

Here are some items that were discussed at the TG Summit at Mule Camp, 2007. I would appreciate your feedback on any or all of these topics. I am going to End of Trail (June 22-25, 2007) and will attend the TG Summit there as well, so if you have any comment, please email them to me before then. It is likely that some or all of these will end up on the agenda for vote this fall.

1. Mouse loads – This issue just won't go away. The TG's did not seem to think there was a problem, but the discussion continues. Coyote Calhoun admitted that there was no decision or even a consensus yet how the Wild Bunch was thinking. The choices appear to have been condensed to two: 1) minimum velocity or power factor (Bullet mass x velocity). Coyote Calhoun took a lot of chronograph readings during the side matches, and I expect we will be seeing the results of those sometime soon. What do you think? Is there a problem? If so, power factor vs minimum velocity? With either one, how would you envision it being enforced?
2. Double jeopardy from incorrectly loading a firearm – Currently, if you load too many rounds in a rifle, you get a minor safety for failing to adhere to loading procedures, and another minor safety when you show up at the unloading table with a live round on the carrier. It is felt that that penalizes the shooter twice for the same error. It was proposed that the minor safety penalty be limited to one per firearm. That would limit the penalty to 1 per gun, but it would still be possible to get a separate penalty for, say leaving a shell on the carrier of the shotgun. What is your opinion?
3. When does a stage begin? – Currently, a stage can be re-started any time up until the first shot goes down range. The proposal is to have the stage begin at the buzzer, with no re-starts. The rationale for this suggestion is that some shooters feel this has been abused with people taking advantage of the re-start for reasons of improving their start. Do you think there is abuse to this policy? What do you think about having to accept a stage after the buzzer vs after the first round?
4. Dress code changes? – It was proposed that shooters in the Classic Cowboy category have gotten away from the classic look (primarily spurs and chaps) and therefore the category should be changed to **require** chaps and spurs, instead of the number (5) of accessories now required. As part of the discussion, Classic Cowboy would not be allowed to wear lace-up boots either. What do you think?
5. Shot size – It was proposed to limit the size of shotgun shot to 7 1/2 (currently #4 still allowed). Your opinion?
6. Long range shooters – It was proposed that we allow optical sights on long range rifles, if they are period correct. There are apparently some manufacturers now making realistic replicas (i.e. period correct straight tube, 3/4" or less, with no external adjusting knobs, and no dovetail mounts). What do you think, shall we allow this for long range side matches?