



September 2025 Newsletter

Inaugural Addition

Introduction

Welcome to the first Historic 3-Gun newsletter. We want to keep our members informed about H3G happenings and what is planned as we continue to grow. Our goal is to develop this into a two-way communication. We are working on the technicalities for this to become a reality.

In the interim, please feel free to contact any board member or email us at members@historic3gun.com.

We are extremely fortunate to have three renowned and knowledgeable shooters as Members Emeritus to help guide us as we begin and grow.

They are: **Evil Roy, Happy Jack** and **Texas Jack Morales**, A great big thanks go out to each of them.

Our organization

The Board of Directors

Dusty Boddams, EJ Waltermire, Hondo Tweed, Hoodoo Brown, Shell Stuffer and Tully Mars

Amicus Counsel

Legendary Lawman and Serenity

Our Social Media people

CN Double, Loonatic and The Spaniard

HISTORIC 3-GUN ORIGIN

Historic 3-Gun was conceived to fill a void in action shooting. The H3G goal is to have a safe, fun and friendly shooting sport while offering some challenges and allowing a variety of older firearms. Thus, the saying, "*Historic 3-Gun is 3 gun with vintage technology.*"

We want to make it clear that we have nothing against any other shooting sport nor are we trying to 'steal' shooters from any other sport. Our goal is to offer another venue for all interested shooters to shoot historic firearms.

We encourage Wild Bunch shooters to shoot with us where they can shoot with us using WB rules.

Historic 3-Gun is run by shooters for shooters. We have tried to keep the dues as low as possible in fairness to our loyal members. We do not charge sanctioning fees to matches that would have to be paid by our shooters. All board members, including amicus counsel pay annual dues.

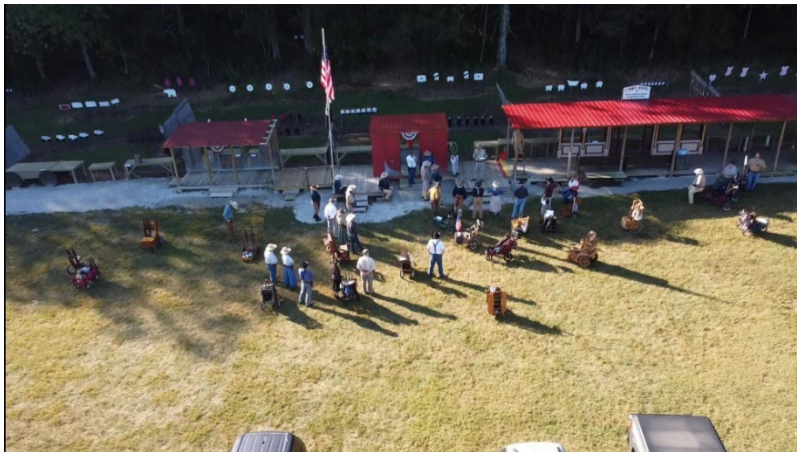


Hoodoo Brown, *Board Chair*

2025 Upcoming Major Events

Missouri

This year, the Bear Creek Volunteers will once again be holding Pershing's Pursuit, the annual Wild Bunch and state Historic 3-Gun championship from September 19-21. It will



be held at the Liberty Range, Walnut Shade, MO. Again, it will be orchestrated by Artemus Von Schutze and Sarsaparilla. It is a beautiful range and a great shoot. They put on with a variety of specialty matches on Sept 19th, followed by two days of H3G competition on the 20th and 21st. Lots of variety with both fast and furious as well as some challenging targets. Come for the shooting and the camaraderie at this great match.

For more information and application: <https://www.bearcreekvolunteers.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bearcreekvolunteerswildbunch>.

Illinois



For the first time, Shell Stuffer and Back 40, along with their gang of volunteers will be putting on the North American Historic 3-Gun Championship October 10-12. It is being held at Shell Stuffer's club, the Sandoval Sporting Range in Sandoval, IL.

This range is a hidden gem with 11 shooting bays and long range to 200 yards. There is free camping on the range, and the range will be available to registered participants of this match for a few days ahead of time for practice and testing firearms. As usual, specialty matches will be on Friday with the main match on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information on all these events, visit <https://historic3gun.com>.

For Illinois, call Shell Stuffer at (618) 267-6952 or Back 50 at (618) 663-7423

Please let us know if you are coming but you can pay when you arrive.

Below you will find a highly informative article on a fun gun to shoot and use in H3G.

