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Hello Texican Rangers



The July Saturday match had 56 shooters and 17 clean matches. The Side Match stage on Saturday had 14 shooters. Sunday, we had 18 shooters and 8 clean matches.

For August, on Saturday we will shoot from the Line Shack to High Noon with an optional Side Match Stage at Mean Maggie's. Sunday we will shoot from Mean Maggie's to the Fort. The stages will be written with the heat in mind. Remember, there will be no lunch on Saturday.

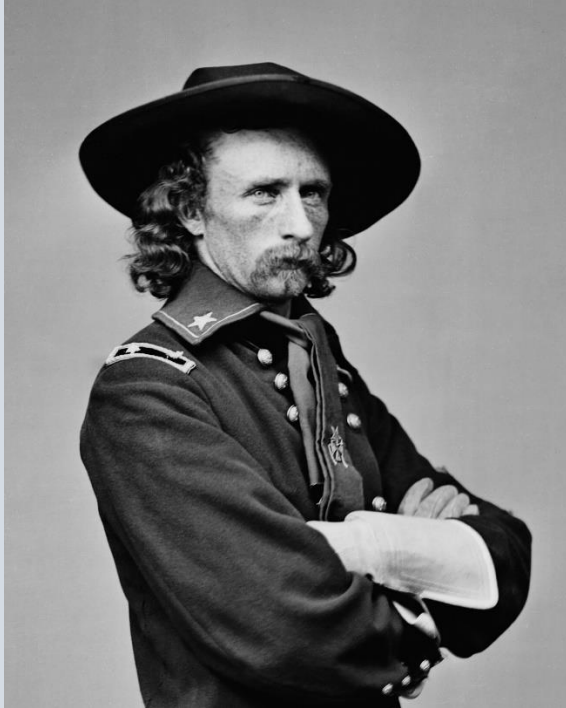
The Saturday and Sunday matches are the final matches that count towards the category standings for the yearly awards given at the picnic. Remember with the quick stages you might be your chance to move up a place or two in your category....

Our annual elections for officers for the 2019 calendar year is right around the corner. Please read the article re-capping the nomination process and consider running for a position – your help would be appreciated.

Congratulations to all our members who participated at End of Trail. See the recap in this newsletter. See you at the Texican Rangers.

A.D.
President

What if Custer had Gatling Guns? By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Brigadier General Alfred Terry termed Custer not taking the Gatling guns as: “a sad and terrible blunder.” He further stated to General Sheridan: “I offered Custer the battery of Gatling guns, but he declined it, saying that it might embarrass him, and that he was strong enough without it.”

Yes, Custer turned down three Gatling guns. These guns were manned by an artillery detachment of the 20th Infantry under 2nd Lt. William H. Low. The three Model 1866 .50-caliber, six-barreled Gatling guns had accompanied Terry’s Dakota column from Fort Abraham Lincoln. Prior to Custer’s “pursuit of the Indians,” believed gathered at some point on the Little Bighorn, Terry had transferred the Gatlings to Gibbon’s column as it marched west along the Yellowstone River to coordinate with the expected sweep of the 7th Cavalry from the south and east.

There has been much speculation about how the outcome of the Battle of the Little Bighorn could have been different if Custer had taken the Gatling guns. It has been said that Custer didn't want to take them because he thought they would slow him down. Some say that Custer knowingly misled the other commanders as to why he didn't want them. One school of thought is that Custer did not think it would be a "fair" fight to just shoot down hundreds of warriors like it was no big deal. There was no sport in it. It wasn't in his makeup to want to fight this way. If Custer was going into battle, he wanted to do just that, battle. Not hang back and let someone crank out hundreds of bullets a minute. Again, there just was no sport in it. Very unexciting for a guy like Custer and there would be less glory.

Custer was planning on announcing he was running for President of the United States at the 1876 World’s Fair. He needed a successful Indian campaign and lots of glory to increase his chances. Perhaps not taking the Gatling guns was a political decision.

A number of reasons have been given for the defeat: Custer disobeyed orders, disregarded the warnings of his scouts, violated the principles of warfare by dividing his command, was ambushed or was the victim of a conspiracy; internal regimental jealousies caused the defeat; the regiment was too tired to fight; there were too many raw recruits or too many Indians; the Indians had better weapons; or the Army had defective guns. Most of the conjectures are moot, for they can be debated endlessly—with intellectual and emotional biases interfering with reasoned arguments. Given the nature of the evidence, however, one should be able to study the role the weapons played in the battle’s outcome with a modicum of objectivity.

