

Biography of Cal Eilrich a.k.a. Quick Cal (Western Shooting Sport Alias) Sports Administration & Shooting Instructor

- 1972 Match Director of First Contests Western FDA - Tucson, AZ & Mid-Western FDA - Bensenville, Ill; Moved to Tombstone, AZ worked as tour guide Birdcage Theater and studied Tombstone History.
- 1973 Made several Television appearances as reigning World Champion.
- 1974 Moved to Reno, NV; elected as Vice Chairman Western FDA;
- 1975 Elected Treasurer Western FDA; procured sponsor for 1975 World Championship in Fallon, NV. Developed the Progressive Elimination Finals concept.
- 1976 Match Director National Fast Draw Championship in Las Vegas, NV (Hacienda Casino); Co-Match Director World Fast Draw Championship in Oklahoma City; served as Vice Chairman newly formed World FDA (WFDA); Match Director of 2 WFDA Vice Chairman Shoots (Reno).
- 1977 Match Director National Fast Draw Championship in Las Vegas, NV (Hacienda Casino); Vice Chairman WFDA; Match Director of 2 WFDA Vice Chairman Shoots (Reno & Virginia City).
- 1978 Match Director World Fast Draw Championship in Las Vegas, NV (Hacienda Casino), **Note: Largest Contest in WFDA History (176 Shooters)**; Vice Chairman WFDA.
- 1979 Match Director World Fast Draw Championship in Las Vegas, NV (Hacienda Casino); Vice Chairman WFDA. Ran for Chairman of WFDA, lost by 3 votes.
- 1980 Served as Vice Chairman WFDA
- 1981 Served as Vice Chairman WFDA, Match Director Vice Chairman Title (Virginia City, NV)
- 1982 Served as Vice Chairman WFDA, Match Director WFDA CA State Championship (Susanville, CA).
- 1983 **Announced first retirement from Fast Draw circuit**, to pursue new challenges on the Practical Pistol Shooting Circuit. Match Director of 2 Steel Challenge Style Shoots (Reno, NV & Herlong, CA)
- 1984 Elected President Sierra Nevada Pistol League (SNPL); Match Director Nevada State IPSC/USPSA Championship (Mustang, NV); became certified USPSA RO Instructor; elected Captain SNPL Gold Team
- 1985 Attained Rank IPSC/USPSA Master; Captain SNPL Gold Team. Match Director Steel Challenge Warm-up Shoot (Mustang, NV)
- 1986 Elected President of SNPL; Developed and Served as Match Director Western States IPSC Championship. Built the McCarren Ranch Shooting Range for SNPL; Developed 9mm major power factor ammunition, teamed with Bruce Gray to develop the H&K M13 into the first high-capacity major power factor pistol.
- 1987 Match Director Western States IPSC Championship, President SNPL.
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- 1989 Match Director Western States IPSC Championship, President SNPL; Promoted & Match Director International Fast Draw Championship (Sands Hotel - Reno). Invented the 18" Balloon-Disc Target at 15', with powder behind wax bullets, in an elimination finals concept.

