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## Annual Reports

# HIGH NOON 2016 *at* TUSCO

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### Midvale, Ohio September 30-October 2, 2016.

The twenty-first edition of High Noon at Tusco once again set a RECORD! Last year the record was crushed as High Noon was attended by 114 shooters; this year the new Record went to 117 Shooters! Six different states and two countries were again represented: Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana and Arizona! And of course, our two favorite Canadian shooters, Canadian Black Magic and Canadian Two Feathers SASS #70783 and 70784), were once again in attendance.

The official start of High Noon is Friday, with Side Match Day. Sponsored by Hog Heaven, side matches were setup throughout the range. Our well-attended Plainsman Event was held on Stage One. Prairie Dawg (SASS #50329) and Ohio Cheatin Charlie (SASS #83621) hosted this event to provide our Black Powder shooters a chance to make some extra smoke! Short Wagon (SASS #97311) and Lady Angie Oakley (SASS #93834) started the shooters on the Long Range Side Match on Stage Two. Shooters were able to shoot as much as they wanted with every turn counting this year. Black Powder shooters had their own categories in this event as well. Hooligan Howes (SASS #88409) ran the timer for everyone who wanted to try their hand shooting every type

of SASS legal shotgun at the Speed Shotgun Event on Stage Three. Raging Thunder (SASS #101037), Baby Doll Blue (SASS #101038), and Corbin Dallas (SASS #41040) ran the timer on Stage Four, for all of the Speed Rifle and Speed Pistol Events. Of course High Noon at Tusco would not be complete without inclement weather. The heavens opened up just after the start of the Side Matches. Luckily, at the gorgeous Tusco Rifle Club everyone is protected by covered shooting bays, making the rain a non-factor.

Saturday morning, all of the 117 shooters arrived for the first day of the Main Match, sponsored by Kames Sports located in North Canton, Ohio and George Dadas State Farm Agency in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Each shooter received their registration prizes, which included a personalized SASS Decal, Tusco Long Riders Travel Mug, Playing Cards, and Pen. The Famous Tusco Kitchen, known as Pam's Chuck Wagon, was open for business. Pam's Chuck Wagon provided biscuits n' gravy and croissant sandwiches, among other delicious items, for breakfast. At 8:30 a.m. it was time for the Posse Marshall Walk-Through. Split Rail (SASS #24707), Sixgun Seamus





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(SASS #94002), Rye Miles (SASS #13621), Dewey Shoot'em (SASS #90355), and Prairie Dawg represented their respective posses as they received the Stage Scenario instructions for the day. At 10:00 a.m. the Mandatory Safety Meeting was held. It was started off by Lady Lopez (SASS #89552) beautifully playing the Canadian and United States National Anthems; Crowbar followed up with a prayer for a safe and fun filled day; and Buckaroo Bubba went over all the important safety rules.

The Main Match theme for 2016 was based on the movie *Open Range*. Each of the 10 stages represented the terrific Western film featuring Robert Duvall and Kevin Costner. Some of the stages recreated a few of the scenes from the movie. For example, saying the line "Are you the one who killed our friend?" then shooting the dummy just like Charlie Waite did in the movie. Another example, holding a cigar and a chocolate candy bar and saying the starting line of "My friend and me got a hankerin' for Switzerland chocolate and a good smoke."

After the shooters completed the first five stages of High Noon, it was time for a break as

everyone headed to their hotel rooms or campers to prepare for the Saturday Night banquet. The festivities began at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening. As everyone filtered in, many took their opportunity to have their photo taken by Baby Doll Blue with KK Photography, who had a photo booth set up. Many shooters were dressed for the first ever Costume Contest at Tusco.

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The Top Three Men, Women, and Couples were recognized for their efforts in looking their best. The blessing for the meal was provided by our resident Pastor, Crowbar, and the tables were dismissed to get their food. Hog Heaven once again provided an excellent meal, consisting of pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ chicken, and beef brisket, along with cheesy potatoes, baked beans, green beans and a salad.

As everyone finished their meals, it was time to take care of some business. The Club Officer Elections were held. A motion was made to retain all of the current officers of the club. The Side match and the Plainsman match awards were handed out next, awarding those who displayed their best efforts on Friday during the Side Matches.

