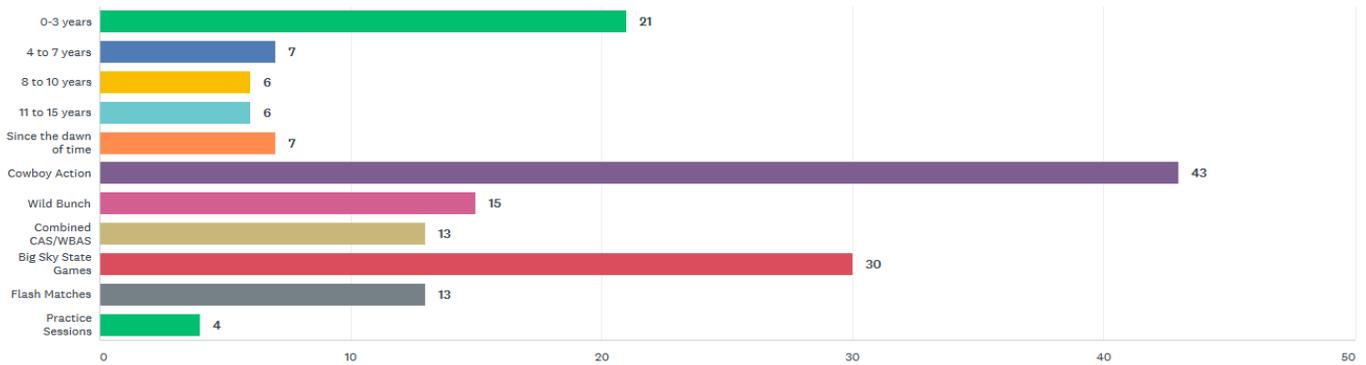


MONTANA TERRITORY PEACEMAKERS – SURVEY RESULTS

Q1

How long have you been shooting with the Montana Territory Peacemakers and what kind of matches do you shoot? (check all match types that apply)

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



Comments:

I am happy with plain old cowboy action matches. Have found that even in retirement I don't have the time necessary to play with the wild bunch game. 12/30/2019 5:45 PM3

I went to one practice shoot this year and no one was there so I used targets that were there for anyone to use, shot for 15 minutes and left. I wonder how many and how often anyone uses the practice times? 12/30/2019 12:59 PM

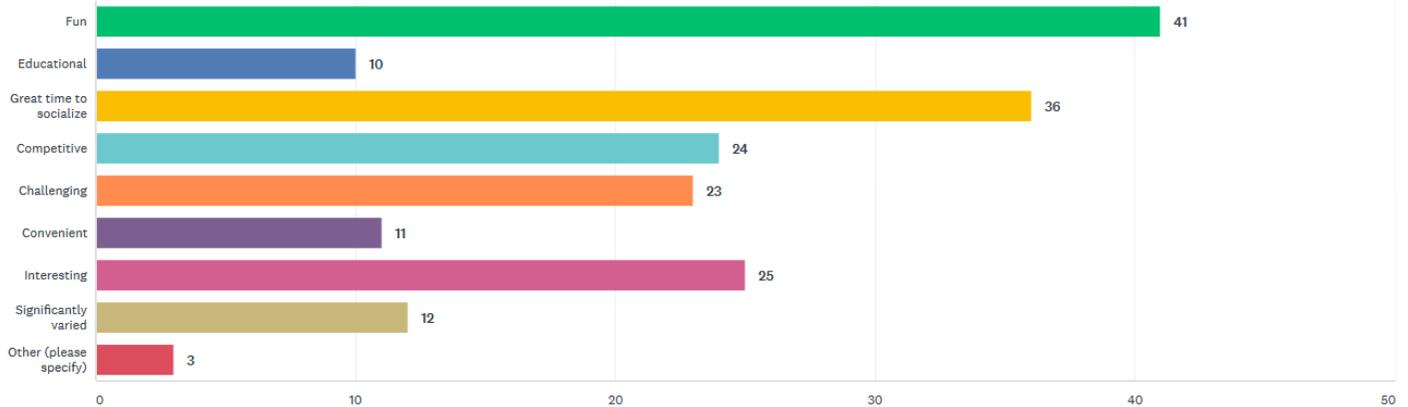
I am shooting all over the United States and I enjoyed shooting with you folks you do a good job everybody seems to be pretty friendly and have a pretty good time 12/30/2019 9:56 AM

