Riverbend Rough Riders Match

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Warmup - The Livery

Once upon a time, a bunch of Cowboys got together & warmed up for a Cowboy match at the Riverbend Gun Club. When each started his warmup, he shouted, "*Shoot 'em up!"*

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols Holstered, Rifle on the Left Window shelf, Shotgun on the Table

Shooting Order: Rifle, Pistols, Shotgun

Start: Standing behind the Left Window, Any posture, hands not touching guns or ammo

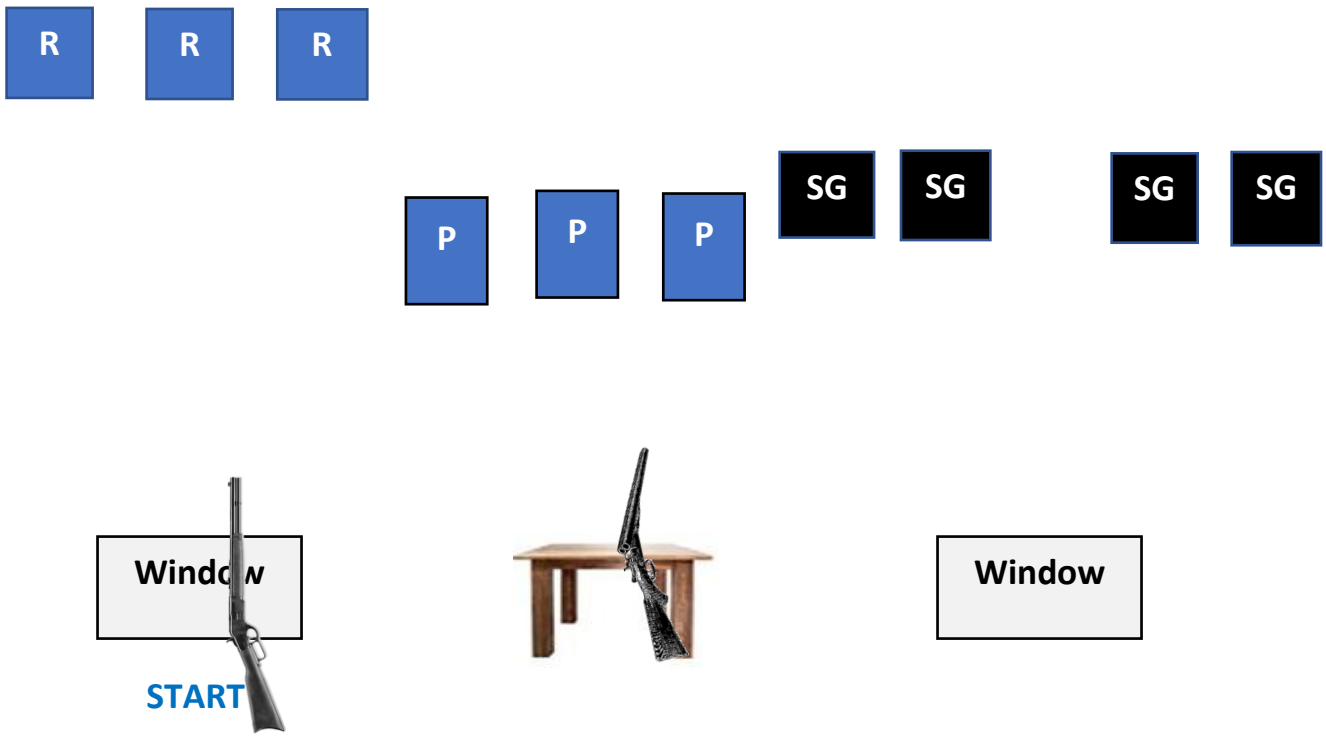
Line: ***"SHOOT 'EM UP!"***

ATB: With the Rifle, beginning on any target, shoot a Double-tap sweep.

With the Pistols, from anywhere Right of the left window, repeat the Rifle instructions.

With the Shotgun, shoot 2 Shotgun targets until down Left of the Right window & 2 targets thru the Right window.

