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Howdy Texican Rangers



WOW! How about them Comancheria Days! We limited our registration to 180 (but managed to sneak in 184 shooters representing **17 states**) to our annual match that saw fantastic weather, majestic Hill Country views and some incredibly close and fast stage times.

In fact, this year's Champion Colorado Jackson, was able to edge out Whiskey Kid by a **total .61 of a second** over the course of the **ten stage match**. Some mighty close margins by any standard. Buckshot Sully garnered third position a mere half second per stage behind Colorado. Hearty congratulations to all our shooters. To see a complete listing of all main match and side match scores and final standings visit our website.

Just a couple weekends before the shoot we saw freezing cold, ice and snow storms decimate the Hill Country and our beloved range. Thanks to a dedicated group of Rangers we were able to transform a storm ravaged range to a

premier setting for our 2021 competition. Hats off and a rousing YEE HAW to all those who made this year's match possible.

A special thanks to our Banquet committee, headed by Shooting Iron Miller and her band of creative "consultants" who transformed a plain steel building to an elegant banquet hall. The event capped the end of a perfect annual match. Countless hours of behind the scene workers is what makes the Texicans a very special home for cowboy shooters from all over the United States. Be sure to set aside April 7-9 2022 for next year's match.

The Texas weather and shooting calendar is starting to heat up. The **State Wild Bunch Championship** is only four months away! **Shindig** is the weekend following the Wild Bunch Championships.

If you wanted to dip your toe into Wild Bunch competition and don't have the equipment, we are offering an additional category for those wanting to "try before you buy." In conjunction with the monthly second Sunday Wild Bunch match we are introducing the **Mild Bunch**. Shoot any caliber (e.g. .22, 9mm) semi-automatic in lieu of the .45 ACP. Shoot your cowboy match rifle and any cowboy shotgun. You get to experience the stages, the transitions, and excitement at no additional equipment investment.

Our next workday is Tuesday 4 May with regular Cowboy matches on Saturday the 8th & Sunday the 9th. Hope to see y'all then.

Looking forward to making noise outta gunpowder with ya.

Asup Sleeve

President, Texican Rangers

Million Dollar Colt

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Everyone knows that 2020 was a record setting year for gun sales. Collectively, Americans bought an estimated 21 million guns that year, a 73 percent increase from 2019.

Well in December 2020, Rock Island Arsenal held what they called the "Auction of the Century" which included historical firearms and guns belonging to Elvis Presley, Annie Oakley and Tom Selleck among others. The auction earned \$22,000,000, setting an industry record.

The star of the auction was a Colt Single Action Army revolver belonging to President Theodore Roosevelt. The gun was a birthday present given to TR on his 54th birthday on October 27th, 1912.

The lavishly engraved revolver features silver plating and Number 5 engraving (Colt's highest grade) executed by Cuno Helfricht, head of Colt's engraving shop for many years. Helfricht was especially known for his scroll engraving, which covers this example. The gun's ivory grips feature a steer's-head decoration.

Although the original factory order exists, there is no record of who among TR's friends and admirers placed the order or presented it to him on his birthday. In October of 1912, Roosevelt was running his third presidential campaign, this time as an independent, representing the Progressive or "Bull Moose" party. Whoever ordered the revolver was undoubtedly aware that Roosevelt had survived an assassination attempt four days earlier. Roosevelt was shot after dinner in Milwaukee, on his way to deliver a speech. A copy of the speech, folded in his pocket, and his glasses case, slowed the bullet enough that the wound was not life-threatening. Roosevelt gave his 90-minute speech with the bullet still lodged in his ribcage.

Chambered in .38 Colt, Roosevelt's SAA has a 4-3/8-inch barrel. Mindful both of the attempt on his own life and the assassination of President McKinley in 1901, Roosevelt almost always carried a handgun for personal protection. He probably carried this particular revolver sometimes, and it may have accompanied him

on the hazardous River of Doubt expedition to the Amazon he undertook after losing the 1912 race. Whatever the case, the silver plating shows wear indicative of lots of use.

Valued at an estimated \$350,000 to \$550,000, the Colt wound up selling for \$1,466,250 to an unnamed private buyer.



Born in 1858 into a wealthy family, the young Teddy was stricken with ill health a lot. First, he spent time building up his body. Second, he spent time building up his mind. Third, he found both contributed to his ability to live a full, rich life.

The outdoors proved to be a place of healing for him after his first wife, Alice Lee Roosevelt, and his mother died on the same day in 1884. He went to his ranch in the Badlands area, driving cattle and hunting big game.

Roosevelt added land to the national forests in the West, reserved lands for public use, and fostered great irrigation projects.