Flash matches, wild bunch matches 12/30/2019 7:26 AM

Q2

Montana Territory Peacemakers matches are: (check all that apply)

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1



Comments:

some matches are predictable and repetitive. While others have been too technical/ p traps. some have had more balance. hard to answer this question. All of the above at one time or another. 1/3/2020 2:34 PM

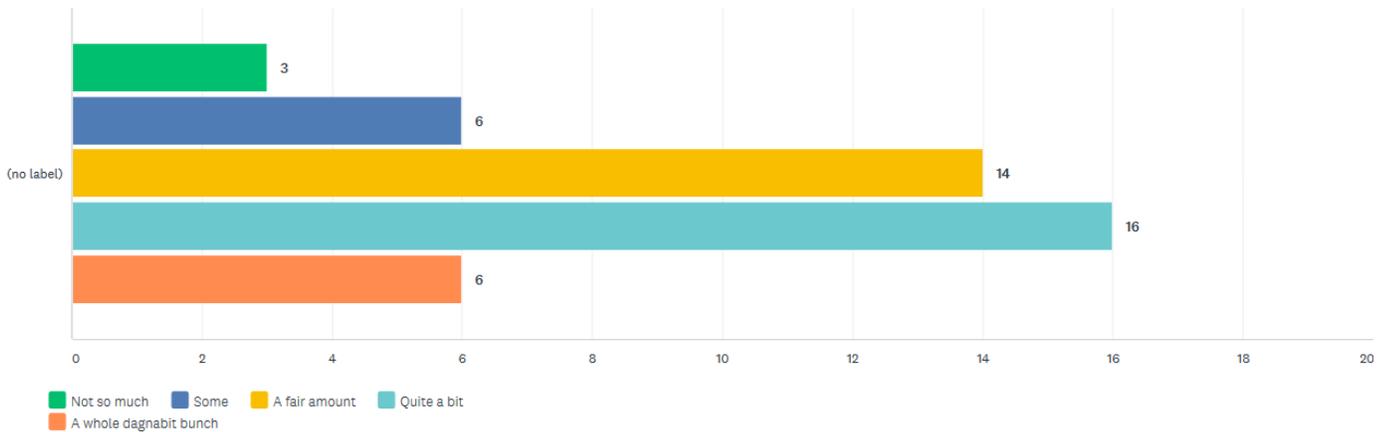
I would like to see the rifle & pistol sequences the same on all stages . Were all getting older & it's harder to remember , plus it just creates P traps . 12/30/2019 7:26 PM

the challenge is in remembering the sequence, I guess that's part of the game but I like the simpler sequences more than the more complicated ones. I wish we had an opportunity to do some educational work of some kind. I feel things are so structured its hard to go to another bay to practice or use/try another guys gun (for fun), I feel like I am dong something wrong if I even suggest doing that. How about sharing tips on how to aim better or pick up our speed? If I want to improve I have to find someone and try to get small bits of information here and there on my own. We have skilled smart fast people maybe they dont want to share dont know? 12/30/2019 12:59 PM