- 1990 Match Director Western States IPSC Championship, President SNPL; Match Director International Fast Draw Championship (Sands Hotel - Reno); Built the 10 original shooting bays for SNPL in the special event section of the Washoe County Regional Shooting Facility, now home to several clubs and home range for Washoe County Sheriff, Sparks & Reno PD; Became Shooting Instructor overseeing Bally's Hotel & Casino Security Training Program (178 armed officers); Represented U.S. on the U.S. Practical Shooting Team (World Shoot - Adelaide, Australia); Became IPSC International Range Officer (IROA).
- 1991 Match Director Western States IPSC Championship (***Final Time-Built Match to 300 Shooters, with waiting list of 150***), President SNPL (***Announce Retirement from Practical Pistol Circuit***, filled out term as President of SNPL and fulfilled sponsor commitments); continued as Firearms Instructor for Bally's.
- 1992 Elected Secretary of WFDA (***Membership down to 108, wanted to save it***); Match Director WFDA World Index Championship (Sparks, NV); Attended Ohio State to build bonds between OFDA and WFDA; Joined SASS as "Quick Cal" to support Western Shooting Sports.
- 1993 Served as Secretary of WFDA (Re-Incorporated in Nevada, Re-Constituted Rulebook, Reconstructed WFDA World Records and Issue Certificates to All Record Holders 'members or not', Membership started growing again; Match Director WFDA World Index Championship (Sparks, NV); Match Director WFDA Nevada State (Lovelock, NV); created the WFDA Range Officer Program; Invented the use of while lithium grease on wax targets.
- 1994 Elected Chairman WFDA; Developer & Editor of Top Gun Magazine; Match Director WFDA World Index Championship (Lovelock, NV)(Developed applying for Room Tax Grants as a funding source for shooting championships); ***WFDA Membership passed 350***; held the first shoot using while lithium grease on targets (pot-shoot at World Championship), some shooters objected, later became the standard for almost all contests, including CFDA in following years.
- 1995 Chairman WFDA; Match Director WFDA World Index Championship (Lovelock, NV); ***WFDA crossed 500 member threshold***; made Art of Fast Draw Video; Match Director WFDA International Fast Draw Championship (Scottsdale, AZ)
- 1996 Chairman WFDA; Match Director WFDA World Index Championship (Lovelock, NV); ***WFDA crossed 650 member threshold***.
- 1997 Completed 2nd Term as Chairman WFDA; Match Director WFDA World Index Championship (Lovelock, NV); ***WFDA crossed 850 member threshold***; Invited by All-Japan Fast Draw Association to perform shows, officiate National Championship, tour the country and represent WFDA. Attended and competed in 1st SASS Match (EOT).
- 1998 ***Announced 2nd retirement from Fast Draw circuit***; Began to compete in SASS competition; ***Deputized as Firearms Instructor – Pershing County Nevada***.
- 1999 Founded Fernley Hills Shooting Range; Founded High Plains Drifters Cowboy Action Shooting Club; ***Author of Original SASS RO Course and asked by the Wild Bunch to co-write the SASS RO Program. Instructed the 1st SASS RO Program to almost 200 Territorial Governors at 1st SASS TG Summit (Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas)***, Served as SASS Territorial Governor. Continued as Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor - Pershing County, NV.
- 2000 ***Founded and Became Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship***, expanded Fernley Hills Shooting Range; ***Appointed by Wild Bunch as 1st Chairman of SASS RO Committee***. Served as SASS Territorial Governor. Continued as Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor - Pershing County, NV

- 2001 Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship; Chairman of SASS RO Committee; SASS Territorial Governor; Continued as Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor - Pershing County, NV
- 2002 Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship (**200 Shooter Benchmark**); Chairman of SASS RO Committee; SASS Territorial Governor; advisor for Brad Hemmah on Rules & Equipment of CFDA; **Instructed at University of California - Susanville** the first ever non-college competitive shooting class at an accredited college for Cowboy Action Shooting.
- 2003 Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship (**250 Shooter Benchmark**); High Plains Drifters SASS Club (**Crosses 100 Member Benchmark**) Chairman of SASS RO Committee; SASS Territorial Governor.
- 2004 Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship; Chairman of SASS RO Committee; SASS Territorial Governor; attended and competed in 1st CFDA Championship Match.
- 2005 Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship; Chairman of SASS RO Committee; SASS Territorial Governor: Formed 1st CFDA Club in Pacific Time Zone.
- 2006 Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship; Chairman of SASS RO Committee; SASS Territorial Governor; **Partners with Shoot Magazine and Purchases CFDA (April - 06)**; Becomes CFDA Executive Director; Re-Organize CFDA Rules; Co-Author CFDA RO Program; Produces Hit'em Fast Instructional Video; Develops Round by Round Scoring System; Expands Fernley Hills Shooting Range and Installs Shade Cover at all bays with NRA Grant;
- 2007 Executive Director of CFDA; Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship; Chairman of SASS RO Committee; Match Director CFDA National Championship (Garden City, ID); Match Director CFDA World Championship (Deadwood, SD); Design and Construct CFDA Backstop System (Some still currently in use); Improves CFDA Round by Round Scoring System with Official Drawing Cards (due to input from members); Purchases Shoot Magazines interest in CFDA; Develops Gunslinger's Gazette with Daughter (Erika a.k.a Hannah Calder).
- 2008 Executive Director of CFDA; Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship; **Announces Retirement as Chairman of SASS RO Committee, named by Wild Bunch as Chairman Emeritus**; moves CFDA World Championship from Deadwood, SD to Fallon, NV and rebrands it to FGA; Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive - World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw™ (Fallon, NV); Appears on History Channel and Outdoor Channel Specials; produces 2008 World Championship Video; Appoints 1st CFDA Regulators. **CFDA Crosses Membership #1,000 Threshold.**
- 2009 Executive Director of CFDA; Match Director of Western States Cowboy Action Shooting Championship (**Announces Retirement as Match Director, Western States CAS Championship**); Match Director CFDA World Championship (Fallon, NV); Begins development of CFDA Scoring Program with CD Tom; **With wife, Dinah, ask and appoint Blackjack and Fannie Mae to form CFDA Shoot for the Stars Scholarship Program with an initial \$1,500 grant raised at FGA.**
- 2010 Executive Director of CFDA; Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive - World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw™ (Fallon, NV); Uses CFDA Scoring Program in 1st CFDA Match (Fernley). Match Director CFDA Nevada State Championship (Reno, NV)

