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"The Shooting Makes It Fun, the People Make It Special"

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The Tusco Long Riders April, 2024 Monthly Shoot Results

Congrats to Gray Hare our Top Overall/Men's Shooter and to Bdoc our Top Ladies Shooter for our April Match!

1	Gray Hare	Wrangler	141.34
2	Swiss	Gunfighter	142.36 CLEAN
3	John Barleycorn	Gunfighter	149.00 CLEAN
4	Buckshot Charlie Bill	49er	152.84 CLEAN
5	Buckaroo Bubba	Duelist	153.76
6	Hooligan Howes	Gunfighter	157.62 CLEAN
7	N.A. Custer	Silver Senior Gunfighter	167.29
8	Life-R	Josey Wales	168.73 CLEAN
9	Bdoc	Lady Gunfighter	169.62 CLEAN
10	Whiskey T. Foxtrot	Gunfighter	175.93 CLEAN
11	Cheatin Charlie	Cattle Baron	184.40
12	Laramie Leadslinger	Elder Statesman Gunfighter	187.28 CLEAN
13	Turkey Flat's Jack	FC Gunfighter	188.23

14	La Porte Lefty	Duelist	189.71
15	Sixgun Seamus	Classic Cowboy	194.34
16	Angie Oakley	Lady Gunfighter	194.35
17	Yippy Yiyo Kiyay	Cattle Baron	196.44 CLEAN
18	Duke Hunter	Senior Gunfighter	205.02 CLEAN
19	Thaddeus Jones	Senior	208.65
20	Rootin Tootin Dan	Gunfighter	211.55
21	Cayenne Kay	Classic Cowgirl	213.78
22	Mad Eye Mark	Gunfighter	231.45
23	One Eye Jack	Senior Gunfighter	234.89
24	Gray Squirrel	Josey Wales	235.81
25	Boonie Young	Pale Rider Gunfighter	235.92
26	Doug Grave	Wrangler	243.48 CLEAN
27	Ricochet Eddy	Silver Senior	243.52 CLEAN
28	Moosetracks	Senior Duelist	255.40 CLEAN
29	Last Gun	EL Rey	262.91
30	Thunder Creek Kid	Pale Rider	266.18
31	Prairie Dawg	Elder Statesman	274.80 CLEAN
32	Stone Creek Drifter	FC Gunfighter	DNF



A note from Bubba about High Noon 2014:

Howdy All:

Registration for High Noon at Tusco 2024 will be open on Monday April 22nd.

**It will be posted here: <https://www.tuscolongriders.com/high-noon>
High Noon will take place September 27th-29th, 2024.**

Please mail in your registration form to Prairie Dawg or give them to Prairie Dawg at a shoot.

If you are planning on joining us, please get your forms in as soon as possible to help us plan. If you need to cancel, you will get a full refund if you cancel before September 20th.

Thank you for the continued support!

--Buckaroo Bubba aka Dan Ranker

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Prairie Dawg's Old West Chronicles

A Compendium of Useful Information

April, 2024

Old West Boomtowns -- Bannack, Montana



Main Street in Bannack, Montana

Location Beaverhead County, Montana
Nearest city Dillon, Montana
Coordinates 45°09'40"N 112°59'44"W[1]
Built 1862

Bannack is a ghost town in Beaverhead County, Montana, United States, located on Grasshopper Creek, approximately 11 miles upstream from where Grasshopper Creek joins with the Beaverhead River south of Dillon. Founded in 1862, the town is a National Historic Landmark managed by the state of Montana as Bannack State Park.

History:

Bannack, Montana was founded in 1862, and named after the local Bannock natives. Bannack was the site of a major gold discovery in 1862, and served as the capital of Montana Territory briefly in 1864, until the capital was moved to Virginia City. Bannack continued as a mining town, though with a dwindling population. The last residents left in the 1970s.

At its peak, Bannack had a population of about ten thousand. Extremely remote, it was connected to the rest of the world only by the Montana Trail. There were three hotels, three bakeries, three blacksmith shops, two stables, two meat markets, a grocery store, a restaurant, a brewery, a billiard hall, and four saloons. Though all of the businesses were built of logs, some had decorative false fronts.

Among the town's founders was Dr. Erasmus Darwin Leavitt, a physician born in Cornish, New Hampshire, who gave up medicine for a time to become a gold miner. Dr. Leavitt arrived in Bannack in 1862, and alternately practiced medicine and mined for gold with pick and shovel. "Though some success crowned his labors," according to a history of Montana by Joaquin Miller, "he soon found that he had more reputation as a physician than as a miner, and that there was greater profit in allowing someone else to wield his pick and shovel while he attended to his profession." Subsequently, Dr. Leavitt moved on to Butte, Montana, where he devoted the rest of his life to his medical practice.

Bannack's sheriff, Henry Plummer, was accused by some, of secretly leading a ruthless band of road agents, with early accounts claiming that this gang was responsible for over a hundred murders in the Virginia City and Bannack gold fields, and trails to Salt Lake City. However, because only eight deaths are historically documented, some modern historians have called into question the exact nature of Plummer's gang, while others deny the existence of the gang altogether. In any case, Plummer and two compatriots, both deputies, were hanged, without trial, at Bannack on January 10, 1864. A number of Plummer's associates were lynched and others banished, on pain of death if they ever returned. Twenty-two individuals were accused, informally tried, and hanged by the Vigilance Committee (the Montana Vigilantes) of Bannack and Virginia City. Nathaniel Pitt Langford, the first superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, was a member of that vigilance committee.

