

CFDA U.S. MARSHAL'S MUSTER- 2023

U.S. MARSHAL'S OR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDANCE - OCTOBER 11TH, 2023

| Voting Roundtable: 29 | | | |
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| Alias | Club being represented | Alias | Club being represented |
| Cool Hand Suz | Sawtooth Shootist Society | Smokin' Gun | Cracker Cowboys |
| Witlock | Bar T Gunfighters | Shadow Rider | Crooked River Rangers |
| Desert Dingo | Promontory Point Posse | Honcho | Lake Valley Argovia Gunfighters |
| Tennessee Tim | The Cowboys | Pistol Pete | Superstition Mtn Gunslingers |
| Ottomatic | Old Pueblo Gunfighters | Tin Bender | California Rangers |
| Spanky | Virginia Peacemakers | Von Zipper | Single Action Savants |
| Yucca Kid | Association of Arizona Gunslingers | Cowboy Up | The Deputies |
| Shenandoah | Grandview Gunslingers | Crosswired | Aces High Fast Draw |
| QC Carver | Rio Salado Vaqueros | Ol' Buckr | Butte County Rangers |
| Turd Herder | Mud Creek Gunslingers | Deadeye Daisy | Great Lakes Gunslingers |
| Moonshine Jack | Old Tuscosa Rangers | Mad Greek | Red Rock Regulators |
| Ms. Betty | West Texas Rangers | Ranger Reeves | Great Basin Gunhawks |
| Mongo | San Juan Shootists | G.W. Mclintok | Rented Mule Fast Draw |
| Dangerous Dave | Eagle Rock Outlaws | Diamond Jim | Cross Branded Peacemakers |
| Sandpoint Slim | Treaty Rock Freedom Fighters | | |

NON-VOTING Visitors:

| Alias | Club | Alias | Club |
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| Kansas Belle | Regulator | Wild Shot | Regulator |
| No Daisy | Regulator | The Gun Hand | The Deputies |
| Curley Calhoun | Regulator | Shady Lady | (no club) |
| Windmill Kid | Regulator | Sierra Rose | Old Pueblo Gunfighters |
| Still Shot | Old Pueblo Gunfighters | Flying Cowgirl | Great Lakes Gunslingers |
| Arizona Cactus Kid | Old Pueblo Gunfighters | Alotta Lead | CFDA |
| Bandana Kid | Old Pueblo Gunfighters | Granny Oakley | Old Pueblo Gunfighters |
| Brasada Spur | Old Puebo Gunfighters | | |
| Gun Doc | Grandview Gunslingers | A few visitors did not sign in | |
| Quick Cal | CFDA | | |
| Patch'em Quick | The Deputies | | |
| Ricochet | Promontory Point Posse | | |
| Mesa | Old Pueblo Gunfighters | | |
| SlowPoke | Regulator | | |
| Honey Bucket | Mud Creek Gunslingers | | |
| Wench | Regulator | | |
| Fig | Crooked River Rangers | | |
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Marshal's Muster #17 Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2023

Call to order 12:30pm PT

1. **Introduction** - All Club Representatives & CFDA Management: 29 Voting Members in attendance

2. **OPENING STATEMENTS BY QUICK CAL AND ALOTTA LEAD:**
 - a. Recognized our 2023 Marshal's Cup Champion: Short Keg (Sundowners), Congratulations!
 - b. Recognized new Regulators, Smokin' Gun and Yucca Kid. Congratulations!
 - c. Cal reminded the Marshal's that we are representing the CFDA to our club, as well as the club to the CFDA. We need to be on the same page even if you don't personally agree with a decision. You are asked to get input on the agenda items from your club and then come to the Muster with an open mind. Listen to the Marshal's roundtable discussions/opinions and then vote based on your fresh understanding of all points of view. A straw vote is not a final decision. It is considered by the CFDA and then the CFDA makes the final decision.

3. **Recruiting is always the key to building your club & What is Working and What is not! If your club is not growing, then it is in the process of dying..... Discussion on how to build camaraderie, keep the excitement and fun alive in your club.**
 - a. When a club is formed, members follow
 - i. One-third come and go within one year so don't stop recruiting
 - b. Continue with Come Try Cowboy Fast Draw and Invitation to a Gunfight. This works if you work it. Be sure you collect contact details for follow-up.
 - c. Create a comfortable, friendly, family-oriented environment. Find ways to socialize outside of the matches.

4. Discussion on how to recruit new members and build your club using the “Invitation to a Gunfight” Program

- a. Offer a drawing for a free 101 class in Cowboy Fast Draw (of course, everyone wins the drawing). The key is the follow-up. Be friendly and excited about what they just won to get the excitement going.

5. Ask for Trained First-Aid Volunteers & Medical Professionals to volunteer to be pointed out during the Shooter’s Meeting as someone who may be able to provide help if a medical issue arises.

- a. Keep it simple and introduce those who are good with being identified
- b. Point out where the first-aid kit is. Ensure it is accessible and easy to open
- c. Ensure someone is designated to keep it stocked
- d. You should also do this at your club range

CFDA Decision: CFDA Management agrees with the consensus of the U.S. Marshals and this will be placed in the upcoming rulebook and Range Officer Training material.

