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Howdy Folks,

I'll keep it short this month. Shindig is coming up real soon, and that will be our last shoot in 2006.

There will be plenty of shootin and lots of food. We will have custom first place awards for the main match, with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. First place only side matches. There will be a work party the last weekend of September and the first Sunday of October. Folks working the match will get a chance to shoot the side matches only so they can help on the range after lunch. I'll be sending emails out to the workers as a reminder.

I'll check with Becky about camping at Shindig and get the word out next match. That pesky deer hunter might be back and I need to make sure she will let us camp that weekend.

We still have plans to have enough shotgun knockdown targets bought by next spring to cover the range. We currently have 32, and most likely will buy another 20 by Comancheria Days 07. Other clubs are building the skid type that we are using, and they are working very well so far, and are fun to shoot.

Take care all  
Dusty Chambers

# *August 12, 2006*

## **Overall Winners:**

1) Badlands Ben 2) Shalako Joe 3) Travelin' Jones 4) Ivory Venom  
5) Reverend Trinity 6) Picoso 7) Jonah Stark 8) Hopalong  
9) A.D.Texas 10) Yee Haw

## **Class Winners:**

"B" Western - Reverend Trinity  
Classic Cowboy - Black Irish Charlie  
Elder Statesman - Texas Pea Eye  
Junior Boys - Bubba Shot  
Ladies 49er - Haddy Heard  
Ladies Senior - Little Mama  
Ladies Traditional - Ivory Venom  
Men's 49er - Travelin' Jones  
Men's Duelist - Captain Kirk  
Buckaroo Boy - White Stag  
Men's Frontier Cartridge - L.W. Hannabas  
Men's Modern - Guatemala Kid  
Men's Senior - Hopalong  
Men's Super Senior - Jonah Stark  
Men's Traditional - Badlands Ben  
Men's Senior Duelist - Gus Miller  
Men's Gunfighter - Squaw Man  
Ladies Gunfighter - Cat Caliber

## **Clean Match:**

Jonah Stark

## **Only 1 Miss:**

Hopalong, Dangerous Don, Badlands Ben, Red Scott

## **Billy Dixon Long Range:**

Men's Single Shot - Jonah Stark  
Men's Lever Action - Jonah Stark

## **August 12 Speed Stage Winner:**

Shalako Joe

# *August 27, 2006*

## **Overall Winners:**

1) Reverend Trinity 2) Picoso 3) Ivory Venom 4) Hopalong 5) Handlebar Bob  
6) Listo 7) Silas Slaughter 8) Red Scott 9) Lonestar Hoss  
10) Dusty Chambers

## **Class Winners:**

Ladies 49er - Ima Gutshooter  
Ladies Traditional - Ivory Venom  
Ladies Gunfighter - Cat Caliber  
"B" Western - Reverend Trinity  
Men's 49er - Kickshot  
Men's Gunfighter - Doc Schofield  
Men's Modern - Picoso  
Men's Senior - Hopalong  
Buckaroo - White Stag  
Men's Super Senior - Listo  
Men's Traditional - Silas Slaughter  
Men's Senior Duelist - Gus Miller  
Elder Statesman - Texas Pea Eye  
Cody Dixon Lever - Dusty Chambers  
Cody Dixon Single Shot - Dangerous Don

## **Clean Match:**

*It was too hot to clean a match!*

## **Only one miss:**

*Fatal Star, Red Scott, Doc Schofield, General Burlison*

## **August 27 Speed Stage Winner:**

*Picoso*

## THE LOADING BENCH

By Jonah Stark

I don't know about you, but I never seen to have enough room on my loading bench. My bench is eleven feet long and it's always full. Maybe I just have too much stuff! I always have three presses mounted; a single stage Bair, a Lyman turret and an RCBS progressive along with a Lyman lead furnace and double decker cabinet with doors on the bench. The cabinets hold a Pact electronic scale and an RCBS 10-10 balance scale where they are always ready for use but they are protected until being used. Two more Lyman turrets, three powder measures on stands, two additional powder measures in drawers and three cast bullet lubricator/sizers don't have a permanent mounting space. One turret I seldom use anymore is packed away and my son has one, but the other items are temporarily fastened to a small shelf above the rear of the loading bench.

So, how do I go about using the items mounted on the shelf? I have an aluminum plate ½" thick securely fastened to the bench between the Bair and the Lyman. The plate is drilled and tapped with hole patterns to match the items on the shelf so that when needed, they can be securely fastened to the bench. Steel or aluminum plates can be used. The surface of the plate should be flat and smooth. For those that use only RCBS products, RCBS sells their own mounting plate with holes to match their equipment. I suppose additional holes could be drilled and tapped for other makers' equipment if desired. The plate should only be large enough to extend just past the largest item to be mounted on it. Mounting bolts for the plate are passed thru the bottom of the bench and threaded into holes in the plate. This method of mounting places the bolt heads out of the way below the bench. Everyone won't have drills and taps, so if you would like to use this mounting method for your bench, I could probably be talked into drilling and tapping it for you. I like donuts!

A sturdy, heavy bench should be used. Make the bench as large as you have room for because you will use every square inch. You should have bright lighting directly overhead to prevent shadows and if possible, an electrical plug on the wall behind the bench. If you are building your own bench, two layers of ¾" plywood glued together makes a great bench top. Glue Formica or tempered Masonite on top and you have a smooth, easy to clean bench. If possible, secure the rear of the bench to a couple of wall studs and the front legs to the floor if the bench is a stand-alone. A horizontal 2 x 4 mounted to the wall with the bench top resting on it takes care of the rear support if you are going to have a built in bench. A 2 x 4 on edge set back approximately 2" from the edges of the bench will provide front and side stiffing. How you mount the front legs I leave up to you. However, they should be cross-braced back to the wall unless they are secured to the floor. By setting the edge 2 x 4's back 2", you can use "C" clamps to hold some items like a brass trimmer for occasional use. Height of the bench above the floor is determined by whether you stand or sit while reloading. I prefer to sit.

Several shelves on the wall above and below the bench will provide much appreciated storage space for components and loaded ammunition. In a temperature controlled area, primers and powder can also be stored on the shelves. However, if you still have small children at home, I suggest that powder, primers and ammunition be stored in a secured area.

'Til next time, shoot straight and keep your head down.

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