

# ELDORADO COWBOYS



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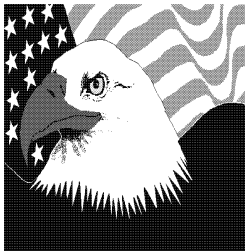
MARCH 13, 2014

### Next Shoots

**APRIL 5 & 6,  
2014**

**Main Match 9:00**

**Side Match 8:00**



**SCORING WILL  
BE  
MANDATORY  
FOR ALL  
SHOOTERS**

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### From the desk of the President:

Lighter turnout for the March shoot was expected due to the combination of threatening weather and the National Championships of Cowboy Action Shooting taking place in Phoenix. But for the folks that showed up, they enjoyed a great match of Eldorado Cowboys brand Cowboy Action Shooting.

On Saturday, fourteen shooters braved the gray skies to enjoy six fast, fun stages.

Sunday, the word got out that the poor weather was holding off and twenty five intrepid shooters came out to play. The matches that they shot were very reflective of what they will experience at our upcoming annual match; "The Best Shoot by a Dam Site" taking place the first weekend in May.

After the matches each day, recognition awards were given out and even with short numbers, a lot of congratulations, happy laughter and good hearted ribbings were shared amongst the attendees.

On Sunday, the efforts of all the shooters combined made for an extremely fast clean up and their hard work does not go unappreciated. From the last round going downrange to having the steel torn down, wads raked up and any divots filled in; all of these things were completed in less than an hour.

### DAM SITE STATUS

We are within 50 days of the Eighth Annual Best Shoot by a Dam Site. We have 19 spaces left as of March 10, 2014, which puts us within reach of our goal of 100 shooters. The newest Who Is Coming will be shortly posted on [www.eldoradocowboys.com](http://www.eldoradocowboys.com). If your name is not on the list, we hope you will consider coming and get your application in soon. We would hate to miss you at this fun shoot on May 3 and 4, 2014. Who couldn't use a couple of days in Las Vegas before our mild summer sets in?

**ELDORADO 2014**

The web site is set up and we are ready to accept registrations. Just sign into [www.eldoradocowboys.com](http://www.eldoradocowboys.com) and click on the "Eldorado" button on the left side of the page. The applications and all the pertinent are there. Just click and go. If you know you are coming, but need a little time to get the gold together, just send in your registration with a "Will Call" request. We will put you on the list and collect closer to the shoot. We are looking forward to having you join us again this year and are working on making sure you have the most fun ever at Eldorado SASS Nevada State Championship.

### CIMARRON YOUNG GUNS

Congratulation to Pecos Nick for being one of the first six winner in the Cimarron Young Gun program. Cimarron had nearly 100 applicants to choose from. Congratulations on a job well done.

### BRPC BUZZ

BRPC has put in another bay in the area we shoot. After they put it in, there is some discrepancy regarding the property line with the City of Boulder City. They will be installing a fence and shade structure as soon as the discrepancy is cleared up.

They have ordered a second electric gate that will be installed to allow access to the Members Area. It will be installed in such a manner that it will allow entrance to both our side and the silhouette side of the range. It should be done in the next sixty days.

They are also starting on the installation of a 200 yard bay at the far end of the Courtesy Range. At the same time they are doing this, they will be raising the berm heights on a number of those bays.



**Target with Creeker”**

**This month: Eldorado match themes\**

I don't think it is any secret that I like themed shoots. A good theme gives you great starting lines and may inspire ideas for non shooting actions.

A theme may be purely decorative or it just might tie the whole match together.

The 2012 Eldorado was inspired and themed by the westerns of Clint Eastwood.

In 2013, Eldorado was over run by those dastardly Badwater Boys.

This years Best Shoot Dam Site is themed with the **“Top Ten Overused Western Film Clichés”**

Every stage, I share my opinions on classics like:

- Head ‘em off at the pass.
- Barkeep, give me a whiskey.
- There’s a stranger in town.

And for 2014 Eldorado State Championship? **“Ghosts and Legends of the Silver State”**

Little known stories of Nevadas past.

- Dead Ed – the Techatticup mine dynamite and drilling expert
- The Hell Hounds of The Eldorado Valley
- Samuel Clemons (Mark Twain) pistol duel

I try very hard to find and create interesting themed shoots. But sometimes those theme ideas just don't work out.

Following are a few theme ideas that were considered and rejected.

2012 Eldorado – **“It’s Not Easy Being Green”**

Celebrating the most famous frogs in history.

- Jerimiah
- Michigan Jay
- Kermit D.

Rejected because Charming refused to buy any lily pad green paint and JD would not build a target mounted on coil springs to simulate a hopping frog.

2013 Best Shoot by a Dam Site – **“Unsafe at Any Speed”**

Stages inspired by the finest automotive designs of all time

- The Cadillac Cimarron – Shooters use a BB gun while claiming that it’s really a .45
- The AMC Pacer – All the ammo is staged inside a round fish bowl
- The Yugo – Shooters guns have to break down at least three times during the stage

Rejected because of concerns that the black powder shooters might become insecure after seeing all the smoke and flames from the Pinto explosion stage.

2011 Best Shoot by a Dam Site – **“They’re GREAAAAAT!”**

Things you never knew about breakfast cereal mascots

- Count Chocula is a classically trained Shakespearean actor, having played Macbeth and Hamlet on Broadway
- Capt. Crunch never actually served in the military
- The Trix Rabbit once shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die

Rejected immediately by the entire Board of The Eldorado Cowboys without vote or discussion.