He was passionate about developing national parks around the United States.

“The life of strenuous endeavor” was a must for those around him. He romped with his five younger children and led ambassadors on hikes through Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C.

In his outdoors life, Roosevelt needed protection and he found it thanks to a very classy Colt revolver. It is not surprising it sold at such a high price.

How Did Davy Crockett Die?

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Born 1786 of Irish, Scottish, French and English descent, David 'Davy' Crockett grew up in east Tennessee.

He ran away from home aged 13 and did not return until he was nearly 16 after three years, in which he claimed to have roamed across Tennessee and learned his skills as a backwoodsman.

During the 1813 Creek War, a conflict between Indian tribes and U.S. forces, Crockett was made a scout because of his

hunting abilities, he is said to have supported the starving troops with game.

He was eventually discharged from service in 1814 but was elected Lieutenant Colonel in the Tennessee Militia on March 27, 1818.

In 1826 Crockett was elected to the United States House of Representatives as a Jacksonian. As a Congressman, Crockett supported the rights of squatters, who were barred from buying land in the West without already owning property.

He also opposed President Andrew Jackson's Indian Removal Act, which sought to evict Native Americans from parts of our country.

Disillusioned with U.S. politics, Crockett left his home in Tennessee in 1835 to join the Texan uprising against Mexican rule.

On January 14, 1836, Crockett and 65 other men signed an oath to the Provisional Government of Texas saying: 'I have taken the oath of government and have enrolled my name as a volunteer and will set out for the Rio Grande in a few days with the volunteers from the United States.'

Crockett arrived at the Alamo on February 8. To the surprise of the men garrisoned there, on February 23 a Mexican army, arrived and laid siege.

All that is certain about the fate of David Crockett is that he died at the Alamo on March 6 when Mexican soldiers overran the fort. Or did he? Crockett is thought to have died defending the Alamo; however, by some accounts he survived the battle and was taken hostage with a handful of men (against Santa Anna's orders to take no hostages) and executed. In some stories the execution was at the Alamo, in others he was taken back to Mexico City, tried and executed there.

Another story had it that Davy Crockett escaped and fled back to the United States and lived the rest of his life in seclusion in Alabama.

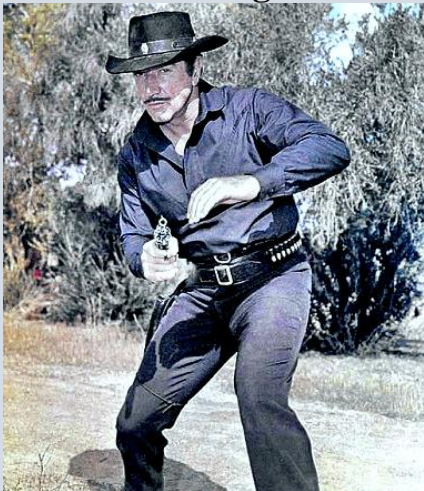
There is even disagreement on the stories that said Crockett died at the Alamo fighting. Some indicate that Crockett perhaps didn't die quite as heroically as Hollywood would lead us to believe. I'm sure those of us of a certain age will never forget the Walt Disney story, which had him clubbing Mexican soldiers with Old Betsy, his trusty rifle, until the very end. Then there was fearless John Wayne in the 1960 movie throwing a torch into the powder room as he died.

Now, in truth, there are at least two accounts that seem to back the Disney version, although these came decades after the fact and were perhaps embellished to boost the teller's image. For example, in 1889, Felix Nuñez, who claimed to be at the battle, told the San Antonio Express: "(Crockett) apparently had a charmed life. Of the many soldiers who took deliberate aim at him and fired, not one ever hit him. On the contrary he never missed a shot. This fact being observed by a lieutenant who had come in over the wall. He sprung at him and dealt him a deadly blow with his sword, just above the right eye, which felled him to the ground and in an instant he was pierced by not less than twenty bayonets."

Less dramatic accounts, however, seem to show that, while fighting bravely, Crockett died in the midst of battle. Susanna Dickinson, the wife of an American officer, said Crockett was killed in the assault, while Joe, William Travis' American-born slave, said he saw Crockett lying dead with the bodies of 16 slain Mexican soldiers around him and a bloody knife still in his hand.

So, somewhere in all these accounts likely lies the truth. It is hard to say and any debate on Crockett's anything less than heroic death is treated like blasphemy here in Texas.

