

TUSCO TIMES

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

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April 2, 2022



March 5, 2022 Shoot Results

1.	The Cumberland Kid	Gunfighter	98.58
2.	Gray Hare	Wrangler	139.67
3.	Split Rail	Gunfighter	145.49
4.	Rowdy Bishop	Senior	151.62
5.	Swiss	Senior Gunfighter	154.50
6.	Wright Wiley	Cowboy	156.23
7.	Buckshot Charlie Bill	49er	163.03
8.	John Barleycorn	Gunfighter	164.58
9.	Hooligan Howes	Gunfighter	166.92
10.	Nitro Joe	49er	178.62
11.	N. A. Custer	Senior Gunfighter	188.28
12.	Laramie Leadslinger	Silver Senior	193.58

13.	Moosetracks	Senior Duelist	203.04
14.	Buckaroo Bubba	Duelist	204.08
15.	Lifer	Josey Wales	207.31
16.	Cheatin Charlie	Frontiersman	210.97
17.	Frontier Lone Rider	Elder Statesman	220.79
18.	Turkey Flats Jack	FC Gunfighter	223.85
19.	Bobtown Cooter	Silver Senior	228.94
20.	Thaddeus Jones	Senior	232.43
21.	Willie Goodnews	Frontier Cartridge	233.87
22.	One Eye Jack	49er	240.70
23.	Jesse Duke	Classic Cowboy	242.45
24.	Skinny Kinny	Classic Cowboy	254.12
25.	Jim Double U	Frontier Cartridge	257.53
26.	Thunder Creek Kid	Classic Cowboy	258.47
27.	Cardiac Kate	Lady 49er	272.55
28.	Duke Hunter	49er	273.79
29.	Flint N. Steele	Outlaw	280.71
30.	Blue Hare	Lady Duelist	280.99
31.	Range Traveler	Senior Duelist	283.70
32.	Prairie Dawg	Silver Senior Duelist	297.19
33.	Gray Squirrel	49er	DNF



Schedule of Major Shoots in Ohio for 2022

Miami Valley Cowboys -- Piqua, Ohio:

Ohio State Championships -- Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 - 29

Big Iron Rangers -- Middletown, Ohio:

Smoke in the Woods -- June 25 - 26

Ohio Valley Vigilantes -- Mt. Vernon, Ohio

The Final Showdown -- July 22 - 24

The Sandusky County Regulators -- Gibsonburg, Ohio

The SASS Ohio State Blackpowder Championship -- July 30

Big Iron Rangers -- Middletown, Ohio:

Guns of August -- August 12 - 14

The Sandusky County Regulators -- Gibsonburg, Ohio

Shootout at Stoney Bottom -- September 9 - 11

Greene County Cowboys -- Xenia, Ohio

Ohio State wild Bunch Shoot -- September 24

The Tusco Long Riders -- Dennison, Ohio

High Noon at Tusco -- September 30 - October 2



High Noon Lost & Found

These items were found at High Noon.

If they belong to you, please contact Prairie Dawg.



March 2022 Cowboy Swap Meet
If interested, contact seller & arrange swap

Seller:

Damned Ol' Ranger SASS 4242

Robert Kaiser

bobbymoon@wowway.com

440-779-6298 Pictures available.

Items For Sale:

#1 -- Tooled Leather Belt with Bianchi 7-1/2" Colt SAA Holster -- \$180

- 3" width, 40" long

- with Ivory Coffin Handled 5” Damascus Blade Dagger/tooled sheath

#2 -- El Paso Saddlery 3” Money Belt -- \$100

- 20 .45 LC Loops
- 6 Loop El Paso Saddlery Shotgun Slide
- 7-1/2” Lined SAA Spangenberg Right Hand Draw Holster from Tombstone, AZ
- And 5-1/2” William Davis Right Hand Cross Draw Holster

#3 -- Handmade Mule Hide Boots Black, -- \$125

- Size 10-1/2
- Medium Width
- Walking Heel
- Red, White and Blue Stars Sewn on Front
- Never Worn in Wet/Damp Conditions
- Square Toe
- Always polished and cared for, not like Rye’s boots

#4 -- Hand made leather wrist cuffs -- \$20

#5 -- Fancy spurs with jingle bobs, and fancy tooled straps -- \$35

#6 -- Leather/Canvas “The Duke” vest, size large -- \$50

#7 -- Rocking K Saddlery 2 ½” Belt -- \$125

- Size 40
- 1 Slim Jim Standard Right Hand Draw Holster
- 1 Main and Winchester Right Hand Cross Draw Holster
- For 1851, 1860, 1861 Black Powder Pistols

#8 -- Solid Oak Gun Cart -- \$250

- 20" Pneumatic Bicycle Spoked Wheels
- Dovetail Construction
- Storage Under Seat/Box
- Drop Down to Rear Shelf (Nice to Load C&B Pistols, or eat lunch)
- Golf Umbrella with Golf Cart Holder.
- Holds 5 Long Guns
- Carpeted for Butt and bbl Rests
- Upper Cart Piece Attaches to Lower Box with Oak Pins and Dowels.
- Slides on and off for small vehicle transport.

