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Presidents Corner

Howdy All.

Grouchy Spike has written an excellent note on Comancheria Days preparations, I would like to add that since I joined this club I have never seen so much work done on the range in 2 months. My hat's off to everyone involved. A great bunch of cowboys and cowgirls!

We are going to have a good turnout this year, more shooters than last year. We are still taking in more shooters every day. Cody Dixon has been upgraded to 2 targets per stage and the new rules and round count will go into place at Comancheria Days.

There will not be a match the second weekend in April due to Comancheria Days and Easter. We'll be back at it in May. At the May match on Saturday we will hold Officer elections for the coming year. Be sure and be there to vote. We are planning a fort wall up at the area where the chicken coop was. I expect construction to start after Comancheria Days. After we get the 10 posts in it should go up in two weekends. I hope to see many of you next week at Comancheria Days 09

Ride safe
Dusty Chambers
President

Comancheria Days Preparation

You'll notice that the range has a fresh look. We've had several work parties that built some more loading and unloading tables, repaired others that were on their last legs (literally). At one time there were five groups acting like termites on 2x4s and 1x4s, and mad dentists with drills and bits. I brought a chop saw and that really improved productivity. Handlebar Bob and Quickdraw Jay (the leaders in table construction); Gimpy James, Ima Gutshooter, Two Shot Tex, and Sassy Hatter; Lightfoot Louie and Sweettooth (he hired Bubba Shot to stand in for him, thanks); T J Yancey and General Burluson; Woody Duit and Doc Bradley. And the General brought fresh cookies too. Kiss Me Kate and Madam Ella Moon laid out lunch for the hungry woodpeckers. Sheriff Robert Love and Aimee, and Doc Bradley replaced the door on the jail. Dusty Chambers and Dirty Dog Dale painted the Barn.

There was another group of volunteers working on stage repairs – Sheriff Robert Love, Black Irish Charlie, Blue Thorn, Old Reed, Yuma Jack, Red Scott and Handlebar Bob and a couple of others who I don't remember. The Train and Jersey Lilly have been repaired. .

On this past weekend, Lightfoot Louie earned the **Rembrandt Award** for painting a bunch of loading and unloading tables, and stage tables. He wore out one Wagner sprayer on Saturday and I bought a replacement for Sunday. Doc Bradley did yeoman duty when he stepped in to relieve Lightfoot on Sunday. Those two cowboys sprayed eight gallons of brown paint on those tables. I was busy mixing paint to supply the sprayers, and moving the supply truck to keep up with them.

The Jail, Oriental, Jersey Lilly, Ticket Office (at the stage coach), Line Shack, and the Train have also been painted. The porch at the Headquarters has been repaired.

Gimpy James brought his tractor and cleaned up dead limbs from the range using the front loader and smoothed out the road with a box blade.

The targets were set up for Comancheria Days after the matches on March 14th and 15th by those cowpokes shooting the matches, led by Dusty Chambers and Sheriff Robert Love, and advised by Red Scott and Handlebar Bob. Dusty did some heavy work on Long Range and Cody Dixon targets to get them set up.

The Sheriff, Red Scott, Fatal Star and others checked out the horse for the side match True Grit, where the shooter uses the rifle on several targets. It's like Urban Cowboy with a rifle. I didn't see anyone shooting while riding – I think they were hanging on with both hands

And through all of the activity, Dirty Dog Dale tirelessly tended to painting targets.

I continue to be amazed at the amount of work required to maintain the range, to put on a match, and to prepare for and host Comancheria Days. Sheriff Robert Love, Match Director, continues to have a sense of humor. He's had great support from Dusty Chambers, Red Scott, Fatal Star, Handlebar Bob, and Madam Ella Moon.

As I said to Dirty Dog Dale, Dale's enthusiasm and efforts inspire everyone to volunteer, and that's one reason that the Texican Rangers is such a great cowboy club. We have ownership!

Thanks to all who participated in workdays to clean, repair, construct, paint, and otherwise support the work. Y'all are my heroes!

Grouchy Spike
Assistant Match Director, Comancheria Days

The Comancheria Days Match Director's Column by Sheriff Robert Love

Plans for Comancheria Days 2009 are coming together nicely thanks to the hard work of a lot of cowboys and cowgirls. The range is looking great, and God blessed us all with a little rain so it is greening up too. I know there are some members of the TEXICAN RANGERS who have never participated in Comancheria Days. This is the major fundraiser for our club, and is a great time to visit with your friends, and make new ones, because we always have a lot of wonderful people visit us at our annual match. We also have a lot of vendors attend, giving you the opportunity to purchase new items you

may not have seen before or that cowboy accessory that you've been looking for. This year we will have a free cowboy cookout on Friday night at the range with a chance to share your talents. All of this and you get to shoot too. So COWBOY UP! Come to Comancheria Days April 2-5, and support YOUR club, and have a great time to boot.

