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TOP GUN



THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF THE WORLD FAST DRAW ASSOCIATION, INC.



**Huge loss to the Fast Draw World when Bob Franks passed away Jan 13, 2020
He will be remembered and missed.**

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CHAIRMAN REPORT

Howdy All:

Already a sad note for 2020 as Bob Franks passed away Jan 13, 2020. Most of us that have been shooting awhile have stories & memories of Bob that will not be forgotten.

Jim Tinsley area 9, Mike Landis area 2, and Clinton Hartford area 10 are already having Vice Chairman Contests and plan on having several this year. These three areas are really supporting and promoting the WFDA. GREAT JOB guys & gals.

Not too much going on right now as far as Chairman Contests but we will soon be going to Greenville Ohio to get things jumping.

I am hoping to see most of you in Greenville. It is a great indoor contest with lots of free food.

Thanks very much for those of you that contributed to this issue. Makes much better Top Gun issue when we have several contributors

Dan Qualls

WFDA Chairman

Secretary Report

Well, the new year has started. We lost a very special person right after the year started. Rest in peace Bob Franks. You will certainly be missed by one and all.

Hope to see many of you later on this year. Shoot straight and enjoy the upcoming year.

Ruth Ann Qualls

Secretary, W.F.D.A

Vice Chairman Reports

Area 6 ,

Oregon 6 Gun Championship match is moving, instead of North from Forest Grove to Banks we will be south to Gaston, Oregon. Will be partnering up with the WAPATO SHOWDOWN. It is a car, camper, trailer, motor home and what exhibit. The SHOWDOWN is Sat August 22 (Fast draw match August 22, 23). Working on fast draw schedule of events, more info to follow with flyer. Starting to collect stuff for a great raffle this match to help supplement purse money (cause if ya ain't aware darn sure ain't making it with registration).

see flyer for the Wapato Showdown (Thurs, Fri and Sat).

If you would like to see (do) different shooting events at the Oregon match , now is the time to bring it up. We are contemplating having a walk and draw event (if we can figure out how).

Howard Baker, Area 6 , Ore , Wash, ID



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SHOW CHAIRMAN

Don Allen 503-985-9548

6:30am to 10:30am

Gaston Firemens Pancake Breakfast

8:00am to 12:00pm

Registration includes Vehicle Photo

11:00am Food & Drink Booths Open

10:00 am Raffle & Giveaways begin
and go all day

1:00pm ...Judging by the staff

Thursday

Aug 20th

Community
Night Out

5:00 pm
to

10:00 pm

Food / Drinks
&
Music

Corn Hole
Tournament

Most
Original

Most
Attractive

**Good Ol' Days Parade
& Steak Feed**

5:00-6:30... Line up for Parade

6:00-10:00... Steak Feed

6:30-7:30...Parade

Friday, Aug 21, 2020

FOR INFORMATION CALL

Parade Chairman: Stan Shope at
503-869-4497

Best
Matching
Camper
Trailer
Tow
Car

**Veterans
Choice
Winner
Trophy**





Bob Franks receiving an award at the Oregon, Area 6 Contest 2019

Area 8

Still up to our butts in snow, looking forward to the defrost and the start of Fast Draw season. On a sad note-We lost one of our totally committed Fast draw Shooter Bob Franks. Our love and condolences to the Franks Family.

Bob always brought a smile to the events, he will be missed but never forgotten by all his Fast Draw Family and friends.

Frank & Judy Lawton

Area 9

Howdy shooters, welcome to the 2020 shooting season. And what a season it is going to be. We have already gotten started. Okie Ed, and I put on a shoot at his place in Owasso, Ok January, 25th. That is in Area 2 and I am sure Mike Landis will post the results. February, 29th we will have another shoot there.

The first shoot for Area 9 will be March 7th in Wichita, Ks. It will be a inside shoot, so weather will not be a factor. If you can come shoot with us. Our next shoot will be May 30th in Arkansas City, Ks. It will be a warm up for the Chairman shoot in Ohio the next weekend. We are getting a lot of first time shooters for the WFDA in Oklahoma, and Kansas. I want to challenge all members to bring new members into the fastest, greatest sport in the world. Talk to your friends, relatives, and past shooters that haven't shot in a long time. Let's get them all shooting and having fun.

