



# Texican Star

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Howdy Friends

Let's start off the message with an update on Comancheria Days. We have reached 115 shooters and still have some time left for more to sign up. Woody put together some fun stages and the work parties have the range ready. We will start pre-shooting workers this weekend.

We have several vendors coming and a cowboy cook. He said something about sausage, gravy and biscuits for breakfast, and that was enough to hire him. We have nice awards, raffle guns, a few door prizes and a grand prize rifle with engraving. There will be a live band at the banquet, better than the one we had last year. Mario has promised better food and more of it per plate.

The first match in May will be elections for club officers. If you cannot be there, you can vote by email. Send your e-mail to Lone Star Hoss, [lonestarhoss@stx.rr.com](mailto:lonestarhoss@stx.rr.com) and he will print it and bring it to the match for the count. You can mail in to PO Box 294352, Kerrville Texas 78029.

Dusty Chambers is up for President  
Two Shot Tex is up for Vice President  
Jonah Stark is up for Range Master  
Fatal Star is up for Secretary  
Pinata Kid is up for Treasurer

Lone Star Hoss is Web Master and Newsletter Editor by Officer Appointment, and Dirty Dog Dale is Range Maintenance by Officer Appointment.

We have a new type match coming on the Sunday match in May called Bragging Rights. It's six side match stages shot in a chosen category, traditional, duelist, etc. winners will receive a custom silver plated belt buckle with crossed pistols. They have gold banners with first place, Texican Rangers. This is limited to 60 shooters because of down range conflicts with the Trail Walk and Blazing Saddles. There is an idea to do it again later, with teams. Teams will be drawn, and each team member from the winning team will get a buckle.

Our new cooks are doing a great job; we had 40 plates at the last Sunday match. Be sure and tell them thanks at the grub line.  
See ya'll at the range  
Dusty Chambers

## ***March 10, 2007***

### **Overall Winners:**

- 1) Picoso 2) Alley 3) Jonah Stark 4) Hopalong 5) Lars Christopherson
- 6) Dusty Chambers 7) Lefty Rhodes 8) Tombstone Mary 9) Travelin Jones
- 10) Big Iron

### **Class Winners:**

"B" Western - Blue Thorn  
Classic Cowboy - Yuma Jack  
Ladies Gunfighter - Cat Caliber  
Ladies 49er - Abiqui Sue  
Ladies "B" Western - Tombstone Mary  
Ladies Modern - Haddy Heard  
Ladies Senior - Pepper Jacque  
Ladies Traditional - Fatal Star  
Men's Cody Dixon Lever - Dusty Chambers  
Men's 49er - Travelin' Jones  
Men's Frontier Cartridge - Texas Gil  
Men's Modern - Picoso  
Men's Senior - Jonah Stark  
Men's Super Senior - Alley  
Men's Traditional - Big Iron  
Men's Senior Duelist - Newt Ritter  
Men's Gunfighter - Lars Christopherson  
Elder Statesman - Stampede Al

### **Clean Match:**

Red Scott, Alley, Lightfoot Louie, Quintana, Capt. Samuel Clayton,  
Jonah Stark

### **Only 1 Miss:**

Handsome Tom, Tombstone Mary, Two Shot Tex, Lars Christopherson, Gold Dog,  
Dangerous Don, Big Iron, Kool Hand Kel

### **Speed Stage Winner:**

Hopalong

## ***March 25, 2007***

### **Overall Winners:**

1) Reverend Trinity 2) Hopalong 3) Polecat Tumlinson 4) Wild Bill Munch  
5) Silas Slaughter 6) Jonah Stark 7) Blue Thorn 8) Dan McDuffie  
9) Grouchy Spike 10) Bedico Bill

### **Class Winners:**

"B" Western - Reverend Trinity  
Classic Cowboy - Wild Bill Munch  
Ladies 49er - Abiqui Sue  
Ladies Gunfighter - Cat Caliber  
Ladies Traditional - Fatal Star  
Men's 49er - Bedico Bill  
Men's Frontier Cartridge - Pinata Kid  
Men's Senior - Hopalong  
Men's Senior Duelist - Grouchy Spike  
Men's Traditional - Polecat Tumlinson  
Men's Cody Dixon Lever - Jonah Stark  
Men's Cody Dixon Single Shot - Dangerous Don  
Men's Gunfighter - Guatemala Kid  
Junior Boys - Double Jay

