

BIG SALTY, UTAH COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING RANGE

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Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, Calamity Jane, John Wesley Hardin, Billy the Kid are just some of the notorious names from the old west gone but still highly esteemed. As a result, you can find many folks taking the responsibility to keep the old west tradition alive and not left to be forgotten history.

Some of these folks are the Cowboys and Cowgirls of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS). An international organization created to preserve and promote the shooting sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™. But an organization is only as strong as its members! And these members can be found throughout the nation starting up ranges and shooting clubs to participate and enjoy the world of Cowboy Action shooting. One of these clubs is the Wasatch Action Shooting Range; better known as Big Salty Ghost Town of the West just west of Salt Lake City, Utah.



Express Office on Big Salty

The president and current Match Director is Jubal O. Sackett (Oh! Did I forget to mention everyone has a Cowboy "alias" that is registered with SASS?). When you become a member, you receive a special SASS badge with your alias and membership number on it. So, there are many weekends that come and go on the range and you never know folks' real names. It's all about the Cowboy way.



Cowboy Posse during a stage from a major match

But back to Jubal Sackett. He started shooting with SASS back in the early 1980's. Well, about 10 years ago, give or take a spell, he had a desire to build a range like no other in Utah. And with the help of folks like Cannonball Dent, Johnny Lake, Utahan Tex, Col. Butch Simons and too many others to be named, he carved out

a premiere Cowboy Range out of all things...a landfill/dump! Yes, this rag-tag group of Cowboys performed quite a feat with some scrap land that the State let them lease.

Big Salty is tucked away behind another wonderful shooting facility for the more modern firearm enthusiast and that is Utah's Division of Wildlife Resources, Lee Kay Public Shooting Range. Lee Kay and Big Salty have a great relationship and complement each other helping folks enjoy many realms of the shooting world.



Guns of the Cowboy world staged and ready to go.