Q3

MTP matches provide opportunities to enhance my shooting skills

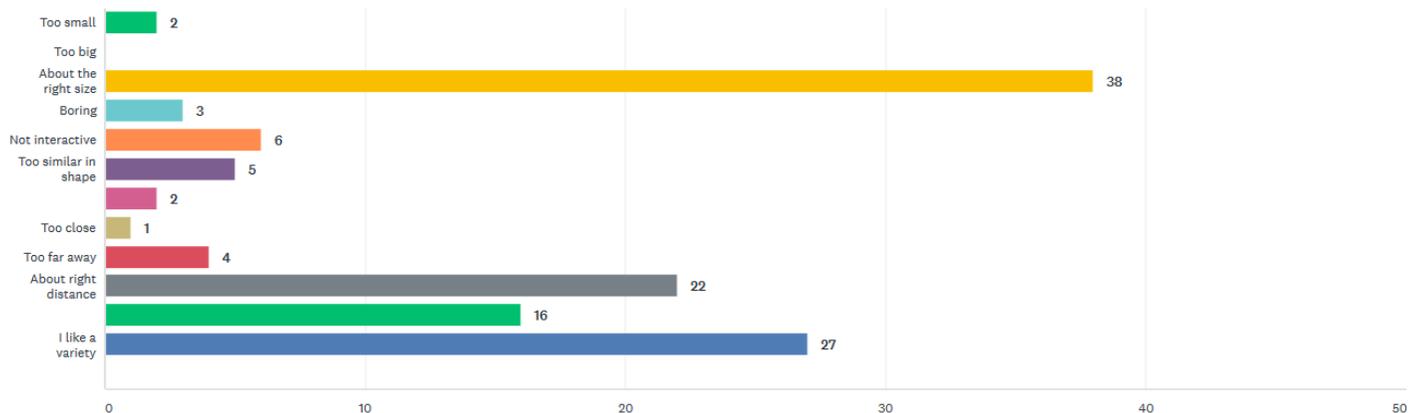
Answered: 45 Skipped: 2



Q4

MTP match targets are: (check all that apply)

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1



Missing answer options – “Size is too similar” with 2 responses and “Distance doesn’t matter” with 16 responses”

Comments:

I strongly like differentiations in distance in a given shoot. I would really like more rifle targets out further to put a higher weight on marksmanship vs speed. I enjoy the different sizes and shapes of targets in a shoot. I would like more interactive sequences. 12/30/2019 12:59 PM

I checked the "too far away" box only to comment on shotgun targets. Many times they have been set on the extreme distance side of things. Many shooters with shoulder disabilities have to use reduced loads to participate. With heavy plate reactionary targets, light loads won't knock down the targets. Minimum distance is recommended. 12/30/2019 1:46 PM

Bigger targets would require younger men to do set up and tear down. I doubt they will step up. 12/30/2019 4:23 PM

I would like the club to entertain the idea of at least painting one or two of the targets a different color to identify either the lead or middle target during a complicated scenario. That way one might be able to tell where they are (or were) during the rush of the stage, and would give the competitor a modicum of understanding of the scenario. 12/30/2019 5:45 PM

Pop up target. When you hit the shotgun target a clay shoots up! 12/30/2019 7:13 PM

The rifle targets always seem farther than necessary . 12/30/2019 7:26 PM

More reactivity would be nice - easy to say, dunno quite how to do it. Sometimes spattering targets is fun. 12/31/2019 2:53 PM

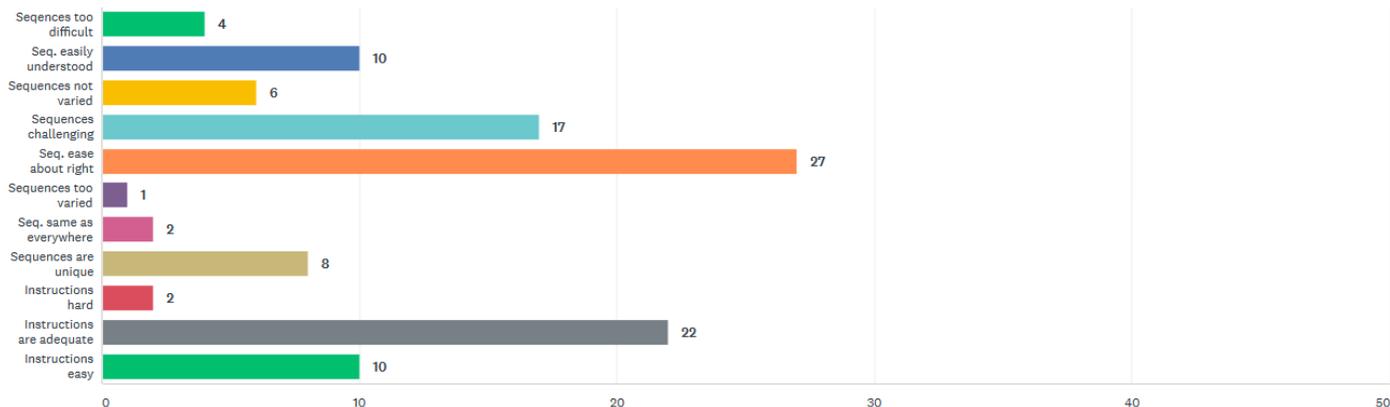
see comments question 5 1/3/2020 2:34 PM

some target and stand combinations, mostly revolver, provide a "dead" target; no sound makes it difficult to score; revolver targets could use more "back angle" for less splash back. 1/9/2020 3:15 PM

