

Marshals' Muster Minutes

CFDA October 1, 2014

32 U.S. Marshals/Voting Representatives Attendance:

ALIAS

Cody
Short Keg
Stanislaus
Shady Mike
Thirsty
Dag Nabit
Old West
Muletrain
Colt McCoy
P.G. Taylor
Rossow
Jimmie O
Rooster Cogburn
Shane
Diamondback Billy
Spanky
Shenandoah
Bob Ed Pain
Mongo
Boulder Vaquero
Beaver Creek Kid
Windmill Kid
Brasada Spur
Cowboy Up
Gentleman George
Cool Hand Suz
Von Zipper
The Gunslinger
Mountain Wolf
Kansas Belle
Mississippi Marshal
Talk A Lot Bob

Representing CLUB

Idaho Shootists
Genoa Mavericks
Sundowners
Association of Arizona Gunslingers
Colorado Pistoleros
Bar T Gunfighters
Oregon Gunfighters
Rio Salado Vaqueros
California Rangers
Snake River Gunslingers
Treasure Valley Gunslingers
Sierra Gun Hawks
Gold County Outriders
Blue Grass Fast Draw
The Missouri Ruffians
Old Dominion Fast Draw
Powhatan Peacemakers
New River Fastdraw
San Juan Shootists
Powder Horn Ranch Regulators
Sparks Nebraska Spurs
West Texas Rangers
Old Pueblo Gunfighters
The Deputies
Big Thicket Bushwackers
Sawtooth Shootist Society
Ancient City Conquistadors
Pacific North West Bandits
Great Basin Gun Hawks
Deer Creek Regulators
At Large
Holster Committee (Non-Voting)

CFDA Representatives:

Quick Cal
Hannah Calder

Alotta of Lead
Dead Eye Kid

Guests and nonvoting club representatives:

Curley Calhoun	Bill Bonney
Hell On Wheels	Kurley Kue
Honcho	Coup Feather
Chisum	Rhonda
Ricochet Rose	The Irishman
Shady Lady	Skinner
Nebraska Kid	Winnie De Beer
Xterminator	K.K. Kid
Red Lead Slinger	Nick M Badly
Texas Rose	Granny Oakley
Wench, Recording Secretary	

1. Introduction - All Club Representatives & CFDA Management

2. Opening Statements by Quick Cal & Alotta Lead

3. Lead-in Groove - Discussion and Action Item (CFDA)

Should there be a limit to the length a lead-in groove may be extended?

Some feel that there is a conflict in the Gunslinger's Guidelines 8th Edition.

Page 15. GUNS states, "The exterior parts of the revolver must match factory stock contours and made of original type material: i.e. hammers must not be bent in anyway, no trigger shoes, no aluminum/titanium barrels or cylinders, no skeletonizing, no modifications to the trigger guard, or grip frame, etc."

TUNING ACTIONS, "Cylinder notches may be deepened and cleaned to fit the bolt, lead-in grooves may be modified as needed to improve reliability."

Issue: There have been some Ruger Vaqueros that have had the cylinder lead-in grooves extended almost to the previous cylinder notches. Ruger bolts are factory designed to drop almost immediately after clearing the previous cylinder notch.

Position #1. Some members have stated that this has been done by a gunsmith to improve reliability.

Position #2. Some feel that this is an external modification to a gun part and could be considered skeletonizing.

SPECIAL ITEM NOTE: CFDA Management has decided that this issue will be decided by a binding vote of the U.S. Marshals present at this meeting.

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION: Both sides of the issue were allotted time to present their viewpoints. Then a round table discussion was held by the Marshals. Quick Cal then called for the binding vote. Should there be a limit to the length a lead-in groove may be extended?

DECISION BY BINDING VOTE:

32 VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 31 YES 1 NO

CONTINUED U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Since the Marshals overwhelmingly decided that there should be a limit. The general consensus was to have CFDA research and determine what that limit should be.

RESEARCH PROCESS:

We contacted our friend and member Bob James, a well-known authority on Colts, single actions of all types and renowned gunsmith. He also has a distinguished competitive and technical background on the sport of Fast Draw dating back to the 1960s.

We discussed this issue in depth and decided to measure numerous brands, models and generations of Colts, Colt Clones and Ruger Vaqueros. After a discussion we also agreed that it was important to measure from the far edge of the bolt notch (the side opposite the lead-in groove), to the far end of the lead-in groove, these are two definitive points that can be easily measured with a common measuring tape.

FINDINGS:

Even though there are many differences in bolt widths between brands and models of six-guns, we could find no factory made examples that exceeded 3/8", using the above measuring standards. Some were very close, including some early 3rd Generation Colts. We also acknowledge that there could exist some factory made six-guns that may exceed 3/8", but it would be only slightly.

