

# ELDORADO COWBOYS



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### Next Shoots

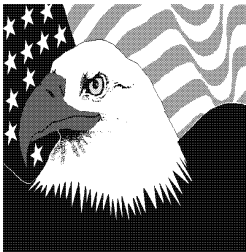
**Nov 1, 2014**

**And**

**Nov 2, 2014**

**Side Match 8:00**

**Main Match 9:00**



**SCORING WILL  
BE  
MANDATORY  
FOR ALL  
SHOOTERS**

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### DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Eldorado 2014 is in the books. The scores and all match details are available on the Eldorado Cowboys website under the Eldorado 2014 results tab.

I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the Eldorado Cowboys that helped with event set up and tear down.

Rio Rico, Two Shot Tinley, Rattlebury, Salt River Ford, Gunsil, Desert Scorpion, JD Nevada, Charming and everyone else that lifted steel, sprayed paint, drove posts or tied ropes. Thank YOU – please know that your hard work is appreciated

As we did for Dam Site, we arranged for a professional photographer to come down and take pictures. These pictures, both action shots and awards will be available very soon on the photographers website and are FREE to download – compliments of the Eldorado Cowboys. [www.endlesslightvisuals.com/p335883805](http://www.endlesslightvisuals.com/p335883805)

Part of putting on a match is sitting down afterwards and critically examining what worked and being honest about what didn't.

Overall, the feedback on the match was overwhelmingly positive. But some issues were brought to light and will be adjusted.

I will share a few:

The mini match growth to four stages was received as a positive move, but four FULL stages is too much. Steps will be taken to speed the mini match to require less time and not tire folks to the point of skipping other side match events.

The after lunch Friday events have suffered declining attendance for a number of years; the board needs to consider if it is a shooter fatigue issue and whether these events should simply go away.

Sometimes stages draw differently on paper than real life. This year had a couple that when set up required longer distance movements than was expected by design. Short of setting up the stage and shooting it in its entirety prior to the event – these errors are nearly unavoidable. Every effort will be made to watch for this possibility in the future.

Most other comments were simply stylistic differences that are more personal preferences than any substantial criticism of the match. But I do/and will listen to anyone that has input and consider, if possible, how best to satisfy the individual shooter while keeping the match intact.

Now positives, while a number of long time Eldorado attendees were forced to back out because of health, home or financial problems; we gained a significant number of first time shooters to Eldorado this year. Their feedback was great; with nearly every one of them raving about the shoot and promising to return next year or even sooner. One of them (an out of state shooter) even promised to begin making the trip past his home club to attend some of our monthly events.

The Shaky D Movie at the Range event was a whole lot of fun, with the classic movie West World being shown. Pop corn, candy and soda made for a very enjoyable evening with friends. Since we purchased instead of renting the projector, movie night can become a staple of our events. Maybe next year; the Three Amigos?

And then just like that, we put the event behind us and look forward.

Our monthly shoots after Eldorado convert over to winter hours, meaning side matches will begin at 8am and main match will move to 9 am.

We also have to consider the future leadership and direction for the Eldorado Cowboys. 2014 is an election year for the Board members. The voting will take place during our annual membership meeting. Charming will update us as to date and time for these proceedings – you must be a member in good standing to run for office or participate in the voting. All voters and nominees must be physically present at the meeting to be considered.

With your help, enthusiasm and support; I believe the future for the Eldorado Cowboys is limitless.

Thank you and see you on the range.

Creeker

**50 / 50 DRAWINGS**

Year to date the drawing has made \$275 for the club. We will be having the drawing starting with the November shoot. Thank you to everyone who participates. It is appreciated.

**INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING**

So far this year we have recycled 80 cartridges at \$2.00 each (a few were redeemed at \$4.00 each) for a total of \$96. I am down to two cartridges to be redeemed. If you have any at home, please bring them along to the November shoot. Every little bit helps.

**CLEAN SHOOT WINNERS**

Congratulations to our clean shoot winners for June, July, August and September. We do not count Dam Site and Eldorado into the club monthly shoots.

As of the September Shoot the top cowboy and cowgirl are -

Just Ace            10  
Blazin' Betsy      7



**“OFF TARGET WITH CREEKER”**

Welcome.

Over the next few Gazettes, we will be exploring different aspects of Cowboy, some items will be shooting related and others will not. I simply hope that you will find it an interesting journey.