Q5

MTP stage shooting sequences and stage instructions are: (check all that apply)

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



Comments:

I really enjoy when a person walks out and touches the targets for clarification as the sequence is being read to us. I like the visual connection. 12/30/2019 12:59 PM

Sequences have become outrageously complex. Worse yet, stage instructions have become grossly over-written. 12/30/2019 1:46 PM

At various times during the year I could almost check all of the boxes except for the one described "shooting sequences are the same as I see everywhere else", and that is not to be taken as a criticism. I enjoy the variations however I think there should be some thought as to what is going to be presented and when. If the idea is to attract new shooters maybe an "easy setup" is in order so that newcomers can hit the targets in the correct sequence and therefore be more apt to keep coming back. 12/30/2019 5:45 PM

Lot of variability in whether stages and their instructions are as clear as I would like. 12/31/2019 2:53 PM

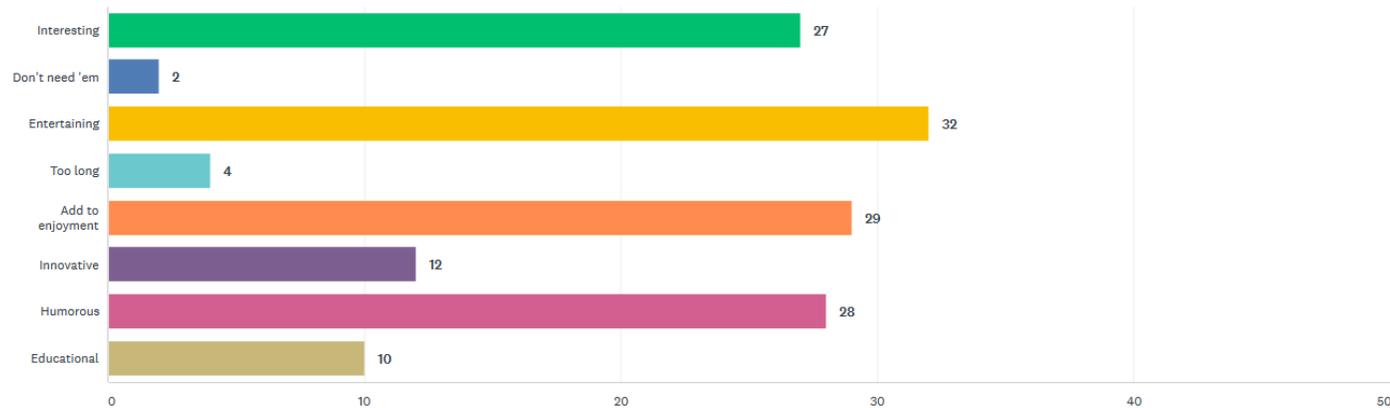
All of the above. there are 4 major skills in SASS. stage 1 procedures, 2 movement/transitions, 3 accuracy and 4 speed. The best matches have stages that challenge ALL 4. I don't like a 5 stage stand and deliver match on close refrigerator door targets, nor do I like a 5 stage brain bender, or 5 stage track meet or 5 stage bullseye match. But it all needs to be in the match somewhere. 1/3/2020 2:34 PM

some shooting sequences are overly complicated especially for less experienced/new shooters; more shooters choice would be nice; less id'ing targets as P, R, and S, i.e., "sweep targets in either direction". 1/9/2020 3:15 PM

Q6

MTP stage stories and lines are: (check all that apply)

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



Comments:

I start getting tired after the fourth stage. The fifth stage usually turns out to be more work than fun. 12/30/2019 8:26 AM

The stages in the instructions are very good they're part of the game I have nothing against them at all 12/30/2019 9:56 AM

I get them, I like them I wonder how much of the "facts" are facts. I understand its mostly for show but I assumed their is a bit of truth some place???? 12/30/2019 12:59 PM

I like them and think it is a loss at the bigger matches where they don't have story lines 12/30/2019 5:45 PM

