

# Fast draw action holds memory of the old west

The Shootout at Hawkins Park during Jamboree isn't dangerous to either participants or spectators, but it is a return to our western roots and to childhood days when we watched with fascination as the good guys and the bad guys shot it out in western movies.

In fast-draw shooting competition, there is no dramatic confrontation of opponents firing at each other. Instead, contestants draw revolvers from holsters at a given signal and, firing from the hip, shoot at four-inch balloon targets at 8 and 10 feet.

Standard .45 caliber ammunition is used with modified pistols, but the lead slugs have been removed and replaced with thin plastic or paper plugs. The shells are then loaded with black powder.

There is no danger to spectators or participants because there is no slug. The shell, however, holds a lot more powder and the excess is what bursts the balloon target.

Timing for the competition is measured electronically and the winner is required to burst the balloon in addition to being

faster than his opponent.

A float with a demonstration team will be in the Jamboree parade on Saturday, August 7, with the contest following at 1 p.m. in Hawkins Park.

Vernonia's resident fast-draw expert, Ray Thielke, a veteran of the sport since 1960, sponsors and organizes the competition, which originated with the fast-draw actors and stuntmen of the film world.

There will be cash prizes as well as trophies. Cash prizes for men will be: 1st, \$90; 2nd, \$50; 3rd, \$30; 4th place will receive a trophy. Women's

prizes will be: 1st, \$70; 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$20. There will also be trophies for first and second places in children's competition.

This event attracts participants from throughout the Northwest, including Canada. Because of this, one special event is team competition, pitting U.S. teams against Canadian teams. Trophies are awarded for first and second place in the team fast draw.

The entry fee is \$15; western wear is mandatory. For further information call Thielke at (503) 429-4181.



As the fast draw shooter's right hand grasps the grip, the left hand moves to hit the upright extended hammer.



Fast Draw shooters compete for cash prizes.

## 1992 Fast Draw results

Dennis Robinson, a visitor from Canada, took first place in the men's division during the Jamboree Fast Draw competition. Others placing in the money were Todd Von Feldt of Portland, 2nd; Jim Branum of Portland, 3rd; Bob Edmiston of Canada, 4th.

Teresa LeBlanc, also from Canada, placed first in the Women's division, followed by

Tippi Branum of Portland in 2nd place and another Canadian, Yvonne Batts, in third.

In children's competition, Clint Branum and Clint Thielke, both of Portland, place first and second, respectively.

The oldest shooter competing was Henry Isaac of Cottage Grove, who is in his 80s. Ten-year-old Clint Thielke was the youngest.

## Ridge Riders plan a full day of Jamboree events



Erin Davis is eager to participate in her first competition.

The Vernonia Ridge Riders Saddle Club will again sponsor the annual Friendship Jamboree horse gaming show, scheduled for Saturday, August 7, at the horse arena in Anderson Park.

Registration begins about noon, immediately following the Jamboree Parade; gaming action starts at 1 p.m. A \$5 entry fee covers all events. A potluck dinner will follow the horse show.

The club is also sponsoring a country/western dance on Saturday night from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Scout Cabin at Hawkins Park. Tickets will be \$2 per person.

Ribbons will also be awarded to four places in all classes. The classes are: Junior/Junior, ages 7 and under; Junior, ages 8-11; Intermediate, ages 12-15; Senior, 16 and over. The proper class will be determined by the age of the rider as of January 1, 1993.

Events for Junior/Juniors and Juniors will include Texas

Barrels, Figure 8 Stake Race, Around the Barrel, Ring the Bell and Key Hole.

Intermediate and Senior events will be Flag Race, Ribbon Race, Keyhole Race,

Rescue Race, Texas Barrels and Figure 8 Stake Race.

For safety, all participants must wear cowboy boots or other hard soled shoes. No stud horses will be allowed.



Gaming show draws horse lovers in for a day of fun.

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