

SPECIAL HELLFIRE 2009 EDITION!!

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HELLFIRE 2009 Highlights

SLICK, SLICK, SLICK. Let's see, how many ways can we use this word to describe the first annual shoot of the Jackson Hole Regulators?

- ★ Slick – the well oiled way that the main match and side matches were set up, organized, and run.
- ★ Slick – the gooey red clay mud that we all dealt with after the rains of the previous week (thank goodness it was sunny for the shooting!).
- ★ Slick – the sharp looking range, helpful parking lot personnel (thanks to Mike and Bobby!), meals, pavilion, and other amenities.
- ★ Slick – the great looking trophies (shout out to Doc Cooper!), buckles, and cool door prizes.
- ★ Slick – Our favorite pard Slick McClade and his wife Ivory who worked their tails off to make the match so enjoyable for all of us. Thanks to R.W. Firearms, too. Way to go!

There were 108 who came to North Louisiana to shoot including some really familiar names from SASS competitions and the SASS Wire. Moreover, those who came to play really represented the true spirit of cowboy action shooting.

This year's shoot was dedicated to the anniversary of the U.S. Marshal Service. Of course it was an honor to have the marshals represented by Marshal Big Daddy Jenks himself. Those framed pictures he brought from the U.S. Marshal's office looked great at the door prize table, too.

The campers and RVs started showing up Wednesday. Those who came early showed a lot of faith in braving the steady rains that looked to put a damper on the whole weekend. Fortunately, the low pressure moved on out just in time to give us bright sunshine to shoot in.

Thursday evening, a few more folks showed up ahead of the downpour and the socializing got started in earnest. T-Bone Dooley was there and he grilled up some special Pittsburgh (Texas) Sausages that apparently contained highly addictive substances - you can't eat just one - because everybody who got half a chance stuffed themselves.

Friday was a great day for meetin', greetin' and side matchin'. Everyone was able to check out the setup for the main stages and get warmed up with some live fire. Based on the sounds coming from the speed pistol/shotgun/rifle area, you could tell early on that there would be some really impressive shootin' come Saturday.

Down the hill a ways on the rifle range Jubal Early and crew were running the long range shooting matches. We sure appreciate Jubal's

help during Hellfire '09. It had to be tough for him to sit out the shootin' due to an injury received in the line of (SWAT) duty.

The side match winners are posted on Page 2.

Saturday morning came and the rains quit just in time for everyone to get signed in and gather for Calhoun Kid's safety meeting. Slick's daughter Lily Bleu led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then Slick's niece sang a tremendous version of the Star Spangled Banner. It made you proud to be a citizen for sure!

We all bowed in prayer as Slick's pastor gave thanks on our behalf and invoked the blessing of our Maker. He had never been to a cowboy action shoot before and told us that he was really impressed. Later on, he slipped in the mud going down the hill and hurt his ... uh ... self.



Buck D. Law and his new friend

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Fortunately, Slick reports that what was originally thought to be a broken leg just turned out to be a strain. Treatment with ice and rest will have him back on his feet in no time.

Finally, the shooting could get started. The stages were set up with easy to follow instructions, just the right amount of movement, and targets that were close but still made you pay attention.

As a special treat, Preacher Clint and I got to shoot straight through. This let us spend time with each and every posse. It was great to see how smoothly everything was running and how much fun all the contestants were having. At the end of 10 consecutive stages, we were tired but happy.

Special thanks to Cajun Queen, Cookie Baker, and everyone who fed us after the first six stages and then fed us again at the Side Match Awards. Commenting on the food Chattahoochee said, "I had to let my gunbelt out a notch on Sunday."

The Saturday night gathering was a great time to visit and tell tales. I got to sit with Buck D. Law (Gamer) and Sugah, Anvil Al, and my new pard MJ Spencer. Slick rudely interrupted us (with help from J'Oakley and Heartbreaker) to start handing out door prizes. Nobody seemed to mind, though, because everyone who was there went home with a door prize! Anvil Al got some sweet spurs that had everyone envious. Thanks to all those who donated – especially you, Wyatt Surp, my family loves the Moon Shine syrup.

