

Coyote Creek Chronicle

Newsletter of the Bayou Bounty Hunters

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Annual Membership Banquet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2014

TIME: 5:00 – 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION: CLUB HOUSE



Once a year the Bayou Bounty Hunters hold their annual membership meeting & banquet. This is a time for all of our cowboys and cowgirls to don their Old West attire and come together for a delicious meal prepared by David and Allison while attending to annual club business. We need to map out our future plans and chart our course for 2014. Also, we need your help in planning the upcoming events for 2014: Fisher House Charity Match and Hangin' at Coyote Creek 2014. We would like your participation and input as we move into the coming year.

Family members and guests are cordially invited to join us. This is an excellent time to invite a friend to introduce them to cowboy action shooting and to see our fine facilities at Florida Parishes Skeet Club in Amite, LA.

Reservations are required and can be made at our January match or you can contact Soiled Dove to make your reservations via email.
(See menu on Page 4.)

Bayou Bounty Hunter Top Shootist Award

The **Top Shootist Award**, which is sponsored by *Kistachie Moon*, will be awarded to top shooter (male and female) at the annual membership banquet in January. This award is being presented to the shooters who during the previous 12-month period competed in categories that required only one-handed unsupported shooting styles.



**** Reminder from the Treasurer ****



KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT

Annual dues are payable in January

If you are a member of **Florida Parish Skeet Club**, your membership dues are payable to the ***skeet club***. Please send those dues (\$200) to Nick Brocato or you can bring them to the monthly match.

If you are a member of the **Bayou Bounty Hunters** *only*, your membership dues (\$35) are payable to the ***Bayou Bounty Hunters***.

You can pay your BBH dues to Cameo Rose at the monthly shoot, or you can mail it to her at the following address;:

Terry Calvert - P. O. Box 10056 - Gulfport, MS 39505

NOTE: SKEET CLUB MEMBERS PAY ONLY \$5 FOR MATCH FEES , THEY HAVE RANGE PRIVILEGES SEVEN DAYS A WEEK (ALONG WITH LONG RANGE SHOOTING PRIVILEGES), AND THEY ARE HAVE PREFERENCES ON PRIMIER CAMPING FACILITIES FOR SHOOTING EVENTS.

- Upcoming Events -

Sat., Jan. 12th - Wild Bunch & Professionals will be offered at the Saturday January match.

Sat., Jan. 25th - Annual Membership Banquet - 5:00 pm at the Clubhouse

Make your reservation(s) with Soiled Dove

Sun., Jan29th - Sunday Monthly Match back on schedule. Register at 8:00 & shooting at 9:00

March 7 - 9th - Bayou Blast 2014 Up the Creek Gang in Lake Charles, LA

April 11 - 13th - Duel in the Bayou 2014 (Louisiana State Championship)

Jackson Hole Regulator in Quitman, LA

May 2 - 4th - Showdown in Purgatory 2014 Mississippi Peacemaker in Mendenhall, MS

Youth Shooting Event - Spring date to be determined.

History of the Bayou Bounty Hunters

Part 1



This is an account of the genesis and continuing saga of the **Bayou Bounty Hunters Cowboy Action Shooting club**. To give a complete history of the club, I need to go back to the year 1996. Our origins started with the **Cajun Cowboys SASS** club located at the Baton Rouge Rifle and Pistol Club located in Zachery, La.

To the best of my knowledge, Cowboy Action competition in Louisiana started with the Cajun Cowboys. At the time, it was headed up by “**Mongo**” and “**Durango Dan**”. The matches were held on a monthly basis at the Baton Rouge Rifle and Pistol Club. Around 1997 Rattlesnake Blake was appointed as the club’s Territorial Governor and he represented the club in that capacity until 1999. Sometime in late 1997 the Baton Rouge Rifle and Pistol Club was shut down due to complaints from one of its neighbors (*an interesting story in its own right*). Interestingly enough, this action later prompted the La. Legislature to enact the **Range Protection Act** which helps protect existing ranges from being shut down due to complaints from neighbors who have encroached on the range after its being in approved operation.