Was Paladin Always the Man in Black? By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



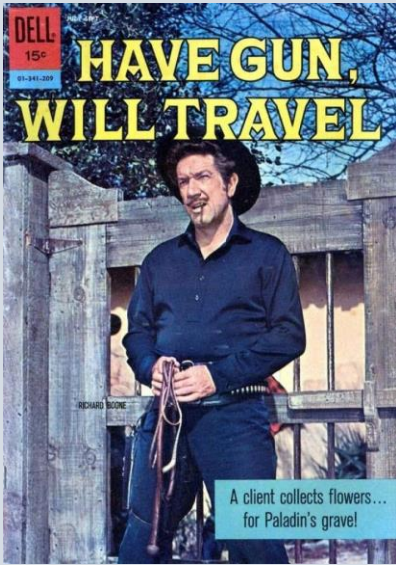
In the late 1950s, nothing was more popular on TV than cowboys, and few gunslingers were more popular than Paladin. The dashing, daring character of *Have Gun - Will Travel* had the refined taste of James Bond and the wardrobe of Johnny Cash. In the first four of its six seasons, from 1957–61, the Western ranked in the top four of all television shows. It was still a hit those last couple years, too.

Based out of the luxurious Hotel Carlton in San Francisco, Paladin, played by Richard Boone, offered his services for steep fees, typically \$1,000. He carried business cards embossed with his chess knight logo and his promise, "Have Gun – Will Travel." Paladin was everything from guardian,

tutor, rescuer, bounty hunter, treasure hunter, detective... whatever the client needed.

With his flashy suits and bespoke holster, Paladin was a far cry from rugged heroes like Rowdy Yates or Matt Dillon. Six decades later, he's just as cool.

The Man in Black actually wore a lot of a blue. In the earlier episodes of the series, Paladin's riding clothes were a midnight blue, a color that complimented Richard Boone's blue eyes. However, since the show was shot in black and white, the audiences couldn't tell that his clothes were blues, as they looked black.



So, there was a shirt redesign from a buttoned front to a v-neck, and the clothes were changed to be all black. From then on, whenever Paladin's garments were mentioned, he was always referred to as "the man in black," whether he was wearing blue or black.

In color photographs, as seen in promotional images for the show and on the covers of tie-in comics published by Dell, Paladin sports a "midnight blue" shirt over matching pants. Of course, on black and white television, it appeared inky black.

You can even find on EBay an action figure of Paladin in blue.

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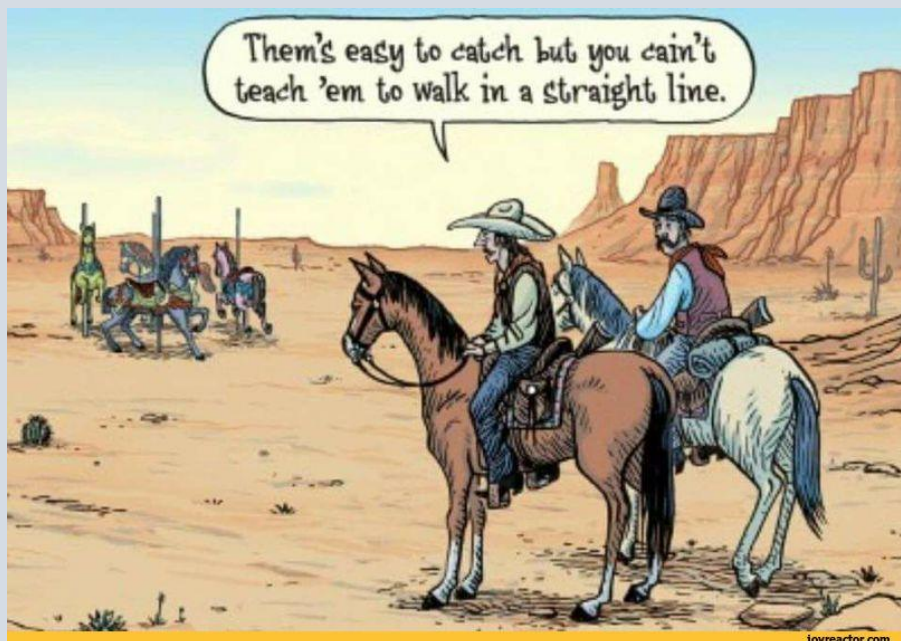
Comancheria Days are over and I would like to thank Little Bit Sassy, Bama Sue, Madam Ella Moon and Shooting Iron Miller for all their help.

