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## **THE PRESIDENTS CORNER with Red Scott**

Another successful Shoot in August: Well done Texicans! Saturday was actually pretty nice. We had some cloud cover and it never really got too hot. The sun made up for its' absence on Sunday. Holy Cow it was hot. Thanks to the Sheriff for keeping us mostly in the shade with his stage writing. He has also written the scenarios for September, and in preparation for the state Wild Bunch Match we will have a Wild Bunch posse (or more if needed) that will shoot the same stages and scenarios as the regular posses during the shoot. **Wild Bunch** shooters **WILL NOT** shoot with regular Cowboy Shooters.

**Shindig 2011** is already mapped out. Grouchy is supplying me with shooter results and once I have everything sorted out I will get the awards prepared for the top shooters of the Texican Rangers for the 2011 year. To qualify for an annual award you **MUST have shot 5 main matches** in the same category during the year and the State Match does NOT qualify as a main match. Some of the categories have been won cause there just ain't no way for some folks to get caught from behind, but most of them are still up for grabs. Several of our members need another shoot or two to qualify. If'n you just shot 4 times you might want to consider coming up in September to qualify and get yer just reward.

Shindig will be much like the previous years as the club will be giving back to the membership for all the hard work and dedication you have given to the Texican Rangers this past year. Members of the Texican Rangers will enjoy free shooting and free lunch provided by the club. Visitors shooting the match and joining us for lunch will pay \$20, visitors joining us for lunch only will pay \$5. We will enjoy our shoot, have a wonderful meal, and give out annual awards and door prizes to the membership.

We will be giving out the **annual club awards** right after lunch at Shindig and mixed in there we will be giving out lots and lots of door prizes. These door prizes are going to be quite substantial and will be going out to members of the Texican Rangers ONLY. I don't know how to put it any other way, but you don't want to miss Shindig.

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I have spoken and/or emailed with Becky and Kit Patterson concerning our schedule for the remainder of the year. The Ranch is being operated and managed under a new deer permit this year. Deer season at the Ranch will run from **October 1<sup>st</sup> until January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Kit and Becky has seen to it that our plans for Shindig will not be altered. We are very fortunate to have such gracious hosts at the Ranch and by all accounts the Pattersons' know the Texican Rangers treat the Ranch as if it were our own and they appreciate us. We may have to make some adjustments in January but for now things stand as is. With that in mind we will shoot only 5 stages in October.

We will be having a **Work Day** at the Ranch on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. I want to get the targets moved in that are not being shot for Shindig. Do some general cleaning of our stages and finish setting up for Shindig. We will also cut the doors into the Line Shack and insulate and deck the ceiling in the office. Please contact Grouchy Spike to let him know you will be there and what tools you can bring for the work day. The Club will provide you some good grub for lunch with plenty to drink. We will put some work posses together and make short work of everything. Hopefully the temperature will have cooled down a few degrees by then. I mean come on, it has to, doesn't it?

**SAFETY CALLS FOR SHOOTERS:** Allow me just a few words on this issue. Safety rules are enforced without question at all times, at **ALL** Texican Rangers shoots. It doesn't matter if this is "just a Club Shoot" or not! If a shooter violates a safety rule it will be enforced and it will be enforced with the appropriate penalty!!! Reducing the severity of the penalty is not an option and should **NEVER** even be considered.

Everyone has an obligation to be safety conscious at every single shoot we host. Not enforcing violations of safety rules puts you, the shooter, other shooters, guests, and the land owner at risk. **PLEASE** never allow a safety violation penalty to be waived or altered. Even if you have to go to the extreme and tell that shooter he/she have been DQd from the stage or even the match. If you happen to be the shooter it happens to, accept that you committed an error, from a minor safety violation to a major safety violation, learn from it and move on. **NEVER PUT THIS CLUB AT RISK! IF YOU NEED HELP ACCESSING A SAFETY PENALTY A CLUB OFFICER WILL ASSIST YOU.**

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Until next time Texicans, Red Scott

*Red Scott*



**IN THE SADDLE** with Sheriff Robert Love

Some of our members that are participating in the State Wild Bunch Match, have requested a warm up match. At our September match we are going to try something new, and that is run a Wild Bunch posse on the same stages and shooting the same scenarios as the cowboy shooters. We have never tried this before, but if we all work together it should not be a problem. This match may be a little different than any we have had before and I sincerely hope that you will have fun.

