



I've pulled out all the stops today with a match that has moving targets on every stage. Yep - you read right - EVERY stage. Remember this match only counts for having fun. So I hope you enjoy the many challenges it will present. We're not shooting against anyone other than that dastardly Johnny Jinglebells as we try to save Santa's reindeer from the stew pot.

Mr. Clement Clark Moore, and several others, such as the movies Tombstone and The Outlaw Josey Wales, I give you an apology. Well, that is not exactly true, an apology implies that I am sorry for stealing material. I'm not sorry at all. I'm just hoping we won't be sued for copyright infringement. If so, take it up with the new president of the River Bend Rough Riders, Cassalong Hopidy. He's a lawyer, therefore, I'm sure he can protect us. Congrats Cass!

To the Rough Riders, thanks so much for your support during my four years as your president! It is unbelievably gratifying to actually see some of my visions, that you made come to life, such as the Shifty Eye Saloon and the conex corral. The state matches, that River Bend produced, were lauded as among the best around. I am so proud of the things we have accomplished as a team. Cowboy shooters are the hardest working, most wonderful people on earth. I've laughed and I've cried (in frustration, in anger, and in happiness) and loved every minute. Most importantly, I have loved all of you!

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a wonderful shoot!

Witch Doctor

Stage 1 Shifty Eye Saloon

Bay 2

T'was the night before Christmas. Santa and his reindeer have stopped for some cookies and milk on their way to visit the good cowboys and cowgirls of River Bend. Members of the nearby Dry Gulch Grinch Gang (the D-Gs) are hungry for their Christmas dinner and they're willing to rustle on River Bend's range. Visions of deer roasts danced in their heads. A question just then arose. Whose gun would be the fastest; who would outdraw them all, who knows? With a wink, a smile, and a nod, Johnny Jinglebells seemed confident he knew the answer, "You're a caribou if you do."

Round count

- 10 pistol
- 8 rifle
- 8 + shotgun on your person

Shooting Order

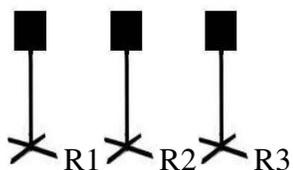
- rifle
- pistol
- pistol
- shotgun

Staging

Staging: Pistols loaded with five rounds each, holstered, rifle staged in left window, and shotgun staged on table on right porch. Start on front porch with both hands touching swinging door. Door is closed with the shooter on the outside.

Procedure

Shooter indicates ready by saying line **"You're a caribou if you do"** ATB: Move to left window. With the rifle, shoot targets in a Nevada sweep starting on either end, double tapping the end targets and single tapping in the middle. (1-1-2-3-3-2-1-1) Move to the right window and shoot the pistols in the same pattern as the rifle. Either before or at the end of the pistol string - put a double tap on the snowman. Move to the porch and shoot the 4 flyers in any order. Each flyer hit is a 3 second bonus - no misses on flyers unless they are not addressed. Buckaroos get a 3 second bonus for each flyer engaged OR a 6 second bonus for each flyer hit. Scorers be sure to mark bonuses carefully for Buckaroos. Our buckaroos will hit the flyers better than most of the rest of us will! Showoffs can get no lower time than 0.



Stage 2 Comet at the Well

Bay 3

Well, at the sound of their first shot...Santa gets wind of the plot... and shouts a warning. Dash away, Dash away, Dash away all. As dry leaves, that before the wild hurricane sped, more rapid than eagles, his coursers they fled! Soon, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. Just then, Santa spotted the last of his team, Comet, napping by the well house. He sprang to his sleigh and to his deer he gave a whistle. To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall. We're off to save the team - off to save them all. Hi - Yo Comet! - up, up and away.