(*Make-ups from where originally engaged).*



Stage 1 – The Shifty Eye Saloon

Josh Randall had no particular business in River Bend, Georgia, except that the Etowah River was running clear and the trout were supposed to be hungry. After the dog days of August, that was reason enough to travel. He stopped at the Shifty Eye Saloon for beer and found the room unusually quiet. Then a nervous fellow leaned over and whispered, “Mister Randall, you’re a bounty hunter, ain’t you?” Josh sighed. “Depends on who’s asking.”

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols Holstered, Rifle on Center Table, Shotgun on Right Window shelf

Shooting Order: Pistols, Rifle, Shotgun **OR,** Shotgun, Rifle, Pistols

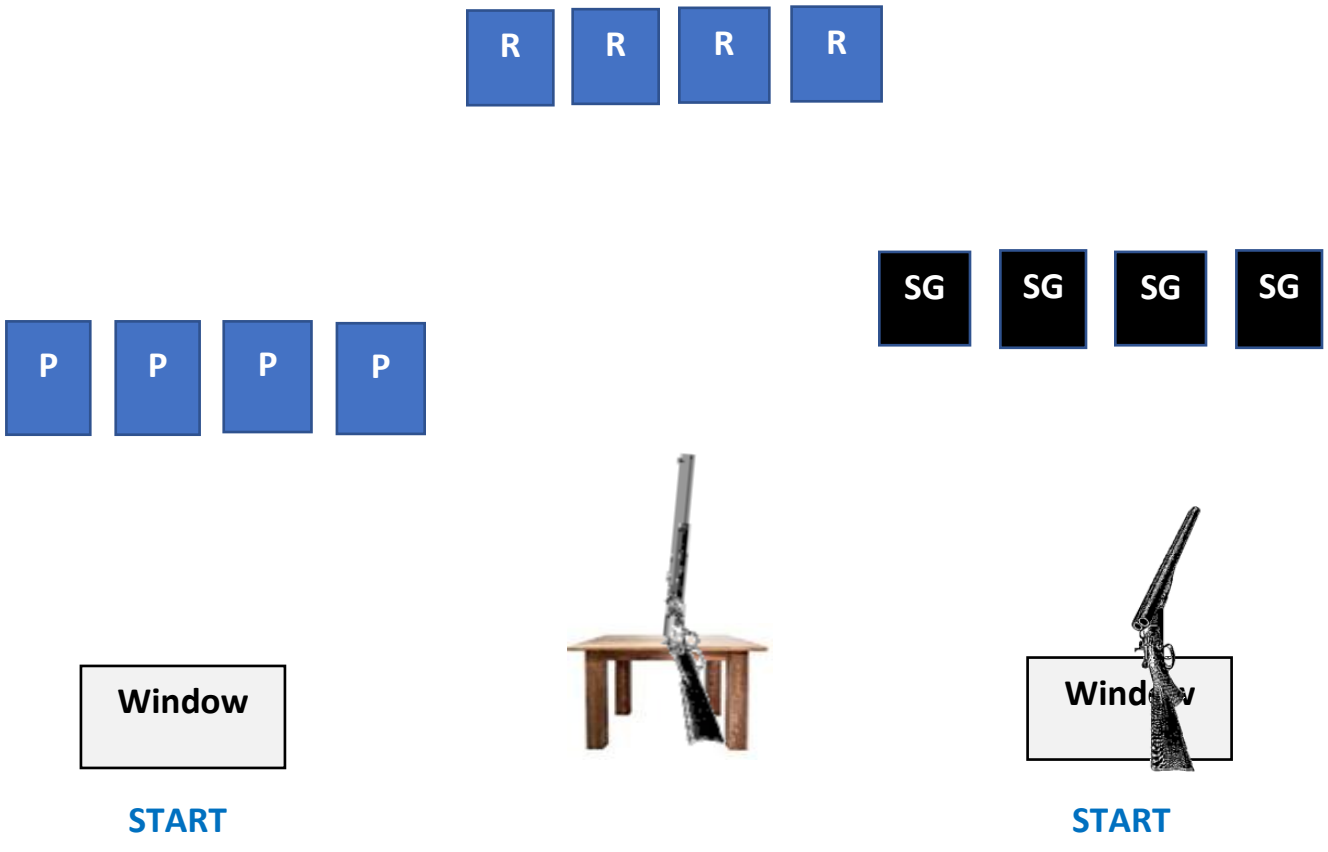
Start: Standing at Left or Right Window, hands Anywhere (“***YES***”)

Line: ***“DEPENDS ON WHO’S ASKING!”***

ATB: With the Pistols, beginning on either end target, sweep the 4 targets twice, both times from the same direction. ***THEN***, shoot each outside target once each. No double-taps.