We only have May, June, July and August matches remaining that will count towards this year's annual awards. You must shoot 5 matches in one category to qualify.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at:

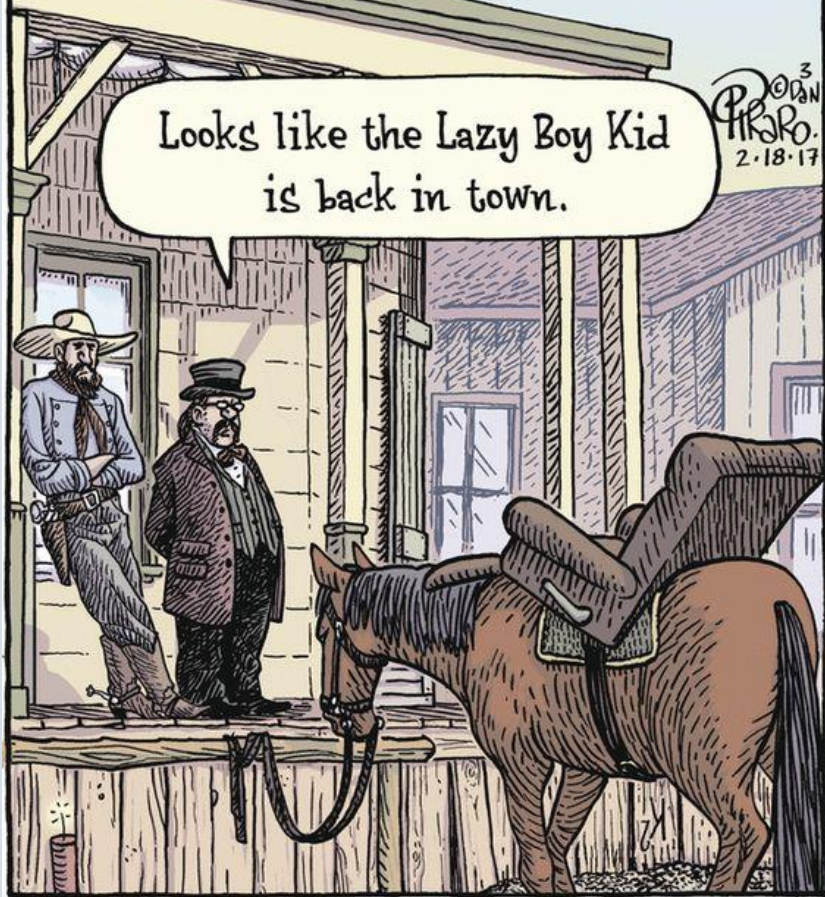
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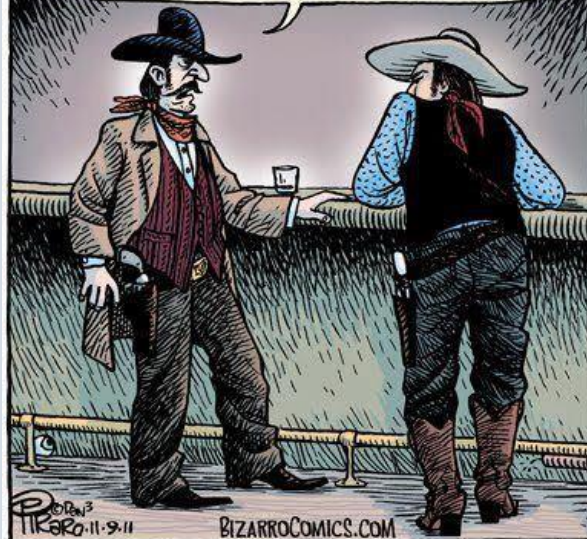


Looks like the Lazy Boy Kid is back in town.

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Them's mighty big words, mister. I'm hoping your caps lock is just stuck.



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.38	100	RNFP	42	83
	105	FP	43	85
	125	RNFP	47	94
	125	FP	47	94
	130	RNFP	49	97
	158	RNFP	54	106
	158	FP	54	106
	158	SWC	54	106
	.380	100	RNFP	42
.38-55	245	RNFP	82	162
.41	215	SWC	70	139
.44	180	RNFP	58	115
	240	SWC	75	149
.44-40	200	RNFP	64	127
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	61	121
	180	RNFP	58	115
	200	RNFP	64	127
	250	RNFP	76	152
9MM	124	RN	47	94
	125	CN	47	94
40 S&W	180	FP	58	115
.45ACP	200	SWC	64	127
	200	RN	64	127
	230	RN	73	144
45-70	405	FPT	75 (250)	300 (1K)
			150 (500)	