The Cajun Cowboys at this point were without a range, and they were on the lookout for a new location in which to hold matches. A range, **Southeast Mississippi Gun Club**, was found in Mississippi just off of I-10 two miles from the La. border. Negotiations were held with the club, and the Cajun Cowboys were invited to use the range one day a month. Originally, the Cowboys were only allowed to set up matches on the twenty-five yard range. That being the case, members had to set up stages and change them for the next stage. At the end of the match, everything had to be broken down and stored in a container on the range. As I remember, we only shot three stages at that time due to the constraints of having to reset stages. Later on, we were allowed to use the one hundred yard range as well, and this facilitated speedier stage set-ups. Unfortunately, in early 1999, there was factional infighting within the Southeast Mississippi Gun Club relating to selling the club for profit to club members. The faction that supported the Cajun Cowboys lost in an election which resulted in the loss of range privileges for the Cowboys. Once again, the Cajun Cowboys were without a range to compete on.

Club members started looking for a new venue to be able to shoot Cowboy Action matches. During this time, a split occurred within the Cajun Cowboys wherein both groups were looking for a new range. Durango Dan and Mongo lead one group which retained the name Cajun Cowboys along with the club’s assets (targets and props). Rattlesnake Blake and several others moved in another direction.

It was at this juncture that a second Cowboy Action club in Louisiana came into existence. Rattlesnake Blake dubbed it the **Bayou Bounty Hunters**; however, it still did not have a place to shoot. It was during this time that **Dos Perros** suggested

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that Rattlesnake and Soiled Dove come with him to look at a shooting range in western St. Tammany Parish, the **Tallow Creek Shooting Range**. The three traveled to the range which was basically a skeet, trap and sporting clays range. The range consisted of approximately two hundred acres of which a great deal was wet lands and woods. The shotgun venues took up the front half of the property. Rattlesnake engaged the owner, Mike, in negotiations to set up a Cowboy Action range on the property. A lease was finally agreed upon that gave the new cowboy club use of a back portion of the property adjacent to "duck pond" (*canned duck hunts*) which was no longer being used. **The Bayou Bounty Hunters finally had a new home in 1999 which was named "Coyote Creek."**

(History of the Bayou Bounty Hunters Part 2 to follow.)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET MENU

Saturday, January 25, 2014



Social & Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 PM

**Dinner at 6:00 PM followed by Annual Business Meeting
& election of Board Members at Large.**

FEATURED GRUB: *Slow Cooked Whole Ribeye!*

WITH THE FIXINS:

Italian Salad - Texas Tatars - Burgundy Mushrooms

Roasted Vegetables - Rolls with Butter

Iron Skillet Apple Crisp

\$16 per plate - Kindly R.S.V.P. to soiled dove@bellsouth.net

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Wild Bunch & Professional Categories

If you are shooting in either the *Wild Bunch* or the *Professionals* categories, please make sure that you are aware of the rules and guidelines for these two separate categories.

Basically, the Professionals category is a local/club based set of rules that allow for the additional period guns of that era. Those rules can be found on our club web site (www.bayoubountyhunters.com)

The Wild Bunch category rules are SASS based, and you can find these on the Wild Bunch web site at SASS (www.sassnet.com).

THESE ABOVE TWO CATEGORIES AT THE FOLLOWING MONTHLY MATCH:

JAN., APRIL, JULY, OCT. (the first month of each quarter).

General Membership Meeting

December 14, 2013

(Below are highlights of the meeting. For complete minutes contact Soiled Dove.)

Rattlesnake Blake called the meeting to order with the first discussion item being the upcoming Fisher House Charity Match 2014. Next he provided information from the TG Conference at the Summit regarding the distance of targets at local clubs and SASS's position on target distance.

The next discussion of the meeting regarded the past annual match. Members were encouraged to give their input on the good points of the match and those that need to be taken into consideration for future matches. Below is a list of the input received:

More efficient use of the long range shooting times. It was suggested that we use Thursday afternoon for long range shooting and cowboy skeet since the early morning hours of peering into the sun is not a popular time to get people on the line.

Putting long range on the clock with a time limit on shooting the long range targets as "chatting" time is taking up the time slot.

Holding side matches on the cowboy town in the morning and then having long range and cowboy skeet in the afternoon.

Wild Bunch side match could be reduced to 3 stages vs 4 stages

Shooting the main match stages 5/5 instead of 6/4 would provide more time for the Wild Bunch side match and also not be so tiring to shooting participating in both.

Banquet at the club house and caterers meals are both highlights of the weekend.

Discussion of pulling the four top shooters from their category standings.

Recognition of the state champions in the categories for a state championship.

Discussion of future buckle design - keeping design but changing to shiny buckle.

Big Daddy and Red River Rudy have offered to run an ATV side match which entails shooting from the ATV at balloons. This may be used as a fund raiser for charity match.