

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Since I have joined the Board and added some fresh faces, we have worked hard to improve ACSA as a club. Our goal has been to add more fun and excitement and engage our members. I have truly enjoyed being a part of

ACSA and seeing all of the smiling faces at each of our matches.

- For Matches: We have built and added props to dress up the range. The Margaritaville match held in August is now an annual event with a relaxed and fun Jimmy Buffet dress code. Our November match is now a Shooter's Appreciation match to include a swap meet and lunch, courtesy of ACSA. If one of our matches falls around a Holiday, we celebrate that. For example, we encourage everyone to wear green for St. Patrick's Day in March.
- For our volunteers who help with Friday set up: We recognize that when someone volunteers, they are taking time away from their home/work life, to help us. Therefore, we now have a raffle for 2 boxes of shotgun ammo for those who volunteered.
- Our Social Media and advertising has significantly improved. We actively post on our Facebook page with photos and

updates and have grown the Facebook membership to 363 members. We actively use the ACSA Forum on our website to ensure folks are up to date on activities.

- Securing the SASS-sanctioned State Black Powder match allows ACSA to have a better position from Ben Avery for range reservations to ensure we can hold all of our matches and not have to set up stages at the back of the bays.

ACSA ANNUAL MATCH FEBRUARY 10-12, 2023



Arizona State Black
Powder Championships

Road Runner
Dust-up



From the ACSA Board:

We all have our Alias and "persona" that everyone sees at the range. Behind that is our real life which can be very different from our cowboy life. We thought it would be fun to do some "Get to Know You" questions and share them with all the members. The questions and answers may surprise you!

Lou Graham - LG, Frank Stilwell - FS, Rustler - R, Echo Meadows - EM, Trusty Dog - TD, Shamrock Sadie - SS, Tombstone Sally - TS, Knott Hardly Done - KHD, Reverend Leadslinga - RL

What is your real job? If retired, what did you do pre-retirement?

LG: Retired from aerospace industry. Spent first half of career in manufacturing operations and IT, second half in supply chain management and IT.

FS: Retired Commercial General Contractor (B-2). Dimension Builders Jan. 1980 - July 2005.

R: I am a computer Geek working as a Principal Cloud Architect in High Compliance for a large software company. I support International Government agencies in Construction and Engineering.

EM: I work for a local General Contractor. I started in the field as a Project Engineer straight out of college. I worked up to Project Manager, did that for several years and then shifted over to the Operations Technology team. My focus is on the financial side of construction technology, in addition to doing a lot of the training and help with the job teams.

TD: I was a trust officer managing family trusts and estates for the same bank for 44 years. I then worked for one of my clients, Rocky

Mountain Elk Foundation, for 4 years. I am now retired.

SS: I have been retired since January 2022. Prior to retirement, I was in Information Technology for 30+ years. The last 20 years was in cybersecurity.

TS: I am a Claim Advocate for the Construction Group at a Commercial Insurance Broker, handling Southern California accounts.

KHD: Retired LEO

RL: Steel Construction

How long have you been shooting?

LG: Don't remember exactly. Sometime in my early 40's. It was boring.

FS: I shot my first .22 rifle at the age of eight.

R: Before Gun was a 4-letter word; see Pet Peeve below

EM: Shooting since I was about 5, but around guns all my life. Before we were shooting, my brothers and I were bird dogs for my dad. We barked and chased after the downed birds.

TD: My father got me started shooting at about age 8; first with a Crossman lever BB gun and then with a 22.

SS: I was in the military, so basic training (in 1989) was my first encounter with firearms (M-16, M-60, and a grenade launcher). I never picked up a firearm since basic training and had never shot a revolver or shotgun until I got into Cowboy Action Shooting.

TS: I shot my first gun (12 gauge), bird hunting as a teenager.

KHD: Shooting since I was five. Competitive shooter since age nine.

RL: Long time.

How long have you been Cowboy shooting and how did you get into it?



LG: Walked past a shooting sports TV show Wonderful Hubby was watching with people dressed as cowboys and shooting lever rifles. I said, "I want one of those

rifles and I want to do whatever they are doing." He jumped up and said "Get in the car, there's a gun show in Springfield." Came home with my first Marlin and information to join SASS. It was 1999.

FS: I joined SASS in 2007. An extended combined effort by Rattler John, Bad Apple, and Ornry Underwood eventually convinced me.

R: I read about it in a magazine, went out and bought all the gear and just showed up... I have been trying to get this right for about 23 years. I have been a Match Director, Territorial Governor and the SASS Western RO Instructor

EM: I shot one or two matches with dad while in college, but it didn't really take. A year or so after graduation, dad asked me to shoot in Payson with him for Father's Day weekend. It really took hold then and I have been shooting ever since. So, it's been about 20 years.

TD: I started shooting CAS in the early 90's. I watched a couple of matches and started accumulating the guns over a 3-year period and then jumped into my first match at Rio Salado.

SS: I have been in CAS since November 2007, and a SASS member since December 2007. A friend of mine encouraged me to start shooting CAS, as all 3 of my sons were about to graduate

from high school at the same time, so I was looking for another hobby; raising my sons and playing golf were my "hobbies" before CAS.

TS: I've been shooting Cowboy for 10 years or so after my husband Lead Finger. convinced me to try it. SO GLAD I DID!!

KHD: Cowboy shooter since 2000. Another LEO told me about SASS and I was hooked.

RL: Seven years, after I was invited to see a match.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

LG: Right here

FS: Anywhere in Arizona as long as it's not cold and near gun ranges.

R: I recently "escaped" from California, and I am right where I want to be.