I like the short stories a lot - gags and history both. 12/31/2019 2:53 PM

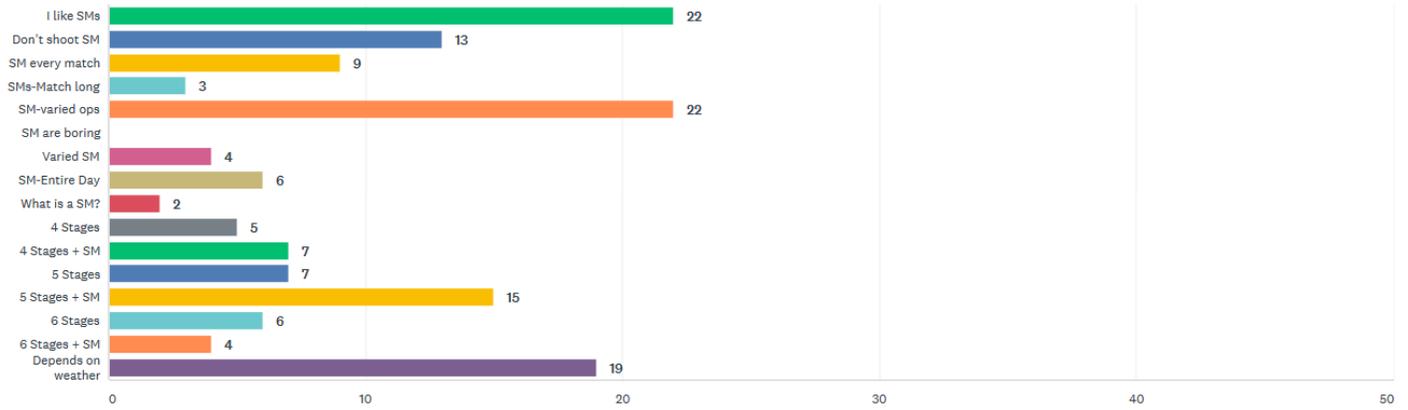
didn't like them at first, but now I love them. stories can be very entertaining. these add to the match 1/3/2020 2:34 PM

some story lines can be entertaining and humorous while some get overly long; for a large match, i.e., BSSG, overly long stories along with overly "innovative" shooting sequences can drag the day out unnecessarily. 1/9/2020 3:15 PM

Q7

Many MTP matches include one or more side matches and the ideal match length is: (check all that apply)

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



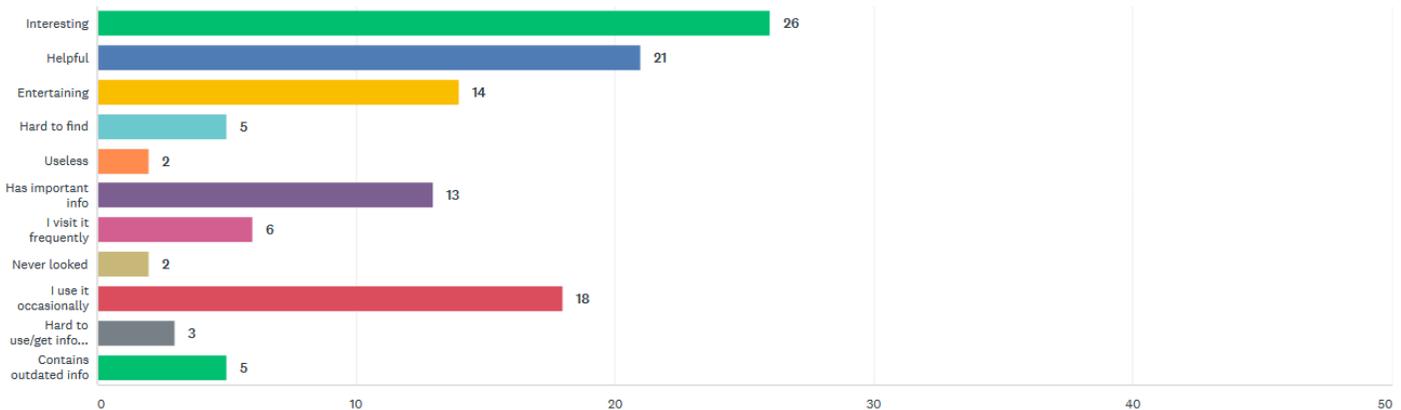
Comments:

