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that Treasures & Respects the Cowboy Tradition

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The Presidents Corner

We had a good January after rescheduling the match for hopes of better weather. Lots of folks came to launch our new year and we saw eight clean matches for the weekend. That will finish off our green shot glasses for clean matches and I have blue ones on the way. Come shoot in February and shoot clean for a blue one.

No Whinners was cancelled due to cold temps and it *were* cold as I was welding up some targets for High Noon. We are planning some cowboy targets to hang from the windows and doors. No Whinners will be rescheduled. The Officers will get some feedback and decide on a date, then get the word out.

Our two new stages will be completed soon thanks to the help of our many workers. After these projects are completed we can plan some maintenance on existing stages so that they will be ready for the State match in April. Blazing Saddles will need some work and I plan to replace the 4x4 rail supports with cross ties as time permits. The Jersey Lily is in sad shape and will need a total rebuild, saving what we can of the original structure. I would like to put this project off until after State, but we might have to prop her up till then. The Trail Walk is up in the air and we could use some feedback to help us decide on continuing this stage.

Captain Gimp (TJ) will be clearing cactus this first quarter too, around some stages and the camping areas. We expect to need more space for state match campers. I plan to start the new Trail Marker area next month, weather permitting and the club has ordered a 16x20 plaque to put in the office. It will hold brass nameplates for members we have lost. I have gone back a few years and if someone has knowledge of a previous lost, let me know.

The club has purchased a 65 gallon water tank for cleaning hands; it's by the chuck wagon. We used it some last match. The trick will be putting on the table when it's filled up. I have a plan for a roller system in a pickup, so that it can roll off and the table is about truck bed high. Two men can push it off half full, and that should allow using it until the roller rack is built

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. I hope everyone is getting excited about the State Championship being held at our club. We are working hard to be ready for the match. We promise lots of shooting, good prizes and a well-planned banquet night. We are doing okay on registration numbers so far, hoping for at least 200 shooters. If anyone has control of the weather we would like to place an order for 70 degrees and sunny, with 7-10 mph crosswinds for smoke movement. more if folks want that color too.

Grouchy Spike is dreaming up something special for the side match February 13, be sure and keep an eye out for details. You might have to dust off some guns you don't normally shoot. I reckon he has been in my special squeezins, coming up with this idea. Ben Sliepen is writing the main match stages next month

We got some black hats by mistake last week. You may see some being worn and we haven't advertised that color. We can get more!. I think there is a handful or so left right now. There was about 8 sold last match

. Ride safe

Dusty Chambers

On the Trail with Handlebar Bob

Bob's under the weather with severe cold and he ain't feeling none too good to write.

The Saddlebag by Grouchy Spike

With cold weather and cedar fever, the latter half of December and now January has been some rough times for playing cowboys and cowgirls. The weather forecast was sadly wrong for January 31st.

There was one tough bunch of volunteers on the 31st, braving the temperature that didn't rise above 32F until after noon. Jonah and Old Reed worked on Mean Maggies to make repairs, and demolished the interior instead! Plans are underway for replacement walls, but we can shoot it like it is for a match or three.

Madam Ella Moon reports that 112 Texicans have either renewed their membership or signed up as new members! We had about 133 members at the peak of last year. Comancheria Days 2010 has about 95 registrants. Madam has also been updating the members and visitors in the SASS scoring program on my computer. I attempted to use the SASS program last match, but couldn't make it in time to print the posse score sheets. We'll try again next match. I'll start earlier, during registration. When you write your name on the posse sheet, please enter a Category too and that will help. Otherwise I'll assign a Category for administrative purposes.

I'm working up a 'Shoot'em All' Side Match for February 13th. 22 Caliber Cowboy; 22 Caliber Wild Bunch; 45 Cal Wild Bunch; SASS Cowboy; and Double Action Revolver. So bring some extra ammo, or extra guns and ammo and plan to stay to shoot.

Let's do a social experiment here with a means to improve interaction and communication within the Texican Rangers. I have the framework in place.

I've establishing a Texican Rangers group within Yahoo Groups for members of the Texican Rangers. It allows some quick emails between members; announcements; photo and file archives. It won't replace the Texican Rangers website, but should augment it. The Tejas Caballeros, Green Mountain Regulators, and Plum Creek Shooting Society use Yahoo Groups.

During February members will receive an invitation to join. You'll need a Yahoo account to use Groups, but the account is free. You could set up your account as 'your alias'@yahoo.com or 'your alias'@ymail.com. Mail from the Group can be directed to your primary email account instead of your yahoo or ymail account.

On the Calendar

Monthly Club Match – February 13th and 14th
Monthly Club Match – March 13th and 14th
Monthly Club Match – April 10th and 11th
Comancheria Days 2010 – April 29th to May 2nd
Monthly Club Match – May 8th and 9th
Special Club Match – May 29th (?)
Monthly Club Match – June 12th and 13th

Monthly Club Match – July 10th and 11th
Special Club Match – July 31st (?)
Monthly Club Match – August 14th and 15th
Monthly Club Match – September 11th and 12th
Shindig 2010 – October 9th

Texican Rangers

Baseball Caps for Sale – \$15 – by Special Order Only

These sales are a fund-raiser for the club!

Send a check for \$15 for each cap to the Texican Rangers, PO Box 294713, Kerrville TX 78029

Specify Color (Green or Burgundy) - One Size Fits All

Pick them up at the Texican Rangers match on January 9, 2010

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There is a Minimum Order Quantity of 24 for the club – we order when have orders for 24

There's another order about to be submitted, so send you check to Madam Ella Moon!