I have attempted to condense the Wild Bunch Rules and explain the categories, equipment and give some helpful hints in the following, without writing a book. Remember, don't squat with your spurs on.

*Sheriff Robert  
Love*





# **Texican Rangers**



## **Wild Bunch Rules**

*By Sheriff Robert Love*

### **Categories and Equipment**

**Traditional: Shooting duelist:**

**Traditional Equipment:** 45 cal. 1911 or 1911 A1 with an short grip safety (no beavertail), spur hammer, short or long solid trigger, short safety, short slide release, traditional sights, rear slide serrations only, with a flat or an arched mainspring housing, with no serrations or checkering on the front strap, with a short recoil spring guide rod, with a flared but not extended magazine well, with original type wood or plastic grips, with or without a lanyard ring on the main spring housing or magazine no magazine pads, a SASS main match rifle of pistol caliber 38-40 or larger, a 12 gauge Model 97, 93-97 or trench gun.

**Modern: Shooting two-handed or Duelist:**

**Modern Equipment:** A 45 cal. 1911 with any of the following: beavertail grip safety, front and rear slide serrations, modern or adjustable sights but no 3 dot sights (colored inserts must be blackened), target trigger, extended safety, extended slide release, commander hammer, serrations or checkering on the front strap, with a flared but not extended magazine well, with original type wood or plastic or other natural material grips but no rubber or grips with thumb rest, extended recoil spring guide rod, no magazine pads, no compensators or high capacity frames, a SASS main match rifle of pistol caliber 38-40 or larger, a 12 gauge Model 97, 93-97 or trench gun.

**Open: Shooting two-handed or Duelist:**

Using a 1911 of less than 45 Caliber. Using a SASS main match rifle less than 40 caliber, a model 97 less than 12 gauge, a double barrel shotgun, or magazine pads. Use of any equipment that does not comply with the specifications for Traditional or Modern.

**Clothing:** Appropriate Wild Bunch, Military or Cowboy clothing.  
NO tennis shoes or baseball caps.

For more detailed information Captain Baylor's Wild Bunch For Dummies is an excellent source.

<http://www.curtrich.com/01wildbunchfordummies.html>

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# Texican Rangers

## Wild Bunch Safety Rules



Treat all guns as if always loaded.

Never point a gun at anything you are not willing to destroy.

Keep your finger off the trigger until the sights are on the target.

Do not rack the slide or lever a rifle until the muzzle is pointed safely downrange.

Be sure of your target and what is behind it.

Long gun actions are to be open except at the loading table or on the firing line.

Prescribed carry of 1911s on the range is that they may be holstered hammer down on an **empty** chamber **WITHOUT** a magazine.

Magazines may be loaded at anytime during the match.

A loaded magazine may be inserted into the 1911 with the slide forward and the hammer down on an empty chamber, and holstered at the loading table.

97s magazines may be loaded with the prescribed number of rounds at the loading table after the action is closed and the hammer lowered on an empty chamber.

A dropped magazine is considered dead ammo.

All reloads will be from slide lock only. No tactical reloads (with the slide closed).

All reloads will be performed with the trigger finger outside of the trigger guard and straight along the frame.

When moving, the trigger finger must be outside of the trigger guard straight along the frame.

When moving, the shooter may not close the slide until he is in the shooting position.

Muzzle direction should be up and downrange at all times. Do not break the 170 degree arc.

If the shooter experiences a malfunction, remember the tap, rack, bang drill. Tap the base of the magazine, rack the slide and pull the trigger with the muzzle pointing downrange and the sights on the target. This will clear many types of malfunctions.

In the case of a double feed, (failure to extract the empty case from the chamber and trying to load another round), you must remove the magazine, rack the slide twice, replace the magazine, rack the slide once and resume shooting.

In the case of a malfunction, the shooter may load another magazine to finish a 5 round string of fire but must drop the magazine and put the pistol in slide lock before proceeding to the next position or the next firearm.