6. Maximum Number of Shots Per Round, CFDA Titled Championships (Class A & B Events)

- a. Motion to consider Hangman Format for Class A & B Events – Votes 13 Yea and 16 Nay
- b. Motion to consider Hangman Format for only Class A Events – Votes 14 Yea and 15 Nay
- c. Both Motions Fail
- d. No other formats were discussed

CFDA Decision: CFDA Management will honor the consensus of the U.S. Marshals. No change will be made at this time.

7. Adjust Top Gun of the Year Points

- a. Unanimous vote against making any change.

CFDA Decision: CFDA Management will honor the consensus of the U.S. Marshals. No change will be made at this time.

8. Repeal Rule 17

- a. 28-1 almost unanimous straw vote against repealing. CFDA to make final determination
- b. Remember the shot must CLEARLY be fired behind the front lip of the holster; otherwise there is no call
- c. If a hand judge clearly sees the shot fired behind the front lip of the holster, they must make the call; otherwise they cheat their shooter's opponent. As a hand judge, one of your duties is to ensure the bout is fair to both shooters.
- d. No rule requiring judgement can be enforced 100% of the time, similar to speed limits on roads. Also Similarly, Rule 17 discourages unsafe and uncontrolled draws, like a 70 mph speed limit discourages excessive 100+ mph speeds.
- e. Hand judges ARE officials
- f. Line judges are needed for other reasons, not just Rule 17
- g. Disqualify a repaired holster – Determined if the damaged holster (without the repair) still meets the holster front cut limitations. It will pass equipment check. If it doesn't, it should not be passed at equipment check.
- h. A motion was made and seconded to not consider the removal of Rule 17 again. Unanimous vote to not discuss again.

CFDA Decision: CFDA Management will honor the consensus of the U.S. Marshals. A Rule 17 Agenda Item will not be placed upon the U.S. Marshal agenda again. However, a Repaired Holster Agenda Item will appear on the 2024 Agenda, since a number of Marshals thought it should be a separate discussion.

9. RULE 17 From (TV -Warning) to (PV- Loss of Shot) or to (SV - Loss of Round)

- a. Unanimous vote for No Change.
- b. Hand judges and line judges need to call it when they clearly see it. Don't cheat your shooter's opponent
- c. Loss of shot or round is too much of a first penalty for this violation
- d. If a shooter continues to receive warnings for this violation during the match, an unsportsmanlike conduct call can be made.

CFDA Decision: CFDA Management agrees with the consensus of the U.S. Marshals. No change will be made.

10. Shootist Main Match Sub-Category to Have Top Gun of the Year Points

- a. Unanimous vote against creating a Shootist Main Match Top Gun
- b. This would add cost to the CFDA and Shootists are regularly in the Top 10 Top Gun. A Shootist won Top Gun this year, 2023.

CFDA Decision: CFDA Management agrees with the consensus of the U.S. Marshals. No change will be made.

11. Marshal’s Muster Zoom or Skype Option

- a. Motion made and seconded to not discuss
- b. Every club can send in their responses to the items proposed and can send a home club representative.

CFDA Comment: CFDA Management has always accepted and considered comments made by U.S. Marshals whether they could attend the meeting or not, before any final decisions are made. This round table discussion format must be conducted within a limited time frame. Zoom or Skype attendance of such a format is likely to be more disruptive than helpful in conducting a meaningful discussion to reach a consensus decision.

12. Create an Inter-Club Online Competition Format

- a. Go for it, but it won’t be ran by CFDA. Nor will any wins, points, etc be added to nor tracked with any CFDA programs
- b. Green River held an individual online competition and those who participated really enjoyed it.

CFDA Comment: CFDA Management agrees with the consensus of the U.S. Marshals.

13. **Future Agenda Items**

- a. (Crosswired) Motion made to vote on new dates for FGA beginning 2025 – Motion denied.

CFDA Comment: This item is not in the purview of the U.S. Marshals. This would create unnecessary administrative challenges in negotiations with our current venue between CFDA Management, Location Management (Churchill County Parks) and the Fallon Convention Authority Grant Process.

- b. (Pistol Pete) Possibly hold an Eastern and Western Nationals. Just need Eastern clubs to put in to host the Nationals, but so far they haven't.

CFDA Comment: The CFDA National Championship is designed to be moved around the nation. It takes a club or multiple clubs to present a bid to CFDA to Host the event. Which is available for 2025. CFDA would be agreeable to the concept of separate Eastern & Western Nationals. However, it would raise questions to be settled like qualifying regional attendance, locations, and Top Gun Point distribution, etc.

- c. (Tin Bender) Consideration of Green River's subsection item of disqualifying repaired holster- holsters with the front lip blown out or glued back together show poor shooting practice. A forced holster replacement will be more likely to slow down Rule 17 violations
 - i. This was not an official item on the 2023 Marshal's Muster agenda. It was presented as an alternative to Rule 17. Since repealing Rule 17 was voted against, we'll add this item to the 2024 agenda. In the meantime, if the holster front cut is still legal without the repair, then it is legal. **CFDA Comment: Will be placed on 2024 Agenda.**

14. **OPEN DISCUSSION** Parting Thoughts & Ideas

- a. Cal discussed investigating changing the CFDA to a non-profit with a board of directors. The products developed by and sold through the CFDA would remain as a family-owned LLC. More to come on this...

15. **Closing Statement by Quick Cal** - Thanks to everyone who came early to attend and contribute to the discussions. Your role is important to and appreciated by the CFDA.

16. **Adjournment at 3:00pm PT**