During the battle, the 7th Cavalry troopers were armed with the Springfield carbine Model 1873 and the Colt Single Action Army revolver Model 1873. The Springfield carbine could reach out up to 600 yards. Custer thought he could keep the Indians at a distance and close on them when he and his men had a tactical advantage.

He had great faith in the mobility of the 7th Calvary. The problem was the terrain in and around the Little Big Horn. There were plenty of places for the Indians to hide and they could approach Custer's forces, in some locations, virtually unseen. There goes the idea of keeping the enemy at a distance.

The first force to arrive at the Native American encampment was Major Reno's detachment, a group of three companies totaling about 150 men. Realizing that the village was much larger than they had believed, he ordered his men to form a skirmish line on a ridge above, with his right flank protected by trees and the river. At this point, a Gatling gun would have been useful as a force-multiplier, preventing the Native Americans from deploying in any useful manner and to repel any counterattack. Instead, a group of about 500 Lakota grouped behind a hill and attacked Reno from his left flank, forcing him to retreat hastily back across the river and then take up a defensive position on a hill. He was later joined by the reserve force and baggage train.

So, could the battle have gone very differently if Custer had taking the Gatling guns? I say no. Gatling guns were not as effective as you are led to believe in the movies. The big thing here is that the US Army did not really know how to use the Gatling to its full potential. There was no real doctrine. The Gatling and later the machine gun were considered Artillery. The main form of employment of the Gatling was in barrage fire. That is, they fired at a high elevation and "dropped" their projectiles in an area out to as far as 1100-1200 yards. That adds new meaning to the term "a hail of gunfire." For that method to have been effective you would just need to convince the Indians to stay bunched in a group at about 1100 yards and not move when they see that the Army is moving aimed fire closer and closer to their location.

Tombstone Mary, Secretary Regulator/Life #19524



Our August matches are your last opportunity to get your 5 matches in one category for annual awards. There are still several who need 1 or 2 more matches in a particular category to qualify. If you have any questions, please email me at: Texicanrangers@yahoo.com

Tombstone Mary

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR TEXICAN RANGERS' OFFICERS

According to our By-Laws here are the requirements for seeking a nomination:

- I. Nomination Process:
 - a. Members in good standing may self-nominate or nominate other members as candidates for offices.
 - b. Nominees must meet the requirements for the intended office.
 - c. Nominations must be submitted to the Executive Committee by the last day of June.
 - d. Candidates shall be announced in the July and August newsletters and announced at Shooter's Meetings.
 - e. A candidate withdrawal must be submitted to the Executive Committee within two (2) weeks of the first announcement.

- f. Candidates are encouraged to write an article for the July and/or August newsletter stating their qualifications and goals.

We will have the following Officer positions for election this year:

President
Vice President
Secretary (2-year term)
Range Master
Communications

If you are interested in serving as an Officer of the Texican Rangers, please let a member of the Executive Committee know. All interested candidates must notify a member of the Executive Committee no later than August 12th.

Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke

It gets pretty hot here in Texas during the summer and if you are outside for any period of time, it pays to know the signs of Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke. You should pay attention not only for yourself, but for those who are around you as well.

Signs of heat exhaustion

Excessive sweating

Nausea or cramps

Dizziness

Headache

Fainting

Weakness or confusion

Rapid heartbeat

Pale or clammy skin

Muscle cramping

Dark-colored urine

Signs of heat stroke

Hot, red or dry skin

High body temperature of 103 or higher

Fast, strong pulse

Confusion

Slurred speech

Seizures

Losing consciousness (coma)

Heat exhaustion can normally be treated by yourself or others to cool your body - move to a cool shady place, pour water over yourself, loosen clothing, etc. Heat Stroke, on the other hand, is very dangerous and should be treated as an emergency. Try to cool the victim as much as possible while waiting for the EMTs.

Heat Exhaustion and Stroke are preventable.