Round count

10 pistol
10 rifle
2+ shotgun on your person

Shooting Order

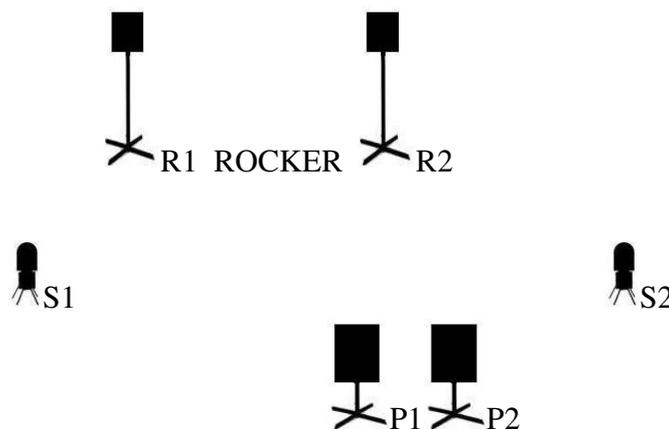
rifle
shotgun
pistol
pistol

Staging

All guns staged on Comet except rifle - held at the ready.

Procedure

Shooter starts sitting on reindeer with rifle at the ready. Shooter indicates ready by saying the line "**You tell 'em I'm coming and Comet's coming with me**". ATB: Activate the rocker target with the rifle. Shoot until target rocker is activated, but anything that does not hit the activator target is a miss. Once activated, then, engage rifle targets by putting the remaining rounds on steel targets in any order (both targets must be shot at least three times each). Hitting the rocker cover causes a miss, even if the steel target was also hit. Return rifle to Comet. Knock down shotgun targets in any order. Return shotgun to Comet. With pistols put 5 rounds on each target in any order. Shooter can sit, stand, get off the deer - whatever - once the beep goes off. Shooter may return pistols either to Comet or to leather.



shooter seated - all guns staged on Comet

Stage 3 Col. Kelley's Fort

Bay 4

After dashing through the woods in a one-deer open sleigh (they soon discovered that just one deer can't get airborne) they come upon the DG's camp near the train station. Santa went straight to work whopping on the most revolting Grinch he had ever seen. That Grinch was covered in ashes and soot, straight from his head, right down to his foot. A stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth. Says Santa, "Let's discuss your personal hygiene. And about that smokin..." Right about then, little brother Grinch conked Santa on the head with a frying pan. Says he, "I can't stand rude behavior in a Santa. I won't tolerate it." Santa settled down for a long winter's nap.

Round count

10 pistol
10 rifle
4 + shotgun on your person

Shooting Order

rifle
pistol
pistol
Shotgun

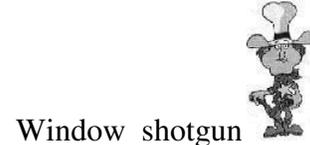
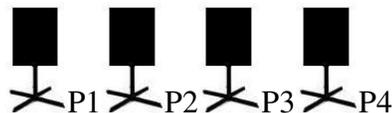
Staging

Rifle on left window tray and shotgun staged in right window, Pistols holstered, start standing behind left window, both hands touching the activator rope.

Procedure

Shooter indicates ready by saying the line **"I can't stand rude behavior in a Santa. I won't tolerate it."** ATB: activate target and with rifle put 10 rounds on the slider target. Replace safe rifle on window tray. Move to doorway. Engage pistol targets in a regressive sweep, (4 on 1, 3 on 2, 2 on 3, 1 on 4). Shooter can shoot from anywhere in the doorway. Move to the right window and knock down the four shotgun targets in any order.

_____ slider target



Stage 4 Boot Hill

Bay 6

Santa wakes to see the deer (yes, even Comet) all tied to a tree and the Grinches are gleefully sharpening their skinning knives. Santa calls to his team, "Now remember, when things look bad and it looks like you're not gonna make it, then you gotta get mean. I mean plumb, mad-dog mean. 'Cause if you lose your head, and you give up, then you neither live nor win. That's just the way it is." Sorry Josey, but reindeer make really poor mad-dogs - so all looked lost. Suddenly, what to our wondering eyes should appear, but a well armed River Bend cowpoke. Johnny Jinglebells, you're goin' pay - my first shot is coming right your way.