Parting Shots

1. "I wrote a song, but I can't read music so I don't know what it is. Every once in a while I'll be listening to the radio and I say, 'I think I might have written that.'"
2. "I busted a mirror and got seven years bad luck, but my lawyer thinks he can get me five."
3. "For my birthday I got a humidifier and a de-humidifier. I put them in the same room and let them fight it out."
4. "George is a radio announcer, and when he walks under a bridge, you can't hear him talk."
5. "I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol."
6. "I stayed up one night playing poker with Tarot cards. I got a full house and four people died."
7. "I saw a bank that said '24 Hour Banking,' but I don't have that much time."
8. "I saw a sign: 'Rest Area 25 Miles'. That's pretty big. Some people must be really tired."
9. "I saw a subliminal advertising executive, but only for a second."
10. "I spilled spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone."
11. "I stayed in a really old hotel last night. They sent me a wake-up letter."
12. "I still have my Christmas tree. I looked at it today. Sure enough, I couldn't see any forests."
13. "I think it's wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly."
14. "When I get real, real bored I like to drive downtown and get a great parking spot then sit in my car and count how many people ask me if I'm leaving."
15. "I took a course in speed waiting. Now I can wait an hour in only ten minutes."
16. "I used to work in a fire hydrant factory. You couldn't park anywhere near the place."
17. "I was a peripheral visionary. I could see the future, but only way off to the side."
18. "I got a new dog. He's a paranoid retriever. He brings back everything because he's not sure what I threw him."
19. "I was reading the dictionary. I thought it was a poem about everything."
20. "I was sad because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet. So I said, 'Got any shoes you're not using?'"
21. "I went to a fancy French restaurant called 'Deja Vu.' The headwaiter said, 'Don't I know you?'"
22. "I went to a general store. They wouldn't let me buy anything specifically."
23. "I went to a haunted house, looked under the kitchen table, and found spirit gum."
24. "7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot."
25. "A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory."
26. "A friend of mine once sent me a post card with a picture of the entire planet Earth taken from space. On the back it said, 'Wish you were here.'"
27. "A lot of people are afraid of heights. Not me, I'm afraid of widths."
28. "Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks."
29. "Change is inevitable....except from vending machines."
30. "Drugs may lead to nowhere, but at least it's the scenic route."
31. "Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines."
32. "For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism."
33. "Half the people you know are below average."
34. "Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now."
35. "I bought some powdered water, but I don't know what to add to it."

Texican Rangers Regulators

Tombstone Mary	2003
A.D.	2004
Dusty Lone Star	2008
Handlebar Bob	2010
Dusty Chambers	2010
Sheriff Robert Love	2012
Grouchy Spike	2013
Agarita Annie	2016
Joe Darter	2016
Nueces Slim	2016
Skinny	2016
Dirty Dog Dale	2017
Dutch Van Horn	2017
Shooting Iron Miller	2017



April Birthdays

Bama Sue	4/2
Handlebar Bob	4/6
Engin Wrangler	4/17
Frank Longshot	4/17
Madam Ella Moon	4/18
Pepper Jacq	4/23
Wild Bill McMasters	4/28

May Birthdays

Bluebonnet Nell	5/01
Marshall Willy	5/04
Pullin Triggers	5/04
Texas Tony	5/08
Shootin Steel	5/08
Bessie James	5/10
Snake Shot	5/13
Whiskey Kid	5/16
Frontier Faith	5/17
Faye Starr	5/18
Sierra Cheyenne	5/29
Lucky Nickel	5/30



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TEXICAN RANGERS

2021

January 9	Monthly Match
January 10	Monthly Match
February 13	Monthly Match
February 14	Monthly Match
March 13	Monthly Match
March 14	Monthly Match
April 8 – 10	Comancheria Days
May 8	Monthly Match
May 9	Monthly Match
May 29	Wild Bunch/BAMM
June 12	Monthly Match
June 13	Monthly Match
July 10	Monthly Match
July 11	Monthly Match
July 31	Wild Bunch/BAMM
August 14	Monthly Match
August 15	Monthly Match
September 3-5	TX State Wild Bunch Championship
September 11	Monthly Match (Shindig)
September 12	Monthly Match
October 9	Monthly Match & Final Tear Down
November/December	Range Closed

CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)
2nd Saturday	Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West)
2nd Sunday	Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)
2nd Weekend	Texican Rangers (Comfort)
3rd Saturday	Tejas Caballeros (TX Republic Ranch)
4th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4th Sunday (Long Range)	Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)

2021

Canceled
Mar 25-28
April 8-10
April 21-24
June 17-27

Sep 3-5
Sep 22-25
Oct 23-24

Winter Range
SASS Texas State Championship
Comancheria Days
SASS Southwest Regional Land Run
End of Trail
SASS Texas State Wild Bunch
Championship
Comin' At Cha
SASS Texas State Black Powder
Championship

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