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On The Range

HIGH NOON 2015 *at* TUSCO



Midvale, Ohio October 2-4, 2015. A record attendance at the twentieth anniversary of High Noon at Tusco welcomed us this year as we received 118 registered shooters, beating the old record by 13! Shooters from all over joined us this year for the three-day event. Six different states, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, and Georgia were represented, along with two of our favorite Canadians from North of the Border, Canadian Two Feathers (SASS #70784) and Canadian Black Magic (SASS #70783).

A packed camper area greeted everyone as they pulled into the range on Friday. The October weather on Side Match day was a bit cool but right on for Cowboy Action Shooting™. Hog Heaven, our caterer

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for the banquet, sponsored all the side matches. As setup was completed and the clock struck High Noon, the side matches began. New to High Noon at Tusco this year was our modified Plainsman Match. Our Club Vice President, Prairie Dawg (SASS #50329) and Ohio Cheatin Charlie (SASS #83621) led this event. It was a big hit with our shooters who love black powder, and eleven shooters tried their hand at it. Needless to say it will be back next year. Next door to the Plainsman Match was the Long Range competition, which was run by Short Wagon (SASS #97311) and Mad Hattie



Thirteen lucky shooters finished the match clean!

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Top Youth winners Maverick and Rimfire Randi.

(SASS #97312). It was there you could shoot your Single Shot Rifle, Lever Action Rifle and Pistol Caliber Rifles, and see how good you were with your handguns shooting them at the long range target. The black powder folks were able to feel at home with the Long Range Side Match as well, as there were Black Powder Categories included this year. Down the hill you would find the Speed Shotgun event taking place, being run by Raging Thunder (SASS #101037), Streak Lightning (SASS #101039), and Stone Creek Drifter (SASS #58853). All SASS legal shotguns had categories to see who was the fastest shotgun at Tusco. Next down the line TJ Reese (SASS #100050) and Corbin Dallas (SASS #41040) welcomed shooters to the Speed Rifle, .22 Rifle and Revolvers events. This is where the real speed was on display. Finally out on Stage 5 was a warm up stage. Folks who really wanted to knock the rust off went out to get ready for the main match. At 4:00 p.m. the Side Matches came to a close with everyone putting away their firearms and dispersing to their evening dinners plans.

A rainy Saturday morning greeted everyone to the Main Match Sponsored by Kames Sports and George Dadas State Farm Agency. Each shooter stopped in the clubhouse to retrieve their bag full of shooters gifts. The gifts this year included a Brass Bag that was made by LouAnn's Sewing Shoppe, a Twentieth Anniversary Belt Buckle that was created by Arrow Graphics and Buck D. Law from Alabama, a Tusco Lapel Pin, and Shooters Handbook. Posse Marshal walk thru started things off at 9:00 a.m. Stone Creek Drifter, Sixgun Seamus (SASS #94002), Rye Miles (SASS #13621), Prairie Dawg, and Pickaway Tracker (SASS #52070) were the respective posse marshals throughout the weekend. Once the stages were explained to the posse marshals it



Short Wagon shooting Gunfighter.

was time to gather everyone up for our mandatory safety meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to Old Glory started things off, followed by a prayer by Crowbar. Buckaroo Bubba welcomed everyone to High Noon and went over the various safety rules and important notes.

The theme for High Noon this year was "Vintage TV Westerns." Each of the stages were represented by Western shows some of us grew up watching, while some others grew up watching the reruns. *The Rifleman, The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp, Have Gun will Travel,* *(Continued on page 16)*

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Maverick, Wanted Dead or Alive, Rawhide, Bonanza, The Big Valley, and The Wild Wild West were represented through the ten stages of the Main Match. Shooters fought thru less than ideal weather conditions during the first of five main match stages. After the first half of stages were completed by all of the shooters, everyone took a break before the Saturday Night festivities.

Hungry, Well-dressed Cowboys and Cowgirls started arriving at our Saturday night banquet a bit before 6:00 p.m. Once again this year, Hog Heaven set up their wonderful dinner, which consisted of pulled pork sandwiches, beef brisket, BBQ chicken, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, and salad. Before we got dinner rolling, we held a moment of silence for two of our favorite Cowboys whom we lost earlier in the year, Shotgun Slade (SASS #16691) and Mad Mongo (SASS #56138). Marshal Dan Dillon (SASS #60049) provided us with the blessing before we dismissed the tables to get their meals.

