BIG SALTY, UTAH COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING RANGE UTAHNAR.COM

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 ShootingTM. 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 Posse during a stage from a major match

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.

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.



Salt Lake Practical Shooters stage set for their 2018 State Match

Big Salty will be hosting the Utah State SASS Championship on May 27-May 30, 2020. This match always proves to be a good time drawing cowboys from all over the nation and the world including New Zealand, Australia and Canada. But you do not have to wait until 2020. Big Salty has monthly Cowboy matches going on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturdays of each month; and in the summer they have a club that shoots on the 4th Saturday that focuses on events with derringers, .22s, pocket pistols and fun shoots such as speed shotgun and our ever favorite here in Utah, the Lucas McCain shoot. So, there are happenings going on at Big Salty for all. We even have practical shooters enjoying the Ghost Town, along with Scout camps and special events such as International Civil Air Patrol.

Big Salty, or the Wasatch Action Shooting Range, is truly a unique range run solely by members of the club

who volunteer time, money and resources so everyone can enjoy a bit of the Old West. If you want to learn more about this little Ghost Town tucked away in Utah, head to www.UtahWar.com. And you can find information about our parent organization, SASS, at www.sassnet.com.

Keep your powder dry and we hope to see you on the trail heading to the Premiere Ghost Town of the West, Big Salty!



All a board, next stop Big Salty Ghost Town. Train Station
Stage

Bootstrap Phil