#9 -- Hats, pants I grew out of, shirts and vests...\$5.00

Seller:

Ken Lehman AKA Old Iron Hip

Contact Old Iron Hip at 440-355-8410 leave a message and I will return your call.

#1. Marlin Cowboy Limited Rifle 45 caliber blued finish 24inch octagon barrel like new. \$800

#2. A Pair of Ruger Vaquero's, 5-1/2 inch barrels, stainless finish, consecutive numbers, sold as pair only \$1050 for the pair

#3. Kirkpatrick holsters to fit above pistols with shotgun slide size 36 inch, \$150

#4. Stoeger coach gun 12 gauge 20 inch barrel cowboy ready like new \$450.

Seller:

Prairie Dawg AKA Lou Polsinelli

LPOLSI@yahoo.com 216-334-9749

#1 -- Lyman 2500 Pro Magnum Turbo Tumbler \$35

#2 -- Older (Blue) Lyman Model 600 Tumbler \$20

#3 -- Two RCBS Rotary Case/Media Separators \$20 each

#4 -- Media -- Corncob & Walnut

Prairie Dawg's Old West Chronicles

A Compendium of Useful Information

March, 2022

Long Branch Saloon Shootout, Dodge City, Kansas



The Long Branch Saloon in 1874.

The Long Branch Saloon Shootout, on April 5, 1879, was a gunfight that took place at the famed Long Branch Saloon in Dodge City, Kansas, between Frank Loving and Levi Richardson, both gamblers who frequented the saloon.

In the spring of 1879, the wicked little town of Dodge City, Kansas had not yet been tamed, a fact that would show itself once again in a gunfight at the Long Branch Saloon.

The Long Branch Saloon Shootout, also known as the Richardson-Loving Gunfight, involved Levi Richardson, a buffalo hunter, and “Cockeyed Frank” Loving, a professional gambler.

Though Richardson was known as a slow and awkward man, he also had a reputation as an excellent gunfighter, despite it being mostly hearsay. In early 1879, Loving quarreled with Richardson, claiming that Richardson was making unwanted and disrespectful advances toward his wife, Mattie Loving. The two threw taunts back and forth for a time, but with nothing more than verbal confrontations until March, when the two became involved in a fist fight on Front Street. After exchanging punches, Richardson exclaimed "I'll blow the guts out of you, you cockeyed son of a bitch." Loving, not being armed, simply turned and walked away.

On April 5, 1879, Richardson had evidently had enough. He strode into the Long Branch Saloon, specifically looking for Loving. However, Loving was not there at that time. Richardson then settled into a game of poker. Around 9:00 p.m., Loving strode in, and this time he was armed. Loving took a seat at a long table, at which point Richardson moved over and sat across from him. The two men could be heard talking low to one another, but what was said could not be understood. Suddenly, Richardson said loudly "You wouldn't fight anything you damned son of a bitch," to which Loving said calmly "Try me and see."

Richardson stood and drew his gun, which prompted Loving to do the same. Both men began firing, with Richardson firing five rounds and Loving firing six. When the shooting stopped, Richardson had been shot in the chest, the side, and the arm. Loving was grazed on the hand by only one bullet, and was otherwise uninjured. Town Marshal Charlie Bassett quickly responded, having heard the shots. He took Loving's .44 Remington. Deputy Marshal Duffey, arrived first, taking hold of Richardson, just before he crumpled to the floor. No one else in the saloon was injured, and Loving was arrested per standard procedure in such a case. On April 7, 1879, a coroner's inquest ruled the shooting self-defense, and Loving was released without charges. The Globe newspaper later reported "It seemed strange that Loving was not hit, except for a slight scratch on the hand, as the two men were so close together that their pistols almost touched each other."

Later, Frank Loving would leave his wife Mattie, a two-year-old son, John, and a one-year-old daughter, Mintie. After Dodge City, Loving moved on to another lawless town – Las Vegas, New Mexico, before finally

making his way to Trinidad, Colorado in 1882. There, he would die in the same manner as Richardson, in the Trinidad, Colorado shoot-out in April 16, 1882.

Historical Accounts -- *The Ford County Globe*, April 8, 1879

“There is seldom witnessed in any civilized town or country such a scene as transpired at the Long Branch Saloon, in this city, last Saturday evening, resulting in the killing of Levi Richardson, a well-known freighter, of this city, by a gambler named Frank Loving.

For several months, Loving has been living with a woman toward whom Richardson seems to have cherished tender feelings, and on one or two occasions previous to this, which resulted so fatally, they have quarreled and even come to blows.

