



# The Texas Star



## Newsletter for the Texican Rangers

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### Hello Texican Rangers



It was good being back at the range shooting our regular monthly match in May! Radar showed rain was all around the range Saturday morning but somehow it never materialized. 46 shooters shot with 18 clean matches. On Sunday Mother's Day, we had 25 shooters and 5 clean matches.

For June we will be shooting on the north side both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday we will be starting at the Line Shack and ending on High Noon. On Sunday we will be starting at Mean Maggie's and ending at the Fort. After you shoot your 5 stages Saturday you have the option to shoot an additional stage at Mean Maggie's. It will be scored separately as a Side Match and Side Match pins will be awarded to the category winners.

From the May board meeting:

It was decided not to add the M-1 Garand to the BAMM side match. If you have any questions, please contact Burly Bill Brocius our BAMM liaison at [bexarbillbrocius@gmail.com](mailto:bexarbillbrocius@gmail.com)

The board also discussed dues, the need for more targets and stands and rebuilding two of the stage fronts. We are getting prices for the steel first and hope to have more information after the July board meeting.

We will have club elections in September. All positions are up for re-election except Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact one of the officers for more information.

Colorado Horseshoe will have eye surgery and will not be able to shoot in June. He is going to attend the range set up on June the 4th and will have surgery the following day, June 5th. There is a lot to do in the morning to get ready for the match. If you are there early please ask Burly Bill Brocius, Dirty Dog Dale or myself if there is something you can do to help get the range ready.

Our cook Gumbo Annie is also having major surgery and will not be able to cook lunch for the club for several months. If you are interested in filling in for her, please contact Tombstone Mary at:

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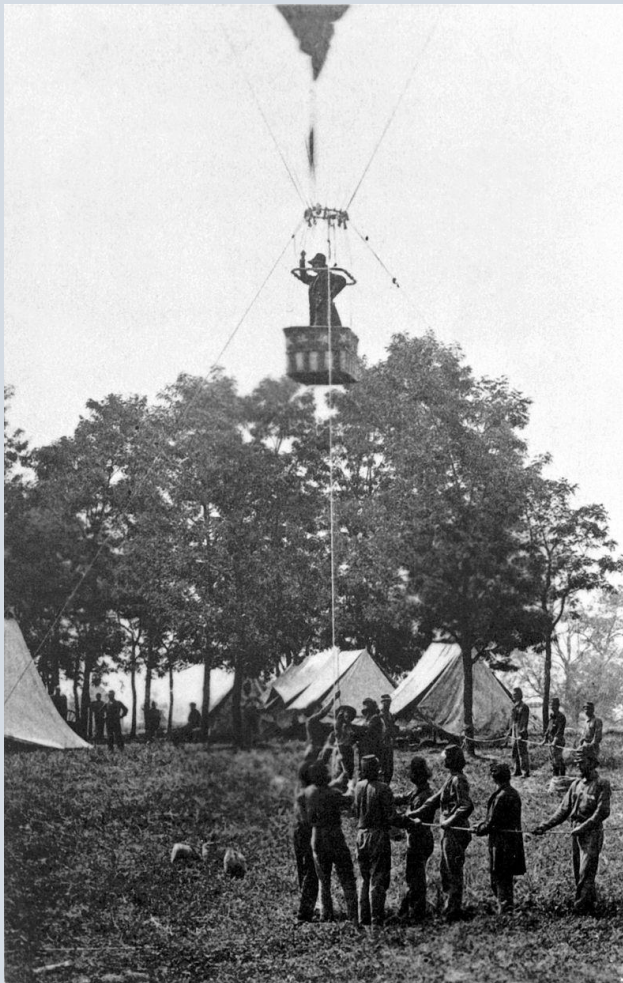
Please keep all our members who are having surgery or recovering from an illness in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Look forward to seeing everyone in June.

A.D.

President

## **When the Balloon Goes Up By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**



We have all heard the saying, “when the balloon goes up.” We know it to mean that trouble or fighting is about to start. Where did this saying come from?