SHOOT FAST AND TRUE
JIM TINSLEY

Annie Oakley Warm Up

May, 30th 2020

33699 Tower Rd, Arkansas City, Ks

Vice Chairman sanctioned by the WFDA and the KFDA

Hosted by The Missouri Raiders Fast Draw Club

Style: Open index

Contest starts at 9:00 am

Events: 3 sets [D/W@8'](#) [S/W@5'](#) S/U/W 15'to5' [S/W@12'](#) [S/W@10'](#) S/B/W 5'to 15'

Entry Fee: \$35.00 + \$5.00 shooter fee

All money returned to shooters as prize money after expenses

Men

1st 30% + Trophy

2nd 25% + Trophy

3rd 20% + Trophy

4th 15% + Trophy

5th 10% + Trophy

Women

1st 50% + Trophy

2nd 30% + Trophy

3rd 20% + Trophy

Cook out after the contest, bring what you want to drink

Directions: On US 77 S. of Arkansas City take 322nd rd. east to tower rd. Then south to the ranch, watch for balloons.

Call Jim for any questions. 620-441-8033



GUNSLINGERS FASTDRAW CLUB

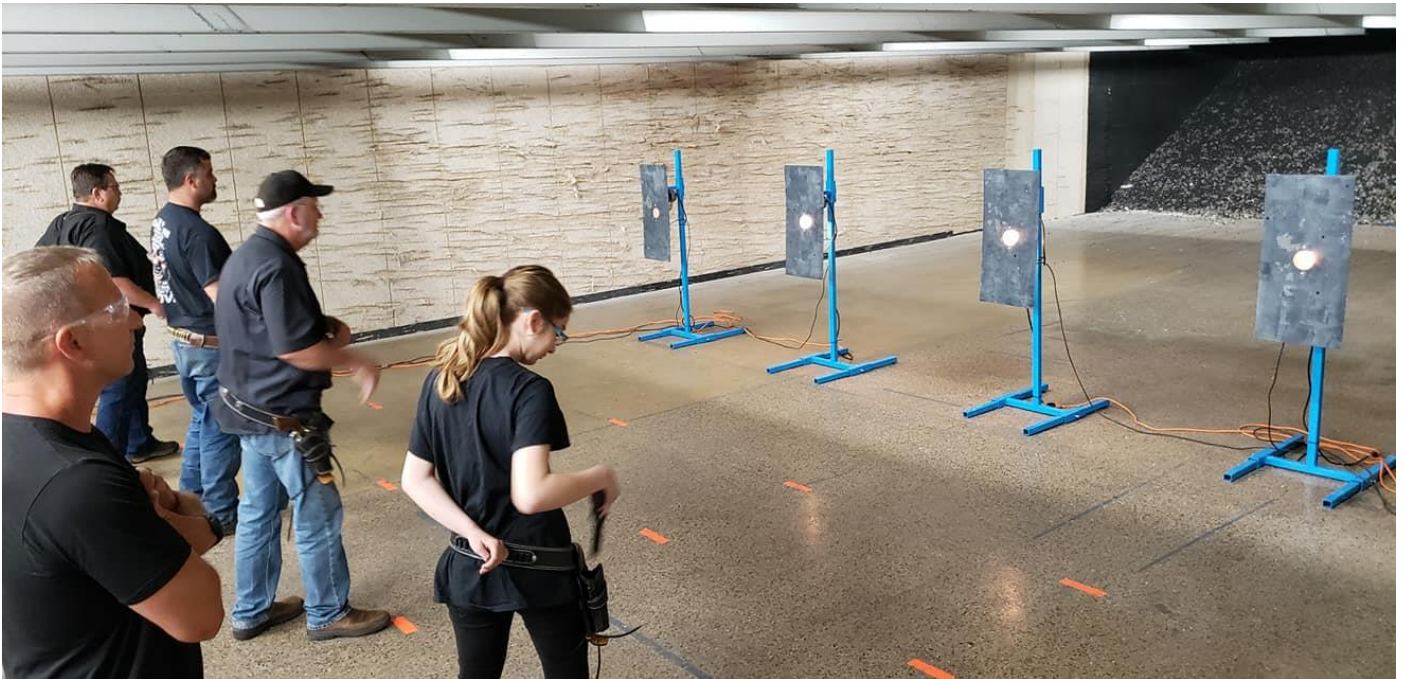
Our Gunslingers are off to a great start this year. Our club was happy to be able to co-sponsor the Annie Oakley index championships in Ohio this year. A few of our members will be gearing up to head there as well. We have been consistently running practice matches twice a month at our indoor gun range and home base “5 Star Firearms”. We are currently setting dates for no less than three Vice Chairman Contest for 2020.

