

# WHERE TO SHOOT

# Calendar

## OF MATCHES AND GUN MEETINGS

**DAYTON, O. MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB**—Shooting match the first Sunday of every month with two big shoots a year. Hilltop Range, Dayton, Ohio. Directions: Go West on West Third Street to Gettysburg Ave., go ½ mile North to Jallapa Road. Range is one mile West on Jallapa Road.

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**LA CROSSE WISCONSIN MUZZLE LOADERS**. Meetings held the first and third Tuesday of each month at Heilman's Club Rooms, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

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**THE FORT SUTTER MUZZLE LOADERS OF SACRAMENTO, California** hold their monthly meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 2304 N. Street at 8:00 P. M.

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**CALIFORNIA MUZZLE LOADERS OF LONG BEACH** shoot 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at Long Beach Police Department Pistol Range, Long Beach, California.

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**CANAL FULTON RAMROD CLUB**—Annual Shoot, July 4-5-6. M-L matches first and third Sunday of every month.

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**NORFOLK LONG RIFLES, Norfolk Virginia**. Meeting 1st or 2nd Thursday of each month. All members of NMLRA and lovers of M-L guns welcome. Call 84434 or 88016 for information. SHOOT every other Sunday at Club Range. Welcome sign is out as above.

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**THE "LITTLE FORT MUZZLE LOADERS"** meet every first Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. at Savage Sporting goods store, 214 South Genesee St., Waukegan, Illinois.

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**CHICAGO M-L**. Third Sunday every month. Beckman's Bounty. Special match July 4th week end. Write Neal A. Wesley, Sec., 6715 S. Ada St., Chicago 36, Illinois.

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**THE GEORGE ROGERS CLARK MUZZLE LOADING CLUB** shoots every Sunday afternoon at the Louisville Rifle Range, 2 miles south of St. Helens on U. S. highway 31-W. Off-hand rifle, rest rifle, pistol and trap shooting, medals.

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**MATCH-SHOOT SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**—Muzzle Loaders division of Burbank Legion Rifle Club. Range at Hollywood Way and Glenoaks, Burbank, Calif.

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**SEATTLE MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE ASS'N.** Shooting every Sunday, match shooting 2nd Sunday every month. We are now shooting at the East Side Gun Club Range. Call Lo. 9017 for details.

**CEDAR CITY GUN CLUB**. Matches Second and Fourth Sunday in each month. Three miles southeast of Lebanon, Ohio, on the Stubtown Pike at the Irons Fruit Farm. Covered firing points under construction. Everyone welcome.

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**THE EMMETTSBURG MUZZLE LOADERS CLUB**. Shoots on third Sunday of each month. State Championship Shoot in the Fall. Everyone welcome. Richard Myer, Sec'y., R. R. No. 1, Emmetsburg, Iowa.

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**SMOKEY HOLLOW GUN CLUB, Lannon, Wisconsin**—M. L. only, first Sunday of each month. Everybody welcome. Glenn Harmon, Sec'y., P. O. Box 83, Lannon, Wisc.

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**BROOK MUZZLE LOADERS CLUB, Brook, Ind.** Shooting every Sunday, muzzle guns only.

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**PRESQUE ISLE GUN COLLECTORS ASS'N.** Shoots held every other Wednesday at Bill Weaver's Farm, RFD No. 1, McKean, Pa. Meetings follow the shoots.

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**THE ST. LOUIS, MO. ARMS COLLECTORS CLUB** meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:30 P. M. in Library of the City Art Museum in Forest Park.

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**LANSING MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB**. Shoots every month on second and fourth Sundays, 9:30 a.m. till noon. Directions to range may be obtained by calling the Secretary at Lansing 9-3893. Address 1205 Climax Street.

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**WALKER LAKE LONG RIFLES, Hawthorne, Nevada**. Shoot Dates: 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at Naval Ammunition Depot. Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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**SAN DIEGO BLACK POWDER ASSOCIATION** plans to hold a pistol match regularly on the third Sunday of each month at the San Diego Police Pistol Range, and invites all black powder shooters to attend.

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**TOLEDO M-L CLUB**. Shooting 2nd and 4th Sundays. Write Bob Packo, Sec'y., 1902 Front St., Toledo 5, Ohio.