At the onset of the American Civil War, there was some interest at the war department in the formation of a Balloon Corps. It was eventually determined that a such a corps would be formed, and that the country’s leading aeronaut should be retained as to oversee the corps. This led to an open competition, among the leading private balloonists of the day, for the honor of leading such an enterprise.

Thaddeus S. C. Lowe was chosen to be the lead Aeronaut in the Balloon Corps. He was the one to develop logistics and tactics.

Lowe set about designing stronger, higher-quality balloons that he felt were necessary for military service. He also developed mobile hydrogen gas generator wagons so that his balloons could be inflated in the field.

The Union Army Balloon Corps was a civilian organization which was attached to the Union Army for purposes of reconnaissance and surveying. Over the course of its existence, the aeronauts employed by the Corps made over 3,000

flights using six gas inflated balloons - Eagle, Constitution, Washington, Union, Intrepid (Lowe's favorite), and Excelsior.

Due to unpredictable winds, Civil War balloon flights were almost entirely tethered rather than free flight to prevent the balloons from drifting into enemy territory. There were a few times when cables broke, and the balloons drifted over enemy lines. During one of these times a Union General had gone up on a joy ride and got more than he expected.

The Union Army was the first to combine ballooning with telegraph communications. That was Lowe's brainchild. Balloons rose up to a thousand feet over the battlefield, offering an unprecedented view. Using binoculars and sometimes even telescopes, ballooners observed troop movements, spotted artillery locations, and sketched maps. Troop size was estimated by counting tents. Since it wasn't possible to shout urgent information down to ground troops, balloonist used signal flags or telegraph lines to communicate their observations. Before this, the balloonist dropped handwritten notes attached to bullets. This didn't work very well, and it added new meaning to the term, "heads up."

Confederates quickly developed countermeasures to frustrate Union aerial reconnaissance. During Lowe's maiden flight on 29 August 1861, they pointed their cannons skyward and baptized Lowe with artillery fire. If they could have hit his hydrogen filled balloon think Hindenburg. That was our country's first instance of ground to air artillery. There are no recorded instances of a balloon being shot down during the war on either side. Distances were probably too great for accurate fire. Confederates also created false impressions for Union Airborne observers. They doused their campfires and created fake artillery by painting logs black and posing them as cannons.

The more that things are done in the military the more likely that someone will develop a schedule. Ballooning was no different. After a while both Confederate and Union soldiers would notice certain balloon activity before a battle. It is thought that the phrase, "when the balloon goes up", was because that this activity soon became a sign of pending enemy action.

## **A Gentlemen's Agreement By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**



How did Charles Goodnight, the most successful and best-known rancher in Texas, and Dutch Henry Born, the biggest horse thief in the whole southwest, meet and become friends?

Charles Goodnight's accomplishments were legendary. Most of the stories of the movies, "*Red River*" and "*Lonesome Dove*" were taken from Goodnight's accomplishments. He was the one after the Civil War that organized the first major cattle drive to bring money and business to Texas. His cattle drive route became known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail which became one of the Southwest's most heavily used cattle trails. He rebuilt an army surplus Studebaker wagon for more practical use on a long cattle drive, and thus invented the chuck wagon. Add to that, he brokered his own peace treaty with War Chief Quannah Parker to keep the Comanche from attacking his ranch and cattle, and oh, he was also a former Texas Ranger. What didn't he do?



Dutch Henry Born was known as the biggest horse thief in New Mexico. They are not certain, but it was said that at one time his gang may have numbered close to 300 men. Dutch Henry specialized in stealing Indian ponies and government mules. At one time he bragged that he had never taken “a white man’s horse.”

While scouting a new cattle trail, Goodnight’s scout spotted a camp of armed men in the hills by a tributary of the Canadian River. This area was in a remote area of Goodnight’s cattle range. Riding in a little closer, the scout recognized the men as a band of outlaws led by Dutch Henry Born. Born was a former buffalo hunter who had survived the June 1874 Indian attack on Adobe Walls. Now, with the buffalo nearly hunted to extinction, he had turned to outlawry. He had become particularly adept at stealing cattle and horses.

