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Words from the President



February is in the books, and I am really looking forward to March.

For February, we were only able to shoot the Saturday match. We shot some of the 2018 Texas State match target placements and sweeps. There were 64 shooters and 15 clean shooters.

It was great to see 4 new shooters: Medina Mack, Lethal Lexi, Rev. Malichi Gossett, and South Texas Willie. Feedback from these shooters was extremely positive and I look forward to seeing them returning at future matches. A big THANK YOU goes out to the individuals and the posses who assisted these shooters, showing them how to participate safely in the great sport we all enjoy.

Comancheria Days are just around the corner - Here's an update:

We have met our primary goal of 285 shooters for the match. We have 5 spaces open for our maximum number. It is a testament to our match and our members that we are full 51 days before the match!

Every Texican Ranger should be proud of our Club's reputation and the Comancheria Days match

The areas that need our attention going forward are securing a Parking. Coordinator, filling in the volunteer positions for the side matches, the Friday night dinner and the 6 scheduled workdays.

The range is in fairly good shape. There are a handful of woodworking projects to do and a basic cleanup of fallen limbs, tree trimming, mowing, and setting targets.

If the weather cooperates, in addition to setting targets and regular mowing, my goal is to get the tree trimming and limb clearing off the to-do list for the workdays scheduled for February 27th and March 6th.

So, if you are available for one or both scheduled workdays we could use a hand. A few folks with chain saws and pole pruners would go a long way to getting these tasks completed.

I am in Phoenix thru February 25th attending Winter Range. Please email me or the Texican Ranger email address with any questions or letting us know you will be attending either or both workdays.

Good Shooting, you can reach by phone at 210 862-7464, and by email at either jnping67@sbcglobal.net or Texicanrangers@yahoo.com
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Important Information, Please Read **NO MORE CREDIT CARDS AT MONTHLY SHOOTS**

The Texican Rangers Officers have decided that we will no longer accept credit cards at our monthly shoots. The fee is 3.5% and since we do not have reliable internet at the range we can't get the card scanner to work. We make so little off monthly shoots that we felt the 3.5% was too much. We are sorry for the inconvenience.



John Wilson “Texas Jack” Vermillion By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



John Wilson Vermillion was an old west gunfighter. He had several nicknames or aliases. The two best ones were “Texas Jack” and “Shoot-Your-Eye-Out” Vermillion. He is most well-known for his participation with Wyatt Earp in the Earp vendetta Ride after the Clantons had killed Morgan Earp in 1882.

The origin of Texas Jack’s nickname is unknown, but he was first listed by this moniker on a wanted poster, for shooting a man during an argument at cards. When asked about why he was called Texas Jack, he replied, “Because I’m from Virginia.” One theory on his name was that he got it because he liked to ride horses from Texas.

What would they call him for that, “Texas Horse Rider”, it just didn’t have the same panache as “Texas Jack”. Later, he also became known as “Shoot-Your-Eye-Out” Vermillion, allegedly because he had shot the man in the eye.

Vermillion was born in Russell County, Virginia in 1842, the second of 12 children born to William and Nancy Owens Vermillion. When he grew up, he served as a Confederate soldier under the command of General J.E.B. Stuart during the Civil War.

When the war was over, Vermillion went to Indiana where he married Margaret Horton in September 1865. The pair soon moved to Missouri where Jack worked as a Territorial Marshal for the eastern section of the state.

He and Margaret had two children, a daughter named Mary, and soon, a son. However, just a few weeks after his son’s birth, Vermillion was traveling when a diphtheria epidemic broke out in eastern Missouri. Unfortunately, by the time Jack returned home, his wife and both of his children had died.

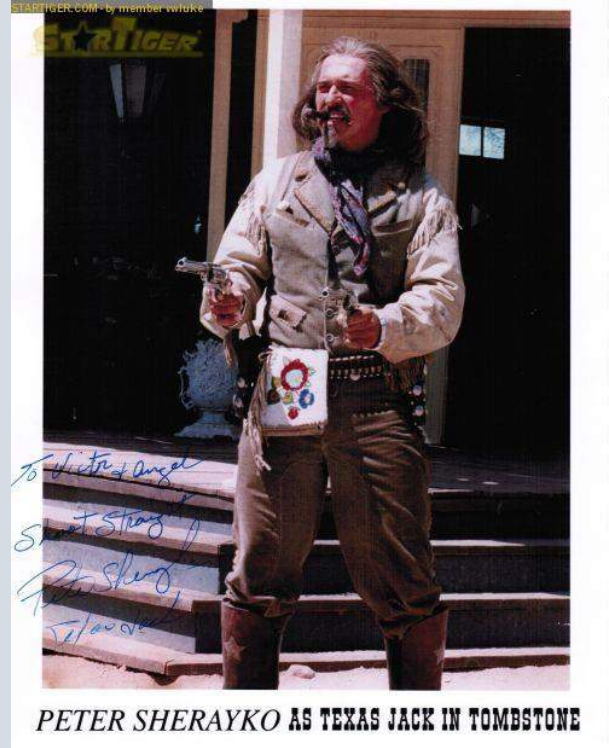
Grief stricken, Vermillion headed westward and by the late 1870’s he was in Dodge City, Kansas. He was known to have drank heavily, gambled often, and gained a reputation as a gunfighter, a dangerous combination. This is around the time he first met Virgil Earp, Wyatt Earp, and Doc Holliday. He was a closer friend to Doc than he was to the Earp brothers.