The pistol must be staged at slide lock after firing unless it is the last firearm in the sequence.

**The T.O. must clear the pistol**, and the shooter drop the slide and the hammer with the muzzle pointed safely downrange, and holster before proceeding to the unloading table.

Shotguns may be loaded while moving, but the action must remain open until the shooter reaches the shooting position.

Double barrels will be loaded only on the shooting line.

Double barrel shotguns may be staged with the chambers loaded and the action open.

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The most common reasons for malfunctions in the 1911 are limp-wristing or improper grip, faulty ammo, riding the slide home, faulty magazines, no lubrication and improperly tuned extractors. All new semi-automatics should be broken in with a 200 – 250 round firing session.

Lead bullets ONLY. No lead shot larger than #6.

**Failure to adhere to these rules will result in a Minor Safety Violation, Stage D.Q. or a Match D.Q.**

**The TEXICAN RANGERS never require any club member or guest to shoot a stage, or shoot from a position or in a manner that said person may deem unsafe, or be physically unable to perform.**

Wild Bunch Action Shooting, like Cowboy Action Shooting, or any activity involving firearms and live ammunition, is an inherently dangerous sport that could result in permanent injury or death. Pay attention to your actions and the actions of those around you so that we may all remain safe. Should you see someone engaging in an unsafe activity or handling firearms in an unsafe manner, correct them immediately and offer suggestions to correct the problem.

**Remember:** All semi-automatic firearms, rifle or pistol, strip a live round from the magazine and chamber it **each time** the slide or the bolt goes forward whether from firing or being cycled by hand. Always assume that it has done so. Remove the magazine **FIRST** then cycle the slide or bolt several times. Observe the empty magazine well and the empty chamber of the firearm to verify that it is safe when clearing the weapon.

**Never** have a loaded magazine in the room when practicing the draw, handling of, or cleaning of your semi-auto. There is no reason to. **SEE RULE #1.**

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## **ON THE TRAIL with Handlebar Bob**

Not much going on the trail other than the dead horse named Heat that we have beaten to death. There was an annual shoot in August that was held at the Ormsby Ranch near Cleburne, Texas. I don't know if any of our members went since the Comanche Valley Vigilantes have not posted the scores on their web site. After all the match was held two weeks ago! Makes you appreciate how expeditiously (that means quickly for you Aggies) Grouchy Spike gets the scores out.

So, with no shoots to talk about, let's turn our attention to some new laws in Texas that went into effect September 1, 2011. A couple are of interest to gun enthusiasts. SB 321 allows employees to now store firearms in their personal locked vehicle when parked on their employer's parking lot. Before my retirement from a large corporation, the employees were not allowed to have a firearm in their vehicle while parked on the corporate owned parking lot. This presented a problem when I wanted to leave after work to go to a Cowboy Action Shoot. Fortunately, I had an understanding supervisor that allowed me to park in the parking lot as long as I told him I had guns in the vehicle.....we were both risking our positions.

The second gun related law, which Grouchy asked us to contact our representatives about, is SB 766 which stops frivolous lawsuits against all types of shooting ranges regardless of where they are located. If there are allegations that a round or portion of a round have left the property, an expert report must be obtained to support the allegations. If the allegations are not supported, court cost and legal fees may be awarded to the range. This was a problem for a Cowboy Action Club in the Fort Worth area. It was a well-established and supported club, the new neighbors threatened to shut down the Club if they found any rounds on their property. As a result that Club decided to relocate, but it is not as large as it used to be. The original Club has remained on the property without any problems from the neighbors, but it too, is small. There was a lot of animosity between the members due to the "pulling out" by others.

Another law which went into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup>, but is not gun related, or maybe it could be since it affects how much quicker you might be able to get to the range, is that speed limits are being raised from 70 mph to 75 mph. And the night speed limit of 65 mph is being done away with. However, don't expect the limits to change right away. TXDOT will have to do "studies" in areas to see if it warrants raising the speed limit to 75 mph. TXDOT says it may take till the end of the year before the speed signs are changed out. So, keep an eye out on those signs before you go pressing the pedal to the medal.