- Four stages is about my limit. The fifth stage is more work than pleasure. 12/30/2019 8:26 AM
- Interesting idea of just a day of side matches, it would be interesting. 12/30/2019 12:59 PM
- The side match should be scored separately from the main match stages. 12/30/2019 1:46 PM
- I like the mandatory lunch break. Should be at every 5 or more stage match. Gives old farts chance to rest. 12/30/2019 4:23 PM
- Some shooters come a great distance & would like to shoot more . If you decrease the difficulty & move targets closer you decrease time to shoot stage & can do 6 stages in less time . 12/30/2019 7:26 PM
- I rarely shoot the sides, partly due to the length of the day. 12/31/2019 2:53 PM
- love it!!! side matches showcase different skills. I don't drive to matches to not shoot all day. 5 longer stages or 6 smaller stages 1/3/2020 2:34 PM
- for a side match, depends on how many shooters there are for a match and as long as match starts early enough; I like 5 stages for a match; 6 can be OK if the sequences are simple with very brief or no stories. 1/9/2020 3:15 PM

Q8

The MTP web site is: (check all that apply)

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1



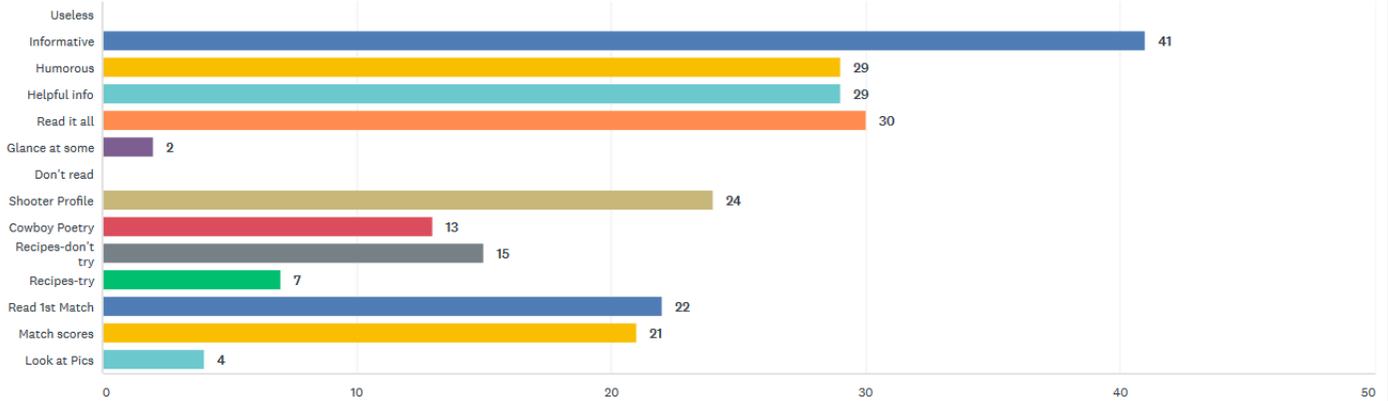
Comments:

- Enjoyable. I can see the authors put a lot of effort into it to make it interesting. 12/30/2019 8:26 AM
- we could put way more stuff on this. I have gone to other web sites around the country and have learned a lot about my sport, improved my skill set and learned about the history/sport. Ours is basic and seems limited to just information needed for us. 12/30/2019 12:59 PM
- Well, that's my own task for the club and I doubt I can evaluate it well. 12/31/2019 2:53 PM
- I just looked for it and couldn't find it. At least the site I used to see, I did find a link to the newsletter, maybe the website changed? 1/3/2020 2:34 PM

Q9

The MTP Newsletter is: (check all that apply)

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



Comments:

Newsletter is enjoyable and nicely put together. 12/30/2019 8:26 AM

Stuff about rules and things like loading table etiquette help keep me up on those kinds of things 12/30/2019 4:23 PM