The wary scout, knew trouble when he saw it, told Goodnight that their only hope was to stay back from the camp and wait until nightfall. Then they could slip past the gang. But Goodnight, a former Texas Ranger, was a “take the bull by the horns” kind of fellow. He told the guide he wanted to meet Born. In fact, he insisted on it.

Soon, Goodnight and his nervous guide, likely feeling like he was at the end of his trail, sauntered their horses into the outlaw camp. Goodnight politely, but with a certain firmness, asked to speak to whoever was in charge.

When Dutch Henry stood, Goodnight introduced himself and shook his hand. Then he got to the point: He intended to start ranching in this area and didn’t need to be losing any of his stock to cattle thieves.

If Dutch Henry would stay out of the canyon, Goodnight told him that he would mind his own business regarding whatever he did farther north in the Texas Panhandle. Goodnight ended his proposal by mentioning he had a body of armed men at his disposal who were all good shots.

After pondering the proposition for a moment, the outlaw replied: “Well, old man, you are damn plain about it, but it is a fair proposition and I will do it.”

They sealed the deal with a bottle of French brandy that Goodnight had in his saddle bag. Dutch Henry honored his agreement with Goodnight. Oh, he didn’t stop rustling from anyone else, just Goodnight.

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



Scoring is a very important part of the game we play. You are responsible for looking at the time after you shoot and making sure that the correct time, misses and penalties are put down correctly on the scoresheet and it is legible.

Having the correct category is also very important.

The following is a list of all club categories and their description:

\*For Ladies Just add an L behind the description\*

BW - B Western

BB - Buckaroo Boy (up to 13)

BG - Buckarett (up to 13)

CB - Cattle Baron (75+)

CC - Classic Cowboy

C - Cowboy (17+)

CG - Cowgirl (17+)

D - Duelist

DS - Duelist-Senior (60+)

DSS - Duelist-Silver Senior (65+)

ES - Elder Statesman (70+)

GD - Grand Dame (70+)

FN - Forty-Niner (49+)

FC - Frontier Cartridge

FCD - Frontier Cartridge Duelist

FCGF - Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter

F - Frontiersman

EP - El Patron (80+)

LP - La Patroness (80+)

GF - Gunfighter

GFS - Gunfighter-Senior (60+)

S - Senior (60+)

SS - Silver Senior (65+)

W - Wrangler (36+)

JB - Junior Boy (14-16)

JG - Junior Girl (14-16)

SHS - Sharpshooter

CDL - Cody Dixon Lever

CDSS - Cody Dixon Single Shot

Wild Bunch Modern

WBT - Wild Bunch Traditional

WBM - Wild Bunch Modern

WBO - Wild Bunch Open

1911 T - 1911 Traditional

1911 M - 1911 Modern 1911

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

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Tombstone Mary



The Texican Ranger Officers would like to say thank you to Bison Jim for making our Cowboy and Cowgirl Silhouettes. When you see him next, please take a moment and say thank you as well.

## What's the Difference Between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?



When it comes to federal holidays celebrated in the U.S., people often get confused between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The confusion isn't all that difficult to understand since they both have to do with the military. Plus, with all of the stores with sales and the celebrations, the holidays might seem almost identical. While both holidays celebrate the military, they celebrate very different aspects of it. What's the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day? Memorial Day is a holiday for honoring and remembering those who have served and died for their country.

It's particularly for honoring military service personnel who lost their lives in battle or from wounds taking place in battle. Memorial Day is to celebrate the men and women who have given their lives for our country. Veterans Day doesn't honor the military dead but instead honors all who are alive and have honorably served in the military. It doesn't matter if the person served during a war or during peaceful times. If they have been a member of the military at any time, then they are honored and celebrated on Veterans Day.

The problem is that the two holidays have, for many, become a time to thank the military. Much of this is because various companies advertise military discounts for active members on Memorial Day.

