



# The Texas Star



## Newsletter for the Texican Rangers

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### Hello Texican Rangers



There was a great turnout for the January matches. We had 62 shooters and 18 clean matches on Saturday. On Sunday we had 16 shooters and 6 clean matches. It was nice to be back shooting again after our 2-month layoff.

Thank you to the 21 volunteers who came out to help set up the range for our first shoot. This club could not continue without all of your support and help.

For the workday on February 4th we will be setting up the north stages for the February shoot. It would be great to see a similar turn out as last month. In addition to the stage set up there are 3 construction projects to start, some electrical maintenance on the main building and stage painting. I will be sending out an email with specifics and a list of equipment we will need.

Comancheria Days our SASS Texas State Championship will be here before you know it. I will serve as your Match Director and Newt Ritter will be our Assistant Match Director. If you have already registered thanks if not please do

so as soon as possible. We have 287 registered shooters and our maximum is 300. Get your application and check to Tombstone Mary before we fill up.

Volunteers are needed for several positions for Comancheria Days. If you would like to help, please contact Tombstone Mary and she will get you signed up.

Your current slate of Officers look forward to a great 2019, if you have any suggestions to make your club better please let us know.

See you in February.

A.D.

## **Burly Bill Brocius Vice President**



### **Ain't it Grand**

Fellow cowgirls and cowboys; The Texican Rangers Board of Directors (BoD) has approved the inclusion of a new category of firearm for the March Match only. The new firearm permitted at the BAMM match is the M1 Garand.

If there is sufficient interest and

participation, the BoD will consider adding the Garand Action Military Match (GAMM) to the BAMM events. There are several considerations that we will take in to account: participation; observation of all safety requirements; and any damage to the long range/BAMM targets. Damage to these targets will result in the immediate discontinuation of GAMM. It is up to each shooter to ensure the ammunition used has just enough power to operate the Garand action.

Additionally, the participants will observe the following rules for this match:

- The Texican Rangers vice president or Grouchy Spike will inspect all ammunition prior to loading to ensure only cast lead bullets are used.
- Each GAMM stage permits one (1) en bloc clip of ammunition (8 rounds) per shooter.
- Garand will be loaded at the shooting position. Garand owners may load their rifle per stage instructions. Non-Garand owners will be handed a loaded Garand with the safety engaged. There will be no movement from one position to another with a loaded Garand.
- If the stage involves multiple firearms, the shooter will ground the Garand with the action open and locked after firing.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to this addition to our shooting club! My email address is: [Bexarbillbrocius@gmail.com](mailto:Bexarbillbrocius@gmail.com)



## The Guns they would have really carried in “True Grit” 2010 By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



In recent years an effort has been made to make the guns in westerns more varied. In the John Wayne era, no matter what the time frame of the movie, everyone just carried Colt 1873 pistols and Winchester 92 rifles.

*True Grit* is the second feature film adaptation of the Charles Portis novel of the same name (the first being the 1969 classic John Wayne film). The 2010 film was directed by the Coen Brothers. In this version Jeff Bridges starred as Deputy US Marshal “Rooster” Cogburn, and the cast included Matt Damon, Hailee Steinfeld, and Josh Brolin. The film's firearms were provided by veteran film property master Keith Walters, who has provided firearms for several recent Westerns including *The Missing* (2003) and *Appaloosa*. On a side note, most of the guns were provided by Cimarron Fire Arms, our Comacheria Days sponsor.



Mattie Ross (Hailee Steinfeld) carries her late father's 2nd Model Colt Dragoon, as described in Portis' book. It was waiting for her at the boarding house with his watch, knife and other of his 'traps' that Chaney hadn't stolen. Neither the boarding house landlady nor anyone else had seen fit to unload it for safety.

The gun used in the film is an actual percussion Dragoon, while the 1969 film used a cartridge-converted Colt Walker. I can only guess that the Walker was used in the 1969 movie because it is even larger than the Dragoon and they wanted to emphasize the inappropriateness of it being a young girl's weapon.



The primary firearm carried by Rooster is a Single Action Army Peacemaker. In the novel, it was stated that Rooster's "belt gun" was a .44-40, the same caliber as his Winchester. According to Walters, the revolver is a Colt Peacemaker with 7 1/2-inch barrel. Texas Ranger La Boeuf (Matt Damon) carries a Colt Peacemaker with ornate carved ivory grips.



"Lucky" Ned Pepper (Barry Pepper) carries a Remington 1875 revolver with custom four-leaf clover emblem ebony grips.

