

Cowboy Fast Draw

Cowboy Fast Draw is one of three “Western” shooting sports sponsored by the Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol Club. The other two being Cowboy Action Shooting and Black Powder Gong Shooting. Of the three, Cowboy Fast Draw is the easiest to do and least expensive to equip. Cowboy Fast Draw (CFD) is the closest thing to the old west gunfight of myth and legend. Two gunfighters face off at high noon in the main street of town, hands hovering over their revolvers. On a signal guns go into action with blazing speed. Two shots ring out and one gunfighter slowly crumples into the dust. We’ve watched it many times in our favorite western shows. CFD now gives anyone the chance to safely determine who is fastest to clear leather and shoot with accuracy.

Guns: STOCK .45 caliber single actions with minimum barrel length of 4.5", with no external alterations other than smoothing the hammer knurling. No aluminum barrels or cylinders. Front sights are optional.

Holsters: Pre 1900 style. No steel liners. Holsters will be worn on the side of the leg. No cross draws.

Ammunition: .45 caliber long Colt cases with no more than six grains of black powder behind a wax bullet, or a .45 cartridge drilled out to accept a shotgun primer (no powder necessary) with a wax bullet. At Blue Hill we use just the shotgun primers.

Shooting Style: thumbing and fanning, host option may be thumbing only. Shooting finger must be out of the trigger guard. The barrel of the gun must discharge in front of the holster.

The Target: 24" round disc, start light in the center. The target will measure 50" to center.

Time Clocks: Must time to the thousandth of a second.



Wax Bullets



Time Clock

A round of fire starts with two contestants standing on the firing line 15' to 21' from the targets. On a signal from the timer, the shooters get set to draw and the timer activates the timing system. A light will flash in the center of each target - this is the signal to “slap leather.” Both shooters draw and fire. If the wax bullets hit the steel target, the shock activates a sensor that stops the timer. The fastest shot that hits the target is the winner. A round is best of 3 out of 5 shots.

This Winter At Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol

We will again host Cowboy Fast Draw on the indoor range at the Blue Hill Rifle & Pistol Club during the winter months. Fast Draw events will be held once a month from December through April on the following dates: Sundays Dec. 9, Jan. 13, and Feb. 10. Saturdays March 15 and April 19. Each session will begin with practice from 10 AM to noon +, followed by a Shootout Match beginning at 1 PM. For the Shootout, participants will match up in best of 3 out of 5 rounds. Shooters will be eliminated from competition when they have lost 3 rounds (3X elimination).

We supply ammunition (wax bullet 45 cal rounds), and will have .45 caliber pistols and holsters available for beginning shooters. The holsters we supply will slip on to your pants belt. Experienced shooters may bring their own wax bullets and shotgun primers.

Shooting fees will be \$5 for the practice round, and \$10 for the Shootout. An additional \$5 is charged for shooters who use club ammo. Lunch is available for \$5.

The April shoot will be our Indoor Downeast Championship for a flat fee of \$20, which includes practice, lunch, and the Championship Match. Prizes will be awarded at the Championship.

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Cowboy Fast Draw Association <http://www.cowboyfastdraw.com/>

Late Breaking news from the Cowboy Fast Draw Association:

The Idaho Shootists have committed to hosting the **2008 Gunfighter Rendezvous** (U.S. National Championship) in Historic Idaho City, Idaho at their home range. The Rendezvous is scheduled to be contested **June 26-29, 2008**. The Shootists are preparing the application and schedule to be posted in the next few days.

The Rendezvous will be limited to the first 125 registered shooters!

See ya there!

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Mustang and Dirty Steve go one on one indoors at Blue Hill