For those in the military who understand the difference, this can create some awkward situations on Memorial Day. Those who don't understand the different meanings of the two holidays often approach military personnel and thank them for their service on a day that's meant to honor the military dead. To be thanked, although well-meaning, when the day is to remember those who have given their lives and not those who are still alive, makes for an uncomfortable situation.

### Parting Shots

#### The English Language is Fascinating Animal Group Names

1. **Apes:** a shrewdness
2. **Bats:** a cauldron
3. **Buffalo:** an obstinacy
4. **Cats:** a pounce
5. **Cattle:** a drove (hence drovers)
6. **Dogs:** a pack
7. **Donkeys:** a pace
8. **Elephants:** a parade
9. **Elk:** a gang
10. **Ferrets:** a business
11. **Giraffes:** a tower
12. **Goats:** a tribe
13. **Gorillas:** a band
14. **Hyenas:** a cackle
15. **Jaguars:** a shadow
16. **Kangaroos:** a troop
17. **Lemurs:** a conspiracy
18. **Leopards:** a leap
19. **Lions:** a pride
20. **Moles:** a labor
21. **Monkeys:** a troop or barrel
22. **Porcupines:** a prickly
23. **Porpoises:** a turmoil
24. **Rhinoceroses:** a crash
25. **Squirrels:** a scurry
26. **Tigers:** an ambush
27. **Whales:** a pod
28. **Crows:** a murder

## 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

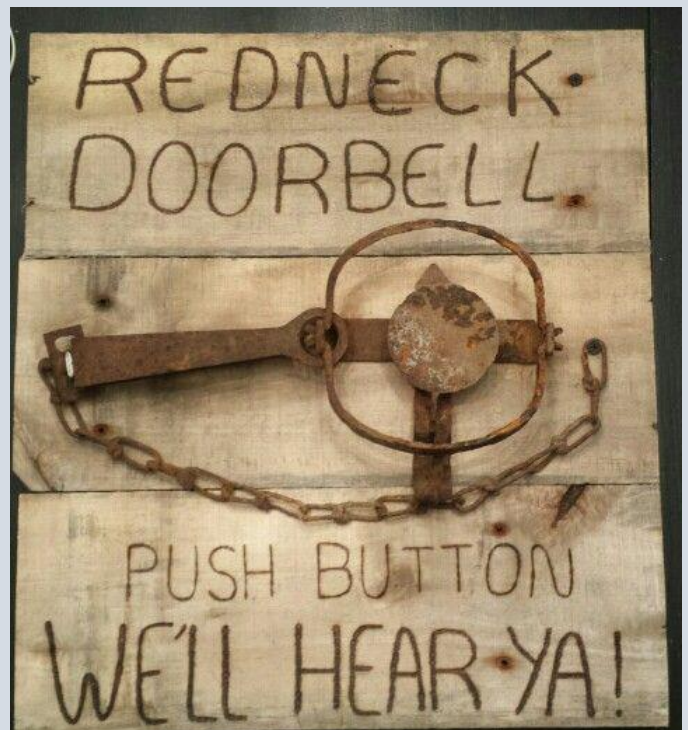


### May Birthdays:

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

### June Birthdays

Leon Springs Bill	6/2
Rusty Bang Stick	6/4
Hey You	6/7
T.H. Boland	6/8
Thunder Mountain	6/9
Nueces Slim	6/16
Quintana	6/18
Mad Dog McCoy	6/19
Skinny	6/21
Colorado Horseshoe	6/27
Burly Bill Brocius	6/30



### 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, BAMM, Long Range
July 13	Monthly Match
July 14	Monthly Match
August 10	Monthly Match
August 11	Monthly Match
August 31	Wild Bunch, BAMM, 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

