

## 2014 Southeast Territorial Black Powder Championship Information

**The 2014 SASS Southeast Territorial Black Powder Championship “Smokeout at South River” hosted by the South River Shootists, will be held August 30th through August 31st, 2014 (Labor Day weekend), at the South River Gun Club (SRGC), 5205 Highway 212 North, Covington, GA 30016. Registration can be by mail or, if attending one of SRS’s monthly matches prior to Territorial, can be done in person. The deadline for signup is August 30, 2014 at 8:15 am. If you sign up on the day of the match, name badges will be ready by noon on that day. If signing up for camping or desire to change category, the deadline will be August 18, 2014.**

The match will be an 8 stage match with 5 stages shot on Saturday, August 30 starting at 9:30 am and 3 stages on Sunday, August 31, 2014 starting at 9:00 am. Awards will follow shortly after lunch on Sunday. Lunch will be available at SRGC main clubhouse. Saturday three stages will be shot, break for lunch and shoot remaining 2 after. Lunch on Sunday will follow the 3 final stages with awards shortly after at the SRGC main clubhouse.

This will be the Third SASS Territorial Black Powder Championship held in the Southeast Region since the new Territorial Matches began. In order to update those wishing to attend the “Territorial” we’ll tell you about improvements made at the South River Gun Club.

New action shooting bays for pistol and SASS matches have been completed. The South River Gun Club now has a total of 23 shooting bays available for use during larger SASS matches. All the bays have been graveled, canopies installed and electric power run to them for operation of lights and fans.

The club also completed a costly expansion of the travel trailer and motor home area to accommodate 54 travel trailers and motor homes. All of these spaces are also fully serviced with water and electric hookups, and are available for the use of match attendees. Additionally, a lighted space for dry camping has been made available as well as a full shower facility at the edge of the camping area for the use of those camping in travel trailers, motor homes as well as in tents. The club also has an on-site dump station.

The SRGC boasts a fully air conditioned clubhouse with an improved food service area and large covered patio with ceiling fans and lights. Additionally, the clubhouse restrooms can be accessed from outside the main clubhouse area even if the clubhouse is closed. The clubhouse can seat approximately 120 at tables.

The local area has numerous hotel/motel units built in the last few years within 20 minutes or less driving time of the range. Also, with Atlanta only 35 miles away, there are plentiful venues available during non-shooting periods for shooters and non-shooting family members to visit.

### **Well, that’s all good information, but what propellants can we use?**

In accordance with SASS requirements for the Black Powder Territorial, **only black powder or approved black powder substitutes may be used in this match for those competing for Territorial awards.** Consequently, even though the match is offering the Buckaroo and Buckarette categories, those shooters will also have to use black powder or approved black powder substitutes if competing for Territorial awards.

### **Can smokeless powder shooters participate in the Territorial?**

In 2012, smokeless shooters were not allowed to participate; however, after discussions with SRGC and SASS, the 2014 Territorial will allow smokeless shooters to enjoy the 8 stage match at a reduced match fee. Those smokeless shooters wishing to attend the Territorial will be scored separately from the black powder shooters.

### **I shoot Cap & Ball pistols. Do I have to compete with folks using cartridges in their pistols?**

No you don't. SASS Territorials are required to offer shooting categories based on the type of pistols being used. Therefore, Cap & Ball pistol shooters will be shooting against other Cap & Ball pistol shooters, and cartridge shooters will be shooting against other cartridge shooters.

### **Can I use an 1897 pump action shotgun?**

Since the Territorial is a total black powder or black powder substitute match, the 1897 pump action shotgun cannot be used in the **black powder categories**. Single shot shotguns, hammered side by side shotguns (especially for Classic Cowboy/Cowgirl) and any side by side shotgun or lever action shotgun can be used. Additionally, for smokeless shooters who wish to participate with smokeless powder, the 1897 pump shotgun can be used.