A couple of years later, he was in Tombstone, Arizona, working as a special policeman for Virgil Earp in 1881. After the gunfight at the O.K. Corral in October 1881, and Morgan Earp’s murder in March 1882, Wyatt, Warren Earp, and Doc Holliday, escorted the Earp family out of town. When Wyatt and Doc returned to Tombstone they recruited several trusted friends, including Vermillion to go on what is now known as the Earp Vendetta Ride.

The next year, Luke Short, who was in Dodge City, Kansas and in a feud with other business men there, called upon Bat Masterson for help. Bat rounded up several gunfighters including Wyatt Earp and Texas Jack Vermillion in what is now known as the Dodge City War. Though the “war” never actually wound up violent, the business men backed down, it had the potential to be a bigger deal than the gunfight at the O.K. Corral since some of the Old West’s best-known gunfighters lined up in support of Short.

Vermillion married Nannie Fleenor of Virginia in 1883 and they had two children. The next he was heard of was in 1888 in Denver, Colorado, when he joined up with Soapy Smith and his gang of con artists. He left the gang after a shootout with a rival bunco gang at a train station in Idaho.

There are two stories on how he died. One had him drowning in Lake Michigan and then being taken back to Virginia for burial. The other is that he passed away peacefully in his sleep in Virginia in 1911.



Peter Sherayko is best known for playing Texas Jack Vermillion in the 1993 western, "Tombstone". The movie was directed by George P. Cosmatos, and Kevin Jarre. It starred Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer, Sam Elliott, Bill Paxton, and a host of other supporting actors.

After success cleaning up Dodge City, Wyatt Earp moves to Tombstone, Arizona, and wishes to get rich in obscurity. He meets his brothers there, as well as his old friend Doc Holliday. A band of outlaws that call themselves The Cowboys are causing problems in the region with various acts of random violence, and inevitably come into confrontation with Holliday and the Earps, which leads to the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral.

It is one of my favorite movies and watching it should be a requirement for membership in the Texican Rangers.

The Girandoni Air Rifle By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



The Girandoni air rifle was an airgun designed by Tyrolian inventor Bartholomaeus Girandoni circa 1779. The weapon was also known as the Widbuchse or Wind Rifle in German. Lewis Meriwether, of Lewis and Clark, purchased one with his own money at Harpers Ferry, while purchasing supplies for their famous expedition.

The Girandoni air rifle was in service with the Austrian army from 1780 to around 1815. The advantages were its high rate of fire, no smoke from propellants, and low muzzle report. Sounds great,

but it did have its problems. While the detachable air reservoir was capable of around 30 shots, it took nearly 1500 strokes of a hand pump to fill those reservoirs. In addition, the weapon was very delicate and a small break

in the reservoir could make it inoperable. Finally, it was very different from any other weapon of the time and any soldier using it needed to be highly trained.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition used the rifle in the demonstrations that they performed for nearly every Native American tribe they encountered on the expedition.

The rifle was 4 feet long and weighed 10 pounds, about the same basic size and weight as other muskets of the time. It fired a .46 caliber ball. It had a tubular, gravity-fed magazine with a capacity of 20 balls. This gravity operated design was such that the rifle had to be pointed up to drop each ball into the breech block. Unlike its contemporary, muzzle-loading muskets, which required the rifleman to stand up to reload with powder and ball, the shooter could reload a ball from the magazine by holding the rifle vertically while lying on his back and operating the ball delivery mechanism. The rifleman then could roll back into position to fire, allowing the rifleman to keep a "low profile".