The possibility of requiring drug testing for all future stage writers was seriously considered.

So you see, developing a good theme takes time, effort, research and sometimes just flat out making stuff up.

Hope you enjoyed and hope to see you at The Best Shoot by a Dam Site in May.

**THE DESK OF THE TG**

I received an email a while back about a shooter not engaging a target during a shooting string, and was asked if you could give them a failure to engage penalty in this situation. The answer is n o .

So many shooters over the years have misunderstood this rule because in the early years of SASS the shooters handbook did not really explain what failure to engage meant. I asked the Judge once why this rule was so vague. He said that in the early days of SASS that it was such a small group that

everyone knew what it meant but as the membership grew newer shooters began to think that it meant that you didn't engage a target. So over the last few years they made the rule quite clear by saying, **“A Failure to Engage applies only to non-shooting situations”!**

Following is the entire rule.

**FAILURE TO ENGAGE**

A “failure to engage” occurs when a competitor willfully or intentionally disregards the stage instructions in order to obtain a competitive advantage and is not assessed simply because a competitor “makes a mistake.” **A Failure to Engage applies only to non-shooting situations such as refusing to rope a steer, throw a stick of dynamite, or otherwise make an attempt to complete any other non-shooting procedure written within the stage instructions.** In such a case, in addition to any penalties for misses, a 30-second failure to engage/Spirit of the Game penalty is assessed. **Shooters Handbook page 20**

Keep the emails coming! I've really enjoyed them, and I think they keep us all on our toes.

**Eldorado Monthly Shoots**

We had a good attendance in the first quarter. We had a total of 181 shooters so far this year. Thank you for your support.

**New Eldorado Cowboys**

We have signed four new cowboys in 2014. Welcome to the Eldorado Cowboys.

- Gawd Awful
- Awful E. Nice
- Blackhawk Willy
- Quickly Downunder

We look forward to shooting with you and hope you have a great time with us.



**CLEAN SHOOT WINNERS**

The top cowboy for the first quarter of 2014 is Just Ace with three clean shoots and Blazin' Betsy and Charming are tied for the top cowgirl winner with two clean shoots each. Good work everyone.

**INJURED COWBOY**

Just in case you did not hear, our very own light and fleet of foot, Philly Slim managed to take a fall at Winter Range and landed on his own left leg. He was taken to the hospital in Phoenix and on to Nellis Air Force Base and has been going stir crazy awaiting the corrective surgery. He is currently recuperating and looking forward to the physical therapy. He says he will be back to shooting as soon as possible. We wish him a speedy recovery.

**50 / 50 DRAWINGS**

So far this year we have taken in \$87.00 from the 50/50 drawings. The winners this year for January were Aweful E Nice and Wesco, February Irish and Wesco and March Irish and German Rosebud. Congratulations and thank you for playing.

**INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING PROJECT**

This hair brain idea is working out pretty good. So far this year we have recycled \$28.00 worth of cartridges. We have twelve to be taken in for the month of March. We can recycle twenty per month at \$2 each. It is not much, but it helped reduce the cost of the color printing of the awards for Dam Site to \$3.69. Thank you to everyone who is contributing to this fund raiser.

**THANK YOU**

A special thank you from JD and Charming for all the help on the shoot weekend when JD pulled his back out. The help was appreciated. Thank you also for the inquiries regarding how he felt. He finally is almost back to normal.



**CONGRATULATIONS WINTER RANGE WINNERS**

Winter Range scored out 761 shooters. Great attendance. The weather left a little bit to be desired but everyone can say they shot Winter Range 2014.

We often talk about tough categories. There following categories counts were awesome.

- Silver Senior 59
- Cattle Baron 33
- B Western 25
- Gunfighter 21
- 49R Lady 35
- Elder Statesman 50

Congratulations to everyone.

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| Corporal Caps        | SGF | 12th |
| Dan Diamond          | FC  | 9th  |
| Lash Latigo          | BW  | 4th  |
| Cap Buster           | BW  | 21st |
| Pecos Nick           | D   | 2nd  |
| Sourkraut            | DL  | 8th  |
| Lightin' Buck McGraw | GF  | 18th |
| Runamuck Kate        | GFL | 7th  |
| Penny Pepperbox      | 49L | 10th |
| Fargo                | SS  | 56th |
| Nellie Blue          | WL  | 8th  |
| Kota Khaos           | BUK | 3rd  |
| Shorthorn Jim August | ES  | 38th |
| Little Doggie        | GD  | 11th |
| Tumbleweed Pete      | CAT | 24th |



Whatever hits the fan...  
Will Not Be Evenly Distributed.

**DO YOU RECOGNIZE**

The match up the photo quiz? How many did you get right?



A - JD Nevada



B - Eureka Kid



C - Buffalo Sam

We think it would be fun to do fillers with either the wedding pictures or the military pictures. If you want to play, just send along the pictures and we will publish them. Charming would personally love to see what some of her handsome cowboys and cowgirls looked like when we were younger.

**REQUEST FROM CREEKER**

As you may be aware, or not, Creeker has started putting videos on the website.

He is planning on using video invitations to Eldorado 2014. If you have any videos that you think would enhance the project, please get in touch with him. He will review your contributions for use in this endeavor.





### **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*

