

Swamp Road Sportsmen's Club



4th Annual Handgun



Canned Gopher Shoot

The competition:

- This is a rain or shine event held September 5th, 2026.
- Shoot as many of the canned gophers (12 cans of beverage) in 12 minutes to shoot the event. as you can with 24 bullets. The canned gophers will be spaced from 5-30 yards.

The Rules:

- Use any of your favorite centerfire handguns. Caliber, weight, action type, no restrictions on your handgun! You must use the same handgun throughout the competition.
- Only open sights will be used. No quick points or scoped guns.
- Use any aid to stable your aim. Use of sand bags, bi-pods, tri-pods, lead sled or even a rock if that's what will work for you.
- You can set your shooting aids up on the bench along with your ammunition, but your handgun must remain in the gun rack with the **action open** until the shoot begins.
- All ammunition will remain loose in ammo boxes until the start of the competition. Loose means no stripper clips or speed loaders. You **cannot** load your magazine until the start of the competition.
- If a gun malfunction occurs, it will be to the discretion of the range supervisor if there will be a make-up at the end of the shoot. Please bring reliable guns and ammunition.
- A count down timer will be set within sight of each shooter. When the timer reaches "0" shooters will cease fire and clear their weapons.
- Range officer will clear you to move off the shooting line after verifying the gun in clear.
DO NOT TAKE THE FIREARM OFF THE SHOOTING LINE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD IT'S CLEAR BY THE RANGE OFFICER.

Scoring:

- A hit is defined as any can that does not hold its fluid. If the can is grazed by a bullet but does not leak it is **NOT** a hit. If the bullet ricochets in front of the can and it hits the can and makes it leak it is a hit. If the bullet hits the can stand and the can falls off and hits a rock that punctures the can to make it leak it's a hit. Final score will be judged by the range supervisor.
- The following will be the distance of the targets along with the score for each.

Yards	Number of cans	Points for each can	Total points	
26-30	3	50	150	
21-25	3	25	75	
16-20	3	15	45	
5-15	3	5	15	
	12 Total Cans		285 Total Points	

- If you complete the course and kill all the canned gophers, you will receive 1 point for each unfired cartridge. The course must be cleared to receive points for unfired ammo.
- The points will be added up to determine the winner.
- If shooters have a tie score in points, tie will go to the shooter with the most targets hit. If also tied in the most hits it will go to the shooter with the furthest targets hit. If still tied it will remained tied and the division will be equally split.

Cost:

- Each shooter will pay \$8 to shoot the competition. \$4 will go to the club for targets and range improvements, \$4 will go back to the winning shooters.
- The entry fee will be prepaid at time you sign up. No refunds.

Prize money split:

- Last place gets their entry fee back, \$8. This will get paid out before the other moneys are split.
- The remainder of the prize money will be split 3 ways on a Lewis class Payout. 50% of prize money for 1st Pro, 1st Lewis, 2nd Lewis and 3rd Lewis will split the remaining 50% equally into 3 parts.
- Any ties will be split 50 -50, yes you may take less for 1st place than 2nd place if there is a tie.
- This is a fundraiser, so any money donated back to the club would be appreciated.