CFDA DECISION:

CFDA's decision that an overall dimension of 7/16" will be the limit when measured from the far side of the bolt notch to the far end of the lead-in groove. This allows a 1/16" cushion on any example we could find, and also allows for minor extension of lead-in grooves and almost all brands of six-guns. This measurement can be accomplished with a simple measurement with standard measuring tapes already used during holster and gun checks and will require no special gauges.

Note: when measuring with a regular measuring tape it is helpful to not to use the end of a tape, but rather a point on the tape that is evenly on an inch.

4. Slim Jim Holsters - Discussion & Possible Action (CFDA)

General discussion on Slim Jim holsters and keeping the Shootist Category the way it was intended.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Bob Mernickle and Quick Cal conducted a presentation on the history of western holsters. First, covering 1800s historical examples and then showed a history of Hollywood examples. They then demonstrated modern Fast Draw Rigs from the beginning of the Sport of Fast Draw in the 1950's and all of the way to the end of the 20th century. The point of this presentation was to demonstrate how important it is to maintain simple but clear and concise rules to keep such an evolution from happening in the future of CFDA.

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

An extensive discussion was had concerning Slim Jim Holsters.

A. 20-Degree Cant: The majority of U.S. Marshals felt we should keep the 20-Degree Cant in place, which is the same as it has always been, and which is also consistent as our General Holster Rules.

B. Limit the Front Cut Exposure: The majority also felt that implementing the same rule from our General Holster Rules (#5), along with keeping all other Slim Jim Holsters Rules, would serve to limit the front exposure would limit the front cut exposure.

CFDA DECISION:

CFDA Agrees with this response and so does most of the Holster Committee when polled. The 1-1/4" front cut rule will be added to Shootist Category.

5. National Championship Bidding System - Discussion (CFDA)

A discussion and review of the National Championship Bidding System, it's goals and implementation.

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Quick Cal explained some of the reasons to make adjustments in the National Championship Bidding System. Mainly to provide more opportunity to keep building sponsorships and keep the National Championship moving more around the country. Some Marshals felt we should stay with a 2-year option, some felt that making it 1-year program for now would be the best route.

CFDA DECISION:

The bid submission date moved to February 15. Location will be for only one year at a time, until further notice.

6. Youth Division - Discussion (Idaho Shootists, Colorado Pistoleros, and CFDA)

A. Discussion covering the reasoning behind requiring youth shooters under 12 to use two-handed shooting.

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

General discussion was held to reinforce the reasons why youth shooters under 12 are required to use two hands to safely fire a six-gun. The primary reason is that as long as the off-hand thumb is used to cock the hammer, there is zero chance of a youth under 12 firing a shot anywhere but safely downrange.

B. When shooting Youth Two-Hand, should the off-hand remain in contact with the gun through the firing process?

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Most Marshals felt that shooters under 12 should continue to keep the off-hand in contact with the gun through the firing process. However, some of the Marshals also requested that youth shooters under 12 have some sort of visible object that identifies them on the firing line as being under 12, so that Range Officers will know that the youth must keep both hands in contact with the gun through the firing process. Note: Level 3 Youth One-Hand must be a minimum of 12 years of age.

CFDA DECISION:

Starting in 2015, CFDA will require Hosts provide an Under 12 Identifier such as an arm band. This object must be visible to Range Officers.

C. Should Youth Two-Hand and Youth One-Hand always be separated?

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Most Marshals agreed that there is not enough youth shooters at this point in the sport to require such separation.

CFDA DECISION:

NO, it is to remain a host's option.

D. How does Youth Division relate to Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Level 4 Youths?

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Youth is 8 to 15; Junior is 16-17. The difference between Youth and Junior is that Youth always shoot in a separate division from adults at Titled Championships, whereas, Juniors shoot with adults. Youth shooters who are over the age of 12 are able to qualify to shoot one-handed. Youth over 12 can also elect to apply for a Level 4 Youth Card, which is only issued by CFDA. Level 4 Youth can elect to shoot with Juniors and therefore shoot with adults in any CFDA sanctioned event, but they are not required to do so. But, once the age of 16 or 17 is reached they must compete with Juniors, who compete with adults.

CFDA COMMENT:

Developing our Youth & Junior Programs are vital to the future of CFDA. But more importantly, educates children on the safe and proper use of firearms. Our "kids" become friends and build strong bonds among themselves. Plus, it builds respect and a bond between our youth and our adult members which creates a very positive life experience for all concerned.