As the shooters arrived for dinner Prairie Dawg sold playing cards for five different raffles. High Noon sponsor Montana Silversmiths donated a \$120 Belt Buckle we



OVERALL MAN AND OVERALL LADY WINNERS
Billy Badazz and Lady Lopez.

raffled off, along with our Tusco Ultimate Package, which consisted of a Tusco Golden Ticket (which allows you to shoot free all of next year), a High Noon 2016 Certificate and Tusco Membership for next year, another High Noon 2016 Certificate, a Wells Fargo Pocket Watch and DVD Set, and a very unique Stage Coach Lamp were raffled off.

Officer Elections were taken care of soon after everyone finished their dinners. A motion was made to once again carry over all of the Officer Positions. Club President—Buckaroo Bubba, Vice President—Prairie Dawg, Treasurer—Split Rail (SASS #24707), and Secretary—TJ Reese. Appointed positions of Match Director—Missouri Muleskinner (SASS #38729) and Territorial Governor—D. J. McDraw (SASS #37555) will also remain the same. New this

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*Sixgun Seamus participated
in our first-ever Plainsman Mini Match.*

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year, we added two new club positions. The Tusco “Club Deputies” were announced. The Club Deputies main function will be to brainstorm new club ideas, be used as a sounding board for club activities, and use their creative minds. We were very proud to announce Dewey Shoot’em (SASS #90355) and Sixgun Seamus as the new Club Deputies. They will be great assets to the Tusco Long Riders. Side Match Awards and the Plainsman Match Awards were next read off, with each of the winners coming up front to receive their certificates, some even receiving a handful of them.

One of the trademarks of High Noon at Tusco is the Huge Prize Table that welcomes everyone at the banquet. More than 200 prizes covered three eight-foot tables. Every registered shooter who attended our evening banquet made at least two trips to the prize table. One of the reasons we have such a great prize table is because of the fabulous sponsors we have for High Noon.

Next up was the presentation of our Annual Ruthless McDraw Memorial Spirit of the Game Awards. For those of you who knew Ruthless you know what this awards means and what it represents. We present

this as a year-long award to those deserving individuals who represent what the Spirit of the Game is all about and their dedicated service to the Tusco Long Riders. We take the selection of award winners very seriously. Each 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 2015 shooting season.

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



with brainstorming for new and exciting things for the Tusco Long Riders.

A picture perfect day arrived for all the shooters on the last day. Our new tradition of Cowboy Church started at 8:00 a.m. Our resident Pastor, Crowbar, lead the service and about 25 shooters took the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship at the range. Shooters then enjoyed the day shooting fast, straightforward, option-filled stages that Prairie Dawg masterfully wrote. Once everyone had finished up shooting the main match it was on to the awards. In a surprise, Stone Creek Drifter presented Buckaroo Bubba with a gorgeous Spirit of the Game Award. They presented this award to Buckaroo Bubba for his continued service leading the Tusco Long Riders. The Awards continued with the presentation of the Category Awards. Our Youth Boy and Girl Overall

• Raging Thunder and Streak Lightning—every once in a while new shooters join our club that immediately fit right in. They pitch in and provide much needed help with setting up targets, tearing down the shoots, running timers, picking brass, etc. Raging Thunder and Streak Lightning have shown us what the Spirit of the Game is all about. Plus it's not every day you get twins who show this spirit as well.

• Angie Oakley (SASS #101763)—a lot of things that go on behind the scenes that people don't see. Angie has been there for Tusco and has been doing a lot of the little things behind the scenes for the last couple of years, from keeping score during the shoots to helping tear down, passing out ribbons, putting together score books, etc. One of the other things Angie has done for Tusco is volunteering to help out with various promotional events, like our Tusco Long Riders' Day at Kames Sports.

• Sixgun Seamus—has won this award in previous years and really, he could win this award every year. Sixgun is constantly helping out with all of the different promotional events we do, along



Champions were Maverick (SASS #92789) and Rimfire Randi (SASS #87690). Overall Man and Lady were Billy Badazz (SASS #98024) and Lady Lopez (SASS #89552), with Billy Badazz being the Overall Winner. Clean shoots at a 10-stage event are always hard to achieve, but 13 shooters were able to do so.

With the conclusion of the awards, the Twentieth Anniversary of High Noon at Tusco is in the books! We believe this was the best High Noon at Tusco yet. Our goal is to make High Noon 2016 even better. With the help of our new Club Deputies we have already talked about some new ideas and improvements that will welcome our shooters next year. Hope to see everyone back! For updated information, visit our website at <http://www.tuscolongriders.com/> and for complete match results visit http://www.tuscolongriders.com/Match_scores.htm.