We recently invested in some indoor shooting nets that seem to work well. We were hoping to find a location to hold a few indoor matches through the cold months with no luck. We are anxious for the weather to turn here in southern Wisconsin so we get back to our outdoor location. Our member base has been solid and our shooters have been consistent with attendance. We will be adding new members going into 2020. Our Club has drawn a lot of local attention with a very positive response from other local shooters.

We are lucky enough to have access to a full service machine shop and some very skilled machinist. With that being said we will be adding a lot of new Fast Draw products, components and parts this year that might hopefully be of use to some of our other WFDA club members. We will be sure to share these items once they are available.

Clinton J. Hartford





**ANNIE OAKLEY INDEX CHAMPIONSHIP
WFDA CHAIRMAN SANCTION**

JUNE 6th & 7th, 2020

**HOSTED AND SPONSORED BY THE SHAWNEE BANDITS & 5 STAR
GUNSLINGERS**

STYLE: OPEN INDEX - SHOT ELIMINATION STYLE ON BLOCKER TARGETS

**LOCATION: OHIO CENTER, DARKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,
800 SWEITZER ST., GREENVILLE, OH 45331**

Contest starts at 9:30 AM both days

Saturday Events - 3 sets D/W @ 8', 5 shots 5' SW, 5 shots 8' SW, 5 shots 15'-5' SUW

Sunday Events - 5 shots 12' SW, 5 shots 10' SW, 5' - 15' Step Back Wax

ENTRY FEES - Men \$110.00 plus \$10.00 shooter fee - Women \$100.00 plus \$10.00 shooter fee

THUMBING DIVISION - \$40.00 entry fee plus \$10.00 shooter fee. Thumbing will run in conjunction with Saturday's events.

No practice on Saturday or Sunday. We will be setting up on Friday, June 5 and will open the range for practice in the afternoon. We will also be doing contest registrations at that time.

OPEN		THUMBING	
MEN'S DIVISION	WOMEN'S DIVISION	MEN'S DIVISION	WOMEN'S DIVISION
1 st \$400 + award	1 st \$300 + award	1 st 30% + award	1 st 50% + award
2 nd \$350 + award	2 nd \$250 + award	2 nd 25% + award	2 nd 30% + award
3 rd \$300 + award	3 rd \$200 + award	3 rd 20% + award	3 rd 20% + award
4 th \$250 + award	4 th \$175 + award	4 th 15% + award	
5 th \$200 + award	5 th \$150 + award	5 th 10% + award	
6 th \$150 + award			
7 th - 10 th \$110 + award			

There will be an award handed out for fastest shot in open and thumbing in men's and women's.

Lunch will be provided both days.

For match and registration information, please contact:

Duke Bonnett - 937-613-6576 - rbonnett2@woh.rr.com

Johnny Perry - 937-564-1241 - Sixshooter253@gmail.com

Tom Lechner - 717-284-6388 - fastdraw45@rocketmail.com

Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express, 1195 Russ Rd., Greenville, OH 45331 937-548-1328

Comfort Inn, 1190 Russ Rd., Greenville, OH 45331 937-316-5252

Area 20

Top Gun Report

AREA 20 (B.C.) WFDA VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT

The Thunderbirds have been busy again and have lots of irons in the fire for the coming year.

Christmas fun shoot

Since the last report we have had our Christmas fun shoot which was well attended by our fast draw shooters and their families. It was great to see Doug Abbotts family out to try their hand at Dennis' event that he came up with.

The idea was to put an empty pop bottle on the ground at a distance of around 12 feet and see how far down range it could be knocked with each consecutive shot.

Each contestant had 6 rounds in about 10 seconds to try to knock that thing down range using wax bullets and our fast draw guns..... sounds easy but some of us that bottle didn't budge an inch (mainly me)

Bob Franks

We lost one of our members at the beginning of this year. Bob Franks passed away after a brief battle with cancer. It was a shock and totally surreal to lose Bob that quickly and we still can't comprehend that he is gone.

The celebration of Life for Bob was held at Langley Golf and Banquet Centre and was well attended. There was family, friends and gunslingers that came from all over who have known Bob for years and we all gave Bob a six-gun salute during the service.

It was an amazing sight to see all the gun slingers file through the main room to the balcony outside then get a chance to say something about Bob before firing their revolvers in the air all the way down the line.

My memory of Bob as a man and a shooter is that he always had a smile and a big greeting for you when ever he saw you.

He also had that rare quality that he seemed genuinely glad for you when you did well even if you were shooting against him at the time. I, for one, am sure going to miss you Bob.

