

Regarding ACSA Annual Match “Smoke(less) In The Valley” and the SASS Arizona State Black Powder Match:

To hold a successful Annual or State match certain financial commitments need to be made months in advance, such as catering, tents, awards, buckles, porta-potties, etc. In order to plan for these commitments, put in orders, and send deposits, a realistic number of participants must be known in advance as well. The date for these commitments for the ACSA Annual Match and the State SASS Black Powder match has come and gone, with inadequate numbers to justify the use of the Ben Avery facility for multiple days or to send out deposits for the other items needed.

Therefore, the ASCA Board has no choice but to cancel the 2 day Annual event, “Smoke(less) In The Valley” in November. In its place we will hold a standard ACSA 6 stage match on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of ACSA was optimistic that we could make the ACSA “Smoke(less) In The Valley” match an entertaining, enjoyable, and affordable match for our members. However, low registration numbers make it unfeasible for us to move forward with plans for this match, this year. We would like your input and suggestions for what our members would like to see in the ACSA Annual Match, and what would encourage our members to register early. That way we can put together the best possible match for our members.

Regarding the SASS Arizona State Black Powder Match “Smoke In The Valley”:

Since SASS only requires 5 stages to qualify as a State Black Powder Shootout, anyone wanting to shoot black powder will be considered part of the SASS Arizona State Black Powder Shootout at no additional cost. Standard match fees are \$20 for non ACSA members and \$15 for ACSA members; volunteers are \$10 for non-members and \$6 for members.

Since this will be a standard match the points will count for our Shoot for the Silver contest as well. Example, if you are in the Cowboy category and choose to shoot black powder Cowboy, your points will count. You can shoot black powder in any SASS recognized category, adhering to all other category requirements as well, for the Arizona State Black Powder Shootout.

We are sorry that pre-registration did not return the necessary numbers to hold our 2 day Annual match. For those who sent in payment you will receive your voided check returned or a refund as soon as possible.

**Summary:**

ACSA will be holding a regular Monthly Match November 8<sup>th</sup>, AND (at the same time, using the same stages) the SASS Arizona State Black Powder Shootout.