



HIGH NOON

at Tusco 2014

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Midvale, Ohio, October 3-5, 2014. The falling leaves, the chill in the air, and the first weekend in October mean it's time for the annual three-day match for the SASS Affiliated Tusco Long Riders. High Noon at Tusco is hosted by the Tusco Rifle Club in Midvale. Shooters from Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Canada came to enjoy the exciting sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™ at Tusco. Kame's Sports, located in North Canton, Ohio and State Farm Insurance—George Dadas Agency, located in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, once again graciously sponsored the main match for the event.



High Noon at Tusco started off on a rainy Friday with some of the 87 registered participants arriving to shoot the side matches. Up on the hill, the Long Range events got under way. The events were Lever Action Pistol Caliber Rifle, Lever Action Rifle Caliber Rifle, Single Shot Rifle, and Long Range Pistol. Down on Stage 3, shooters tried their hand at the Speed Shotgun events. All types of Shotguns were recog-

nized, including '97, '87, double barrel, and double hammerless. The real speed was on display on Stage 4, where the Speed Pistol and Rifle events were held. Traditional, Duelist, and Gunfighter styles were recognized. The Speed Rifle consisted of using your main match rifle, shooting it as fast you could. You could even try your hand at shooting your .22 rifle. Men's, Women's and Young Gun's Categories were available for all of the events.



Saturday Morning brought the official start of High Noon at Tusco. Shooters started arriving by 8:00 a.m. to get their share of morning breakfast at the famous Tusco Kitchen. Shooter's goody bags greeted each registered shooter as they arrived. The bags consisted of a Tusco embroidered zip-up gun case, can coozie, first aid kit, shooters books, and name badge. The shooters

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gathered together for the mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m., with everyone taking part in the Pledge of Allegiance. With hats still in hand, a prayer was offered by Cheyenne Culpepper (SASS #32827) for a safe and fun weekend at Tusco. Buckaroo Bubba and Prairie Dawg (SASS #50329) went over the schedule of events for the weekend and the Tusco Safety Rules. The Posses, ran by Split Rail (SASS #24707), Two Bit Drifter (SASS #32899), Rye Miles (SASS #13621), Prairie Dawg, and Pickaway Tracker (SASS #52070), were read off and everyone made their way to their respective starting stages. It was time to let the lead fly.

High Noon at Tusco's stages were based on some of the movies in which Clint Eastwood starred, including *Hang 'em High*; *Unforgiven*; *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*; *The Outlaw Josey Wales*; and *Two Mules for Sister Sara*. The stages featured starting lines from each of those respective movies. Each match participant received a shooters handbook, which included de-



scriptions of each of the movies represented. Some of the stages even required the shooter's starting position to reflect a scene from the movies.

Saturday held the first five stages of the Main Match. The stages provided challenging, yet straightforward, scenarios for the shooters to complete. Even

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though the rain, wind, and sleet made things a bit uncomfortable, everyone seemed to stay fairly dry. It takes more than a little bit of weather to get our Tusco Cowboys and Cowgirls down. As mid-afternoon approached, the shooters wrapped up the first day of the match.

At 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening, most of the shooters gathered at the main clubhouse for our High Noon Banquet. Once again, Hog Heaven provided us with an excellent meal, consisting of pulled pork sandwiches, BBQ chicken, green beans, cheesy potatoes, and salad. We started the evening off with Brown Township Regulator's President, Sandy Creek Jake (SASS #85546), saying the blessing. With that, each table was released to fill up their plates.

Once again this year, our **big prize table** held more than two hundred prizes. Each registered

shooter was able to make at least two trips to the prize table. Most of the prizes on the table were donations from our very generous sponsors.

Prairie Dawg sold playing cards for three different raffles. A case of shotgun shells, an entry to High Noon at Tusco 2015, and our *Ultimate Package* were raffled off. The Ultimate Package consisted of our Golden Ticket, which lets you shoot for free all of next year, an entry to High Noon at Tusco 2015, and a Tusco Long Rider's Membership—a \$155 Value!