Harold Parmalee (Bruce Green) carries a Smith & Wesson Schofield Model 3 as his sidearm. He is seen with the revolver out during the final confrontation with Rooster.



Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges) carries a Winchester Model 1873 "Short" rifle as his long arm in the film. His questionable accuracy with the rifle might be due to the fact that he is shooting it right-handed while attempting to use the sights with his remaining left eye. A better notion would be to shoot left-handed, but Rooster seems very much like a proverbial 'old dog'. John Wayne had it easier, he just wore the patch over his left eye.



"Lucky" Ned Pepper (Barry Pepper) uses a Winchester 1866 "Yellow Boy" during the famous charge at the end. This also appears to be the rifle carried by Clement "Doc" Parmalee.



True to the book, Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin) carries a Henry rifle. As in the original novel a length of rope is tied to both ends as a makeshift sling.



La Boeuf (Matt Damon) uses a Sharps 1874 Cavalry Carbine throughout the film. Mattie is later seen using the Sharps. It is a weapon of uncanny power and precision.



A Colt 1878 Coach Gun is carried by Farrell Parmalee, one of the Parmalee brothers of "Lucky" Ned Pepper's gang.

This movie was more accurate to the book than John Wayne's version. I applaud this movie's use of many types of firearms. My problem is the author staged the action in 1873. Unless Rooster and La Boeuf had gone out and purchased the new 1873 Colts and 1873 Winchester, they would probably not have carried those guns. In fact, the only three guns that were correct for the time were the Colt Dragoon, the Henry Rifle, and the 1866 Winchester Yellow Boy. All the other guns were made after 1873. These are the guns I would picture for all the major characters:



In my mind, Rooster would have carried an 1860 Colt Cartridge conversion open top and an 1866 Winchester Yellow Boy.



Rooster would have also carried a pair of 1851 Colts in aommel holster. He called them his Navy 6's.



La Boeuf an 1871 Colt Open Top and of course his would have to be nickel plated.



La Boeuf would have also carried an 1859 Percussion Sharps Military Carbine converted to centerfire. This was a type firearm that was then sold to Texas and issued to the Texas Rangers stationed on the Western Frontier. His would have probably been chambered in a .50-70.



Lucky Ned Pepper would have carried an 1858 Remington cartridge conversion.



Harold Parmalee should have been carrying a Smith & Wesson Model 3 American as his sidearm.

They keep get better but with movie guns but they need to have a Texican Ranger approve what guns they use.

### **A Big Thank You**



The Texican Rangers are sending out a big thank you to our master craftsman, Bison Jim. If you haven't noticed our new long gun racks yet. They are really nice!

**Tombstone Mary, Secretary  
Regulator/Life #19524**



Thank you to all our members who mailed or dropped off their waiver and dues for 2019. We still have a few members who need to pay and sign a waiver. You can find the waiver on our website at [www.texicanrangers.org](http://www.texicanrangers.org). Remember you must sign a waiver before you shoot a match for 2019.

Comancheria Days our SASS Texas State Championship is right around the corner. We are filling up fast so please get your application to us as soon as possible. We do not want our club members to miss out on all the fun we have planned.

If I can help in anyway or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at:  
[Texicanrangers@yahoo.com](mailto:Texicanrangers@yahoo.com).  
Tombstone Mary

**Biggest Feuds**

1. The Hayfields and McCoys (1863-1891) - Having its roots in the Civil War, the feud between the Hatfield and McCoy families took place in the Appalachian Mountains along the West Virginia-Kentucky border area.
2. Brooks-McFarland Feud (1896-1902) – A family feud that took place in the Creek Nation of Indian Territory (Oklahoma) at the turn of the century. The conflict began with the death of Thomas Brooks on August 24, 1896, while was attempting to rob a Texas Ranger, never a good idea.
3. Colfax County War (1870-1877) – Guns roared for almost two decades after Lucien Maxwell sold the largest land grant in U.S. history, located in northeast New Mexico.
4. Earp Vendetta Ride (1882) – After the Gunfight at the O.K. Corral in October 1881, and Morgan Earp’s murder on March 18, 1882, Wyatt, and Warren Earp, along with Doc Holliday, “Turkey Creek” Jack Johnson and Sherman Mc Masters would go on the Earp Vendetta Ride Killing those responsible for Morgan’s death.
5. Johnson County War (1892) – Sometimes called the War on Powder River, this feud came to head in 1892 as cattle barons and small ranchers battled it out for land and water rights in Wyoming. Included 50 hired guns from Texas.
6. Kansas-Missouri Border War (1854-1865) – Beginning seven years prior to the Civil War, this bloody conflict was fought over whether Kanas would be a free state or a slave state and continued on throughout the Civil War.
7. Lee-Peacock Feud (1867-1871) – One of the best know of all the feuds in Texas, the Lee-Peacock Feud in northeast Texas following the Civil War, this was not simply a dispute between families, but a continuation of the Civil War, lasting four bloody years after the rest of the notion had lid down their arms.
8. Texas Regulator-Moderator War (1839-1844) – The first major feud to break out in Texas was born during Texas’ days as a republic. For years, a strip of land in East Texas that bordered Louisiana and Mexico had bee ignored by Spanish, Mexican and Texas authorities. By the time Texas became a republic, the swatch of land had developed into a lawless place where land frauds, cattle rustlers, and killings were common.



