

AN INVITATION TO THE BLACK POWDER TARGET RIFLE COMPETITORS OF PLANET EARTH  
TO ATTEND THE  
DESERT INTERNATIONAL BLACK POWDER LONG RANGE TARGET RIFLE MATCH  
MARCH 23-31, 2022  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
(11-15-2021)

The Arizona Western International Shoot, AZWINS, is sponsoring a Long Range Black Powder Target Rifle Match. The purpose of AZWINS is to provide this group of black powder shooters, both Muzzle Loader and Cartridge Rifle, a high quality type competition that is fun to shoot in. A first of its kind match. Something along the lines of the Quigley Match in Montana, but on paper targets in the spirit of the mid 1870's when the Irish and English Teams, much to their surprise, discovered that America had Remington and Sharps Long Range Target Capable Rifles. Those dreaded breech loaders.

It is this type of shoulder to shoulder competition presented on the finest long range Black Powder rifle range on the planet, simply to come, bring your favorite rifles and spend a week of long range target rifle shooting that is purposefully designed for competitors to have fun shooting. There is no better range anywhere perfectly suited to prepare the black powder long range target rifleman for further International Competition at other locations worldwide.

For riflemen travelling into the United States from foreign there is a method for cartridge rifle shooters to bring their needed ammunition with them. Dave Gullo of Buffalo Arms would be delighted to share the method he uses to fly with his needed articles. For the muzzle loader shooters arrangements are in place with Dave Gullo of Buffalo Arms to bring #11 RWS Percussion Caps and Swiss Black powder to the Ben Avery Range prior to the match for use in the match if you make those arrangements with Buffalo Arms in advance. [dg@buffaloarms.com](mailto:dg@buffaloarms.com)

Here is the opportunity of a lifetime for muzzle loader competitors worldwide. **IF**, twelve or more muzzle loader shooters enter to shoot the seven IRONMAN Black Powder Target Rifle Matches, "**before**", December 18, 2021, AZWINS will create a separate muzzle loader class to shoot only against other muzzle loader shooters in the individual matches, and, shoot under the same rules as the target rifle shooters using coaches, cross sticks, wrist rest and or sling, bench, etc. Your allotted time will essentially be 3 minutes for each record shot for a pair of muzzle loader shooters with a spotter/coach for each individual match. (EG: 60 minutes for 2 shooters to pair fire ten record shots each, 90 minutes for 2 shooters to fire 15 record shots each.) The exception is that for the Aggregate Matches, (IRONMAN & Steve Rhoades Memorial), there can be only one winner for each, however, place awards for cartridge rifle and also for muzzle loader if 12 or more muzzle loader shooters enter the IRONMAN. Also, day three of the 1,000 yard match all competitors will fire their 20 record shots without a coach or spotter.

If less than 12 muzzle loader shooters sign up to shoot the IRONMAN the muzzle loader shooters will be squadded together at the range and promulgate and adhere to whatever set of

rules that they choose to shoot under as a group. Remembering, we do not change firing lines daily. We shoot from the same firing distance each day and change for the next day.

Muzzle Loader Shooters will Also be considered on a first come first served basis. I will pick up the entries at my Post Office Box and number them as received. IRONMAN entries get first priority in the group, both cartridge and muzzle loader. It then comes down to when the entry was received at my Post Office Box.

And YES, I am reserving at least 12 positions until December 17, 2021, for muzzle loaders. After that cartridge rifles will fill in from the wait list.

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