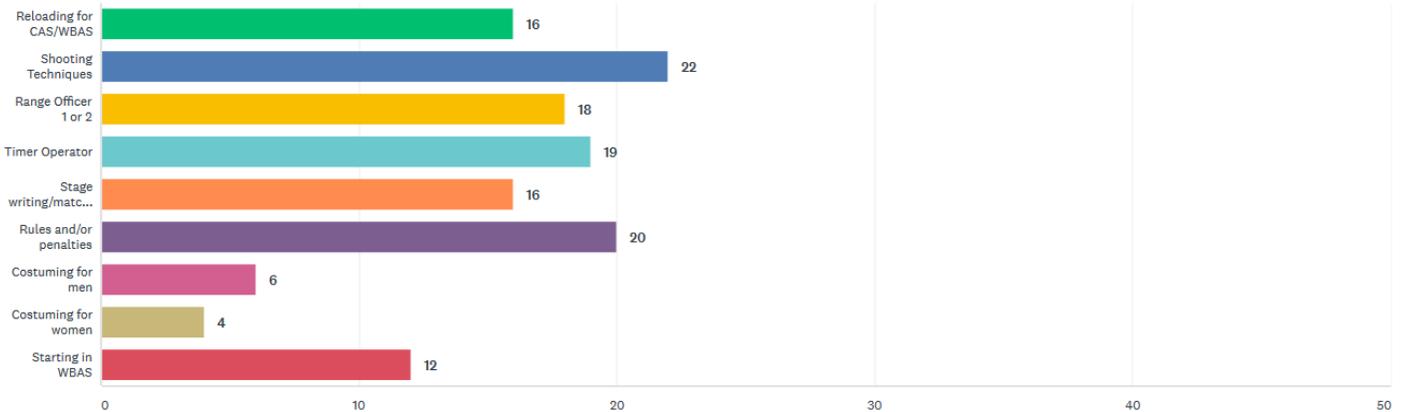
I like it 1/3/2020 2:34 PM

...usually 1/9/2020 3:15 PM

Q10

Recognizing that personnel are required to conduct them and may not be available, I would like Montana Territory Peacemakers to provide classes/clinic...

Answered: 43 Skipped: 4



Comments:

Always good to know the rules and pick up some pointers. 12/30/2019 8:26 AM

The costuming has become abysmal. Too many people are being allowed to shoot in modern street clothing. I have witnessed the leadership wearing modern wranglers! Tennis shoes and other non-cowboy foot wear have become common. The rule book has been largely ignored in the costuming department. New members should be able to put together a costume in three months, not three years and beyond. Even SASS has shown participants accepting awards in street clothing! Against their own rules! This epidemic must stop and should be addressed at the first match of the season. If anyone is "offended" so be it. You are either "all in" or "all out" In between is sitting on the fence and it needs to stop. It is just not too much to ask folks to abide by the rules. Not doing so infringes on "the spirit of the game." 12/30/2019 1:46 PM

Changes in rules-regulations.....je. the hammer back on rifle going to the firing line. 12/30/2019 4:02 PM

I don't live close enough to be interested in these. I will go on record to say SASS in general has missed the boat as a evolving shooting sport. My participation has waned in the past few seasons, not because of the MTP matches or admin/shooters. It's the lack of shooting opportunities. My interest has gone towards USPSA, only because of the enormous difference in availability of matches. MTP is the only SASS match within a reasonable driving distance. Although I prefer SASS, USPSA matches are held every Saturday in Billings, Bozeman, Roundup and Miles City. This section of USPSA has a points series championship, points are gained over four selected matches, one held at each club. The points are added up, at the championship match points are 1.5x the previous matches. After the five match points are totaled the champion is crowned at the section championship. This is big for me, there isn't anything else like it in this region. SASS only offers the BSSG and MT state championship in Great Falls, last year they made it a four day match. That change eliminated any possibility of me shooting the entire match, so I didn't attend. I'm still planning on shooting some with MTP, mostly the state games match.(KUDOS for making that happen by the way.) I'm wondering if I should even remain a SASS member at this time. All in all getting enough help to put on a match is tough and getting tougher. This is the main reason the club in Miles City failed. You all work very hard. any club is limited by the people who do the work vs those who don't help much or at all. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!! Sorry I wrote a book here, you did want my opinion. PM

Use do a great job it's getting to be age and the time for me i will make as many as possible 1/7/2020 9:29 AM

actually, any of these could be useful for shooters at some point, but who would be the "authority" on any of the topics? Spotting/counting is not included here but should be - it's a very important function. 1/9/2020 3:15 PM

