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The Presidents Corner

Howdy all!

This month I would like to start off talking about lunch at the club. About 5 years ago we started making a lunch for folks after the main matches. It started simple then grew to what it has become now with all you can eat and drink with dessert. On occasion we have run tight on food amount with as many as 50 folks eating and had to portion servings. It can be difficult to estimate how many folks will eat, depending on shooter count, menu, weather and visitors. The cook has to plan a couple of days in advance to run around town buying what is needed. Then pre make some items. Someone has to keep up with needed plates, tea cups, tea bags, napkins, utensils, charcoal, propane, sugar, ice, etc.

We grew from simple Weber charcoal and small gas grills to what we have now. A large smoker, 2 propane grills and a Weber charcoal. A couple of small grills have gone to other uses and we still have 2 that we don't use due to upgrades. The smoker was bought from donations that members put up. The club purchased the rest. The costs for folks eating have not changed in these 5 years. We have come to a change point in that we can no longer serve as much as we do for \$5. The Officers feel that serving lunch is something we wish to continue. We do not want to change the food amount and go to menus like hotdogs and chips every month to attempt to cover the costs.

Another point I would like to make is the cook. These cooks put it time and effort for us all. Most cooks do not get a chance to shoot the match or have to shoot through. Someone has to setup and take down, haul out the trash. These cooks lose on the day, sacrificing their time and shooting fun for us all. I speak from experience as I have cooked more than any other current member in the last 5 years. I know the sacrifice these folks make and the work involved. I wish to change this and let every shooter have a chance to shoot the match and enjoy our sport.

I have been looking for someone to cook since February with no luck. Officers have taken turns cooking. I have now found someone in Kerrville who is willing to cook our lunches. She is not a shooter or a member.

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She wants to open a restaurant someday and is willing to make lunch at our club. Obviously she cannot do that for \$5, preparing, cooking, setting up, making the trip, serving and cleaning up. She has offered to make lunch for \$7 a plate. The club will continue to make ice tea at no charge. She plans to cook in September and October at the club.

I would like to see this lunch program succeed as it did with members cooking and working. I ask your support for our new cook or we may loose out on serving lunch in the future. It's a really nice chance to visit, relax and talk about your shooting day with fellow members and visitors. The value is there. Everyone knows the costs in town for lunch, even McDonald's charges more for lunch than we have been. I recently bought a 16oz drink and a candy bar; it cost me over \$3. So please continue to support our lunch program and enjoy! Please support our new cook.

Lunch menu next match:

Homemade Tex-Mex Lunch. Beef tacos, Beef and bean tostadas, chips, guacamole, cheese dip and fixin's with ice tea. \$7

Old Reed is writing the September stages. He has experience in writing stages and I am looking forward to shooting his scenarios. I hope to visit with all the posses during the match.

I want to remind everyone to visit with new folks and visitors whenever possible. Please take the time and help to make folks feel welcome at our club.

Be sure and pitch in, working on your posse. Scoring, counting, and helping out in some way.

Ride safe

Dusty Chambers

The Saddlebag with Grouchy Spike

I've not been more involved in support of a match as I was at the August match at the Texicans. And I never paid much attention to the work of the officers before and after a match as I have since March. There's Dirty Dog Dale who is at the range during the week, painting targets. Oh, I forgot about the cowboy who visits the range before the match, before Dirty Dog Dale paints, to arrange the targets. The officers begin working on the Friday before the match to rig up the stages; are up early on Saturday to perform the last minute functions; and are working late on Saturday afternoon to rig down and prepare for Sunday. Sunday afternoon they are rigging down the stages, putting away the equipment and accessories. These volunteers eagerly do all of this work without complaint.

There are the administrative efforts of Fatal Star and Madam Ella Moon to register all of us, collect the fees, and organize the posse books. There's not much the shooters can do to help them except to write legibly!

Shooters could help on the range in a couple of ways with little individual effort, and the collective effort would provide some relief to the officers. First is the matter of TRASH.

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On the Trail with Handlebar Bob

Two Texican Rangers were really on the move this month.