With the Rifle, repeat the Pistols instructions & make the Rifle safe.

With the Shotgun, shoot the 4 Shotgun targets thru the Right Window until down.



Stage 2 – The Town Well

At the town well, Josh learned the trouble had a name: Silas Crow. Crow had robbed the bank, stolen a horse, and disappeared. The problem was, nobody had actually seen him do any of it and the posse was still out looking for him. Half the town wanted Crow hanged, while the other half wanted him caught first. Josh studied the muddy tracks near the well. “Which half is paying?” he asked. Nobody answered. That told him plenty.

Ammo: 10 Pistol, **9 Rifle**, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols holstered, Rifle & Shotgun on the Table

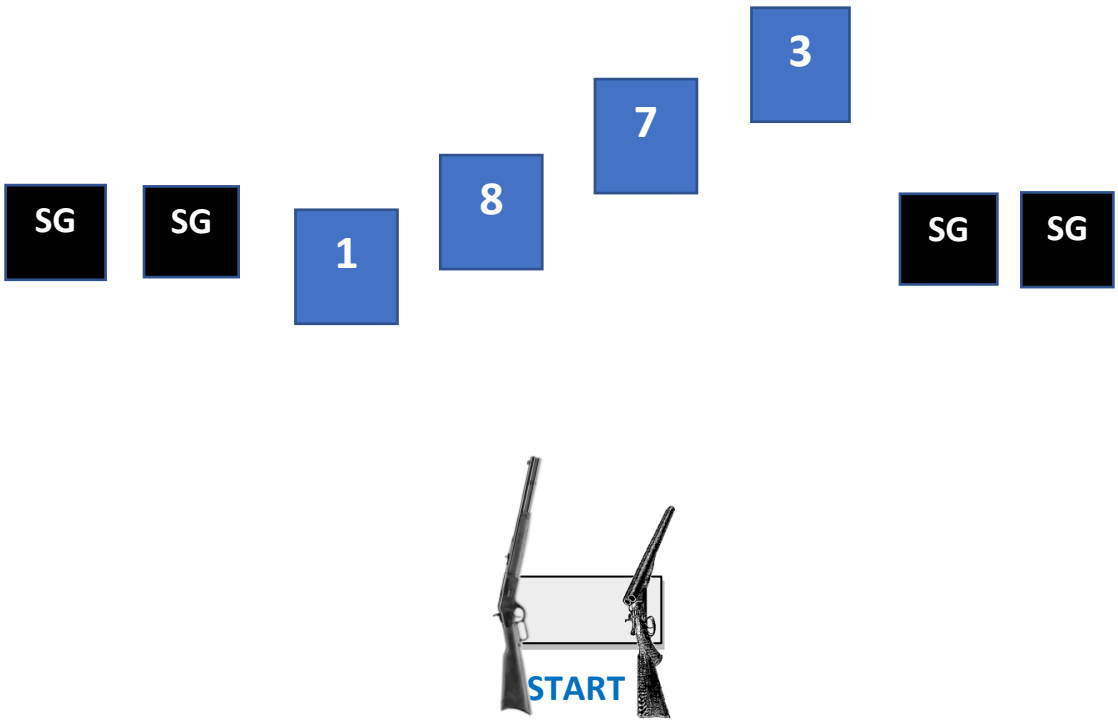
Shooting Order: Shotgun Last

Start: Standing behind the table, Arms crossed at chest

Line: ***“WHICH HALF IS PAYING?!”***

ATB: With the Pistols & Rifle, shoot an 1873 sweep, beginning on either end. (*Shots must match the targets i.e. #1 on the Left & #3 on the Right*).

With the Shotgun, shoot the Shotgun targets until down & make the Shotgun safe.



Stage 3 – The Fort

The old fort stood just outside town, guarding nothing in particular. It housed a collection of soldiers who had little to do but play checkers. The captain told Josh that Crow might be waiting to steal a military payroll. “How much?” Josh asked. The captain named the amount. Josh whistled softly. “That’s enough money to make a respectable man dishonest.” The captain frowned. “Crow ain’t respectable.” Josh nodded. “Then he’s got a head start.”