EM: I think if I wasn't living in AZ, I would really like to live in Spain or Italy. I've visited both and I really love them. It is such beautiful country. I really wouldn't mind living by a lake somewhere that doesn't get too cold, so it is hard to pick just one option.

TD: I've often thought of living in Montana, Wyoming or South Dakota but if you had to live somewhere all year long you can't beat Arizona.

SS: If I could live anywhere, it would be right here in Arizona; it's home now.

TS: Anywhere that is lush green with some snowfall in the winter.

KHD: I moved here because this was where I wanted to be.

RL: Fountain Hills

What would you do if you won the lottery?



LG: Make a substantial contribution to my church's building fund, set my kids and grandkids up with a big trust fund and get a summer place in the mountains.

FS: BUY BEN AVERY.

R: Buy a LOT of powder and primers - maybe the dang factory!

EM: I would pay off my house and the houses of my immediate family. I would probably buy a 2nd/3rd home in the aforementioned places and donate a lot of money towards helping animals. I would travel a lot!

TD: If I won the lottery, sure, maybe I'd buy a few things, but I'm pretty blessed so I don't think it would change me much other than increase my giving to those who need it more.

SS: If I won the lottery, I would take care of my family first, and among the list of other expenditures, I would by a large piece of property for a cowboy range with cabins on it for folks to stay.

TS: Make sure my kids and extended family are taken care of! Build a compound somewhere beautiful where we would all live close to each other.

KHD: If I won the lottery, I would be hard to find for awhile.

RL: If I won the lottery, I would help fight climate change and campaign for world peace.

What's your favorite fast-food chain and what do you order there?

LG: 5 Guys. Small bacon cheeseburger and small fries.

FS: Not vey often, but when I do, it's In-N-Out Burger, double-double of course!

R: Raising Caines (Yum) - Chicken Strips

EM: I have a hard time picking between Del Taco and Sonic. Del Taco - Chicken soft tacos and fries. Sonic - Cheese fries or Chili Cheese tater tots and a Cherry Sprite or Cherry Dr. Pepper.

TD: My favorite fast-food chain is probably In-N-Out Burger and I usually order a cheeseburger, fries and without guilt, a chocolate malt.

SS: Don't have one.

TS: Don't have a favorite but dig Jack in the Box tacos!

KHD: Don't have one.

RL: Don't have one.

What is your biggest pet peeve?



LG: Don't get me started in an election year.

FS: Match participants that offer no help in any way.

R: My head is ready to explode with all the *Stupid* going on.

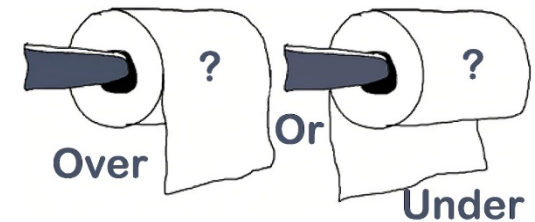
EM: I think, if I have to pick just one, it would be ignorant people driving. They are so unaware of their surroundings and lack common courtesy on the road.

TD: Biggest pet peeve around CAS are those people who take their shooting so seriously they are not fun to be around.

TS: People who complain but offer no solutions or help. People who can't park straight!!

RL: That I have not yet won the lottery.

Where do you stand with the great toilet paper debate?



LG: Under is best with children and/or cats in the house. Trust me on this.

FS: I prefer over but not a big deal as long as either way is present.

R: There is no debate; OVER.

EM: Definitely OVER!

TD: I like it when toilet paper is set to roll "over."

SS: Over; I'll switch it if it's not. LOL

KHD: Over.

TS: UNDER - Makes it easier to keep it from laying on the icky floor!

What is something that others would be surprised to learn about you?

LG: I have occasional bouts of “girlie.” I love pretty china, Swarovski crystal and I have lace curtains in my reloading room.

FS: For those that really know me, nothing would really surprise them.

R: When I was young and *really stupid* I worked on a computer automation project. It was to have the computers control all the valves, motors, sensors on an Oil Drilling Rig to keep it from SINKING. The two Oil Rigs were built in the shipyards (we partied) off South Korea and were towed (no parties) to the North Sea where I worked “*offshore*” before it became fashionable.

EM: Rolan Meadows and I have a unique bucket list item. We follow MotoGP motorcycle racing. It is a worldwide road racing series of 20+ races every year. We plan on going to a race at every venue. So far, we have made it to two Spain races, 1 Italy race, Indianapolis and Austin. We have recently added Formula 1 racing to this bucket list but have only made it to the Montreal race. Rolan was racing motorcycles when we met so I had to be his Umbrella girl and pit crew all in one! It was a fun time.

TD: People might be surprised to learn that I’m a PK, Preacher’s Kid. Whatever you’ve heard about PKs, that was me.

SS: I have identical triplet boys. Well, they aren’t boys anymore.

TS: I married my high school sweetheart (Lead Finger) at 18 and 35 1/2 years later, we are happily together.

RL: I am from Australia 😊

(I’m sure you were fooling everyone with this one, Rev!)



Our next monthly match is Saturday, 9/8/2022 at Ben Avery. Registration starts at 7:00 AM, shooting starts at 8:00 AM. We will have shade on every stage so come join us!

Our Shooter Appreciation match will be held on Saturday, 11/12/2022. Registration starts at 7:30 AM, shooting starts at 9:00 AM. We will be holding a swap meet and food will be provided after the match.

Applications are available for the Blackout at Bloody Basin and the Road Runner Dust-up in February. Visit our website at www.acsainc.com or pick them up at our next match.