Every year at High Noon at Tusco we recognize deserving individuals for their yearly service and dedication to our club. The Ruthless McDraw Memorial Spirit of the Game Award represents everything that Ruthless McDraw stood for. Those of you who knew Ruthless know what this awards means and what it



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*It is in this spirit that we honor the following cowboy/cowgirl for their dedicated service to the Tusco Long Riders during the 2016 shooting season.*

Once again this year, we recognized four recipients for this award:

Baby Doll Blue—she has been an excellent addition to the Tusco Long Riders. In addition to

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*Best Dressed Ladies.*



**—Duelist Winners—**  
*Raging Thunder (SASS #101037),  
Boss Outlaw (SASS #71947),  
and Moosetracks (SASS #66847).*

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being a very helpful posse member, Baby Doll Blue has taken Tusco to another level with her business, KK Photography. This year she put together our Tusco Long Riders' Charity Calendar, and set up a photo booth at High Noon.

Split Rail—This was a long overdue choice. Split Rail has provided the Tusco Long Riders years and years of service. He has spent approximately 10 years as club president and has always been a perfect example of the Spirit of the Game. This year he went above



*Short Wagon and Mad Hattie (SASS #97311 and 97314)  
looking great at the banquet.*

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and beyond with setting up our new relationship with Wags 4 Warriors. He collected donations for their program, along with helping setting up a shoot just for Wags.

Dewey Shoot'em—This was the second award for Dewey. Since becoming involved with Tusco, Dewey has done a lot of work behind the scenes.



—Young Guns Winners—  
*The Cumberland Kid and Spud.*



—Double Duelist Winners—  
*Rippen Kid (SASS #90301) and Twitchy (SASS #88256).*

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From working as one of our Club Deputies with his main function of brainstorming and coming up with new and exciting ideas for the club. This year Dewey also took it upon himself to hand make our plaques for the awards.

Chuck Wagon Pam—This is the first time that a Non-Shooter has received this award. Pam Legg, aka Chuck Wagon Pam has been one of the most popular people at Tusco. For more than five years Pam has given up the

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first Saturday of every month to prepare and provide our members with breakfast and lunch. Her food has become one of best parts of the Tusco Long Riders. People from other states even know about her food.

Our big prize table has become a staple for High Noon at Tusco. Once again this year, with the help of

very generous sponsors, we had more than 220 prizes on our prize table! Every registered shooter in attendance made at least two trips to the prize table. Items like certificates for free shoots at local matches, annual matches, State, and Regional matches were available. Other items included donated prizes from our match sponsors, Tusco gear by LouAnn's Sewing Shoppe or lead bullets by Patriot Casting and Appalachian Bullet Co. We have been lucky enough at Tusco to have found the support of some great sponsors. With their help, we have been able to provide some great prizes and

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raffle items for our shooters. As the last few items were taken off the prize table it concluded our Saturday night activities.

A dark gloomy day welcomed the shooters on Sunday. Approximately Thirty shooters made their way up to Stage Two where Cowboy Church, sponsored by The Lord's Posse, was held. Pastor Crowbar provided the service. (What a great sight it was when the sun rose and shone upon Crowbar as he finished up his message.) He spoke of how we should all "do everything as if we were doing it for the Lord."

At 9:00 a.m. the shooting commenced, to start the second half of the Main Match. One of the other traditions we have at Tusco is blowing something up! This year the stage was based on the scene from *Open Range* where Charlie Waite unloads both barrels of his shotgun on the "No Varmint, No Vagrant" sign in the bar. Our shooters got the chance to do the same. Shooting four signs with their own shotgun. When all of the shooters got the opportunity to recreate scenes from *Open Range* and finished the last five stages of the Main Match, it was time to

wrap up the twenty-first edition of High Noon at Tusco with the Awards Ceremony. Category placements were first to be handed out. The Top Ten Men and Women were read off, with Billy Badazz (SASS #98024) being the Men's and Overall Champion and Canadian Two Feathers taking home the Women's Overall Championship. Then the moment many of the shooters were waiting for, the presentation of the Tusco Long Riders Clean Shoot Pins. This new yearly tradition has been well received and the pins are coveted by many, but only 12 shooters were able to obtain one this year. They were Bad Brass (SASS #84355),

Blastin' Brad (SASS #90942), Gemstone Janet (SASS #74014), Harold Doc Adams (SASS #70487), I. M. Crossdraw (SASS #8321), Mad Dog Max (SASS #92788), N. A. Custer (SASS #70498), Shirttail Bess (SASS #92250), Shotgun Chavez (SASS #11219), The Cumberland Kid (SASS #101836), Billy Badazz, and Hooligan Howes.

The conclusion of the awards brought the end to High Noon at Tusco for another year. We certainly hope everyone had a great time and will join us again in 2017 for the Twenty-Second Edition. All Main Match results can be found at <http://tuscolongriders.com/>.

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