Richardson was a man who had lived for several years on the frontier, and though well-liked in many respects, he had cultivated habits of bold and daring, which are always likely to get a man into trouble. Such a disposition as he possessed, might be termed bravery by many, and indeed we believe he was the reverse of a coward. He was a hard-working, industrious man, but young and strong and reckless.

Loving is a man of whom we know but very little. He is a gambler by profession; not much of a rowdy, but more of the cool and desperate order, when he has a killing on hand. He is about 23 years old. Both, or either of these men, we believe, might have avoided this shooting if either had possessed a desire to do so.



Deputy Marshal Charlie Bassett

But both being willing to risk their lives, each with confidence in himself, they fought because they wanted to fight. As stated in the evidence below, they met, one said “I don’t believe you will fight.” The other answered “try me and see,” and immediately both drew murderous revolvers and at it they went, in a room filled with people, the leaden missiles flying in all directions. Neither exhibited any sign of a desire to escape the other, and there is no telling how long the fight might have lasted, had not Richardson been pierced with bullets and Loving’s pistol left without a cartridge. Richardson was shot in the breast, through the side and through the right arm. It seems strange that Loving was not hit, except a slight scratch on the hand, as the two men were so close together, that their pistols almost touched each other. Eleven shots were fired, six by Loving and five by Richardson. Richardson only lived a few moments after the shooting. Loving was placed in jail to await the verdict of the coroner’s Jury, which was “self-defense,” and he was released. Richardson has no relatives in this vicinity. He was from Wisconsin. About twenty-eight years old.

Together with all the better class of our community, we greatly regret this terrible affair. We do not believe it is a proper way to settle difficulties, and we are positive it is not according to any law, human or divine. But if men must continue to persist in settling their disputes with firearms, we would be in favor of the dueling system, which would not necessarily endanger the lives of those who might be passing up or down the street attending to their own business.

We do not know that there is cause to censure the police, unless it be to urge upon them the necessity of strictly enforcing the ordinance preventing the carrying of concealed weapons. Neither of these men had a right to carry such weapons. Gamblers, as a class, are desperate men. They consider it necessary in their business that they

keep up their fighting reputation, and never take a bluff. On no account should they be allowed to carry deadly weapons.

April, 1879 – Witness statement by Adam Jackson, bartender, regarding the Long Branch Saloon Gunfight:

“I was in the Long Branch Saloon about 8 or 9 o’clock Saturday evening. I know Levi Richardson. He was in the saloon just before the fuss, standing by the stove. He started to go out, and went as far as the door, when Loving came in at the door. Richardson turned and followed back into the house. Loving sat down on the hazard table. Richardson came and sat near him on the same table. Then Loving immediately got up, making some remark to Richardson, could not understand what it was. Richardson was sitting on the table at the time, and Loving standing up. Loving says to Richardson: ‘If you have anything to say about me, why don’t you come and say it to my face like a gentleman, and not to my back, you damn son of a bitch.’ Richardson then stood up and said: ‘You wouldn’t fight anything, you damn—’ could not hear the rest. Loving said ‘you try me and see.’ Richardson pulled his pistol first, and Loving also drew a pistol. Three or four shots were fired when Richardson fell by the billiard table. Richardson did not fire after he fell. He fell on his hands and knees. No shots were fired after Richardson fell. No persons were shooting, except the two mentioned. Loving’s pistol snapped twice, and I think Richardson shot twice before Loving’s pistol was discharged.”

April, 1879 – Witness statement by Marshal Charles Bassett, regarding the Long Branch Saloon Gunfight:

“When I first heard the firing, I was at Beatty & Kelley’s saloon. Ran up to the Long Branch as fast as I could. Saw Frank Loving, Levi Richardson, and Duffey. Richardson was dodging and running around the billiard table. Loving was also running and dodging around the table. I got as far as the stove when the shooting had about ended. I caught Loving’s pistol. Think there were two shots fired after I got into the room, am positive there was one. Loving fired that shot, to the best of my knowledge. Did not see Richardson fire any shot, and did not see him have a pistol. I examined the pistol which was shown me, as the one Richardson had. It contained five empty shells. Richardson fell while I was there. Whether he was shot before, or after I came in, am unable to say. I think the shots fired after I came in were fired by Loving at Richardson. Richardson fell immediately after the shot I heard. Did not see any other person shoot at Richardson. Did not see Duffey take Richardson’s pistol. Do not know whether Loving knew that Richardson’s pistol had been taken away from him. There was considerable smoke in the room. Loving’s pistol was a Remington No. 44, and was empty after the shooting.”



Dodge City (Kansas) Peace Commission - 1883

W.H. Harris Luke Short Bat Masterson W.F. Pettillon
Charlie Bassett Wyatt Earp Frank McLean Neal Brown

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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