E. Should CFDA have standard recognition policies for Youth Division?

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

We all would like to see more youth shooters involved in CFDA. But, at this point youth participation varies greatly on a regional basis. Therefore, it should continue to be left up to each Host how to attract youth participation and how to recognize them with awards.

CFDA DECISION:

NO, not at this time.

7. Cowboy Fast Draw Theme and Dressing - Discussion (*Sawtooth Shootists*)

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Curley Calhoun and Cool Hand Suz want to thank all of the clubs for the improvement and to remind U.S. Marshals to continue to cover with the new shooters info from the CFDA Rules, Regulations and Guidelines. Also, to please promote non-shooting family members and guests in the shooting area to dress in the theme.

8. Announcing to Spectators - Discussion (*Sawtooth Shootists*)

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Announcing to spectators - Announcers need to constantly talk to the spectators about CFDA, the sport (i.e. guns, holsters, ammunition, timers, etc.), the host club, what's happening on the line, particularly in public venues. During shootoffs provide recognition by announcing where they are from, titles, seedings and other notable accomplishments. Your next member or sponsor could be in the audience. Repeat these things throughout the day, as there are always new people watching. Match Directors should provide a list of sponsors to announcers. Announcers should educate spectators.

Note: See Spectator's Guide Brochure is available for download on the CFDA Website.

9. Titled Championship Host Responsibilities - Discussion (*CFDA*)

A. Articles - Host is responsible to assign someone to submit an article to CFDA if they want one published in the Gazette.

Discussion - To avoid confusion on who is doing the article for your contest, please appoint both an author and someone to keep track of photos and details and to make sure it is submitted to CFDA.

B. Results - Hannah Calder will be on hand to discuss how to submit results and other items for publication or posting on the CFDA Website.

Discussion - CFDA will not write an article for your event, or keep track of results, even if a CFDA representative is present at the event. These are Host's responsibilities.

C. Pictures - Ideas for publishing and posting pictures for articles or other media.

Discussion - Make sure that you are submitting the results and articles to Hannah Calder, not Quick Cal or Alotta Lead. All data must be in a form such as Word, Excel, or Richtext, so that it can be edited for publication and not have to be re-typed.

Note: Hannah Calder lead the discussion and provided suggestions on items A thru C and reminded everyone she is available by phone and email for further discussion.

10. Town Folk Alleys - Discussion (*CFDA*)

Are Town Folks Alleys being properly conducted to be productive in membership recruitment?

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Recommended to have a sponsor, utilize your local Public Service Announcement on radio. Make sure you use the new Town Folk Alley Release Form available at cowboyfastdraw.com. It has places for phone numbers and emails, which can be a great recruitment tool if utilized by follow up after the event. Hand out brochures, gazettes, and local club information. Discussion with further recommendation can be continued on the U.S. Marshals' email.

11. Percentage Payout Option in CFDA Titled Championships - Discussion (*West Texas Rangers*)

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

There was a discussion of pros and cons. Percentage contests can be a great tool if properly developed and fit to the size of various contest structures. It could be adapted even to Titled Championship if minimums are stated and met.

CFDA DECISION:

This will be left up to Host Clubs.

12. Sanction Fees - Discussion (*Treasure Valley Gunslingers*)

Should CFDA charge Sanction Fees for CFDA Titled Championships on a percentage basis?

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Quick Cal provided what the club receives for the \$1,000 State Championship sanctioning fee: 2 CFDA belt buckles, 1 gun and 2 FGA entries, funding for CFDA Top Gun of the Year Awards, advertising and promotion with a total value exceeding \$1,500.

CFDA feels that this is a great value in return for the Sanction Fee.

13. Championship Shoot-off Gun Cleaning Time Limit - Discussion (*Sawtooth Shootists*)

Should the rule be changed to state the time limit only, instead of not allowing the shooters to remove their cylinder.

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

RESPONSE: After a discussion a Poll Vote was taken and most Marshals felt that we should keep the time limit, but should remove the wording about not being able to remove the cylinder. The Marshals also recommended moving the cleaning table during shootoffs that is closer proximity to the shooting line. It was also defined that the 30 Second Time Limit begins after the targets are tended and when the shooters are actually called to the line by the announcer.

CFDA DECISION:

CFDA agrees and the wording will be changed.

14. Wheel Chair Rules - Discussion (*Old Pueblo Gunfighters*)

Brasada Spur & Hell on Wheels will be conducting a presentation and discussion concerning rules for wheel chair competitors.

Presentation done by Hell on Wheels and Brasada Spur:

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

The discussion was very positive to make the sport more accommodating to disabled shooters. However, it is generally agreed that there are many degrees of disability and they must be addressed to fit each individual.