Back to shooting. We are way past the half way mark for the year and the shooting opportunities are heating up, just like the weather. Below is a list of upcoming annuals you might want to consider attending:

9/17-9/18      TSRA at Badlands Bar 3, Clarksville  
9/29-10/2      Defending Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck  
10/14-10/16    Battle of Plum Creek, Lockhart  
10/15-10/16    Texas State Wild Bunch Championship, Cleburne  
11/3-11/16     Southwest Regional, Badlands Bar 3, Clarksville  
12/2-12/4      Tin Star Christmas, Fredericksburg

Note #1: The Days Inn (254) 729-3335 in Groesbeck, Tx has rooms for \$55 + tax per night. Mention Old Ft. Parker Charity shoot. Ask for Mike.

Note#2: There is a conflict between the Battle of Plum Creek and Texas State Wild Bunch Championship. Plum Creek had a conflict originally with Old Fort Parker and wisely moved their shoot. Have heard a lot of shooters from our area talking about attending the first Texas Wild Bunch Championship. Hope it does not hurt Plum Creek's attendance.

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Looks like I will have plenty to write about in the upcoming newsletters. Keep praying for rain and I'll see you on the trail since I have scheduled to attend at least four of the above shoots. Remember always take a good look at what you're about to eat. It's not so important to know what it is, but it's critical to know what it was!

*Handlebar Bob*



Springfield Trapdoor Rifle




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**ON THE TEXICAN RANGERS CALENDAR**

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**Monthly Club Match** – September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

**Shindig** – October 8<sup>th</sup> – the Member’s annual  
shootout, club awards

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**ANNUAL OR SPECIAL MATCHES AT AREA CLUBS**

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**Whoop’n** – Tejas Caballeros – Sep 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Defend Old Ft Parker** – Ft Parker – Sep 29<sup>th</sup> – Oct  
 2nd  
**Battle of Plum Creek** - Plum Creek – Oct 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>

**State Wild Bunch Match** – Lone Star Frontier – Oct  
 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Regulators Revenge** – Green Mountain - Oct 22  
**Tin Star Christmas** – Tin Star Ranch – Dec Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 – 4<sup>th</sup>

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**FROM THE SADDLEBAG** by Grouchy Spike

During Cowboy Church services in July, Blue Thorn and Handlebar Bob teamed together to deliver the Message, and Red sang Amazing Grace accompanied by Bob on the guitar. What an inspiring presentation of their oratory and musical skills! Perhaps this trio will team together again one day.



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**Firefly Judd makes smoke without aiming**



**Wasabe blasts away**

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**Recoil? There ain't no stinking recoil on these 45-70 loads sez Texas Tony!**



**Captain Samuel Clayton is dead on! And his hat may be.**

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**Gunslinger Callie meditates and Lightfoot Louie observes**



**Future Gunfighters – Eagle Eye Kane and Dirty James**

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AUSTIN, TX - During the 82nd legislative session, Rep. Jason Isaac (R-Dripping Springs) was successful in passing legislation that will allow **veterans** to **add an endorsement to their Texas driver's license**. House Bill 1514 will help honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces more easily prove their status.

The bill take effect on September 1st, but because the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will need to establish and approve rules as well as develop software for the new license, it may not be available until several months later. DPS is already working on the implementation of the bill and veterans across the state are welcome to call Rep. Isaac's office or request to join his email newsletter list for updates on the progress of the license.

When the development is complete, veterans will simply have to present proof of honorable service at the DPS office (DD214) when they renew their license in order to have the endorsement added.

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You can now drive your wagon faster at night! Yep, you can now ignore the 65 mph nighttime speed limit.

<http://www.txdot.gov/news/032-2011.htm>

Of course, the deer don't know about this, so they won't necessarily move out of you way faster! Grill guards, anybody?

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We have nine volunteers for the **Workday** on September 25, and need about five more. Need about five more!

**Wild Bunch Posse** for the September 10<sup>th</sup> match has fourteen (14) Wild Folks on it by my count. Space is available!

Saddle up and ride on, Texicans!



*Grouchy Spike*

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