Round count

10 pistol
10 rifle
4 + shotgun on your person

Shooting Order

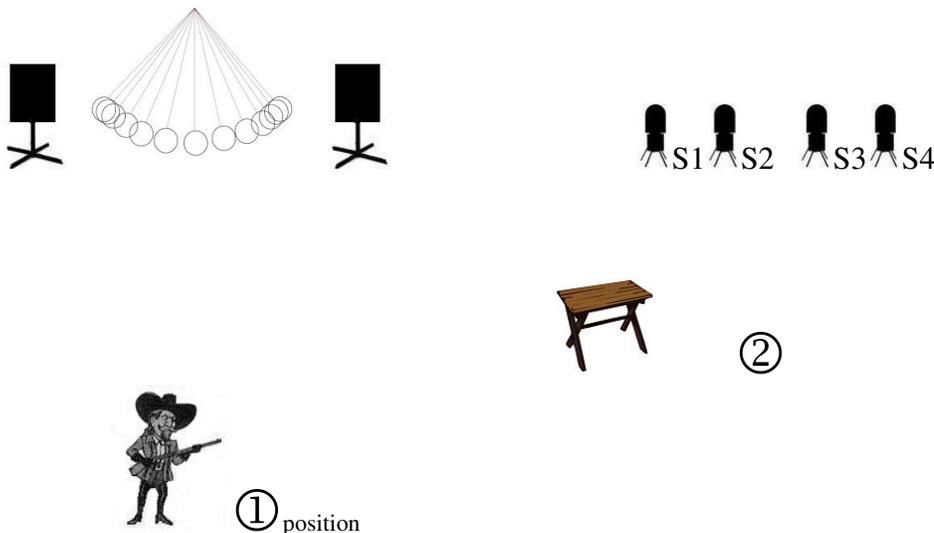
rifle
shotgun
pistol
pistol

Staging

Pistols are holstered and shotgun is staged on the table. Start at the fence post holding the activator, rifle is on horse. Rifle is shot from the vicinity of the activator post.

Procedure

Shooter indicates ready by saying line **"Don't mess with Christmas, (alias) is here to save the day!"**. ATB: Activate the pendulum. Starting on the pendulum, engage targets in a continuous Nevada sweep, using the pendulum as the center target. End on either end. **Take open and safe rifle to the table.** With the shotgun, knock down the four shotgun targets in any order. Down safe shotgun on table. Shooter can move anywhere that is not in front of long guns. With the pistols, starting on the pendulum, engage targets in a continuous Nevada sweep, using the pendulum as the center target. End on either end.



Warm-up Thomas Stables

Bay 7

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
 With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

Don't shoot your eye out - Nick!

Round count

- 10 pistol
- 10 rifle
- 4 + shotgun on your person

Shooting Order

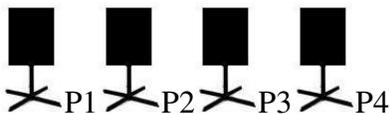
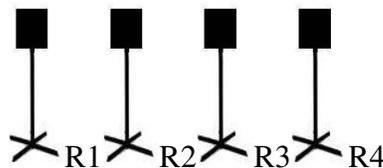
rifle shot first

Staging

Pistols holstered, rifle in hand at the center of doorway and shotgun on right window

Procedure

Shooter starts under the mistletoe with rifle in hand. Say the line “**Merry Christmas**”. ATB, with rifle engage rifle targets progressive Vigilante sweep. Put the tenth shot on target 1. (1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 1) Go to window of choice, at the left window, engage pistol targets as the rifle targets were shot, starting on either end. (1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 1) At the right window use the shotgun to knock down the shotgun targets in any order.



Window pistols

doorway with rifle

Window with shotgun