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Presidents Corner

Howdy Members

CAS clubs don't run themselves. Volunteers step forward to create scenarios, set up stages; handle memberships, scoring, publishing, posting on the web, emails, range work and maintenance, welding targets, running errands, accounting; handing insurance and so on. There is also a huge amount of work for annual matches in organization and planning before anything happens, then the work at home and on the range. I am proud to say the Texican Rangers have enough volunteers to accomplish these needed tasks year in and out.

We could not have a State Championship match without these folks stepping up. It's a long list and the range workers will be recognized at our annual Shindig in October. They will be eligible for prize drawings during lunch. It's really a small thanks compared the work they have done at the club. The Officers also have all helped at workdays in addition to their assigned duties. The Officers have all pulled their names from the workers list for prizes. They all enjoy serving the club and want the workers to have a chance at all the prizes.

These prizes will be gift certificates so that the winners can choose their purchase. *Many thanks to all of these folks!*

Stage 13 is under planning. I'll be talking to Becky about possible workdays in the 4th quarter. If not we will start the first quarter of 2010 as the weather warms. Our plans for this stage are very unique, as we will be shooting at targets inside windows, doors and behind props from a boardwalk that will be covered. Kinda Like High Noon. I woke up in the middle of the night with this idea and starting typing at 2 am so's that I wouldn't lose any thoughts. Can't blame the likker this time!

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President's Corner (continued from Page 1)

There is a Cody-Dixon Team event at Plum Creek August 29 and the Texicans have gathered up a nasty group of sharpshooters to represent our club. Team members are Jonah Stark, Alley, Big Iron Patnode, Picoso Kid, Hopalong and me. Shooters are welcomed to come out and shoot without a team for fun. So if you're not on anyone's team you can still shoot and enjoy the event. There will be another team event in October at THSS.

Hope to see many of ya'll at the August Match!

Dusty Chambers

The Vice President's Corner with Handlebar Bob

40 Years Ago

On May 25, 1962 President John F. Kennedy addressed a joint session of Congress and asked for \$9 Billion to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade. Those were 1961 dollars!

The money was granted and on July 16, 1969 Apollo 11 lifted off from Kennedy Space Center with Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins aboard. On July 20, 1969 at 20:17 UTC the lunar module Eagle landed on the surface of the moon. Shortly thereafter, Buzz Aldrin took communion privately. He did not mention or discuss this until several years later. Atheist Madeline Murray O'Hair had filed a lawsuit restraining the astronauts from religious activities while in space.

At 02:56 UTC on July 21, 1969 (10:56 EDT July 20, 1969) Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon. Buzz Aldrin joined him shortly. Do you remember "That's one small step for man; one large step for mankind"?

Do you remember where you were when man landed on the moon? I was in Austin attending UT and living in an apartment near the intersection of Oltorf and S. Congress. My wife and I were glued to the television set. When the Eagle landed we jumped for joy and hug and danced around the room. What an unbelievable moment!

The course of history was changed again a short six years after Kennedy's assassination. I say short, because to me, it seems like yesterday that the event took place. **It reminds me that time does pass quickly; that life is too short; and that I am much, much older.**

Dream Big, Work Hard, Learn Every Day, Enjoy Life, Be True to Yourself!

You don't grow too old to laugh; you grow old because you don't laugh!

Further along the Trail with the Vice President

Several of our club members were on the trail during the month of May and I overlooked several because I didn't have a members list. We now have the member's list and here is the revised report with updates. The State Match was held at the Oakwood Outlaws in Oakwood, Texas the first weekend in May; The Resurrection 2009 was held at Tin Star in Fredericksburg in May; and End of Trail was held in June. The Resurrection was also the State Black Powder Championships. The results of the matches for our club members are as follows:

Texas State Match @ Oakwood Outlaws:

Hopalong Herbert -----4th Men's Senior
Big Iron Patnode -----3rd Men's B-Western
Blue Thorn -----4th Senior FC
Listo Kid -----5th Senior FC
Handlebar Bob -----3rd Senior Duelist
Grouch Spike -----5th Senior Duelist
Cat Caliber -----3rd Lady Gunfighter
Picoso Kid -----3rd Mens Modern
Phantom -----1st Mens Wrangler
Dragonhill Dave-----2nd Classic Cowboy
Squawty Bawdy-----2nd Classic Cowgirl
Dutch Van Horn-----14th Mens 49
Kettleman-----3rd Mens Duelist
Red Dawg-----9th Elder Statesman GF
Bad Hand-----21st Mens Senior

