

# President's Letter

April 2016

*In August of 2001, the Oakwood Outlaws held the first ever official shoot at the current Range facility. There were informal shoots for friends before then, but that was the first official match as a club. A lot has happened to our game since then. I remember all of the goofy things that were included in the stages that would never even be considered now. And they were done on the clock. If you have been shooting Cowboy for a long time, you also remember these as the good old days.*

*But things change (constantly) and for a club to succeed it is necessary to go with the flow so to speak. Now, don't get me wrong, I do miss the old days and the really fun matches of long ago. I also know of many shooters who no longer participate because they feel that the game has evolved into a pure speed game. Perhaps they really feel that way or that may just be an excuse we use when we get too old and tired to keep up with the young guns of our sport. Many rule changes have been made to "level the playing field" by adding age based categories and adding more varied dress related and Shooting Style categories. Targets have become MUCH bigger and CLOSER over the past several years and that is still a bone of contention to some shooters. Many shooters don't even know what that little bumpy thingy is for on the front of the barrel, while other shooters think that all targets should need to be aimed at. So what is a club to do? As I said before, "go with the flow" and offer what the majority of the members want. While that does not and cannot please everyone, it is the only way to move forward. I feel that we have done a good job of that over the years, as we are still a viable club. I hope you agree.*

*This year's Jail Break is celebrated as our 15th anniversary match even though it is a few months early. We also dedicate this year's Jail Break to all the Club members who have passed away over the last 15 years. May they still be shooting in that Range high up in the sky, and winning every match.*

*Enjoy yourself, be safe, and build memories.*

*Justa Hand*

**Jail Break Registration Open  
Until Shooter Safety Meeting**