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Howdy All,

I have to tell everyone that I am stepping down from being Club President. I am moving to Arkansas soon. Two Shot Tex is stepping in as President until 08 elections. My last day at work is the 20th of this month and I will be leaving the following day and start my new position with Comcast Cable company in Little Rock on the 24th. I am staying in management and will be getting a step up in salary and a step down in responsibilities. By spring, all my children and grandchildren will be there along with brothers and sisters. Many folks already know, it was first announced last match. I sincerely want to thank all the members for their support and understanding and for the response last match to my leaving. I will miss everyone. I have made many friends that cannot be replaced, but will be remembered through the rest of my life. I will carry this club and the friendships gained here in my heart.

Shindig is coming up. I made a statement last month about the on going conflicts we have with the hunters and the October shooting. The Board has decided to have a regular match with 5 stages and then take those stages down after lunch, closing the range until January. The club needs help in gathering the targets and putting things away, please see Jonah to offer help after the match.

Club members will shoot Shindig free along with a free lunch. Non-members will pay the normal match fees with free lunch. We would like to ask for help to gather a potluck lunch so the cooks can have some time off too and enjoy the last match of the year. They have stepped up for us all year, so let's give a little back. We need some folks helping with food items, the club will have drinks and Two Shot Tex will bring the meat. Let Two Shot know what you can bring to the table for club and we could use a couple of volunteers for setup. Please remember to thank the board at the match for their volunteer work for the club all year.

Comancheria Days 08 is on track and I will assist in any way from long distance. The Board is planning now and the match is on. Check out the two page write up in the Cowboy Chronicle this month. Fellow member Yuma Jack did an awesome job writing and organizing the article and promoting our club. Thanks John!

I wish everyone the best of life and the best shooting always.

Take care

Dusty Chambers

Two Shot's two cents

Howdy folks,

Well, we're making the big transition and saying goodbye to Dusty Chambers who has been a great president. He has moved the club forward, helped improve our local shooting stages and also gotten the club solidly into the black financially. I know that personally I will miss him a great deal and hope that whatever awaits him in his new job works out well. If you get a chance to call or email Dusty and say goodbye, I'm sure that he and Laramie Lorraine would appreciate a kind word.

Until the elections in 2008, I'll be serving as club President and Red Scott has agreed to serve as Vice President. We have been confirmed by the Board of Directors as called out in the bylaws. Elections for 2008 will be held at the May 10th shoot, just after Comancheria Days

I have asked Red to serve as Match Director for Comancheria Days 2008 and he has graciously agreed to step back into the fire again. He already has a proven track record in the job and I'm sure he will do just as good a job this time around. We are going to have an Assistant Match Director this time to spread out the workload and also give the club more continuity in the job. Red's first choice (and mine) was Sheriff Robert Love who stepped right up to the challenge and said yes with no hesitation (I am really impressed by how good Texican Rangers are at donating their time and energy to help). For example, have you ever noticed how the grass gets cut every month and the targets get painted in time for every match? Dirty Dog Dale and Gimpy James have been coming down with a shredder and lawnmower taking care of that for the club. Dirty Dog Dale also paints the targets every month all by himself. They both do this job in the background, quietly with very little recognition. If you see them, please take a minute to shake their hand and say thanks. They deserve it.

Red Scott and Sheriff Robert Love will be contacting members to serve as stage marshals (I think they already have a significant number lined up) and we will also need help in a myriad of other jobs. Most of us have been involved in setting up and running a major match before and know full well the amount of time and effort involved. If you have skill in a particular area and would like to volunteer to help, please, come on down.

Other than annual membership renewals, Comancheria Days is the one chance the club has to get additional operating funds for renovations and improvements to our facilities. So, in addition to having a really good time and getting to know your fellow rangers a lot better, you can also help keep the club sound and healthy financially.

Looking towards the immediate future, we have Shindig coming up on the second Saturday in October and this year it will be a free match and a potluck dinner. The club will provide all the barbecued brisket you can eat from Lazy J's in Floresville and each member is requested to bring a potluck dish of their choice. Got a favorite dish or specialty item you are really proud of? Here's your chance to show it off. Abiquiu Sue (210-455-4191) is keeping a master list and if you would be kind enough to let her know what you want to bring, we can coordinate our efforts and have a wonderful meal (without ending up with 45 pots of beans). Non-members will have to pay the regular \$20 shoot fee but will get to eat free along with everyone else. Guests of members will also be welcome to eat with us so if there is a friend(s) you want to bring that's fine, just ask them to bring a pot luck dish and come on over.

After the match is over we will be taking down the targets on the last five stages to close up the range for the deer season. If possible, please make plans to help us for about 30 minutes after the match and with many hands we can make short work of a fairly large chore. We would really appreciate your help.