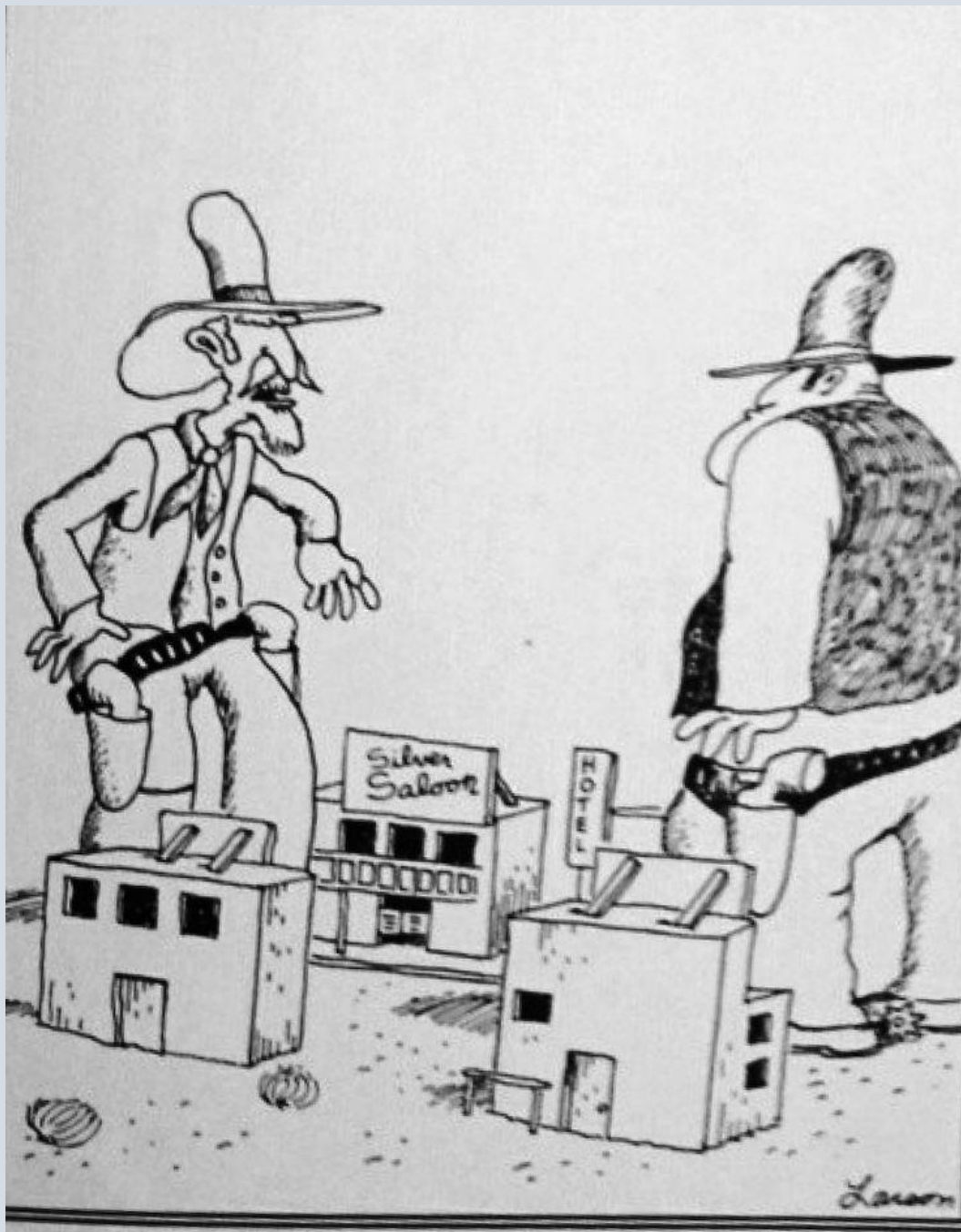
1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)
2nd Saturday	Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West)
2nd Saturday	Darby Rough Regulators (West Point)
2nd Sunday	Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)
2nd Weekend	Texican Rangers (Comfort)
3rd Saturday	Tejas Caballeros (TX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



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



"Sorry, mister ... but this is what we do to cattle rustlers in these parts."



“This town ain’t big enough for both of us, Redeye.”

Photo Album