- Wear loose, light clothing: This allows your body to cool properly.
- Drink plenty of liquids: Stay hydrated to keep heat-related injuries at bay and help your body cool itself.
- Prevent Sunburn: Wearing SPF 15 or higher sunscreen is a good idea. A better idea is to wear loose clothing that covers most of the body. If you get sunburned, you'll find it much harder to stay cool.
- Get acclimated: Getting used to the heat will make it much easier for your body to cool itself.
- Rest during the hottest part of the day: Avoid working in the sun during the hottest hours. Many societies that have to deal with high midday heat work early in the morning and again in the evening.
- Be careful if you're at risk: If you're in one of the categories that have an added chance of becoming a heat injury victim, the young, the elderly, or you've been a heat injury victim in the past, you should take it easy in the heat if at all possible.

Follow these links for more information on Heat Exhaustion and Stroke.

[Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke – Causes, Warning Signs, and Treatment](#)

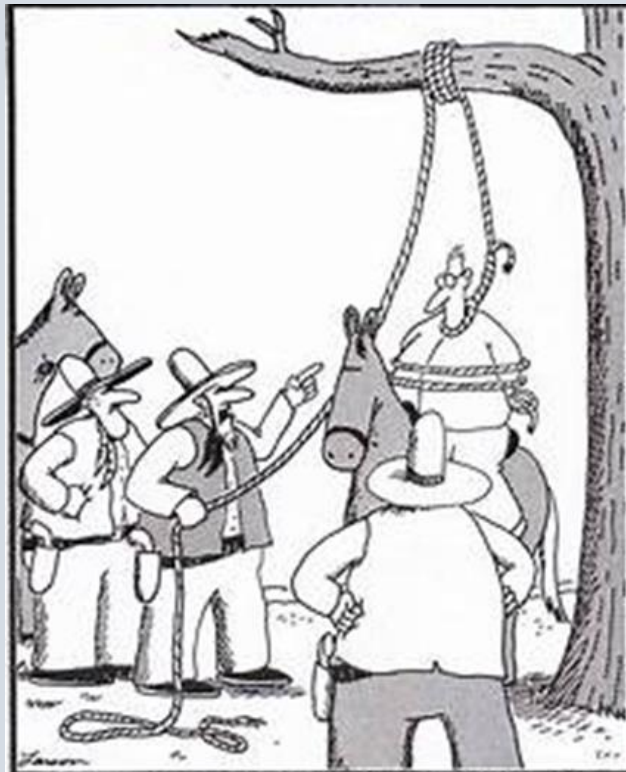
[10 Warning Signs of Heat Stroke](#)

Congratulations to all our Club Members who placed at EOT

Preacher Kid - 1st place Frontier Cartridge (7th Overall)
Waterloo - 5th Place Cowboy (11th Overall)
Panhandle Cowgirl - 2nd place Lady B-Western
Alamo Andy - 2nd place B-Western
Hey You - 3rd place Cowgirl
Whiskey Kid - 3rd place Frontier Cartridge
Paisley - 5th place Cowgirl
Mad Dog McCoy - 5th place Senior Frontier Cartridge Duelist
Costume Awards

Yuma Jack - 6th place Frontiersman
Skinny - 6th place Silver Senior Frontier Cartridge
Agarita Annie - 6th place Lady Silver Senior
Joe Darter - 6th place Senior Duelist
Bessie James - 8th place Lady Duelist
Brazos Bo - 12th place Classic Cowboy
Pedernales Drifter - 14th place Classic Cowboy
Picosa Kid - 15th place Silver Senior
Nueces Slim - 18th place Silver Senior
San Gabriel - 37th place Forty-Niner

1st Place Men's Conventioneer - Minnesota Clay
1st Place Ladies Conventioneer - Frontier Faith
2nd Place Best Dressed Couple - Alamo Andy & Comin' in Hot
3rd Place Best Dressed Couple - Minnesota Clay & Frontier Faith
2nd Place Men's Shooting Costume - Yuma Jack



"We'll ask you one more time, stranger—if you're really a cowboy from the Rio Grande, then why ain't your legs bowed or your cheeks tan?"