Sheriff Robert Love
Match Director

P.S.

If you can't come for the whole time, just come Friday and Saturday. It's still worth it!

Comment by Grouchy Spike

I support the Sheriff's comments about club members participating in this match. I didn't participate in Comancheria Days 2006 because I'd been shooting cowboy all of three months, and was unsure about my game. What game? My first match in January 2006 was 580 seconds! As I gained some confidence, I realized that the score was not all of the game and I discovered the social aspect of the game. What a great group of people in this game!

In February I was talking to Long Juan, a visitor and prospective cowboy about this game. He asked me if he'd be laughed at if he was slow or made some mistakes. I was slow to answer that question, and someone responded, "No, they'll laugh WITH you." And that's so true. My first experience with a cross draw holster was during the match which Long Juan visited, and he'd seen Hopalong laughing at my attempts to holster my offhand pistol into a left side holster that wasn't there. Hopalong was laughing WITH me, because I was so screwed up that it was funny. The only stage in which I didn't make a holster fumble was the stage where pistols were staged on a table.

So bring your guns, join the fun, and compete with yourself – kick back, let your hair down, and enjoy the social aspect of the match! Your participation is welcomed.

p.s. The targets are CLOSE!

Match Recaps

First Match of 2009 – January 10

Fifty cowgirls and cowboys turned out to start the new year with nice weather to boot. Three cowboys shot the match clean – Captain Samuel Clayton, Bisbee Jackson, and Dirty Dog Dale. Picoso Kid was first overall. Lars Christopherson was close with one miss.

Second Match – January 31 – The Shooter’s Challenge

Twenty-seven cowgirls and cowboys accepted the President’s challenge on this 5th Saturday. We had a few visitors who joined up and provided some new competition.

Kickshot stayed with Cowboy category and finished first. Hopalong and Cat Caliber finished first in Men’s and Women’s Super Plinker. Wayne Argence was first in Safari and Chance

Taken was first in Plinker. Bullfrog Ike sniped his way to first in Sniper. Jonah Stark found his game and shot the match clean in Super Plinker.

The Keystone Cops side match provided non-stop laughter, with a team using a golf cart and blanks to bust ten balloons. I don’t remember which team finished first. Sweettooth and Kickshot would have done well except that on the home stretch, Sweettooth floored the accelerator on his cart and revealed an illegal performance modification so they were DQ’d. Hopalong and Quickdraw Jay had a chance until they had a Procedural on the driver swap. Jonah Stark did OK but Grouchy Spike grabbed the empty pistol and after hearing several clicks, Jonah backed up so Grouchy could shoot at the bypassed targets with a loaded pistol.

We’ll solicit contributions for some more vodka to stimulate the creative thinking by Dusty Chamber’s – he designed a great match and side match!

<p>Third Match – February 14</p> <p>Fifty-six cowgirls and cowboys turned out for this match in cool weather. The weather didn't stop seven (yes, 7) cowboys from cleaning the match – Alley, Dusty Leather, Newt Ritter, Red Scott, Listo Kid, Scooter, and Bad Hand. Picoso Kid finished first overall.</p>	<p>Fourth Match – February 15</p> <p>Twenty-one cowgirls and cowboys turned out on a nice Sunday. No one cleaned this match – Dusty Leather and Grouchy Spike had one miss. Picoso Kid finished first.</p>
<p>Fifth Match – March 14</p> <p>Twenty-one cowgirls and cowboys turnout out for this match with some cool weather. Sheriff Robert Love, Jake Jones, and Dirty Dog Dale cleaned the match, and Lassiter Thunder finished first overall.</p> <p>No Chance (Buckaroo) beat his grandpa on two stages, so it won't be long before No Chance whips him on a match, probably this summer! .</p>	<p>Sixth Match – March 15</p> <p>Weather was wet for most of the match, and the posse took a break after the first stage to wait on weather. Thirteen cowboys started this match and eleven finished it. The smart ones didn't start the match! Blue Thorn, Red Scott, Fatal Star, and No Chance were in that group.</p> <p>No one cleaned it, and Picoso Kid finished first overall.</p>