Shindig will be our last match until mid-January. The exact date will have to be worked out with Becky Patterson, our landowner. Becky has been extraordinarily good to us over the years and the club has tried hard to maintain a good relationship with her and be respectful of the ranch. During the months leading up to Comancheria Days 2008 we will be having work parties to prepare the range for the big match and take care of the normal maintenance items that seem to come up every year. Overall, the range is in good shape and we are looking at maintaining what we have and keeping it in good order. The weather is tough on wooden props and they have to be rebuilt and repainted every so often to stay in good shape. Jonah Stark and I will be making a list of items to be worked on in the coming months and we will be ready for the next summer and Comancheria Days in fine form.

This coming Sunday, September 16, we're going to have a Comancheria Days work party to clean up a few things around the range and also get rid of the cable spools back by the cemetery that our gracious landowner has been asking us to remove. This will be the first of several work parties in which you will be able to participate to get your name in the hat for the Comancheria Days worker gun. The 2008 gun will be an 1866 yellow boy from Uberti with an action job by me. Your pick of caliber and barrel length. What a great deal! Every time you come and participate in a work party, your name will go on a list kept by Fatal Star and you will be give a ticket (at Comancheria Days) for every time your name appears on the list. Each time you help at a work party your chances get better to win that 1866. I hope you'll make plans to come out and help the club this weekend and we will look forward to seeing you there.

I guess this got a little lengthy, but there was a lot to cover. I'm looking forward to serving the club and I'm constantly amazed at how much help many of our members give. Not just empty talk, but real help, actually coming out and physically improving the Texican Rangers by giving time, experience and effort. Thanks to you all for making this transition as easy as possible. We're gonna have a great time playin' cowboy!

Two Shot

August 11, 2007

Overall Winners:

- 1) Calvin N Hobbes
- 2) Reverend Trinity
- 3) Lassiter
- 4) Barbary Coast
- 5) A D Texas
- 6) Dusty Lonestar
- 7) Jonah Stark
- 8) Newt Ritter
- 9) Picoso Kid
- 10) Handlebar Bob

Class Winners:

Grand Dame - Stetson Hattie
Ladies 49er - Hatty Heard
Ladies Traditional - Lil Bing
Ladies Modern - Barbary Coast
Men's "B" Western - Reverend Trinity
Men's 49er - Calvin N Hobbes
Men's Frontier Cartridge - Blue Thorn
Men's Frontier Cartridge Duelist - Yuma Jack
Men's Senior - Listo Kid
Men's Super Senior - Jonah Stark
Men's Traditional - Dusty Lonestar
Men's Duelist - Two Shot Tex
Men's Senior Duelist - Newt Ritter
Men's Gunfighter - Sweet Tooth
Elder Statesman - Double Dare Kid

Speed Stage Winner:

Lassiter

Clean Match:

A D Texas, General Burluson, Newt Ritter, Red Scott

Only 1 Miss:

Jonah Stark, Barbary Coast

August 26, 2007

Overall Winners:

- 1) Reverend Trinity
- 2) Handlebar Bob
- 3) Polecat Tumlinson
- 4) Big Iron Patnode
- 5) Two Shot Tex
- 6) Wild Bill Munch
- 7) Listo Kid
- 8) Bubba Shot
- 9) Shotgun Professor
- 10) Guatemala Kid

Class Winners:

Grand Dame - Stetson Hattie
Ladies Senior - Odessa Star
Junior Boys - Quick Draw Jay
Men's Cody Dixon - Texas Sarge
Classic Cowboy - Wild Bill Munch
Men's 49er - Two Shot Tex
Men's B Western - Guatemala Kid
Men's Senior - Quintana
Men's Senior Duelist - Handlebar Bob
Men's Super Senior - Listo Kid
Men's Traditional - Reverend Trinity
Men's Gunfighter - Two Hog Jim
Elder Statesman - J B Brandt

Clean Match:

Dirty Dog Dale, Rowdy Noyes

Only One Miss:

Red Scott, Big Iron Patnode

Never Been His Fortune To Meet A Grander And Nobler Soldier

Summary by QUINTANA

Night fell upon the mission-fortress of 1718, known as San Antonio de Valero in Bejar. The Spanish word for the cottonwood trees that grew near by gave root to the name by which it became popularly known, the Alamo. That evening, of February 26, 1836, while the defenders of Texas independence huddled within the fortress walls from the winter chill, far away, in the cheapest room of the Indian Queen Hotel in Washington on the Potomac, Samuel Colt was examining his first American patent for revolving pistols.

Sam Colt's invention did not prove to be a success in the east, however many of Colt's early revolvers found their way to the new Republic of Texas and into the skilled hands of the Texas Rangers.

