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"The Shooting Makes It Fun, the People Make It Special"

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2019 Started off with a bang! We had 42 shooters and wonderful winter weather for our first shoot of the year. Welcome to Tusco OK Kid. We hope you enjoyed your shoot and come again soon. Congrats to Lucky 13, our Overall and Top Men's Shooter. Also, Congrats to our Top Women's shooter, Bdoc. We hope everyone had a great first shoot of the year and will come back in February.

Top 20

1. Lucky 13
2. Swiss
3. John Barleycorn
4. Buckaroo Bubba
5. N.A. Custer
6. Gray Squirrel
7. Cheatin Charlie
8. Hooligan Howes
9. Stone Creek Drifter
10. Shotgun Chavezz
11. Loquacious Loner
12. Straight Stock
13. Black Run Butcher
14. Ole Rattlesnake
15. Moosetracks
16. Raging Thunder
17. Bdoc
18. Rowdy Red Tailor
19. Last Gun
20. Thunder Creek Kid

Clean Shooters

N.A. Custer
Short Gun Shorty
Straight Stock

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**Next Shoot: Feb 2nd 2019
Weather Depending**





Hillbilly Drifter



Blued Eyed Ben



Random Lee



Cayenne Kay



Prairie Dawg's Old West Chronicles

A Compendium of Useful Information

Cowboy Hat Etiquette

A survival guide for city folks who may not know the
rules

by BOB BOZE BELL



Before we get to the Boy's Club Rules, Lynda A. Sánchez, a third-generation rancher, weighs in with her thoughts on how women have made manners gentler and frontier living more polite.

"Women have always made a difference, unless you are some tough wannabe bushwacker or a back-shooter. Let's face it, men, by themselves, can be slobs in all kinds of ways: hygiene, clothing style, sloppy mannerisms, bad table manners, leaving the toilet seat up. The presence of women usually causes them to change their ways for the better."

"I was always taught that real cowboys tipped their hats to a lady or female. My husband does that, as do most of the old-timers. I was taught that you take off your hat or cap in a home, church, restaurant

or theater. In a public building, you can keep it on, but if you go into a courtroom, you better take it off, otherwise the judge will nail you.

“When I taught school, the boys had to take off their hats or caps. In other classrooms, the teachers didn’t care. If a kid entered my room and forgot my rule, all I had to do was point to my head, and the hat was swept off and placed out of sight. Some individuals either have no manners or they don’t understand hat etiquette.”

“We have gotten away from a lot of the politeness we used to have, thus many of our rules have little meaning, except in enclaves here and there. Fewer people wear hats now. Oh, and by the way, you better not mess with my husband’s hat. That is still a no-no. A man who wears a Stetson treats it like gold, and so should the rest of the world!”

Hat Rule #1: Do not touch my hat



Let’s get this straight: a cowboy hat is not a toy.

It is not okay to touch a cowboy’s hat, or put on a stray cowboy hat lying around a bunkhouse or a truckstop.

It is not okay to grab it off a cowboy’s head, and it is absolutely forbidden to say, as you reach out, “Gee, what’s that made of?”

Exception: A fiancé may touch a cowboy’s hat once -- on the honeymoon -- but that’s it.

Also, a grandchild may do whatever they want to a cowboy hat, short of sleeping in it.

It is, after all, just a hat.

I know that doesn’t seem fair, but that’s just the deal.

Hat Rule #2: Do not wear your cowboy hat in mama's house



There is no more disrespectful thing you can do, short of killing the family dog, than wearing your cowboy hat inside your mama's house. This includes your friend's mama's house, as well. This even includes mamas from other nations. Moms are sacred and every cowboy knows it. Don't do it.

Exception: You may wear your cowboy hat when you are forced to enter the house of your ex-wife's mother. You know, the one who never thought you were good enough to marry her daughter. If you do, though, you must be prepared to fight your ex-wife, her mother and whoever is sleeping with the two of them at the time of the entry. That's a hard trade off, but it's usually worth it.

Hat Rule #3: Tip your hat like you mean it



Don't just flick the brim, remove it from your noggin so there is no confusion when you're acknowledging a crowd in a parade or just a pretty girl on the boardwalk. But don't be waving it around like some hillbilly shouting for help.

Doing The Half-Tip:

When the National Anthem is playing, cowboys will often do a "half-tip" of the hat as these cowboys from Pie Town, New Mexico, are doing in the left photo above from the 1940s.