Clean match: Hopalong Herbert
Dutch Van Horn

Resurrection 2009 @ Tin Star Ranch:

Marshall Brooks-----3rd Mens 49'r
Dirty Dog Dale -----5th Men's 49'r
Wild Bill Munch -----2nd Classic Cowboy
Quintana -----5th Men's Senior
Quickdraw Jay-----3rd Men's Duelist
Handlebar Bob -----1st Men's Senior Duelist
Grouchy Spike -----5th Men's Senior Duelist
Buck Bradley -----7th Men's Senior Duelist
Blue Thorn -----2nd Men's Senior FC
Alley -----1st Men's Silver Senior
Pistol Arrow-----2nd Boys Buckaroo
Big Iron Patnode-----1st B Western FC
Phantom-----1st Cowboy BP
Yuma Jack-----1st Classic Cowboy BP

Squawty Bawdy-----3rd Ladies Duelist
Miss Cubbie-----1st Ladies Duelist BP
Pepper Jacq-----3rd Ladies Senior
Complicated Lady-----5th Ladies Wrangler

June saw the World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting at Founders Ranch in New Mexico. Four hundred and nineteen shooters tried their hand at fulfilling a dream and capturing a world championship.

The Texican Ranger husband and wife team of Barbary Coast and Calvin N. Hobbs once again made the pilgrimage to Founders Ranch. Both are no strangers to World Championships. This year they both had a respectable showing in there respective classes. Calvin was eighth in the 49'r category and placed 49th overall. Barbary was third in Lady Wrangler category and was 74th overall. Folks, remember I said four hundred and nineteen shooters and they placed in the top one fourth of all shooters.

But Barbary wasn't through. She took first place in the Ladies B-Western/Silver Screen costume contest. I would love to see pictures of her costume. Hopefully there will be pictures in The Cowboy Chronicle. Her and Calvin have won first place in a couples contest at EOT before. . One year they went as Tim Mix and his wife, and boy did they nail it. . And Barbary makes their costumes..

Next time you see Barbary and Calvin, congratulate them on their achievements and thank them for representing the Texican Rangers so well.

Congratulations to all! It is rewarding to see our club members going out on the road and supporting other clubs. You are representing the Texican Rangers very well. My apologies to anyone that I left off the list. If I missed your name, please let me know and I will include it in the next newsletter.

Results of "Texas is Christmas in July" sponsored by the Butterfield Trail Regulators in Abilene on July 24 -26 will be reported when available.

And remember, there's more ways to skin a cat than stickin' his head in a boot jack and jerkin' on his tail.

Shoot straight and drive safe.

Handlebar Bob, Vice President

VISITORS AND NEW SHOOTERS

Visitors and New Shooters are welcome! If you are planning to visit, or considering playing this game, let's talk. Call or email any one of the officers before the match, or tell the gals at the registration table that you are a visitor or a new shooter and they'll snag an officer or member to visit with you.

And if you have time to stay until the end of the match, someone will likely offer you a chance to shoot a gun or two on one of the stages.

Before you buy anything other than safety glasses and ear protection, visit the club, talk to members, and shoot some different guns.

Check out this thread on the SASS Wire:
<http://sassnet.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=130868>

Grouchy Spike

LONG RANGE IS READY!!

Cowboys and Cowgirls, the new range for Long Range Rifle is ready to use! Jonah Stark and Blue Thorn will conduct the first Long Range Side Match on Saturday, August 8, 2009 after lunch.

After the match, if any of you want to check the zero on your rifle or check the performance on some new loads, we'll have a target frame available at about 50 yards onto which you can staple some targets. I hope to have some ledger size bull's eye targets available for the cost of the copying by Office Max. Bring your rifles and ammo, equipment, spotting scope, etc.

Read the two articles by Jonah about Long Range Shooting and the Rules!

Grouchy Spike

NEW LONG RANGE by Jonah Stark

Many of you already know that the **LONG RANGE** has been moved to a new location between the Stage and the Mission. The firing line is covered, so we will be able to be in shade instead of the hot sun. We will start shooting long range after the main match on our Saturday shoots.

This article will address **ONLY** the way we will conduct the long range for club shoots. For the state match in 2010, we will need to abide by the SASS rules listed in the SASS handbook. But, for club shoots, we want this to be a chance for some fun shooting and a chance for members and quests to shoot whatever big bore guns they may have.

One rule that **MUST** be followed is **LEAD ONLY** bullets. The bullet may be paper patched or gas checked, but **NO** jacketed bullets of any type.