The reputation for both the Colt and the Texas Rangers gave birth to the name of the revolver, "*The Texas*". The firepower of *the Paterson* turned the fortunes of combat engagements with the marauding Comanche. Captain Jack Hays and his men, who ranged in and around San Antonio in the early years after Texas gained independence, used the revolver extensively. However, a sturdier weapon was needed to improve dependability and firepower for the rugged frontier. One of Hay's lieutenants, a young Samuel H. Walker, fresh from the Indian wars in Florida was dispatched to New York to purchase arms for the new republic.

Sam Walker met Sam Colt and the message was that improvements were needed and a new Colt was born. A month later a heavier and stronger *Walker Colt* arrived in Texas. The caliber was beefed up to .44 and the most powerful magnum pistol prevailed for over the next 100 years. The *Walker Colt* armed a Ranger on horseback to ride "*hell for leather*" and engage the spirited Comanche in a running battle for the Texas frontier. It is believed the first use of the "*Walker*" in armed combat occurred along the Pedernales River.

In 1846, when the Mexican War began, Samuel H. Walker was again sent to New York to obtain revolvers from Samuel Colt. Colt had gone bankrupt and had lost his factory. However, Colonel Sam contracted out to Whitney to manufacture the weapons and Colt was back in business. Delivery of 1000 famed "*Walkers*" reached the Texas Rangers soon after they landed in Vera Cruz. The heavily armed Texans left a brandished reputation as they cut a swath across Mexico and into the history of the Southwest. The Rangers scouted for the U.S. Army and were at the lead in many engagements that routed and vanquished Mexican troops.

In the summer of 1847, advancing from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, many bloody engagements took place between the U.S. troops and the Mexican forces in guerrilla type warfare. The conflict was brutal. It was said, "Should Captain Walker come across the guerrillas God help them, for he seldom brings in prisoners".

Walker, now holding a commission of Captain with the U.S. Mounted Rifles in the regular army, was still looked upon as a Texas Ranger. He remained a Ranger in tactics and methods, and for these reasons led to his tragic end. Walker reached the city of Perote located a third of the way between Vera Cruz and Mexico City. It was here in Castle of Perote, Walker and Big Foot Wallace had once been held prisoner as members of the failed Mier Expedition, many years previously. Walker, while a prisoner, placed an American dime under a Mexican flag pole and claimed a prophesy that he would some day return to see an American flag flying above the castle turret. And so it came to pass, the prophesy fulfilled, Walker dug up the dime and held it high for all to see as he saluted the American flag waiving in the Mexican breeze.

By October, General Jo Lane, Colonel Jack Hays and Captain Samuel Walker were engaged in and around Perote in a game of hide and seek between Generalissimo Santa Anna and the U.S. Army and Texas Rangers. Santa Anna was moving to the mountain pass El Pinal, where he hoped to prevent U.S. forces reaching Puebla where the Mexican Army was engaged in a siege of U.S. General Childs' forces. In the path lay Huamantla where remained a garrison of Mexican troops, supplies and guns. A strike force of 1800 men set out to capture this store. On the afternoon of October 9, 1847, led by Texas Ranger, Samuel Walker, these mounted men swept into the streets of Huamantla with sabers flashing and guns blazing. Santa Anna came up with his full command and the fighting was desperate. The U.S. forces prevailed but, Samuel H. Walker lay dead upon the field mortally wounded.

Walker's men burst into tears when they saw him in death. *A soldier wrote that it had never been his fortune to meet a grander and nobler soldier.* 'He was brave, faithful and obedient to his superior in rank and kind to his men. He was, without doubt, one of the bravest officers in the army.' His commanding officer said: 'This victory is saddened by the loss of one of the most chivalric, noble-hearted men that graced the profession of arms – Captain Samuel H. Walker, of the mounted riflemen. Foremost in the advance, he had routed the enemy when he fell mortally wounded.'

Samuel H. Walker had fallen five days after Jack Hays and his regiment of Texas Rangers arrived. Hays and his men caught up the task that Walker had laid down, and carried it on with a vengeance. It was President Polk himself who had designated Hays as the proper man to send to Mexico to clear the road of guerrillas. These were real Texas Rangers. They were distinguished in their outlandish frontier assortment of dress, hats, quality of horse under saddle that were without exception, tough, mettlesome and quick, and the horses weren't slouches either. Each Ranger carried a rifle and four pistols, two old single-shot shooters and two brand-new *Walker Colts*. The Mexicans were terribly afraid of these Texans led by Colonel Jack Hays. It was noted that when they brought in some prisoners, 'This is one of the seven wonders...for they generally shoot them on the spot where captured'. Such are the misfortunes of guerrilla warfare.

Entering into the City of Mexico, a sensation among the inhabitants arose, wrote John S. 'RIP' Ford. "They thronged the streets along which we passed. The greatest curiosity prevailed to get a sight at "*Los Diabolos Tejanos*" – The Texas Devils."

Excerpts from "The Texas Rangers A Century of Frontier Defense" by Walter Prescott Webb

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