Hat Rule #4: Wearing Hats Indoors is complicated



Many cowboys have been in the armed services where it was drilled in to them to take off their lid when they are indoors. This wasn't true in the Old West where you see cowboys wearing hats in saloons and dining halls, but today is a different deal. When in doubt -- doff it.

Exception:

In some parts of the country, if you enter a restaurant, it's okay to wear your hat at the counter, but not in a booth. This can be dicey if you see someone you know at a table when you are sitting at the counter, with your hat on. If you approach your friend at the table you can say "hi" and keep your hat on, but if you sit down, the hat must come off. This is known as the "heading-towards-the-door" rule. It is perfectly acceptable to wear your hat, as you cross the dining room towards the door, but do not dilly dally, or the hat must come off.

Exception to the Exception: While everyone agrees the hat comes off in church, it is okay to wear your hat in Cowboy Church, but then it comes off for the Lord's Prayer.

Hat Rule #5: The Dance Floor Dilemma



In the old days, cowboys wore their hats to dances and never took them off, especially while struttin' around the dance floor. But, so many fights broke out when hats got bumped during dances that there are still places -- mostly in Texas -- where there is a hard and fast rule that you must take your hat off while dancing.

Exception: When a cowboy and a cowgirl are both wearing hats and it's time for a grinder, it is considered appropriate to leave both hats with a baby-sitter back at the booth.

Hat Rule #6: Cowgirls Can Get Away With Murder



Most of the hat rules cowboys adhere to are not applicable to a pretty cowgirl.

Exception:

Ha! There is no exception to this sexist and ridiculous rule.

Hat Rule #7: No Hats in Church, Except...



While almost everyone agrees that it's mandatory that hats come off in church, there is an exception as it relates to a new phenomenon called "Cowboy Church."

In this fast-growing church, cowboys are allowed to wear their hats at an indoor service, but they must take it off for the Lord's Prayer.

Hat Rule #8: Beware of Hat Rules:



If a cowboy insists on you adhering to these hat rules, try and keep a wide berth.

Who needs all these damn rules anyhow?

Hope you enjoyed this article!

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In 1999, Bob Boze Bell and partners bought True West magazine (published since 1953) and moved the editorial offices to Cave Creek, Arizona.

Bell has published and illustrated books on Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday, as well as Classic Gunfights, an Old West gunfight book series. His latest books are *The 66 Kid* and *True West Moments*.

Please Note:

Winter Cowboy matches, February and March, are **weather permitting and cowboy dress is optional**. Dress warm.

We love our set-up crew volunteers!!! If you'd like to help set-up our monthly stages, we begin at 7:30AM and would love to have you. Thank you to all who have come out to help us! You help to make it a great shoot!

News & Notes

Six Stages

We shoot six stages at Tusco. A few people have told us that they drive a good distance to shoot at Tusco and would like to shoot as much as possible. Obviously we only have room for five shooting bays. So what we do is shoot the first stage you start on twice.

Consider it a warm up stage. Only five stages will be scored. You can take your best time on your first stage. If you don't want to shoot it twice you do not have to. This would provide more shooting for our shooters.

New SASS Magazine

With the new release of the SASS Quarterly Cowboy Chronicle, I once again would like to start collecting any unwanted issues of the magazine. We will use these for our promotional events, like our Tusco Long Riders' Day at Kames Sports. Please either black out or cut off your name and address or I will do it before they are passed out.

Thank you!

Facebook Page

When you make a post about Tusco or share pictures on Facebook, include #TuscoLongRiders. Let everyone see what we are all about.

New Shooters Shoot for Free at Tusco

The Tusco Long Riders will be offering FREE SHOOTS to ALL FIRST TIME SHOOTERS AT TUSCO. This is ONLY for a shooter's first ever shoot at Tusco. (*this is only for monthly matches, excluding High Noon 3-day Shoot in October, and the Charity Shoot in November.)

Cowboy Swap Meet at Monthly Shoots

As a reminder, feel free to bring your old Cowboy Gear, Guns and Equipment to sell at our monthly shoots. It's a good opportunity to sell some of your unwanted stuff to your fellow shooters. Your items are your responsibility.

Pre-Paid Shoots

Looking for that perfect Gift for your Cowboy Friends and Family? How about a Pre-paid Shoot to a Tusco Monthly Match. They cost \$10.00 each at a shoot or they can be mailed for \$10.50. Contact Buckaroo Bubba at pittfandwr@aol.com or 330-348-5637 if you would like to purchase them.

Help Wanted at Tusco

If you are available to help set up target stands/props before our shoots it would be greatly appreciated.

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