These last question really doesn't mean anything to me because I can't be there anyway cuz I'm on the road I get to shoot about four times a year and that's about it for me not because that's what I want but because of my job I like shooting cowboy action and I like shooting here in Billings everybody seems to get along pretty good that's all that I'm concerned about is getting along and having fun and being safe I'm ready for the season to start up 1/13/2020 6:07 PM

Questions and Answer Options

1. How long have you been shooting with the Montana Territory Peacemakers and what kind of matches do you shoot? (check all match types that apply)

- 0-3 years
- 4 to 7 years
- 8 to 10 years
- 11 to 15 years
- Since the dawn of time
- Cowboy Action Shooting matches
- Wild Bunch Action Shooting matches
- Combined Cowboy Action/Wild Bunch matches
- Big Sky State Games Matches
- I shoot at the practice sessions
- I would like more matches of this type:

2. Montana Territory Peacemakers matches are: (check all that apply)

- Fun
- Educational
- A great time to socialize with other shooters
- Competitive
- Challenging
- Convenient
- Interesting
- Significantly varied
- Other (please specify)

3. MTP matches provide opportunities to enhance my shooting skills

Not so much Some A fair amount Quite a bit A whole dagnabit bunch

4. MTP match targets are: (check all that apply)

- Too Small
- Too big
- About the right size
- Boring
- Not interactive enough
- Too similar in shape
- Too similar in size
- Too close
- Too far away
- About the right distance
- Distance doesn't matter to me
- I like a variety of target distance placement
- I dislike variety of target distance placement and would like distances to be constant
- Comments about MTP targets-

5. MTP stage shooting sequences and stage instructions are: (check all that apply)

- Shooting sequences are too difficult
- Shooting sequences are easy to understand and shoot
- Shooting sequences are not varied enough
- Shooting sequences are challenging
- Shooting sequence ease/difficulty is about right for me
- Shooting sequences are too varied
- Shooting sequences are the same as I see everywhere else
- Shooting sequences are relatively unique
- Stage instructions are hard to understand
- Stage instructions are adequate
- Stage instructions are easy to understand
- Comments about stage sequences and instructions:

6. MTP stage stories and lines are: (check all that apply)

- Interesting
- Don't need them – I'm just here to shoot
- Entertaining
- Too long
- Add to my enjoyment of the match
- Innovative
- Humorous
- Educational
- Comments about stage stories/lines:

7. Many MTP matches include one or more side matches and the ideal match length is: (check all that apply)

- I like the side matches
- I don't shoot the side matches
- I would like side matches at every match
- The side matches make the matches too long
- I like the variety of shooting opportunities provided by the side matches
- The side matches are boring
- There should be more variety to the side matches
- An entire day should be set aside for a variety of side matches
- What is a side match?
- The ideal match length is 4 stages
- The ideal match length is 4 stages and a side match
- The ideal match length is 5 stages
- The ideal match length is 5 stages and a side match
- The ideal match length is 6 stages
- The ideal match length is 6 stages and a side match
- The ideal match length depends on the weather
- Comments on side matches and match length

8. The MTP web site is: (check all that apply)

- Interesting
- Helpful
- Entertaining
- Hard to find
- Useless
- Has important information
- I visit it frequently
- I've never bothered to check it out
- I use it occasionally
- Hard to use/get the information I need
- Contains outdated information
- Things I would like included on the web site are:

9. The MTP Newsletter is: (check all that apply)

- Useless
- Informative
- Humorous
- Contains helpful information
- I read it all every issue
- I glance at some of it once in awhile
- I never bother to read any of it
- I read the Shooter Profiles and they are interesting
- I read the cowboy poetry
- I read the recipes but have never tried one
- I read the recipes and have tried one or more
- I read the "First Match" Articles
- I read the match scores
- I just look at the pictures
- Other (please specify)

10. Recognizing that personnel are required to conduct them and may not be available, I would like Montana Territory Peacemakers to provide classes/clinics on: (check all that apply)

- Reloading for Cowboy Action/Wild Bunch shooting
- Shooting techniques to improve speed
- Range Officer 1 or 2
- Timer Operator
- Stage writing/match design
- Rules and/or penalties
- Costuming for men
- Costuming for women
- How to get started in and/or requirements for Wild Bunch Action Shooting
- Other (please specify)