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols holstered, Rifle in hands, Shotgun on the barrel

Shooting Order: Rifle, Shotgun, Pistols

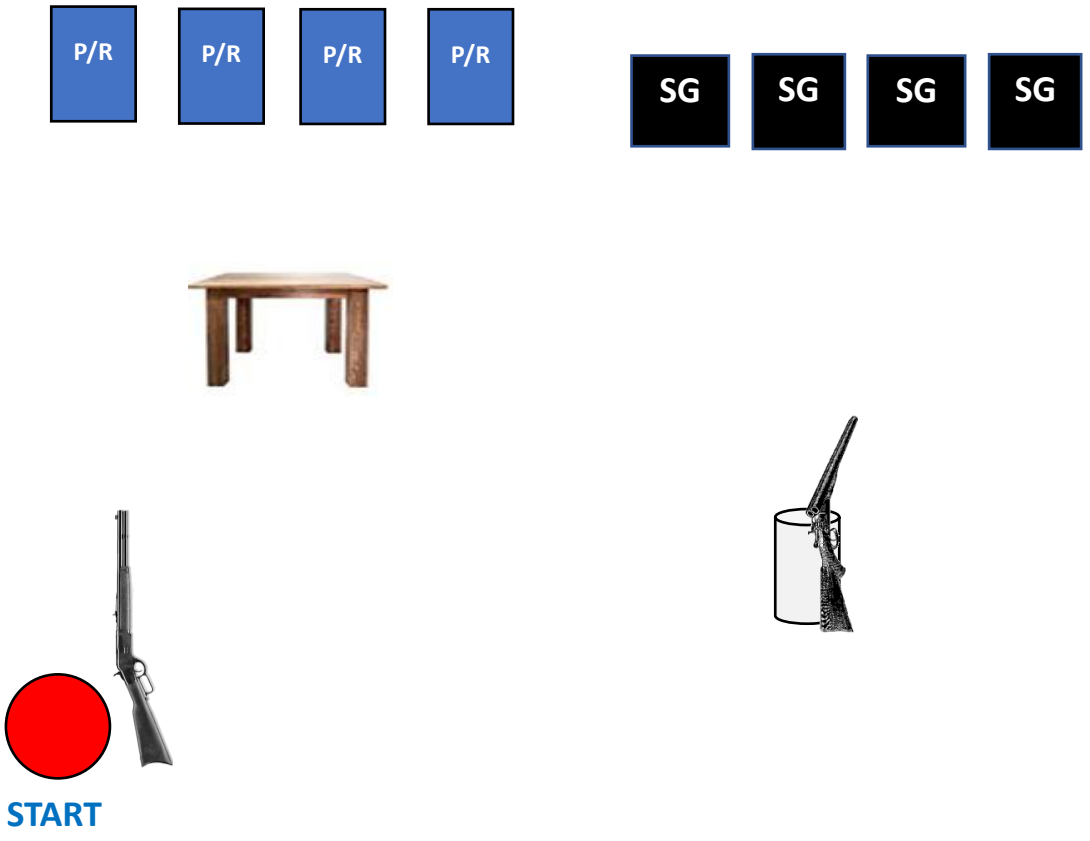
Start: One foot touching the Start Stone, Rifle in Hands

Line: ***“HE’S GOT A HEAD START!”***

ATB: With Rifle, Double-tap each Inside target. ***THEN***, Triple-tap each Outside target & make the Rifle safe.

With the Shotgun, shoot the 4 Shotgun targets from anywhere until down & make the Shotguns safe.

With the Pistols, repeat the Rifle instructions.



Stage 4 – The Jail

The jailhouse contained one prisoner, three horse flies, and Deputy McCall. McCall claimed Crow had friends inside the town of River Bend. Josh looked through the bars at the prisoner. “Who?” The man hesitated. “Don’t know.” Josh waited. The prisoner sighed. “Maybe it ain’t safe to answer that question.” Josh nodded. Outside, someone fired a shot. McCall reached for his pistol. Josh looked toward the door. “Looks like your friends are getting impatient.”