Vegetarian towns of the Old West



"Hmmm . . . not bad, Kemosabe . . . but this one little better maybe."



## 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

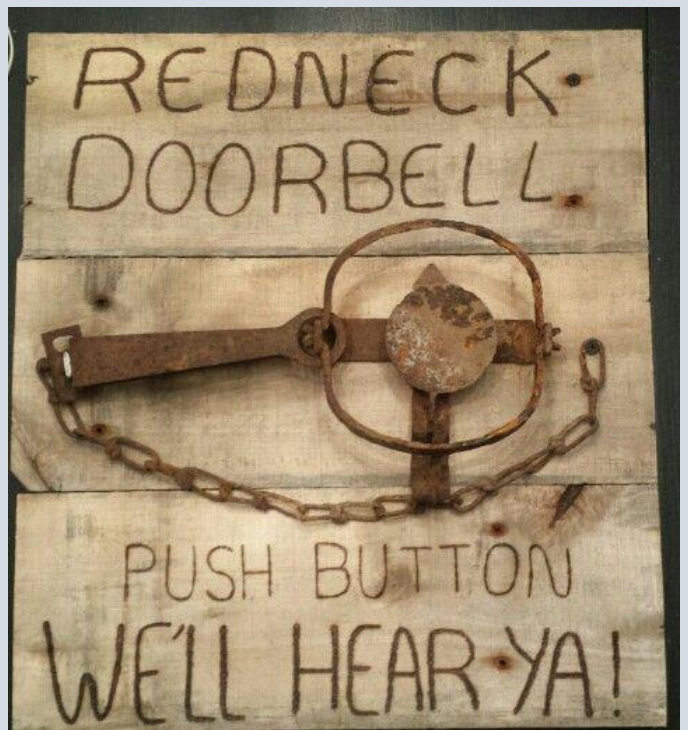


### January Birthdays:

Chasen Aces	1/5
Blacky Vela	1/7
Panhandle Cowgirl	1/11
Hawkeye	1/12
Skyhawk Hans	1/12
Three Fingered Dutchman	1/21
Big John Mesquite	1/23
Leather Lung	1/27

### February Birthdays:

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



### Key Links

[www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com)  
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## TEXICAN RANGERS

2019

January 12	Monthly Match
January 13	Monthly Match
February 9	Monthly Match
February 10	Monthly Match
March 9	Monthly Match
March 10	Monthly Match
April 11 – 14	Comancheria Days
May 11	Monthly Match
May 12	Monthly Match
June 8	Monthly Match
June 9	Monthly Match
June 29	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range
July 13	Monthly Match
July 14	Monthly Match
August 10	Monthly Match
August 11	Monthly Match
August 31	Wild Bunch, BAMB, Long Range
September 14	Shindig
September 15	Monthly Match
October 12	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 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)

<b>Feb 8-10</b>	<b>2019 Jail Break</b>	<b>Oakwood Outlaws</b>
<b>Feb 18-24</b>	<b>Winter Range</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>
<b>Mar 21-24</b>	<b>Trailhead</b>	<b>THSS</b>
<b>April 11-14</b>	<b>Comancheria Days</b>	<b>Texican Ranger (Comfort)</b>
<b>April 25-27</b>	<b>SASS Southwest Regional Land Run</b>	<b>Oklahoma</b>
<b>June 13-23</b>	<b>End of Trail</b>	<b>Founders Ranch, NM</b>
<b>Oct 19-20</b>	<b>SASS Texas State Black Powder Championship</b>	<b>Groesbeck, TX</b>
<b>Oct 18-20</b>	<b>SASS Texas State Wild Bunch Championship</b>	<b>Cleburne, TX</b>



**Photo Album**