CFDA DECISION:

This must first be done on a local basis by Club Officials and U.S. Marshals. Then findings can be submitted to CFDA for consideration on a case by case basis. The 4" rule, for wheel chair competitors will be removed from the wording, but the safety portions will remain.

15. Bracket Shooting - Discussion (*Sawtooth Shootist & CFDA*)

Should there be some standard guidelines and rules created for bracket shoots? In the past this was created and managed by hosts.

Discussion was held and what is needed is more guidance on how to run bracket shoots on a local and national level.

CFDA DECISION:

Quick Cal will provide more clarification and wording on examples and guidelines in running bracket matches. We should promote them more in all levels of matches.

16. CFDA Temporary Action – Regarding World Record Backups – Discussion (CFDA)

Effective 6-23-14 – Any shot fired that is more than 10% faster than our current world records, will be considered clear anticipation and no backup attempts will be allowed.

Men (.298 – 10% = .268) Ladies (.360 – 10% = .324). Discussion will include results so far of the Triple 7 Test. More data for this test will be collected during this event, since the fastest shooters in our sport are gathered here.

U.S. MARSHAL DISCUSSION:

Quick Cal provided the reasoning for this decision. Most Marshals agree that we need to protect the integrity of our World Records and not let them fall prey to lucky second guessing of two start lights, even though there is only a slight chance that this could happen. Especially when the subject time is obviously faster than is humanly and physically possible. This matter should be brought to a final decision by CFDA.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

After several months of testing, I have found no one that can shoot faster than .285 in a 7 shot series at 7' and back it up within 1 hundredths of a second. The relative time, when adding 2 hundredths of a second to compensate for bullet travel time, at 21' would be .305. Since the backup rule is 3 hundredths of a second, I am deducting 3 hundredths from .305, which equals .275.

Note: That would be equivalent to a .255 in the Triple 7 Test at 7'.

.275 is not an arbitrary number, it is based on fact. It also has about a 10% factor built into to accommodate reasonable room for the potential of setting new records. This also accounts for peak reaction abilities that can occur during highly competitive situations.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION:

I do not discount the fact that there may be a CFDA member presently or in the future that may exist that possesses extraordinary reactions or hand speed. If such a person exists, then let them prove it, by performing and documenting the Triple 7 Test in the presence of myself or a CFDA Regulator. I have been involved with the general sport of Fast Draw since 1968. I have personally known and competed with the fastest shooters to ever exist at the highest levels. We have all believed that someone with superhuman reactions or hand speed might exist, but we have never seen anyone stand head and shoulders above the fastest of the fast, when it came to all out speed. Some of the fastest I have ever seen currently exist in CFDA, especially when equipment and procedures are factored in.

CFDA DECISION:

As Director of CFDA, it is my judgment, that the limit on how fast Cowboy Fast Draw can humanly be done at 21' with the equipment and procedures as stipulated within our rules is .275. Therefore, any shots fired fastest than .275 will be automatically considered clear anticipation and no backup attempts will be allowed.

Any member may petition CFDA to attempt an official Triple 7 Test, which must be conducted by a CFDA Representative.

Note: There shall not be a separate Time Limit for ladies, but separate Men's & Ladies World Records will continued to be recognized.

17. How To Promote CFDA to the Public and Grow the Organization.

This was discussed in detail last year.

RESPONSE from 2013 Marshals' Muster:

- **To start a club it only takes one person who can provide leadership**
- **Get new shooters to the line at Town Folk Alley**
- **If more than one club in area, all need to ride for the brand: CFDA ALL THE WAY!**
- **Encourage clubs in area to work together**
- **Use Challenge certificates at Town Folk Alley**
- **Hand out Gazettes at functions with Town Folk Alley**
- **Hand out Gazettes to local businesses**
- **Set up Town folk Alley to raise money for a charity**
- **Ride the brand everywhere**
- **Positive energy of clubs and have fun**
- **Recommended for a "How to" packet to start and promote clubs and memberships**

18. Open Discussion: There were no topics presented.

CFDA would like to acknowledge *Wench*, Recording Secretary and *Cool Hand Suz* for providing Minutes, Comments and notes from the meeting.

We are honored to have so many of our key members such as U.S. Marshals, Regulators, Holster Committee, Director's Council, and Club Leaders from across the country serving and contributing in so many ways. **THANK YOU!**

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Minutes Approved:
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Quick Cal
Director, CFDA

Decisions will take effect February 20th, 2015

Note: There will be a paste-in page prepared and published in the Fall Gazette and downloadable in the Rules Section of www.cowbofastdraw.com immediately. It is the member's responsibility to cut and paste this page on Page 46 of the 8th Edition of the Gunslinger's Guidelines.