The match ran so smoothly on Sunday that y'all got the last four stages done and handed out awards before I could get there. Most folks were still around when I rolled up and by the smiles on the faces it was easy to see that Hellfire 2009 ended just the way it started – with everyone having a great time. I know I did.

- Hightower

BOX SCORES:

Side Match Winners:

Mens Big Bore Smokeless

Texas Mac

Mens Big Bore Black Powder

Woodrow Hawken

Mens Big Bore Lever Action

Stonewall Willie

Mens Pistol Cal. Lever Action

Stonewall Willie

Mens SxS Shotgun

Slick McClade

Mens 97 Pump

Matt Masterson

Mens Speed Pistol

Stormy Reinz

Mens Speed Rifle

Blind Bob

Mens Fastest 3-Gun

Slick McClade

Mens Derringer

Crosscut Hardy

Mens Pocket Pistol

Slick McClade

Ladies Big Bore Smokeless

Cameo Rose

Ladies Big Bore Black Powder

Phoenix Rose

Ladies Big Bore Lever Action

Diamond Lilly

Ladies Pistol Cal. Lever Action

Phoenix Rose

Ladies SxS Shotgun

Short Stuff

Ladies 97 Pump

Dew R Dye

Ladies Speed Pistol

Dew R Dye

Ladies Speed Rifle

Dew R Dye

Ladies Fastest 3-Gun

Dew R Dye

Ladies Derringer

Louisiana Lady

Ladies Pocket Pistol

Louisiana Lady

Hellfire 2009 Category Winners:

Pictures at:

<http://jhregulators.homestead.com/HELLFIREResults.html>

49'r : 1st Stormy Reinz, 2nd Matt Masterson, 3rd Blind Bob

Ladies 49'r : 1st Short Stuff, 2nd Hattie Hawken, 3rd Cajun Queen

B Western: 1st Slick McClade, 2nd Ringo Fire, 3rd MJ Spencer

Ladies B Western: 1st Louisiana Lady, 2nd Diamond Lilly, 3rd Biggest Heart

Cowboy: 1st Hightower, 2nd Phil Graves, 3rd Cooper York

Cowgirl: 1st Sugah, 2nd Ivory, 3rd Choctaw Rosie

Classic Cowboy: 1st Gumbo Bandit, 2nd Doc Cooper, 3rd Ranger Star

Classic Cowgirl: 1st Bella Spencer

Wrangler: 1st Mose Spencer, 2nd Smokey Shane, 3rd Wyatt Surp

Lady Wrangler: 1st Dew R. Dye, 2nd Apache Belle, 3rd Effie Pearl

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- Duelist: 1st Nuttin Graceful, 2nd Free State, 3rd Anvil Al
- Senior Duelist: 1st Texas Mac, 2nd Jack Houston, 3rd Cherokee Sgt.
- Senior: 1st Harpe, 2nd Ringo, 3rd Galvez
- Ladies Senior: 1st Soiled Dove, 2nd Texas Flower
- Silver Senior: 1st Ozark Outlaw, 2nd Doc NoMo, 3rd Fleetwood Mac
- Elder Statesman: 1st Cajun Brass, 2nd JD Redeye, 3rd Arkansas Drifter
- OUTLAW: 1st T-Bone Dooley
- Frontiersman: 1st Oliver Loving
- Buckarett: 1st Heartbreaker
- Girl Chipmunk: 1st Lily Bleu, 2nd J'Oakley
- Gunfighter: 1st Possum Skinner, 2nd Buck D. Law, 3rd Texas Gator



Pictured above: the Hellfire 2009 Overall Cowgirl Dew R. Dye and Overall Cowboy Nuttin Graceful
CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT MATCH!!

- Frontier Cartridge: 1st Southern Outlaw, 2nd Stonewall Willie
- Ladies Frontier Cartridge: 1st Honey B. Graceful, 2nd Phoenix Rose
- Frontier Cartridge Duelist: 1st Calhoun Kid, 2nd Ruckus Ralph, 3rd Cubbie
- Ladies Frontier Cartridge Duelist: 1st Bama Belle 2nd Cameo Rose
- Junior Boys: 1st Border boss, 2nd Box Canyon Bradford, 3rd Lethal Logan
- Junior Girls: 1st Irish Leadslinger, 2nd Little Bonnie Blue



SEE Y'ALL NEXT YEAR!!