A shooter may shoot from any position; prone, sitting, kneeling, standing or using shooting sticks. To start off the new range, we may just use the time to let shooters work out sight settings since many shooters don't have access to distances out to 200 yards. We will assist shooters in learning how to use the long range sights if they require it. When we shoot for score, we will shoot 4 shots each at 100, 150, and 200 yards. We will time the shots at 200 yards to break any ties we may have. The targets are approximately 23" square. I also plan on having an additional target at each of the ranges that is 16" in diameter for those shooters that may desire to have a little more challenge.

We will shoot single shot, lever gun and military rifles. For club shoots, any sight except one containing glass; i.e. scopes, may be used. A copy of any original tube sight, without glass, may be used. If all you have is a bolt action hunting rifle, bring it out, but if it's scoped, it can't be used if we are shooting for score. Remember, lead bullets only.

We have rests across the firing line that may be used for sighting in, but may not be used when we shoot for scores.

For those who may have trouble sitting on the ground, a short stool like Blue Thorn uses is something that you could use with slightly taller shooting sticks. For club shoots, your shooting sticks may be wood or metal, 2 or 3 legs, but may not be attached to the rifle; i.e. metal bipods. If you have a metal bipod, just pad the top of it with a towel instead of attaching it to the rifle.

Black powder or smokeless powder may be used. When we shoot for score, the categories will be **Men's and Ladies Single Shot, Lever Gun or Military**. No different category for supported or unsupported, smoke or smokeless; it's shooter's choice.

In short, we will accept anything within reason and safety concerns to try and make the long range shooting a lot of fun. No .50 Cal. BMG rifles though; the range and targets just can't handle that gun.

Come try the long range. It's a lot of fun.

Jonah

Texican Rangers

“Billy Dixon Memorial”

Long Range Big Bore Rifle

Long range big bore rifle for monthly “**CLUB**” matches differs slightly from SASS rules. There will be three categories divided into men and ladies:

Lever Action repeater

Single Shot

Military repeater

BASIC RULES FOR THE LONG RANGE COMPETITION

FRONT SIGHTS for the **Lever Action** and **Single Shot** may vary from simple blades to period hooded wind gauge type with inserts.

REAR SIGHTS must be either open iron sights with or without peep hole in flip up sliding leaf mounted on the barrel or original style tang or stock mounted sights. Optical or receiver mounted sights are not allowed.

MILITARY RIFLE REPEATERS must use front and rear sights of the style issued on the rifle.

RIFLE CALIBER may be any big bore .30 caliber or larger normally used in the type of rifle being used. No pistol caliber as used in main Cowboy matches is allowed.

PROPELLANT - any type may be used. Regardless of caliber, **ALL BULLETS** used in long range must be made of **LEAD** without or without gas check. **Velocity must not exceed 2000 feet per second regardless of caliber.**

Spring loaded ejectors on single shots must be deactivated except for the Springfield Trapdoor rifles. If the ejector cannot be easily deactivated, shooter should hold hand over the chamber to stop the empty case from being thrown clear of the action.

TARGETS are set at 100 yards, 150 yards and 200 yards.

AMMO Required: 12 rounds

SCORING: Four shots will be fired at each range. Points awarded for each hit will equal the range at which it was shot; i.e. 100 yards equal 100 points, etc. All shots fired at 200 yards will be on the clock and use time to break any point ties. There will be no shoot off between shooters.

SHOOTING POSITION: The shooter may fire either supported or unsupported, but there is no separate category for position used. **Supported** means sitting, kneeling, or prone with or without cross-sticks. Cross-sticks must be made of two pieces of wood and may not be attached to the rifle. Tall cross-sticks may be used in a standing position. **Unsupported** means firing from a standing position without any means of external support.

Texas Rangers

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Clark "Bullfrog Ike" Fritze,
Captain Former Texas Ranger Foundation
Former Texas Ranger Association

One Riot.....One Ranger

Classifieds (deadline last Monday of the month to Grouchy Spike spikes@kct.com or grouchyspike@yahoo.com)

For Sale

Long Hunter USFA Rodeos in 38 special, a pair of consecutive S/N. Slick action, widened sights, 5 1/2" barrel, Elk grips, approximately 250 rounds fired. \$1,500 for the pair. **Sheriff Robert Love** - 210-215-9155.

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Cowboy Tradin' Post

"We don't rent pigs." just good folks doin' business the cowboy way:

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Action work is available on most guns I sell. many parts for sale to help the do-it-yourselfer – Short stroke kits, aluminum carriers, one-piece firing pins and hundreds of parts in stock for repairs.

"If we ain't got it, we'll get it. If we can't get it, you probably didn't need it anyways."