Phantom packed his bags, guns and gear and headed to Abilene for Christmas in July at the Butterfield Trail Regulators in Abilene, Texas. He was first in his class and seventh overall. Not a bad showing in the HEAT!

Well, our California transplant was not through. No siree Bob. Phantom barely had time to rest before he headed west to the Western 3 Gun World Cup held in Piru, California. He finished 12th overall and 12th in his class.

Then there is Dragon Hill Dave who was really travelling. He and his wife packed up the RV last May and headed to Alaska. On the way to Alaska, Dave had the opportunity to shoot in the Western States Championship in Fernley, Nevada. He placed first in Classic Cowboy and won a gold panning bowl for his efforts.

Then it was on to Canada and Alaska for a lot of breath taking scenery. Didn't get to shoot there, but on his way back through Oregon, Dave stopped off and shot at the Oregon State Championship. He picked up right where he left off, first place in Classic Cowboy. Way to go Dave!

Next time you see these two cowboys, congratulate them on a job well done.

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We don't have a trash service, so please pick up your own trash, take it home with you (lunch scraps excepted) including your water bottles and shotshell hulls. If you see trash on the range, pick it up. One of the officers is taking home those drum liners that are full of trash for disposal with their household trash. Second, after your last stage please fold the blankets; put the blankets, flags, and scenario and starting line sheet protectors into the gray plastic tub at the loading table.

Everything you can do to help setup or rig down a match would be appreciated by the officers and help them avoid overwork and burnout!

I have two email distribution lists – one for members and another for members and guests. I'll rearrange the guest list to exclude members so those will be two separate lists. Lately I've begun to use only the members list from concern that guests may not want unsolicited email (as in spam).

Whether you are a member or a guest, if you DON'T want to receive emails about the Texican Rangers including scores and the Texican Star, please send me an email with your alias and real name, and the words "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line. I'll manually delete you from my lists. It takes a bit of time, so be patient!!

Grouchy Spike

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While on the subject of traveling, just a reminder that the Texas State Rifle Association shoot will be held September 26-27th at the Butterfield Trail Regulators in Abilene. You must be a TRSA member to shoot....what your not a member? Shame! You can join at the shoot. Usually the Texican Rangers have a good turnout at the TSRA shoot. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Another great shoot around the corner is Defending Old Fort Parker October 14-18th. Yes, your right. That is the weekend after Shindig. Now this shoot should be on your calendar. If you like them BIG and CLOSE, then this is your shoot. It is also for a good cause. The State has cut off the funding for the Fort, and it is supported by the county, visitors and CAS Old Fort Parker Patriots. This is a charity shoot and your entry fee is tax deductible. I know there will be a big showing by the Texican Rangers at this shoot. They are still taking entries. Go to <oldfortparkerpatriots.com> for an application.

Well, that's all for now. Keep it between the lines and shoot straight.

Remember, never take to sawin' on the branch that's supportin' you, unless you're bein' hung from it.

NEW LAWS with Handlebar Bob

New laws passed by the Texas Legislature go into affect September 1, 2009. Some of the new laws are:

Concealed handguns:

HB 2664 provided a defense to prosecution if a concealed handgun license holder carries a concealed handgun into an establishment that gets 51 percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages, but has failed to post the statutorily required notice that it derives 51 percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages. (Under current law, a concealed handgun licensee can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor for doing this.)

HB 2730 removes DPS authority to suspend a concealed handgun license for the holder's failure to display the CHL to a peace officer on demand. It removes associated penalties and suspensions for the failure to display.

Seatbelts

HB 537 requires all occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle. (IF you are in the front or back, you must have a seat belt on.)

SB 61 requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet 9 inches in height.

Driving

HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is use.

As I mentioned earlier, these a just some of the laws under direction of DPS that go into affect on September 1, 2009. For more information and other laws not mentioned, you can go online at www.txdps.state.tx.us or call 512-4242606 for a sound bite.

Let's run this again for those of us who just might need a little encouragement to move into Long Range.

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.



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