Note: The color shading is distorted in this picture as the file size is reduced to include it in the newsletter



Gunfight Bill Hickok vs Dave Tutt July 21, 1865

From www.wikipedia.com:

The eventual falling out between Wild Bill Hickok and Dave Tutt reportedly occurred following grudges over women; while sources differ, there were rumors that Hickok had once dallied with Tutt's sister, possibly fathering an illegitimate child. Tutt had also been observed paying a great deal of attention to Wild Bill's then paramour, Susanna Moore.

By all accounts, by July 20, 1865, the two men were sworn enemies. Hickok staunchly refused to play in any card game that included Tutt. Tutt retaliated by openly supporting other local card-players with advice and money in a dedicated attempt to bankrupt Hickok.

The simmering conflict eventually came to a head during a game of poker at the Lyon House Hotel (now called the Old Southern Hotel). Wild Bill was playing against several other local gamblers while Tutt stood nearby, loaning money as needed and "encouraging [them], coaching [them] on how to beat Hickok."

The game was being played for high stakes, and Hickok did well, winning about \$200 (\$2,679 in 2007 dollars) of what was essentially Tutt's money. Irritated by his losses and unwilling to admit defeat, Tutt suddenly reminded Hickok of a \$40 debt from a horse trade. Hickok shrugged and paid the sum, but Tutt was unappeased. He then claimed that Hickok owed him an additional \$35 from a past poker game, back when Hickok was still willing to play against Tutt. "I think you are wrong, Dave," said Hickok. "It's only twenty-five dollars. I have a memorandum in my pocket."

Tutt grabbed one of Hickok's most prized possessions off the table, his Waltham Repeater gold pocket watch, and crowed, "Fine, I'll just keep your watch 'til you pay me that thirty-five dollars!" Hickok was shocked and livid, but all the other players were Tutt's allies, and the room was crowded; his hands were tied. Humiliated and stone-faced with anger, he quietly warned Tutt not to wear the watch in public. Tutt sneered back, "I intend on wearing it first thing in the morning!"

This was the breaking point for Hickok's patience. "If you do, I'll shoot you," Bill replied bluntly and calmly. "I'm warning you here and now not to come across that town square with it on." Hickok then immediately pocketed the rest of his winnings and left without further incident or conversation. The stage was set for the next day's events.

Though Tutt had humiliated his rival, Hickok's ultimatum essentially forced his hand. To go back on his very public boast would make everyone think he was afraid of Hickok. And so long as he intended to stay in Springfield, he could not afford to show cowardice. The next day, he arrived at the town square around 10 a.m. with Hickok's watch openly hanging from his waist pocket. The word quickly spread that Tutt was making good on his pledge to humiliate Hickok, and reached Hickok's own ears within an hour.

According to the testimony of Eli Armstrong and supported by two other witnesses, John Orr and Oliver Scott, Hickok met Tutt at the square and, along with Armstrong and Orr, they sat to discuss the terms of the watch's return. Tutt now wanted \$45, Armstrong tried to convince Tutt to accept the original \$35 and negotiate for the rest later, but Hickok was still adamant that he only owed \$25. Tutt then held the watch in front of Hickok and stated he would accept no less than \$45. Both then said they didn't want to fight and they all went for a drink together. Tutt later left, went to the livery stable and then returned to the square.

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At a few minutes before 6 p.m., Hickok was seen calmly approaching the square from the south, his Colt Navy in hand. His armed presence caused the crowd to immediately scatter to the safety of nearby buildings, leaving Tutt alone in the northwestern corner of the square. At a distance of about 75 yards (69 meters), Hickok stopped, facing Tutt, and called out, "Dave, here I am." He cocked his pistol, holstered it on his hip, and gave a final warning, "Don't you come across here with that watch." Tutt did not reply, but stood with his hand on his pistol

Davis Tutt was acknowledged as the better marksman, but both showed courage by all accounts. Both men faced each other sideways in the dueling position and hesitated briefly. Then Tutt reached for his pistol. Hickok drew his gun and steadied it on his opposite forearm. The two men fired a single shot each at essentially the same time, the reports combining as one. Tutt missed, but Hickok's bullet struck Tutt in the left side between the fifth and seventh ribs. Tutt called out, "Boys, I'm killed", ran onto the porch of the local courthouse and back to the street, where he collapsed and died.

Hickok's manslaughter trial began on August 3, 1865 and lasted three days. The trial ended with an acquittal on August 6, 1865, after the jury deliberated for only "an hour or two" before reaching a verdict of not guilty, a verdict that was not popular at the time. The verdict was both expected and well in keeping with the "trail law" of the day; as stated by a modern historian, "Nothing better described the times than the fact that dangling a watch held as security for a poker debt was widely regarded as a justifiable provocation for resorting to firearms."



'Hickok vs Dave Tutt' by Andy Thomas

www.andythomas.com

Classifieds

(deadline last Monday of the month to Grouchy Spike spikes@ktc.com)



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Caliber	Weight	Config.	Price/1000
.38	100	RNFP	52
	105	FP	53
	105	WC	53
	125	RNFP	56
	125	FP	56
	130	RNFP	57
	158	RNFP	61
	158	FP	61
	158	SWC	61
.380	100	RNFP	52
.38-55	245	RNFP	88*
.41	215	SWC	74
.44	180	RNFP	64
	240	SWC	78
.44-40	200	RNFP	67
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	70*
	180	RNFP	64
	200	RNFP	67
	250	RNFP	79
9MM	124	RN	56
	125	CN	56
40 S&W	180	FP	64
.45 ACP	200	SWC	67
	230	RN	75
45-70	405	FPT	180*

* Pricing reflects the requirement for these bullets to be hand loaded to size and lube.

Cowboy Tradin' Post

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Includes 50 new brass Winchester cases (2.085")

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FTF Transfer

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