- 2011 Executive Director of CFDA; Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive - World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw™ (Fallon, NV) (Covered By Shooting USA); Closes Idaho Office, Mississippi Marshal did a great job, but had to move all operations to Fernley, NV; Cal's wife Dinah a.k.a. Alotta Lead joins full time staff; Developed Gunslinger CFDA Timing System with Audience Displays and Target System; Developed Dead Eye Wax with Son (C.J. a.k.a. Dead Eye Kid); Sets up CFDA Beta Team with Mongo, Wench and CD Tom; **CFDA Crosses Membership #2,000 Threshold; Inducted into SASS Hall of Fame.**
- 2012 Executive Director of CFDA; Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive - World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw™ (Fallon, NV); Match Director of CFDA Nevada State Championship (Virginia City, NV); Match Director of CFDA Western Territorial Championship (Virginia City, NV); Designs and build CFDA War Wagon (12 Lane Range on Trailer);
- 2013 Executive Director of CFDA; Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive - World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw™ (Fallon, NV) (**First Fast Draw Contest in history to crosses 200 Shooter Benchmark -221 Shooters**); **CFDA Crosses Membership #3,000 Threshold**; Fast Draw Coach for Trace Adkins for his starring role in The Virginian;
- 2014 Executive Director of CFDA; Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive - World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw™ (Fallon, NV); develops with CFDA Scoring Beta Team Basic Scoring Program.
- 2015 Executive Director of CFDA; Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive - World Championship of Cowboy Fast Draw™ (Fallon, NV) (**Sets New CFDA Record at 232 Shooters**) (Covered By Shooting USA); Designs and builds new CFDA Backstop System; Develops Laser Target and Reaction Trainer for Gunslinger Timing System. **CFDA Crosses Membership #4,000 Threshold.**
- 2016 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship. Implements TV Rule 17, as a preventive Safety Rule, much like having speed limits on roads. Also needed to protect the integrity of the game. Spent the year traveling to matches and not competing, to make sure this rule was implemented properly. Met with a lot of resistance.
- 2017 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Nevada State Championship. Was forced to implement 1.25 Rule, late shots were getting out of hand politically and caused huge division within our sport. Also, began phasing in 17-3/16” Targets at 15’.
- 2018 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Western Territorial & Nevada State Championships. Almost lost lower left leg due to infection. Had to take it easy the first part of the year.
- 2019 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Western Territorial & Nevada State Championships. Still resistance on TV Rule 17 and 17” Targets, it takes time for change.
- 2020 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Western Territorial & Nevada State Championships. Covid year had to cancel FGA! Tough year, memberships began to decline.
- 2021 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Nevada State Championship. Still recovering from Covid. Offered Western Territorial to Shelterwood Ranch in Oroville. Too nice of a place to be without a CFDA Title.
- 2022 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Nevada State Championship. Controversy on TV Rule 17 had declined and most of the country has changed to 17” Targets and 15’.
- 2023 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Nevada State Championship. CFDA Membership has dropped due to Covid years and Inflation driving the prices of traveling up for our members.

- 2024 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Nevada State Championships. Spent the year filming for a TV Series, but due to limited test views have placed in back burner. Instead have decided to focus attention on converting CFDA into a 501(c)3 Non-Profit. For the future of our sport to continue and prosper should something happen to me.
- 2025 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Nevada State Championships. On January 1st, 2025, Dinah (Alotta Lead) and I granted the membership assets to CFDA, Non-Profit Organization and granted it to the membership of CFDA. I have interviewed and appointed the inaugural Board of Directors. They should all be commended for accepting these roles and responsibilities. We conducted monthly board meetings, were we are accomplishing much in learning how to operate this organization. I will continue as Chairman of the Board through 2028, and Executive Director to be determined. Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Nevada State Championships.
- 2026 Executive Director of CFDA, Match Director, Fastest Gun Alive – World Championship, and the Nevada State Championships. We'll see what the year brings!