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	105	FP	35	70
	125	RNFP	38	76
	125	FP	38	76
	130	RNFP	39	78
	158	RNFP	42	83
	158	FP	42	83
	158	SWC	42	83
.380	100	RNFP	35	69
.38-55	245	RNFP	64	127
.41	215	SWC	54	108
.44	180	RNFP	45	89
	240	SWC	57	114
.44-40	200	RNFP	49	98
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	49	98
	180	RNFP	45	89
	200	RNFP	49	98
	250	RNFP	58	116
9MM	124	RN	38	76
	125	CN	38	76
40 S&W	180	FP	45	89
.45ACP	200	SWC	49	98
	200	RN	49	98
	230	RN	56	111
45-70	405	FPT	120	240

Parting Shots

10 Worst Western Movie Accidents

1. *The General*, 1926. During filming of the epic comedy in Oregon, there were a number of incidents. Several National Guardsmen, employed as extras for the Civil War battle scenes, were injured by mishaps caused by misfired muskets or explosions. Director and star Buster Keaton was knocked unconscious when he stood too close to a cannon firing. Assistant director Harry Barnes was accidentally hit in the face by a blank charge. Train brakeman Fred Lowry sued the production for \$2,900 after his foot was crushed when it was run over by a locomotive wheel during filming of one of the railway scenes.
2. *Jesse James*, 1939. A horse was killed during the scene where it was ridden off a cliff into a river. This incident led to the American Humane Association opening a Hollywood office in 1940 and monitoring the treatment of animals in films.
3. *They Died with Their Boots On*, 1941. Three horsemen perished during the cavalry charge, one of whom was extra Jack Budlong, whose horse tripped as he rode alongside Errol Flynn. As he fell forward, he had the foresight to toss his sword ahead of him. Unfortunately, it landed handle down and stuck in place. Budlong was impaled on his own sword and died.
4. *The Royal Mounted Rides Again*, 1945. Addison "Jack" Randall was killed at Canoga Park, California, while riding a horse past the cameras at full speed, he fell from the saddle while trying to retrieve his hat which had blown off his head and struck a tree. He died shortly thereafter.
5. *The Horse Soldiers*, 1959. Fred Kennedy, a veteran stuntman and bit player, was killed in a horse fall on location in Louisiana. Director John Ford was so upset he closed the set and had to film the rest of the scene later in the San Fernando Valley.
6. *The Alamo*, 1960. Actor Laurence Harvey, who played Colonel Travis, was injured when a cannon recoiled while firing, with one of the wheels rolling over his foot, fracturing it. He did not reveal his injury until filming of the scene was completed.¹
7. *How the West Was Won*, 1962. Stuntman Bob Morgan, husband of Yvonne De Carlo, was seriously injured and lost a leg while filming a gunfight on a moving train. Chains holding logs on a flatbed car broke, crushing Morgan as he crouched beside them.
8. *Barquero*, 1970. Director Robert Sparr was killed in a plane crash while scouting filming locations with cameraman Gerald Finnerman. The single engine plane they were riding in went down near the Brush Hollow Reservoir outside Penrose, Colorado. The pilot was also killed in the crash, but Finnerman survived. Lee Van Cleef was scheduled to accompany them on the scouting trip, but he backed out at the last minute.
9. *Comes a Horseman*, 1978. Filming the scene where Jason Robards' character is dragged (presumably) to his death, his stunt double Jim Sheppard was killed when a horse that was dragging him veered from its course and caused him to hit his head on a fence post. The scene made it into the film, although it was cut right before the horse passed through the gate that killed Sheppard.
10. *Gettysburg*, 1993. During filming of the battle scenes on Little Round Top, Bradley Egen, an extra playing a Union soldier, was unintentionally struck in the head by the butt of a musket and suffered a severe concussion. He died two weeks later from brain hemorrhaging.