### **What Shooting Categories will be offered at the Territorial?**

You will find a choice of eighteen categories listed on the application. Considering these categories can be doubled by gender of the shooter and type of loads used in the pistols (Cap & Ball versus cartridge) this gives a total of seventy two possible categories being offered. On the Match Application you will note that "Match Officials may combine Categories of less than five entrants", but we wish to assure you that every effort will be made to place any shooter(s) affected in a second category of their choice. Of course, if you've got a favorite "unofficial" category, and can get three or more of your partners to register for it, the Match Officials will consider allowing the category at this match. Awards will be given to three places in all approved categories.

### **What are the requirements for the Frontiersman categories?**

Frontiersman is a SASS Official Category. The category requirements are listed on Page 14 of the 2012 SASS Shooters Handbook. The requirements are:

- Any Main Match percussion revolver with non-adjustable sights (Note exceptions listed re: dovetailed sights). (Exception: The 1873 Uberti percussion revolver is not allowed.)
- Revolvers must be shot duelist or double duelist style. See Duelist description for required shooting technique.
- Must use black powder in all loads (rifle, revolver, and shotgun).
- Must use a side-by-side or lever action shotgun in the main match stages. Any SASS legal pistol caliber rifle is acceptable.

### **What and when are we going to shoot?**

This is what you can shoot:

Mandatory safety meeting will be at 8:45 am on Saturday August 30, 2014

Shooter packages can be picked up from 7:30 am till 8:30 am on Saturday August 30, 2014 at the SRS scoring building.

- Five Main match stages will be shot beginning about 9:30 AM, Saturday, August 30, 2014. There will be a lunch break during this part of the match to get you refueled to complete the stages for that day.
- Three Main match stages will be shot beginning about 9:00 AM, Sunday, August 31st, 2014, with lunch following.

**NOTE: There will be fans available to cool off in the main pavilion and cold water to keep our Cowboy and Cowgirl guests refreshed.**

**How will the match be scored?**

The Territorial is a “Regional” level match. Consequently, by SASS rules it must be scored by the Rank Scoring method, by category only. Black Powder Winners are recognized in each category. The highest-ranking person in each category, regardless of their state provided it is one of the Southeast Region, will be the category Champion. No “overall winner” of the match can be recognized. Categories are not equal and competitors in different categories are only competing against their category.

**Can we buy stuff and food at the match?**

Sure you can. There will be food vendors and other vendors selling just about anything Cowboys and Cowgirls need.

**When do I get my award?**

Awards for the Main Match will be presented early Sunday afternoon to allow those who need to travel early to leave on time.

**This all sounds good. How do I sign up to shoot?**

The application for the Territorial will be on the South River Gun Club website then to club activities tab and under the Cowboy Action tab and then 2014 Smokeout tab. You can also find a direct link to the application below which will take you to our website. You will be able to print off, complete and mail in the application to the address listed on the application.

[www.southrivergunclub.com](http://www.southrivergunclub.com)

Additional questions or request for application can be directed to [southrivershootists@yahoo.com](mailto:southrivershootists@yahoo.com)

**I'm bringing a trailer or motor home to the match. What do I have to do to reserve a spot to set it up?**

You need to send an e-mail to Man from Little River, our Match Director, with the information on the size of your trailer or motor home to reserve a space. The e-mail address to use is [gakan123@bellsouth.net](mailto:gakan123@bellsouth.net) or [southrivershootists@yahoo.com](mailto:southrivershootists@yahoo.com). You can arrive on Friday August 29<sup>th</sup> if camping, please advise in advance if doing so that arrangements can be completed to allow access to range.

**Hotel Info**

Can be found on [www.southrivergunclub.com](http://www.southrivergunclub.com) for a list or contact Miz Pitty at [southrivershootists@yahoo.com](mailto:southrivershootists@yahoo.com)

If you're a Soot Lord or Soot Lady, Devotee of the Holy Black or just a SASS member wanting to try black powder shooting for the first time, you don't want to miss this quality, fun, challenging and exciting match, so get your applications filled out and sent in early.