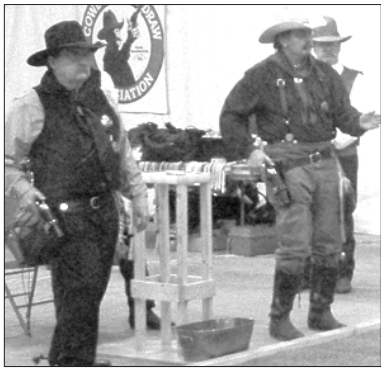


**Kelly Stevens**, far left and **James Endres**, far right, each work to get an accurate shot and a better time than the opponent next to them. Stevens placed 3rd on this Feb. 19 shoot, while Endres did very well for his first shoot, placing 9th.



**Sean Riley**, center, placed sixth on Feb. 19. Unlike many of his counterparts from the Snake Creek Boys, he hasn't chosen a cowboy alias to go by. Young Riley prefers to draw his revolver full length to eye level before firing, and he is still able to keep his draw speed fast enough to be competitive, usually half a second or less. A judge noticed this and complemented him on his heavy but still amazingly fast draw style, "Your alias ought to be 'Runaway Freight Train Riley', you draw that gun up with a woosh, and anything downrange of you that sees it coming will want to get the heck out of the way."



**John Riley**, or **Lucky O'Riley**, right, placed 10th on Feb. 19 and 5th on Feb. 20. It can be said that luck has very little to do with his marksmanship and that he's been the driving force behind the organization of the fast draw shooters in Faulk County.

**Gunslingers**

(continued from page 1) naming it "The Snake Creek Boys" after the creek that spans the Faulk County area.

Already, the competitors from the "The Snake Creek Boys" had achieved great initial success, both at the Spirit of the West event, hosted just north of Sioux Falls this past September and most recently, on President's Day weekend, Feb. 19 and 20. The largest turnout to date of Snake Creek shooters went to the Davison Co. Fairgrounds in Mitchell to shoot it out with other groups and individuals from across the state and across the country.

The Cowboy Fast Draw Association was started in Deadwood in 2002. It has sparked interest in all of South Dakota and beyond. Unlike the quick draws of the wild west, combat is non-lethal. Two com-

petitors fire wax bullets at two timed and pressure sensitive targets. This is a man to man or woman to woman competition, with the person with the best time, or the one who actually hit the target claiming victory in either 2/3 or 3/5 volleys of fire, with a limit of one shot only per round of competition. The victory times can be determined by mere milliseconds.

An academic example would be person X shooting at .45 seconds and person Y shooting at .46 seconds. A missed target, balances the equation, person X firing and missing, giving person Y, if he's perceptive, time to take deliberate aim to score victory. This is called a "gut shot" by the competitors.

Unlike other fast draw competitions, like the World Fast Draw, where targets are balloons eight feet downrange and the span of the calibers and accouterments for the guns used are unlimited, targets with this sport are 15 ft. (Gunslinger), 18 ft. (Gunfighter) and 21 ft. (Master Gunfighter) and the contestants are required to use only .45 caliber Colt single action revolver or similar models that must be approved by the judges. The most commonplace gun is the Ruger Vaquero. It takes away any advantage that modern technology could give shooters, and requires them to do their shooting based on pure skill by limiting the kind of gun used in the competition.

"It keeps things fair for everybody," said Kelly Stevens, rural Miranda, and 3rd place winner at this past President's Day shoot in Mitchell at the Master Gunfighter range. Stevens also

placed 2nd at the Spirit of the West event in September, surpassed by another Snake Creek boy Pat McGarry, who placed 1st.

"In the World fast draw you can have anything from balance weights to aluminum barrels with the calibers wide open," said John Riley. "There are plenty of guys who put thousands of dollars into their gun for those kind of events. Not so with Cowboy fast draw. This is much more affordable, your biggest expenses being a simple six gun and your gunbelt, so you really get a good mix of people from all walks of life."

On the first day of the Presidents Day Shoot, five of the Snake Creek boys placed in the top ten; Kelly Stevens placed 3rd, Sean Riley placed 6th, Doug Tennant placed 7th, James Endres placed 9th, and John Riley placed 10th. The first days targets were placed at the Master Gunfighter's range.

Day two Pat MaGarry placed 1st, Doug Tennant placed 3rd, and John Riley placed 5th. This second day the range was set to the Gunslinger range.

"It really changed the focus of the match," said Sean Riley. "After shooting all day Saturday at further targets, suddenly things were a lot closer. It psyched out some of the guys."

Riley, the younger, summed up why this is such an enjoyable sport for so many men and women.