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols Holstered, Rifle on Target Box, Shotgun in Right Window.

Shooting Order: Shotgun Last

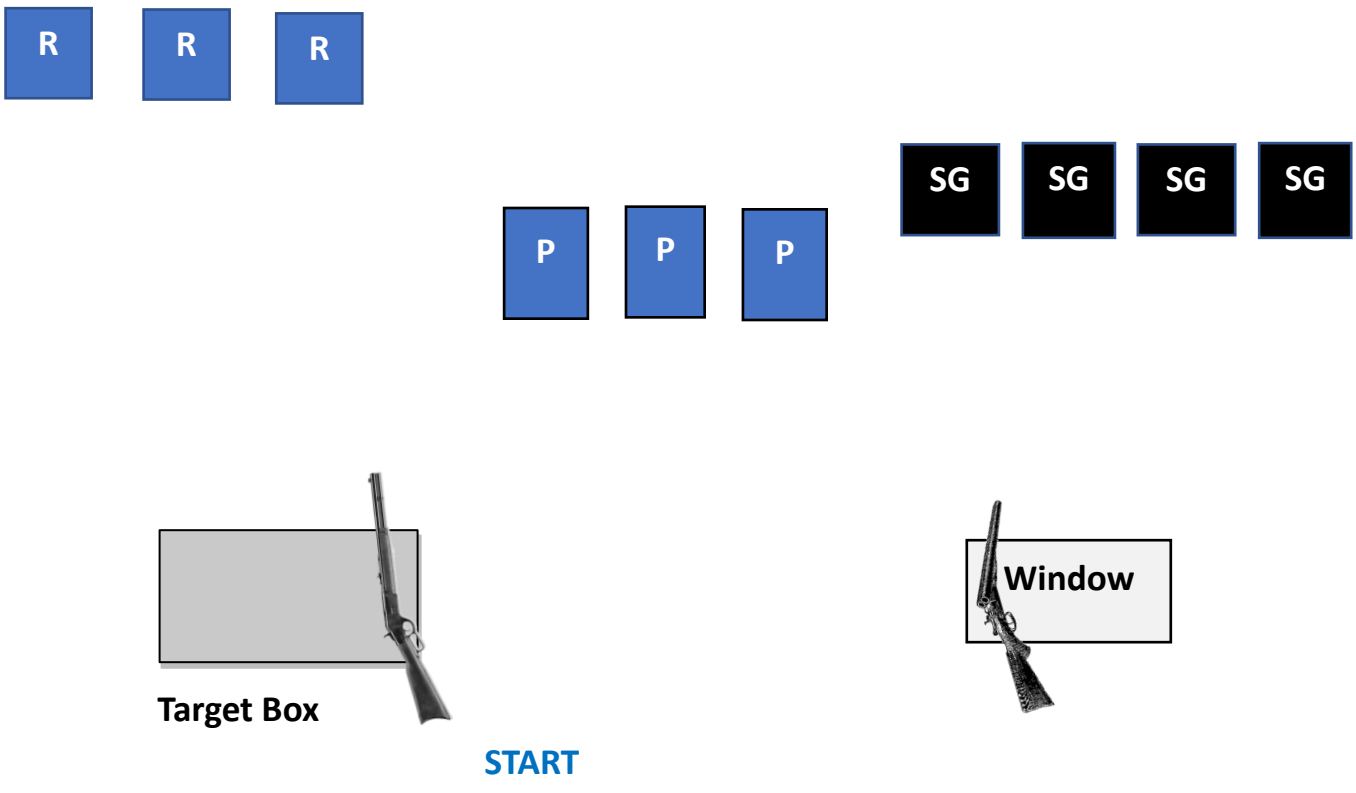
Start: Hands at Low Surrender, standing within Grounding distance of the Target box.

Line: ***“YOUR FRIENDS ARE GETTING IMPATIENT!”***

ATB: With Pistols or Rifle, Single-Tap alternate on ***ANY*** two targets for 6 Rounds, & ***THEN***, Quad-tap the remaining target.

Repeat with the other gun. If Rifle, make it safe on either the Target box or in the Right window.

With the Shotgun, shoot the shotgun targets until down thru the Right Window.