Contemporary regulations of 1788 required that each rifleman, in addition to the rifle itself, be equipped with three compressed air reservoirs (two spare and one attached to the rifle), cleaning stick, hand pump, lead ladle, and 100 lead balls, 1 in the chamber, 19 in the magazine built into the rifle and the remaining 80 in four tin tubes. Equipment not carried attached to the rifle was held in a special leather knapsack. It was also necessary to keep the leather gaskets of the reservoir moist to maintain a good seal and prevent leakage.

The air reservoir was in the club-shaped butt. With a full air reservoir, the Girandoni air rifle had the capacity to shoot 30 shots at useful pressure. These balls were effective to approximately 125 yards on a full air reservoir. The power declined as the air reservoir was emptied.

The Girandoni air rifle was an important first. It was the first repeating rifle of any kind to see military service. It was one of the to use a tubular magazine.

Tombstone Mary, Secretary Regulator/Life #19524



Dues were due in January. You also need to have a signed waiver on file for 2018 before you can shoot in a monthly match.

We have been busy getting ready for Comancheria Days 2018. If you can help out in any way, please send me an email and we will find a place for you. It takes all of us to put on a great match for all our guests and members.

If you would like to be a stage sponsor the cost is \$50.00 and it includes a two-sided sign place on a stage at Comancheria Days. You can find a sponsor form on our website under Comancheria events.

If I can answer any questions or help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me at maryn58@sbcglobal.net.

Tombstone Mary

Best Winston Churchill Quotes

“Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions.”
Winston Churchill

“Fear is a reaction. Courage is a decision.”
Winston Churchill

“A nation that forgets its past has no future.”
Winston Churchill

“However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.”
Winston Churchill

“The main vice of capitalism is the uneven distribution of prosperity. The main vice of socialism is the even distribution of misery.”
Winston Churchill

“A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.”
Winston Churchill

“If you are going through hell, keep going.”
Winston Churchill

“Ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put.”
Winston Churchill

Lost and Found

Lost at the Saturday match in January 2018:

I lost my knife it is a bone handle hunting knife that must have fell out of its scabbard after I took off my gunbelt. May be at the homestead or somewhere between there and where I parked behind the restrooms. Could also be down toward the jail since I went down there after the match. If found and turned in I will offer a \$50 reward. Sentimental value.

Howdy Nabor

Lost at the Sunday match in January 2018:

Lost my screw knife. It's a simple homemade one, the handle is made from a small forked deer antler. I sure would appreciate it if y'all could keep an eye out for it for me.
Brazos Bo



Texican Rangers Regulators

Tombstone Mary	2003
A.D. Texaz	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



February Birthdays

Doc O'Bay	2/1
Howdy Nabor	2/3
Mr. Outback	2/3
Newt Ritter	2/3
Two Spurs	2/5
Shooting Iron Miller	2/7
Charlie Reynolds	2/9
Yuma Jack	2/9
Dirty Sally	2/11
Major Samuel Clayton	2/11
Long Juan	2/19
Quigley McCoy	2/20
Col. Callan	2/21
El Patron	2/21
Bar Diamond Rider	2/25
Dusty Lone Star	2/27



March Birthdays

Sunny Spurs	3/3
Aiyana Kay	3/17
Tombstone Mary	3/17
Will Tinker	3/19
Marshall Brooks	3/22
Maverick McCoy	3/29
Choctaw Chase	3/30
Hopalong Herbert	3/31



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TEXICAN RANGERS 2018

January 13	Monthly Match
January 14	Monthly Match
February 10	Monthly Match
February 11	Monthly Match
March 10	Monthly Match
March 11	Monthly Match
April 12 – 15	Comancheria Days
May 12	Monthly Match
May 13	Monthly Match
June 9	Monthly Match
June 10	Monthly Match
June 30	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range
July 14	Monthly Match
July 15	Monthly Match
August 11	Monthly Match
August 12	Monthly Match
September 8	Shindig
September 9	Monthly Match
September 29	Wild Bunch, BAMB Long Range
October 13	Monthly Match
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 Saturday	Darby Rough Regulators (West Point)
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)

	2018	
Feb 9-11	Jail Break	Oakwood Outlaws
Feb 19-25	Winter Range	Phoenix
Mar 22-25	Trailhead	THSS
April 12-15	Comancheria Days	Texican Ranger (Comfort)
April 19-21	SASS Southwest Regional Land Run	Oklahoma
June 14-24	End of Trail	Founders Ranch, NM
Oct 19-20	SASS Texas State Black Powder	
	Championship	Groesbeck, TX
Oct 19-21	SASS Texas State Wild Bunch	
	Championship	Cleburne, TX
Nov 2-4	Battle of Plum Creek	Plum Creek

Photo Gallery