"Everybody has their daily

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grind, their rat race they do," he said. "Here we forget about all that, and just relax and do something that we all enjoy together. The only match I really had trouble with was against dad, and that was my own fault because I started thinking about what I needed to do to beat him instead of just doing it. I had him at two to nothing, but he came from behind and beat me. Still, I was happy with how I shot. We all shot really well both days. I felt bad for Pat (McGarry), he just had an off day on Saturday. He came back, really in the zone on Sunday, and won it with a close-out. Me, well I had a rotten draw of shooters to shoot against on Sunday. I had to fight the top three guys from Saturday one right after the other, so I just got shut out."

"We can be a pretty competitive bunch," said Stevens. "But we don't let that get in the way of having a good time."

For more information about Cowboy Fast Draw in SD, visit [cowboyfastdraw.com](http://cowboyfastdraw.com).

**Orient News**

by Betty Payne - 392-2324

Virgil and Millie Hansen, Orient, were the winners of the grand prize of a trip to Las Vegas, NV in the recent Miller Super Valu drawing.

Gladys Danahy, Colorado, and Blanche and Delmer Johnson,

Branson, MO, have been visiting their brothers, Wilferd and Leroy Johnson, Faulkton Healthcare Center, and area friends the past week, and also attending the services at Orient Lutheran Church. The Delmer Johnsons returned to Missouri Friday; Gladys returned to Colorado Easter Sunday afternoon.

Customer Appreciation Day was held March 22 at the Farmers Oil Company, Orient. Rolls, bananas and coffee were served early in the day, and hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, baked beans, relishes and soft drinks were available for lunch. Many in the area took advantage of the bountiful food.

Load limits are currently in effect on area roads.




The Jolly Wrens Club will meet at 2 p.m. Friday, April 1, at the home of Janie Schaefer. Roll call will be something the member plans to do during April.

The Orient WELCA will hold its next meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the church.

Quilt block cutting will continue on Thursdays with "time outs" for coffee breaks and fellowship.

Harold and Betty Payne visited Lloyd Payne Easter Sunday afternoon. Lloyd remains hospitalized at Hand County Memorial Hospital in Miller.

Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend. Set clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening.

 <p><b>Dr. Kenneth Bartholomew</b> Wayne Washenberger PA-C</p>		 <p><b>Dr. Kathleen VanDeWalle</b> Stacey Berg PA-C</p>	
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<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>Diabetic Education: 2nd Wednesday 10 a.m. to noon; 4th Tuesday 1 - 3 p.m.</p>		<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>Dr. Bartholomew Dr. VanDeWalle S. Berg, PA-C W. Washenberger, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>MAR. 30</b> OT - PT NEMH CHN Orthopedic: Dr. Mayo Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>		<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>MAR. 31</b> OT - PT Chiropractic Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 1</b> OT - PT Dr. VanDeWalle Wayne Washenberger, PA-C</p>		<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 4</b> OT - PT Dr. VanDeWalle Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 5</b> OT - PT NCH Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>		<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 6</b> OT - PT NEMH CHN Dr. Bartholomew Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 7</b> OT - PT Chiropractic Wayne Washenberger, PA-C</p>		<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 8</b> OT - PT Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 11</b> OT - PT Orthopedic: Dr. Mayo Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>		<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 12</b> OT - PT Footcare Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 13</b> OT - PT NEMH CHN Dr. Bartholomew Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>		<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 14</b> OT - PT Chiropractic Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 15</b> OT - PT Dr. VanDeWalle Wayne Washenberger, PA-C</p>		<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 18</b> OT - PT Dr. VanDeWalle Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 19</b> OT - PT Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>		<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 20</b> OT - PT NEMH CHN Dr. Bartholomew Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 21</b> OT - PT Hospital Auxiliary, noon Chiropractic Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>		<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 22</b> OT - PT Dr. VanDeWalle Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 25</b> OT - PT Dr. VanDeWalle Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>		<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 26</b> OT - PT Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 27</b> OT - PT NEMH CHN Orthopedic: Dr. Mayo Ophthalmology: Dr. Bormes Dr. Bartholomew Wayne Washenberger, PA-C Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>		<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 28</b> OT - PT Chiropractic Stacey Berg, PA-C</p>	
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 29</b> OT - PT Dr. VanDeWalle</p>		<p><b>Directory - Outreach Clinics - Services</b></p> <p><b>Cardiology</b> .....NCH, Dr. Vallabhan at Hospital - call 598-6262 for appointment</p> <p><b>Chiropractic</b> .....John Carr, DC, Thursdays at Clinic - call 598-6239 for appointment</p> <p><b>Dietician</b> .....Melita Wiedenman, R.D., at Faulkton Healthcare Center, call 598-6214 for appt.</p> <p><b>Foot Clinics</b> .....various locations in county, call 598-4321</p> <p><b>Internal Medicine/Pain Mgt.</b>.....Kathleen VanDeWalle, MD at Clinic - call 598-6239 for appointment</p> <p><b>General Practice</b> .....Kenneth Bartholomew, MD call 598-6239 for appointment</p> <p><b>Hearing Aid Clinic</b>.....Doug Reierson, Licensed Consultant Faulkton Healthcare Center 1-800-456-1375 for appt.</p>	
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