### **Clean Match:**

Lightfoot Louie, Pinata Kid, Bedico Bill

### **Only One Miss:**

Reverend Trinity, Buckskin Frank, Abiqui Sue

### **Speed Stage:**

Hopalong

## TARGET SIZE, DISTANCE & LIGHT LOADS

by Jonah Stark

The *Cowboy Chronicle* and the gun magazines have expounded on the wimpy loads and target distance and size, so why not bring it up in the *Texican Star*?

The “standard” for the power of our loads is spelled out in the handbook for a .38 Special 158 grain bullet at 800 feet per second as the standard to knock down a knockdown target. But, how many knockdown targets do we shoot at with revolver or rifle? This is a guide line only.

The handbook establishes target distance and size. Targets approximately 16” in size and set at 5 to 7 yards for revolver, 13 to 50 yards for rifle and 8 to 16 yards for shotgun.

With the technical stuff out of the way let’s think about what we really want! Foremost, we are shooting Cowboy Action to have fun and associate with others that want to do the same. Some want to shoot fast. Others want to shoot at a more leisurely pace. Some want big close targets; others don’t care. But the only way to really have fun is to be able to hit most of the targets most of the time. Not to shoot clean every time, but it’s nice to sometimes have a clean stage or even a clean match. Almost anyone that has been shooting any length of time can fire a clean stage or a clean match if that is what they really want to do. ALL they have to do is slow down, aim carefully at the target and hit the target. Don’t worry about how long it takes you to shoot the stage, just have fun. On the other hand, some want to shoot fast and will accept an occasional miss in order to try to win their category.

Can both sides of the coin shoot together and still have fun? Of course! When I first started CAS, all I cared about was improving my performance each match over the previous match. THEN, I lost track of my objective and set goals to beat “so and so”. I finally beat “so and so” but while I had previously shot many clean stages and several clean matches, I found myself missing more and more targets and even went through a period where I couldn’t “buy” a clean match. The pressure when I walked to the line to shoot was making the idea of shooting CAS more like work than fun. If I missed a target, it felt like someone had hit me in the stomach. Where had the fun gone? I still want to shoot fast, but I want to shoot clean, also. My objective now is to find that medium ground where I shoot clean and as fast as I can and still hit the targets. If “so and so” beats me, so what?

My attitude concerning targets and power of loads is simply this: play the game in the best way FOR YOU! If you want to shoot wimpy loads that barely make it to the target, fine, do so. But don’t complain if the counters cannot see or hear if you hit the target and call it a miss or it doesn’t knock down the target. Accept the miss as part of the use of the wimpy load. On the other hand, if you want to shoot the Warthog load, be my guest as long as your load is not damaging to the targets. In either case, as long as your load is a safe load, shoot whichever load you desire. If the target is close, blaze away at your fastest speed if that’s what you want. If, on the other hand, the target is out a little farther than you wish it was, slow down a little, “smell the roses” and hit the target.

Except that I feel that CAS already has too many categories, I think a factory box stock firearm without any kind of tune up would be a good category. CAS is not a cheap sport to get into. Even buying used guns means approximately \$1000 just to get the four guns required to shoot in a match. Throw in long range, and you have another \$500. Leather will set you back another \$100 to \$500. There is no need for an equipment race. Decide what you think you can afford and have fun.

Accept the match as it is written. Some stages benefit the double barrel shotgun, others the Model 97. Some are easier for the left hander and some for the right hander. Some will complain that the match is not Gunfighter friendly. You choose to shoot Gunfighter, so figure out how to shoot the stage that way. There are very few stages that one shooting Gunfighter cannot engage if he will only think about it and use his head. It really boils down to do the best that you can with what you have and have fun trying to do it.

Quit worrying about the other guy and how he/she plays THEIR game. That’s what CAS is, it’s a game to play and have fun.

‘Til next time, shoot straight and keep your head down!

# Cowboy Tradin' Post

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