Last Stand to Nowhere

The movie Last Stand to Nowhere had a screening in Vancouver that a bunch of us from the Thunderbirds were able to attend, it was neat to see it on the big screen and great to hear the audience reaction afterwards. The producer, Michelle Muldoon, had a question and answer session afterwards and was extremely gracious in thanking and acknowledging the Thunderbirds contribution of training-gear and extra work. **LRGC annual meeting**

We had our Annual General Meeting at the Langley Rod and Gun Club in February.

Happy to say that Dennis and Karen Robinson have been voted in as directors again for another 2-year term. We have 4 Tbird members on the board again consisting of Jacob Alger, John Leblanc and Karen and Dennis. Karen and Dennis spend a lot of time at the club giving of themselves to keep our fast draw sport alive and we are extremely grateful to them for it.

We also had a guest speaker come to the meeting from the CCFR (Canadian Coalition for firearms Rights). He showed us that, like our US counterparts and the NRA it is extremely important to belong to an organization that is bringing the battle to the forefront for our rights when it comes to firearm issues.

LRGC Banquet

We had our annual Langley Rod and Gun Club Banquet on February 22nd at the Newlands Golf and Country Club.

It was great to see the various participants being recognized for their achievements from Archery to Fast Draw and everything in between.

Our awards were presented to us by some of our local politicians and members of parliament and we were also presented with certificates signed by our member of Parliament representative Tako Van Popta.

H.A.C.S. Show

We have a full weekend coming up March 21-22 for the Historical Arms Collectors Society annual 2-day event.

We will be setting up a booth and some reaction testing stations for people to be able to test out their reaction speed. We will also be able to have some fast draw demos at this show which always gets the audiences attention.

This event is both fun and exhausting.

Unlike our usual shows where you are in and out in half a day or less this is 2 full days of manning the booth and setting up. Our Tbirds always show up with a smile to help the crowds out and we sure appreciate them for helping. **Canada Contest in July**

The contest in July is set again for another year and Dennis and Karen have been hard at work to get things rolling so that we can all have a great time.

For the U.S. shooters that are attending please get in touch with Dennis sooner rather than later to get the ball rolling for your permit needs to get your gear into Canada.

Ohio is coming up fast and we are really looking forward to seeing everyone again.

That's all for now

Shawn Murphy



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL-FROM THE THUNDERBIRD FAST DRAW CLUB!

