for each event is sighters and 10 rounds for the record. Shooters will be timed, and the winner will be the one with the most hits. If there is a tie on steel hits, paper targets will be used and high score wins.

Shooting from the standing position, no artificial support may be used other than "cross-sticks" or staff. Field or military slings are allowed, no shooting mitts or sling cuffs.

There will also be a 200 yard "High Plains Rifleman" stage, which will be shot from the seated* or kneeling position with the rifle supported on "cross-sticks" or staff. Any match legal rifle can be used, but for the "High Plains Rifleman" match, rounds must be loaded and fired one at a time. Sighters and ten rounds for the record on this event. *(seated may include seated upon the ground, a hay bale or a stool, etc., but no chair with back support.) If there is a tie on steel hits, paper targets will be used and high score wins.

There will also be a "speed shoot" with 5 rounds of pistol cartridges at 100 yards without support. Sighters will be allowed prior to the timed shooting. Stage winner is determined by the shooter with the most hits and the lowest time in case of a tie on hits. There is a time limit of 30 seconds for this stage.