Next, club treasurer, Split Rail, took care of handling our club officer elections. A motion was made that the current set of officers remain in place for the 2015 season. It was seconded by Life-R (SASS #44051). The club officers for 2015 will remain as:

- Buckaroo Bubba—President
- Prairie Dawg—Vice President
- Split Rail—Treasurer
- TJ Reese (SASS #100050)—Secretary
- Missouri Muleskinner (SASS #38729)—Match Director (Appointed Position)

Prairie Dawg was on the microphone next. He presented Buckaroo Bubba with an Award of Appreciation from the Tusco Long Riders for his hard work and dedication to the club.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of our Fourth annual Ruthless McDraw Memorial Spirit of the Game Award. It's an award that we take very seriously when selecting the recipients. It represents what the Cowboy Spirit is all about. The winners of this award are recognized for the dedicated hard work they provide to the Tusco Long Riders throughout the current shooting season. The Award states the following:

Ruthless McDraw epitomized the Cowboy Way in everything she did.

Ruthless was a true ambassador for the sport of Cowboy Action Shooting.

Her enthusiasm to our game and to those who compete with us made each shoot better and more fun.

It is in this spirit that we honor the following cowboy/cowgirl for their dedicated service to the Tusco Long Riders during the 2014 shooting season."

Once again this year we recognized four recipients for this award.



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John Barleycorn (SASS #76982). In a very generous gesture he offered to pay for six Junior SASS Memberships on the SASS Wire, in addition to paying the entry fee for five new shooters at Tusco. Also, John Barleycorn's continued help running posses is always appreciated.

Bobtown Cooter (SASS #94037). A lot of things go on behind the scenes of a Cowboy Action Shooting™ club. Bobtown Cooter has been a big help with all of the copies we need throughout the year. Our Shooter's Handbooks for High Noon were provided by him, as well as all the flyers, range release forms, etc. He is always there to help, not wanting anything in return.

Dewey Shoot'em (SASS #90355). There are just some people who help out time and time again. Dewey has been there for us, from helping with setup, tear down, working the registration table, scoring, passing out ribbons, running posses, and on and on. Dewey represents what this award is all about.

One-Shot Al (SASS #71574)/Needle-Eye Annie (SASS #71575). This year at Tusco, One-Shot Al and Needle-Eye Annie brought something new to Tusco. Our all-new Tusco Gear. They have taken this idea and have run with it. They have provided us with hats, shirts, bags, coffee cups, and more, with our Tusco logo, for our shooters to purchase. Tusco is very grateful for all of their creativity. Very well deserved by all of the award winners. Thank you for your continued service! As everyone finished up their meals Buckaroo Bubba presented awards to the Side Match winners.

Sunday morning all the participants arrived bright and early to shoot the last half of the Main Match. The weather was nicer to us on Sunday, with glimpses of sunshine throughout the day. The second half of the main match always consists of something a bit "different" to shoot. At Stage 8, our Tusco Saloon, you had to shoot two full red Solo cups of water. Some of the cups varied in size, depending on how nice your posse wanted to be to you. Everyone seemed to have a hoot with that stage.

Early afternoon brought to a close the shooting for the weekend. After a quick cleanup of the range, it was onto the Awards Ceremony. New and improved awards welcomed all the shooters as they received their recognition. After the presentation of awards to the category winners, ten Clean Match awards were given to the shooters who shot the entire ten stages without missing. They were:

The Overall Top Men's and Women's Shooters were next to be announced. The Top Men's and Overall Shooter was Billy Badazz and the Top Women's Overall Shooter was Canadian Two Feathers (SASS #70784). Also new this year was the presentation of our Overall Top Young Gun Shooter. That shooter was Long Shot Seth, who also finished sixth overall, out of nearly 90 shooters!

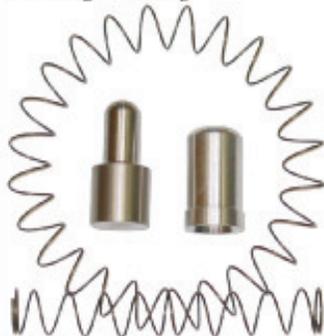
With that High Noon at Tusco 2014 came to a close. It seemed that everyone left the range with smiles on their faces from another fun three-day match at Tusco. The planning for High Noon 2015 has already begun. We aim to make it even better than ever! Please visit <http://www.tuscolongriders.com/> for more information on the 2015 match, for a full list of our match sponsors and supporters, and for a complete list of 2014 match results. 🤠

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