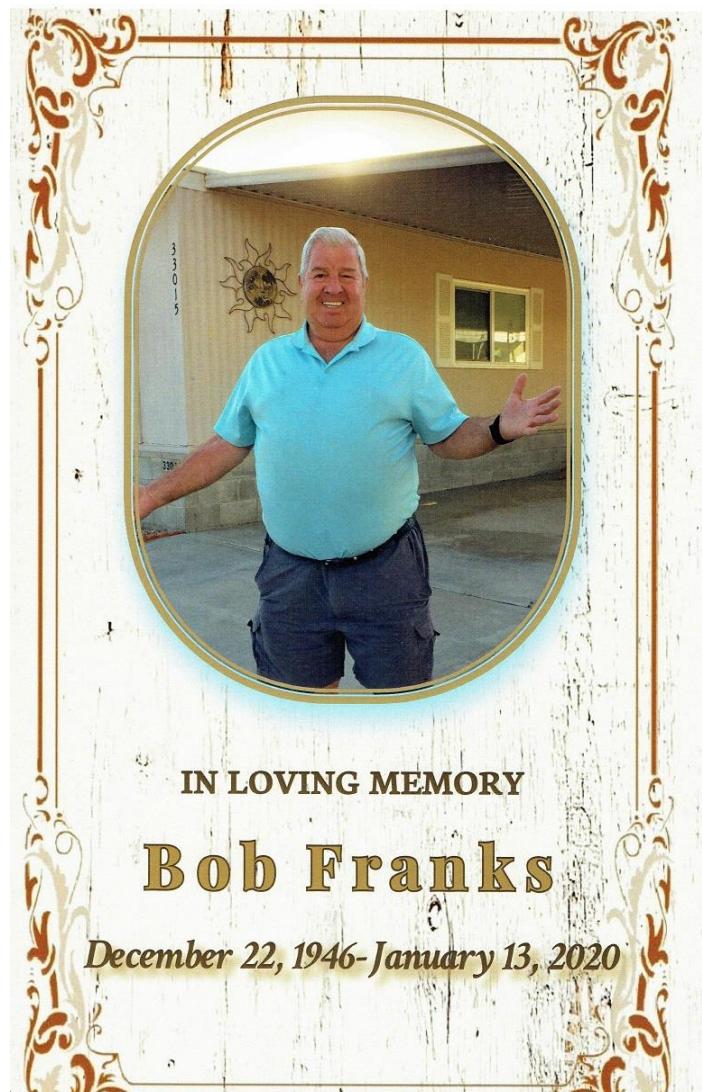


BUT NOW THAT THEY ARE ON THE LINE, FACING THOSE SMALLER THAN USUAL TARGETS, BOTH PAULA MURPHY AND SANTA COULD NOT BE BLAMED FOR EACH THINKING: "HOW DID I GET INTO THIS MESS...?"



ABOVE, THE GRINCH POSES WITH A LOT OF PRIZES INCLUDING THE XMAS TURKEY AND HIS NEW GAL FRIEND. CONGRATS GARRY!

PHOTO BY DOUG ABBOTT PHOTOGRAPHY





AMONG THE FIRST TO ARRIVE WERE TWO OLD BUDDIES, BOB MERNICKLE, LEFT, AND JOHN LEBLANC AT RIGHT. BOB CAME ALL THE WAY FROM NEVADA, AND JOHN SHORTENED HIS HOLIDAY IN JAMAICA TO BE HERE. THANKS, GUYS!!



AT THE LANGLEY ROD & GUN CLUB BANQUET LAST WEEKEND, THE ABOVE THUNDERBIRD FAST DRAW CLUB MEMBERS WERE AWARDED WITH GOVERNEMENT CERTIFICATES AND THE TROPHIES FOR TOP GUNS OF 2019. FROM LEFT ARE: WOMENS' TOP GUN, KAREN ROBINSON, FASTEST TIME WOMENS; NICOLE FRANKS, TOP 'B' DIV., SHANE JOHNSON & FASTEST TIME MEN'S AND TOP GUN MEN'S, SHAWN MURPHY. CONGRATULATIONS FOLKS!



PHOTO BY PAT QUESNEL



SOME OF THE 2019 OREGON GAL GUNSLINGERS-MANY MORE PHOTOS TO COME IN FUTURE!

(MORE PHOTOS OF THE OREGON CONTEST BY PAT QUESNEL AND KAREN ROBINSON, THAT IS....)

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2020 Rule Proposal no. I

Shooters & match organizers: Don't know how many of you keep up with the modern technologies of a friggin lite bulb. Seems every year they come out with several new ideas and drop existing bulbs from production. They even have some that look like a bunch of straws inside the bulb. This is causing us to have to change our rule book every couple of years just so we can have legal bulbs for our targets.

So.... Another light bulb proposal:

All contests can use any available bulb for the targets, the only requirement is ALL BULBS MUST BE IDENTICAL ON EVERY TARGET.

Proposed by Howard Baker & Dan Qualls

This will prevent having the illegal bulbs at a contest and will still be fair to every competitor.

CONTESTS SCHEDULED FOR 2020

CHAIRMAN CONTESTS

June 6th & 7th Greenville Ohio. Annie Oakley Contest

July 18th & 19th Aldergrove Canada. World Championship Blank Contest.

August 22nd & 23rd Gaston Oregon Oregon 6 Gun Championship

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YOU CAN STILL PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES BY PAY PAL.**



2020 WFDA RENEW & NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

MUST BE AN NRA MEMBER, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date: _____
Member Name _____
Date of Birth (**required for ALL members**) _____
Phone # **required** _____ Cell _____
Email _____
Address _____ City _____
State/Prov _____ Country _____ Zip _____
Member Spouse Name _____ DOB _____
Additional Family Names _____ DOB _____
AREA _____

*** Insurance Premiums apply to US and Canada Only! ***

New Membership – initiation Fee - (Patch, Pin)

Membership Fee \$55.00 Insurance \$15.00 Initiation \$10.00 Total \$80.00 _____
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Annual Renewal Calculations

Annual Membership Primary \$55.00 *Insurance \$15.00 Total \$70.00 _____
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Annual Membership Primary *Insurance Premium \$15.00 Total \$15.00 _____
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NRA Membership Calculations

MUST BE AN NRA Member (does not apply to out of USA) NRA # _____

Renew / Join: Dues \$10.00 , with NRA Magazine \$25.00 ,

If already an NRA Member, NRA # _____

WFDA Patches, Pins, Window decals, \$5 ea _____ Caps \$15 ea _____ Shirts \$25 _____ + shipping _____

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