**This month:** That’s not fair

*Why’d you paint the targets gray? That’s not fair to the black powder shooters.*

*Split pistols? That’s not fair to the Gunfighters.*

*Six shotgun? That’s not fair to the folks using hammered doubles.*

*Those pistol targets are way too far out there – That’s not fair to the Duelists.*

Hold on – Don’t ALL the black powder shooters have to shoot at the gray targets?

Aren’t ALL the Gunfighters going to have to shoot the same split pistol sequence?

I’m pretty sure EVERY hammered double user is going to have to engage the same six targets.

Every Duelist shooter will be shooting the same distance to the pistol targets.

And if everyone in your category has to overcome the same obstacle – how can it be unfair?

The answer is; it is fair.

Because it is the same for everyone YOU are competing against.

Your category may have obstacles that YOU agreed to when you chose your category.

Black powder shooters will deal with smoke obscured targets.

Gunfighters may be required to shoot double duelist.

Hammered double shooters will have to do a little more work during shotgun runs.

Distant targets unsupported can be tough shots.

But as long as everyone in your category is challenged in the same way – it is fair.

But maybe you are comparing your scores to the overall instead of to your own category...

You know what? It is still fair; because you chose your own tools.

If you feel YOUR choice of propellant, shooting style or equipment is hindering your performance and holding you back – then change your choices.

If smokeless powder will better your scores – shoot smokeless.

If shooting supported will better your scores – shoot supported.

If a '97 pump shotgun will make your life easier – then pick one up.

*Yeah, but I still think gray targets are unfair because I don’t see them very well.*

*And I’m no good shooting double duelist, so split pistols are unfair*

*I am not that fast with my shotgun, so six shotgun are way too many and unfair.*

*I have never practiced at distance with my pistols, so far targets are unfair.*

And so we hit the crux of the problem; it is not that something is necessarily “Unfair”.

It is that for an individual shooter, THEY do not possess a certain skill set or have failed to practice/ prepare for a given challenge and decide that anything that exposes that skill set is unfair.

It is perfectly okay to dislike a given situation.

I fully understand black powder shooters preferring differently colored targets.

I certainly would rather that pistol strings were back to back.

Running a hammered double at speed for six shotgun is going to be a test.

And I am sure everyone knows my feeling on distant targets.

But there is a significant difference between a challenge of the stage being "unfair" and the challenge simply being one you don't enjoy.

So the next time, you hear someone (or yourself) say, "that's not fair".

Think about what they may really be saying.

See you on the range.

Creeker

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

The Annual General Membership Meeting for the Eldorado Cowboys is scheduled for -

Thursday, December 18, 2014  
Blue Ox Tavern  
5825 West Sahara Avenue  
Suite A  
Las Vegas, NV 89146.  
6:00 PM until ??????  
702.871.2536

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We will cover 2014 and discuss plans for 2015. Since it is so close to the holidays we can also call it a holiday get together meeting with the club members.

The Blue Ox has discontinued there fixed price menu. If you want to check out the menu before the meeting just go to [www.blueoxtavern.com](http://www.blueoxtavern.com) and click on the Blue Ox Tavern Menu button.

Please mark your calendars so you will not forget this important yearly

meeting. We will send emails to remind everyone.

**BROKEN COWBOY**

Shado Kasten was unable to attend the 2014 Eldorado SASS Nevada State Championship because he was recuperating from a stroke he had earlier this spring. He is up and about but he has to be near his oxygen. Our best wishes go out to him for a full recover. See you on the range cowboy.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU**

Thank you everyone who handled the ACES scoring at Eldorado 2014. Your diligence in proof reading the tablets against the paper score sheets helped eliminate errors. ACES reduced the pressure in getting the scores done in time for the banquet. JD and Charming were able to relax and enjoy the final event of a great weekend. Thanks again to everyone.



**Links:**

Eldorado Website: - [www.eldoradocowboys.com](http://www.eldoradocowboys.com)

Nevada CAS Forums (Talk to your friends, buy and sell guns, learn about other Nevada clubs):

<http://nevadacas.proboards51.com/>

SASS Website:

[www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com)

Boulder Rifle and Pistol Club:

[www.brpc1.org](http://www.brpc1.org)

Stay safe and have a great time. See you on the range.

*Eldorado Cowboys*