The Henry Homesteader

Introduction, uses and preparation for competition.

The Henry Homesteader (HH) is a wood stocked, alloy framed, blowback, semi-automatic 9mm carbine. It retains a classic look from a bygone era. The HH does not look tactical. It possesses more than a passing resemblance to the 1907 Winchester that was chambered in the far more powerful 351WSL. Looking at all the magazines and online reviews, the HH receives glowing reviews. Its uses as stated are for home defense, plinking and perhaps a truck gun. While these are all good and worthy uses, what about using them in competition? Would the HH be competitive? Would reliability be a factor? What about accuracy? Would the factory sights be usable? Armchair quarterbacking is a great and fun pastime. It can be enjoyable stating, with authority, what would work best and why something wouldn't work or be as good as it should. The only problem is that you might be wrong!

Historic 3-Gun (H3G)

The best way to judge the HH would be using it in competition! Enter Historic 3 Gun (H3G). This organization's byline is "3-gun using vintage technology." (<http://historic3gun.com>)

Historic 3-Gun has different divisions centered on the 1911 and using different long arms depending on which division a competitor is in. An example would be the Audie Murphy Division allowing M1 carbines, or Modern Division allowing pistol caliber lever action rifles.

Bootlegger is the division where the Henry Homesteader fits. The Bootlegger Division offers quite a number of different firearms options, including different handguns and pistol caliber carbines such as the Thompson, Suomi, and other various lever, pump and semi-automatic action in many calibers. The Henry Homesteader serves well in this category. We will consider H3G as a good testing ground since many of these rifles are in use at these matches.

The HH fits into the style and time frame for bootlegger division. It has the classic looks of the 1907 Winchester without the expense and headaches.

Quality 07's are expensive. The 10-round original magazines are expensive, although they work and are high quality. Hand loading is mandatory. Brass must be made from something else. The bullet is of a unique design and diameter. Velocity can be reduced to about 1550 and remain reliable. Overcoming these challenges results in a fun rifle, but the Henry Homesteader will give you the same general look, without any of the headaches!

So, what have we learned about the Henry Homesteader in competition. For Historic 3-Gun competitions, the rifle is usable right out of the box. It has no reliability issues. Mine had a fair amount of preservative covering from the factory but it seems no one else has had that problem. Just clean and oil to make ready for competition.

From the factory, the HH has a good looking finish that is black, not flat, yet not too shiny. The walnut furniture is not glossy but has a pleasant sheen. It has a recoil pad and sling swivels. It has Henry's answer to checkering that allows a better purchase that's not traditional line checkering but still allows a good grip and it looks great. If you like, an old cotton sling or 1" leather looks right and is practical.

A great feature is that the HH can be set up with right or left bolt charging handle and magazine control. For a right-handed user the bolt operation on the left side works well along with the magazine release, allowing all operations with the left hand, including magazine changes, while maintaining control of rifle with the right hand.

The safety is perfectly located on top at back of receiver and is extremely easy to use. This is important when placing a rifle into a safety container as the rifle must be placed on safe if loaded.

The rifle has a bolt hold open device that's easy to use. The rifle is easy to maintain and simple to field strip. Glock magazines are used almost 100% in this region. The HH will also

take a proprietary magazine with the exchange of a different mag well. These are probably in use where magazine capacity is limited by law. Sig Sauer and Smith & Wesson magazines can also be used with the appropriate adapter. The sights from the factory are good. They are blade front and a barrel mounted peep sight that at first view look too far forward to work properly but after very little shooting, the sights easily become natural.

At the front of the barrel, you will find a cap covering a threaded end that is suitable for a silencer or muzzle brake. A steel muzzle brake is used by many shooters on the 16" barrel helping the carbine not look as stubby and help the balance a little. It also looks cool!

9mm fmj ammunition is ubiquitous and can be used for practice and competition. HH is hand loader friendly, and shoots lead about as well as jacketed.

I'm sure there's exceptions, but every HH I've used and every Homesteader owner I have talked to, the HH has worked out of the box with Glock magazines and just about all have had a good to excellent trigger pull.

Modern competition

For all the above reasons, the HH is ready for modern competition. It is also pre tapped and ready for optics. A small red dot would be handy and fast although we use iron sights in Historic 3-Gun.

We have also been using the HH successfully at local PCC matches. The carbine is fast, fun and competitive with the added benefit of standing out from the plethora of AR platform carbines.



I'm Dusty Boddams and that's the Boddam line!