





*Splinter Jack of Maine "flying" with his finely tuned '97 pump shotgun.*



*Gittin' ready for the Shoot Off!*



*Mainers Rhino Jacks and Jimmy Reb did a great job organizing their club's hosting of the 2009 ME State Shoot in Berwick, ME.*

Saturday dawned gray and ominous, and after the first couple stages, it started sprinkling and then got down right wet. I don't believe anyone likes shooting in the rain, but our posse had a lot of fun in spite of being drenched.

It became a game to try and get ahead of Dead Head, SASS #29768, on the loading table since his blackpowder loads pretty much left a thick haze of smoke hiding the targets for the following shooter. And, it was good to see some new faces like Medicine Show Joe, SASS #84098, and Beaver Creek Joe, SASS #85097, come out for this State Championship even though it was a tad bit wet. Also, many of the shooters stayed at the range for Saturday night's cookout that was served under the pavilion. The meal was served hot and on time by a very good caterer and was worth hanging around for (or coming back for after changing into dry clothes!).

Sunday was a warm day and, thank goodness, a dry one. The stages were designed so they could be shot in less time than the ones from the day before, so we managed to get in the remaining main match stages by one o'clock. Then, it was on to the Top Gun

Shoot Off, set up in a separate bay with lots of targets ... one shot on each. The top 16 men and the top 8 ladies were determined from Saturday's scores, so everyone knew ahead of time who was in. Quite a few Main-e-acs were involved like Ripley Scrounger, SASS #46756, Dapper Dan, Stormy Shooter, and Smokey Sue, SASS #39531, as well as husband and wife, Rootin' Tootin' Tim, SASS #57091, and No Nonsense Nancy, SASS #57092. It was a lot of fun to watch and a lot of fun to shoot in it. I can't believe Dapper let a girl beat him!

Wrapping up this worthwhile weekend were the Awards, run by our hosts, Jimmy Reb, SASS #54804, and Rhino Jacks, SASS #55281. Tazzmanian Kid and Single Rose of Klassic Laser Works cleverly did the award plaques. The Beaver Creek Desperados logo and the outline of the State of Maine were engraved, leaving no doubt which match the plaques were from. And, like most Awards ceremonies, it was a great place to do some socializing, and it is always fun to cheer for all your friends. Congratulations to the 2009 Maine State Champions, Dapper Dan and Stormy Shooter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again this September 10-12th at the 2010 Maine State Shoot ... same great place! 🤠



*Lady Wrangler Winners*



*From the right: Rootin' Tootin' Tim and Ripley Scrounger both of Maine and Eastern Tenderfoot of Mass lead the 49er category.*

Winners	
<b>2009 Maine State Champions</b>	
<i>Man &amp; Top Overall</i>	
	Dapper Dan, SASS #40887
<i>Lady</i>	Stormy Shooter, SASS #57333
<b>Categories</b>	
<i>Buckarette</i>	Lil Miss Sassy, SASS #80579
<i>Buckaroo</i>	Dan the Man, SASS #80527
<i>B-Western</i>	Darksider, SASS #80637
<i>L B-Western</i>	Emma Goodcook, SASS #49743
<i>C Cowboy</i>	Just Plain Larry, SASS #13965
<i>Cowboy</i>	Appaloosa Amy, SASS #63949
<i>Cowgirl</i>	Stormy Shooter
<i>Duelist</i>	Gospel Gunslinger, SASS #39738
<i>L Duelist</i>	Nantucket Dawn, SASS #15681
<i>E Statesman</i>	Beaver Trapper, SASS #15684
<i>49er</i>	Rootin' Tootin' Tim, SASS #57091

<i>L 49'er</i>	Annabelle Bransford, SASS #11916
<i>F Cartridge</i>	Capt. Morgan Rum, SASS #6859
<i>L F Cartridge</i>	Evilene, SASS #80638
<i>F C Duelist</i>	Gun E. Bear, SASS #5557
<i>F C Gunfighter</i>	Dead Head, SASS #29768
<i>Frontiersman</i>	Doc McCoy, SASS #8381
<i>Grand Dame</i>	Bonnie Dee, SASS #28413
<i>Gunfighter</i>	Ivory Thunder, SASS #70194
<i>Senior</i>	Blackhands, SASS #70512
<i>L Senior</i>	Calico Jan, SASS #61842
<i>S Duelist</i>	Bear Lee Tallable, SASS #23670
<i>S Senior</i>	Rowdy Bill, SASS #9628
<i>Wrangler</i>	Dapper Dan
<i>L Wrangler</i>	Ida Mae Holliday, SASS #48419
<i>L Young Gun</i>	Snazzy McGee, SASS #66689

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