Bannack-Area Mining Camps:

A number of mining camps dotted the banks of Grasshopper Creek during the gold booms, starting at Bannack, downstream almost to where the stream joins Beaverhead River. While many were short lived and considered just extensions of Bannack, others were designated towns of their own.

Yankee Flats adjoined Bannack and was referred to as an "addition" to Bannack.

Centerville and **Marysville**, about 1 mile downstream, were both laid out as little camps in the winter on 1862. By the following March, a townsite company had laid out and platted Centerville. However, Marysville, named for early arrival Mary Wadam, gained more people, so contemporary maps alternately used the name on record, Centerville, or the name used by locals, Marysville.

Dogtown was south of and "near" Bannack in 1866. It was named for the numerous stray dogs, and had a blacksmith shop, saloon, and grocery store. Jerusalem (also New Jerusalem or Jerusalem Bar) was located 2 miles downstream of Bannack.

Bon Accord, about 5 miles downstream, was a larger camp that saw a revival in the 1890s, and had a post office and school district.

White's Bar, located possibly 10 miles downstream, was where John White and Company made the initial discovery of gold in 28 Jul 1862.

Climate:

Bannack is located in South Western Montana, close to the Idaho border. That area receives very little rainfall, about 10 inches each year. Daily temperatures in Bannack are on the cool side, varying between teens and 20s from November thru March, and rising into the 30s - 60s during the warmer months. However, Bannack has experienced record high temperatures in the 90s during Summer, and record low temperatures of -30s in the Winter.

State park:



Schoolhouse & Masonic Church

Sixty historic log, brick, and frame structures remain standing in Bannack, many quite well preserved; most can be explored.

The site, now the Bannack Historic District, was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1961.

It joined the roster of Montana state parks in 1954.

Volunteers work in conjunction with the state to preserve the fabled ghost town.

Bannack Days:

Every year, during the third weekend of July, this abandoned town witnesses a historical reconstitution known as "Bannack Days".

For two days, Bannack State Park officials organize an event that attempts to revive the times when Bannack was a boom town, re-enacting the day-to-day lives of the miners who lived there during the gold rush.

An authentic, old-fashioned breakfast is served in the old Hotel Meade, a well-preserved brick building which was, for many years, the seat of Beaverhead County, before it became Dillon, Montana.



Hotel Meade



Physiography:
The mines surrounding Bannack are located on both sides of Grasshopper Creek, which flows southeastward through the district and into the Beaverhead River about 12 miles downstream.

Private Home in Bannack



Tusco's Cowboy Swap Meet Returns for the May Newsletter!



News & Notes

Six Stages

We shoot six stages at Tusco. A few people have told us that they drive a good distance to shoot at Tusco and would like to shoot as much as possible.

Obviously we only have room for five shooting bays. So what we do is shoot the first stage you start on twice. Consider it a warm up stage. Only five stages will be scored. You can take your best time on your first stage. If you don't want to shoot it twice you do not have to. This would provide more shooting for our shooters.

New SASS Magazine

With the new release of the SASS Quarterly Cowboy Chronicle, I once again would like to start collecting any unwanted issues of the magazine. We will use these for our promotional events, like our Tusco Long Riders' Day at Kames Sports. Please either black out or cut off your name and address or I will do it before they are passed out. Thank you!

Facebook Page

When you make a post about Tusco or share pictures on Facebook, include #TuscoLongRiders. Let everyone see what we are all about.

News & Notes

New Shooters Shoot for Free at Tusco

The Tusco Long Riders will be offering **FREE SHOOTS to ALL FIRST TIME SHOOTERS AT TUSCO**. This is **ONLY** for a shooter's first ever shoot at Tusco. (*this is only for monthly matches, excluding High Noon 3-day Shoot in October, and the Charity Shoot in November.)

Cowboy Swap Meet at Monthly Shoots

As a reminder, feel free to bring your old Cowboy Gear, Guns and Equipment to sell at our monthly shoots. It's a good opportunity to sell some of your unwanted stuff to your fellow shooters. Your items are your responsibility.

Pre-Paid Shoots

Looking for that perfect Gift for your Cowboy Friends and Family? How about a Pre-paid Shoot to a Tusco Monthly Match. They cost \$10.00 each at a shoot or they can be mailed for \$10.50. Contact Buckaroo Bubba at pittfandwr@aol.com or 330-348-5637 if you would like to purchase them.

Help Wanted at Tusco

If you are available to help set up target stands/props before our shoots it would be greatly appreciated.



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A little bit about us



Jim & I have always wanted a family of our own. Although we love our 5 fur kids, we long for a baby. After learning we were unable to conceive a child, Jim and I decided to pursue the adoption of a newborn. Adoption costs are astronomical (anywhere from 25k to 50k or higher) and although we were able to raise some with our savings, GoFundMe page, and church donations, we are still lacking the funds needed to apply for a match. We decided to take our love of crafting and open a side business to hopefully raise some more funds for our future family. Designs By Scamper is a tribute to our pup Scamper who passed away in 2015 from cancer.