Stage 5 – Boot Hill

By sunset, Josh had learned the robbery was a trick. The bank had never been robbed, nor had a horse been stolen. Crow had arranged the rumor to get everyone, especially the posse, searching the wrong places while he collected the real prize. The land deeds for the Franklin Gold Mines were hidden underneath an old grave marker. Josh found Crow in the cemetery, holding a shovel. "You always dig your own grave?" Josh asked.

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

Staging: Pistols Holstered, Shotgun in both hands, Rifle staged on the Barrel

Shooting Order: Shotgun, Rifle, Pistols

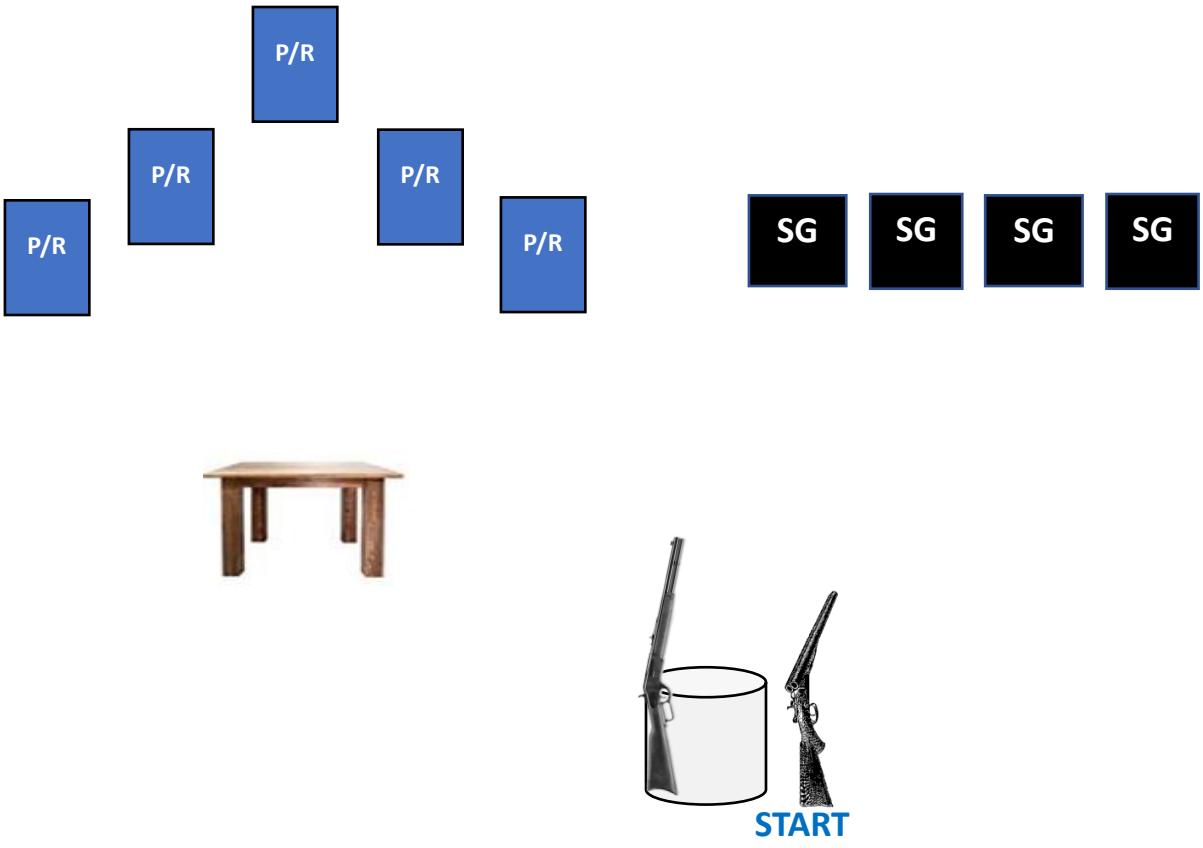
Start: Standing behind or beside the barrel, Shotgun in Hands

Line: ***"YOU DIG YOUR OWN GRAVE?"***

ATB: With the Shotgun, shoot the Shotgun targets until down.

From the Barrel, with the Rifle, shoot 1 Round on each front row target, 3 Rounds on each 2nd row target, & 2 Rounds on the 3rd Row target ***IN ANY ORDER***. Make the Rifle safe.