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**BLUE MOUNTAIN M. L. SHOOT, SHARTLESVILLE, Pa.**—Last Sunday of every month.

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**CHARCOAL BURNERS RIFLE CLUB, Ironton, Ohio**. Shooting at Bill Large's 4J Ranch. First and third Saturday of each month.

**REBEL MUZZLE LOADERS, Dunedin, Florida**. Shoots 1st Sunday of each month.

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**POWDER HORN CLAN, Phoenix, Arizona**. Shoot 1st Sunday of each month. Range on Northeast slope of Squaw Peak. Club address, Sportsman's Den, 1121 E. Camelback Rd.

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**SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND MUZZLE LOADING RIFLE LEAGUE**. Issue or contract military rifles with open sights in the original location and no physical alterations. Any kind of slug or ball. For information on match dates and range locations contact: Dick Tarbox, Secretary, 26 Harbor View St., Dorchester, Mass.

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**THE GEMMER MUZZLE LOADERS SHOOTING CLUB, St. Louis, Mo.**, shooting on range every Sunday. Muzzle guns only. Write Glenn A. Beede, 4245 South 37th St., St. Louis, Missouri.

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**MISSISSINIEVA RIFLE CLUB** shoots the second Sunday of the month at the 4-H Club Farm, formerly Harwood Fox Farm, one mile east of Marion, Indiana, on State Road 18. Open sights, offhand, bench and pistol matches. All black powder burners welcome.

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**POTAWATOMI VALLEY M-L CLUB, Plymouth, Mich.** Will shoot on the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning at 1:00 P. M., for range location and details contact secretary at 6478 Neuter Ave., Dearborn Mich., or phone LU 2-4746.

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**EATON CANYON MUZZLE LOADERS ASS'N., Pasadena, Calif.** meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at the home of Mr. H. Blust, 2015 So. Raymond, Alhambra. The monthly shoot is held at the Eaton Canyon Rifle and Pistol Range, Pasadena on the Sunday following the first meet

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**THE FLORIDA GUN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION** will meet January 17 and 18 at the Hotel Hillsboro, Tampa, Florida. Write directly to the hotel soon for reservations to insure getting low convention rates of \$3.50 to \$8.00.

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**PHILADELPHIA MUZZLE LOADERS**. Shoots on second Sunday of each month. Monthly evening meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month. For further details contact Joe Reese, 4020 Locust St., Phila. or phone BA-ring 2-1600. All fans and shooters invited to attend the meetings and shoots.

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**Ohio Gun Collectors Annual Meeting, Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 29-30th.**

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## **A GUNMAN JOURNEYS ON** **In Memoriam**

"Shiff the Gunman" is dead.

Carl B. Shiffer, the last of the plainsmen, born in a covered wagon somewhere near the border of Montana and South Dakota in 1855, might almost be said to have died with his boots on and with a Peacemaker Colt .45 in his pocket. He was found fatally injured, all alone in his combined cabin and workshop at North Woodstock, N. H. on August 23rd, unconscious, his skull fractured and he passed away a few hours after he was removed to Littleton Hospital, then to Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, N. H., in a last effort to prolong the life of a rugged individualist, a genius, a famous man in

the world in which he chose to live and work; that of a rare gun collector and trader.

Shiff the Gunman, as he preferred to call himself and as he was best known to the thousands from coast to coast, fell to the floor of his gunroom, apparently in the seizure of a shock, and might have died there, alone, behind locked doors, but for the chance visit of an express delivery man who knocked and got no response on that Saturday when Death had knocked at his lonely home.

He had lived a full life, a life extending over almost a century and by his own declaration made to the writer earlier this

**BY MAJOR HUGH SMILEY**

year, he had never been ill in his life until February when Death first rapped with bony fingers at his snowbound cabin—and had gone away. That, too, was on a Saturday at 2 A. M., when he awoke seeming to be suffocating.

With the will to live remarkable in a man of his age, Shiff fought off a very serious illness which seems to have been a combination of asthma and heart trouble and which left his heart "very weak and irregular" in the midst of a storm that lasted for days.

That time it was the mailman who discovered Shiff's plight and brought a doc-

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