Some specific things that Cal Eilrich is most proud of:

1. The only shooter known to rise to the very top level in 4 Major Action Shooting Sports, Fast Draw (WFDA), Practical Pistol Shooting (IPSC), Cowboy Action Shooting (SASS) and Cowboy Fast Draw (CFDA). ***All while contributing to the administration of all of these sports and leaving them better than he found them.***
2. Some may know Cal from the many Fast Draw shows he performed in front of thousands of people, or have collected his instructional videos, seen him on numerous TV shows, or lately on the internet. He feels that the Shooting Sports are a true art form, when performed by the people who have mastered them. If you really want to witness the BEST shooters in the world, go to a competitive match. Shooting Exhibitions are also a true art form and great entertainment.
3. Cal has had the honor of competing with the Top Guns in four separate sports. He says, "The True Champions are all sportsmen and gentlemen, they knew me and I knew them." He also estimates that he is on a first-name basis with over 15,000 people. He said, "Shooters are generally the nicest folks that anyone could know."
4. "I love to instruct people on the safe and proper use of firearms", Cal Said. Firearm Safety Education is a high life-long priority for Cal, who has instructed many classes in all different areas including law enforcement, security, and competitive shooting. Even teaching the only known accredited college class on Cowboy Action Shooting in 2002. Now with CFDA Affiliated Clubs across the country conducting countless Town Folk Alleys using guidelines written by Cal, over 100,000 people, including children, have learned how to shoot a firearm safely, many for the first time.
5. Cal built 3 shooting ranges by donating his time, talent and money (he is a licensed general contractor). The first shooting range no longer exists; the second was an expansion of the Washoe County Shooting Park and is still in operation; the last and final one, Fernley Hills Shooting Range was created to promote shooting sports and firearms safety. It is now under new ownership and the SASS club the Cal founded there still exists and another club has moved there also. The range has been upgraded and improved over the years. He said, "I sincerely hope that it remains long after I'm gone as a legacy to my love for shooting sports."
6. It has been 20 years since taking over the reins of CFDA. We have done our best to keep the sport safe, fun, and faithful to its founding principles. We now have gone down a

new path, since Dinah and I have granted the sport to its members. We're still very much involved during this transition. Someday, only God can know, when my time on this earth will end as a capable leader. It was important to us to plan for the future of CFDA, since we just cannot let the people down who have dedicated themselves to our sport and organization in so many ways.

Message From Cal Eilrich:

When my father put a pistol in my hand at age 7, I just knew it was something special. When I first competed in Fast Draw, it provided an opportunity for a kid like me to feel like I belonged to special fraternity, it kept me from wandering too far down the wrong paths of life. Shooting sports gave me confidence to apply myself to something bigger than me that I could become a leader of many fine people.

I've led a busy and full, but balanced life. Even though shooting has been kind of my 2nd career, I've kept shooting fun, instead of another job. Although I found myself devoting considerable time to sport administration, such as Chairman of the WFDA, President of the Sierra Nevada Pistol League, Chairman of the SASS RO Committee and now Director of CFDA.

I've also had a successful business career as a Real Estate Developer/Home Builder and have designed, built and sold about 300 homes. In the long-run, I have never let shooting get between me and my family, in fact they enjoy it with me. I have been fortunate indeed through it all my family worked with me and supported all of these efforts, or it wouldn't have been possible. They are all also avid shooting competitors themselves.

I'm very proud to have once carried a badge as a sworn Special Deputy Sheriff. I still consider all law enforcement officers brothers, even though I never worked on patrols as they have. I donated much of my time to this cause. If it helped just one officer return home to his family one night along the way, it was worth every minute of it.

As of the writing of this letter, I am pouring all of the knowledge that I have gained into the Cowboy Fast Draw Association. It has become the largest Fast Draw organization to ever exist with over 4,000 members having signed up. There are only two family-owned sporting associations that I know exists, CFDA and NASCAR. The organization is run under sound business principles, and if we are successful it will last for future generations to enjoy.

I would like to THANK all of those who volunteered their time, money and talent to holding positions in clubs and working in matches. Nothing can happen in shooting sports without great people contributing the efforts. While I have listed my achievements above, I freely acknowledge that none of these things couldn't have been achieved without great people helping to make it all happen. I am so lucky and very humbled to be associated with all of them.

Most of all, I'm proud of my family as they not only have excelled in shooting sports in their own right, but have done well in whatever challenges life throws their way. They have also been there to support me in more ways than they could ever know. Thank You C.J., Erika and to my wonderful wife Dinah.

Added 2026:

CFDA Membership number are now over 7,000, as far as folks that have signed up at one time or another. But members come and go and inflation took a toll. As we step forward as Cowboy Fast Draw Association, Non-Profit Organization, may we ALL build it bigger and better than ever before!