With the Pistols, repeat the Rifle instructions from anywhere.



Stage 6 - The Livery

Crow was delivered to the livery stable tied securely to a saddle horse, and River Bend settled back into its usual arguments. Josh collected his bounty and looked toward the Etowah. The trout were still waiting. McCall asked if he intended to stay. Josh shook his head. “I came here to fish.” He mounted up. Behind him, the deputy called, “What if there’s more trouble?” Josh glanced back only once before he rode for the river.

Ammo: 10 Pistol, 10 Rifle, 4+ Shotgun

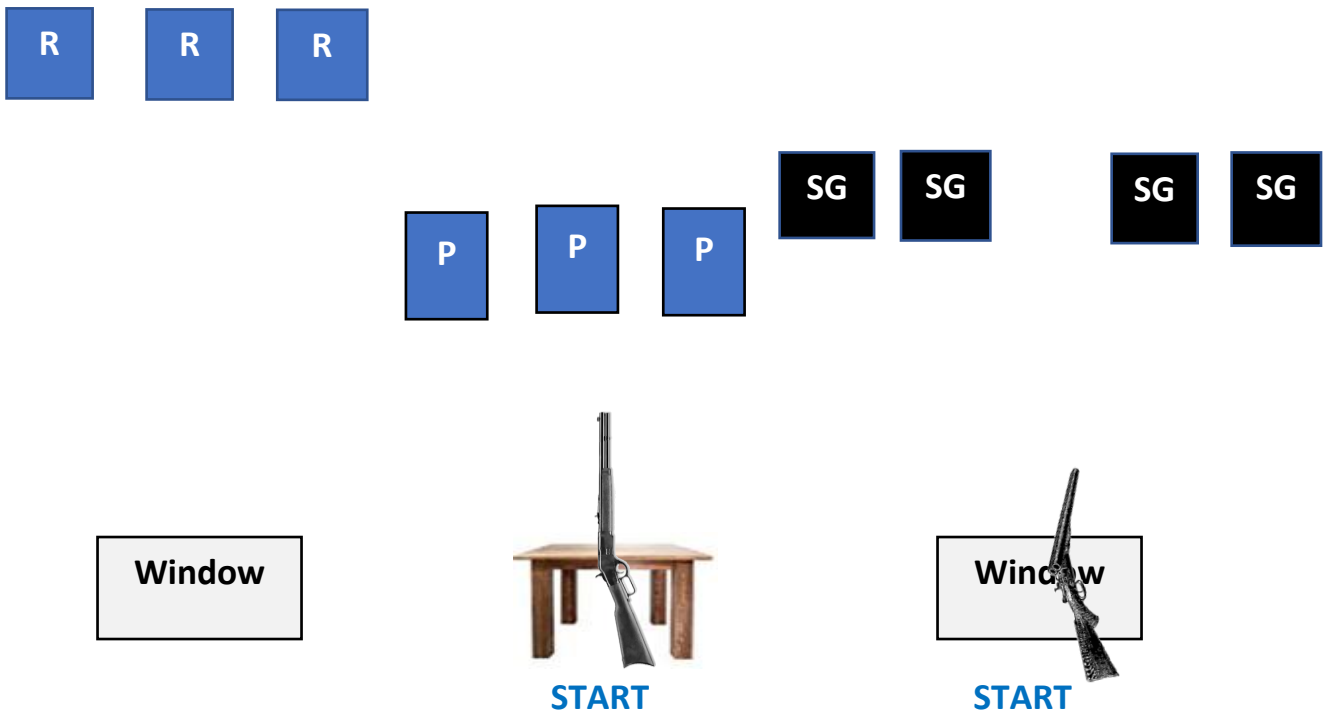
Staging: Pistols Holstered, Rifle on the Center Table, Shotgun on the Right Window shelf.

Shooting Order: Rifle not Last

Start: Standing behind the Center Table or the Right Window, hands flat on table or Right window shelf.

Line: ***“I CAME HERE TO FISH!”***

ATB: From behind the Table, with the Rifle, beginning on either end, shoot a 2-3-5 sweep.

With the Pistols, repeat the Rifle instructions.

With the Shotgun, shoot the 4 Shotgun targets until down thru the Right window.