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

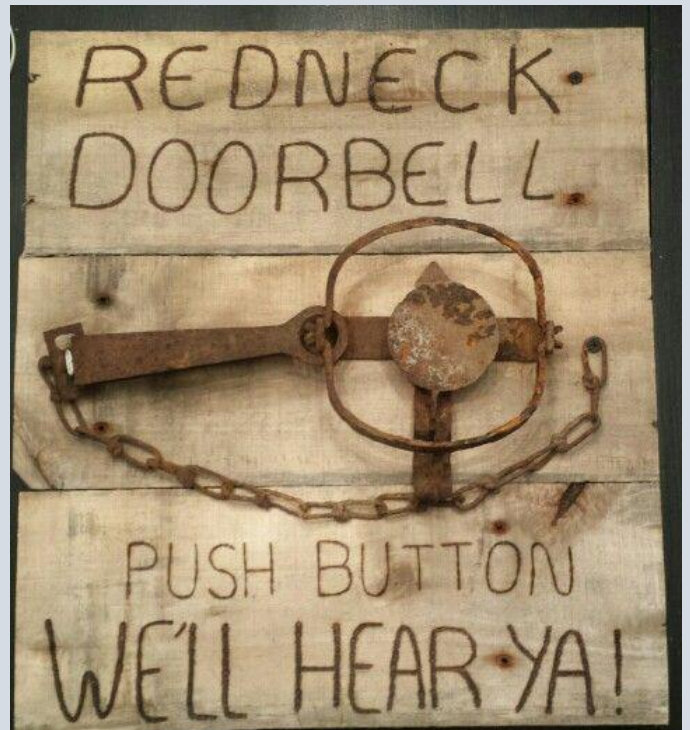


July Birthdays

Ruby Redheart	7/1
Texas Terror	7/5
Shotgun Hammond	7/5
Squaw Man	7/9
Pedernales Drifter	7/9
Sheriff Robert Love	7/10
July Smith	7/10
Dirty Dog Dale	7/11
Judge GeePee	7/14
Picosa Kid	7/15
Bisbee Jackson	7/25
Bandera Kid	7/26
Bison Jim	7/29
Little Bit Sassy	7/31

August Birthdays

Crooked Creek Sam	8/7
Moose McCoy	8/9
Shootin Star	8/12
Reverend Trinity	8/14
Joe Darter	8/22
Texas McD	8/24
Scooter	8/27



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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

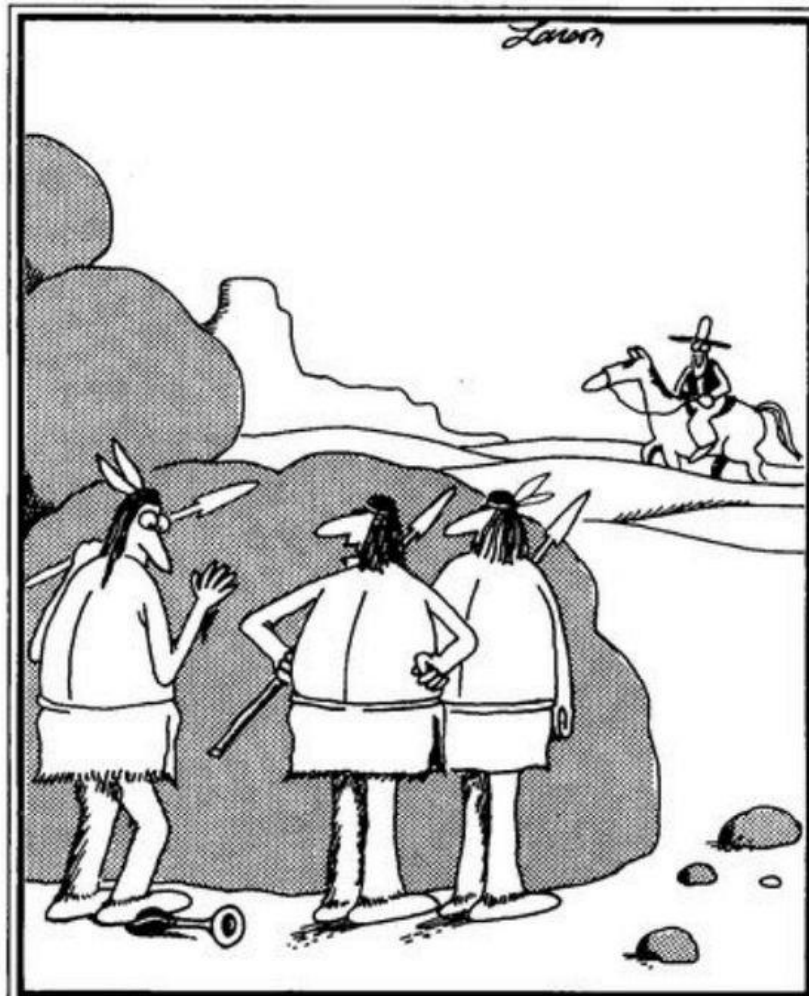
CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)
2nd Saturday	Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West)
2nd 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)

Feb 8-10
Feb 18-24
Mar 21-24
April 11-14
April 25-27
June 13-23
Oct 19-20

Oct 18-20

2019
Jail Break
Winter Range
Trailhead
Comancheria Days
SASS Southwest Regional Land Run
End of Trail
SASS Texas State Black Powder
Championship
SASS Texas State Wild Bunch
Championship



"And you call yourself an Indian!"

Photo Album



