



# Texican Star

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An Authentic Cowboy Action Shooting Club  
that Treasures & Respects the Cowboy Tradition

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## The Presidents Corner

Howdy Members

I want to thank everyone for another great year at the Texican Rangers, Officers, workers and shooters. The club continues to thrive, shooting great scenarios, adding new targets and stages. Our finances are good with several large expenses items already purchased for the state match next year.

I have spent the money the club gathered for me. I think I was some overwhelmed at that gift from y'all. I want to extend many thanks to everyone for being so thoughtful. I am now a proud owner of a new USFA 12/22 in blue with white grips. It slicked up mighty fine. Maybe one of the finest action jobs for my own guns I have done. I reckon I will have to shoot modern class at the 22 side matches. I betcha it won't be far into the year before we have one.

We are planning 10 guns at the state match banquet along with a Dillon 650 and other prizes. I am working on the awards now as I expect about 200 units needed.

Thursday will be a day to remember at the state match, all side matches for 8 hours! With our static side match areas we will have 18 stages on the range, counting the new “High Noon” and the “Outhouse” coming in the first quarter of next year. We are also adding more events at the state match on Sunday.

We will have the first ever Cody-Dixon State Champions right here on our turf. I believe there are 31 categories on my list right now and I have made 56 awards so far just for side matches and costume. Folks are lining up to help; I think we're gonna show em how to do it next year.

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We will have work parties right away in the next year as weather allows. We need to build the new stages, make some repairs and get the targets back out over the entire range. I wouldn't mind seeing a new bathroom building on the north end and add to the office on the east side sometime on the future. We will need a couple of large signs for the state match at the highway entrance.

.In April 2010 we will have a regular monthly match on the second Saturday, then the state match and again a monthly match in May. Officer elections are held on the May monthly match. More about that as we get closer to that time frame There will not be a Sunday match in January as the deer hunters will still be about. We will start back with weekend shooting in February. Norma the cook plans on returning to feed us. She ran out of meat at Shindig at 82 plates! That was my fault as I told her 60 -70 plates. We have never had that many for lunch. I apologize to anyone who had lunch without any meat.

The new hats are ready for orders, I getting one of them green ones. We will keep the black/gray just for the workers. As time goes by and folks want more we can add blue or whatever the demand is. The hat sales are a fundraiser for the club and also something for the members to wear in pride of the Texican Rangers.

I reckon I had better stop typing now, so that Grouchy Spike has room for other matters in the newsletter. Take care and thanks again

**Dusty Chambers**

**On the Trail** with Handlebar Bob  
Howdy Cowgirls and Cowboys!

Several Texicans have traveled this month to Old Fort Parker Patriots to participate in their annual club match that raises money for Old Fort Parker's operating fund. I Reckon and the members put on another 'big and close' match. Results:

- Phantom-----2<sup>nd</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> Wrangler
- Handlebar Bob-----19<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> MSD
- Marshal Willy-----159<sup>th</sup> Overall, 10<sup>th</sup> MSD
- Big Iron Patnode-----18<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> B Western
- Blue Thorn-----45<sup>th</sup> Overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> B Western
- Grouchy Spike-----62<sup>nd</sup> overall, 5<sup>th</sup> B Western
- Picosa-----21<sup>st</sup> Overall, 5<sup>th</sup> M49
- Marshal Brooks-----121<sup>st</sup> Overall, 10<sup>th</sup> M49
- Hopalong Herbert-----37<sup>th</sup> Overall, 5<sup>th</sup> MS
- Cat Caliber-----140<sup>th</sup> Overall, 5<sup>th</sup> LGF
- Miss Cubbie-----152<sup>nd</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> LFCD
- Nichols Creek-----86<sup>th</sup> Overall, 4<sup>th</sup> MD
- Quickdraw Jay-----99<sup>th</sup> Overall, 6<sup>th</sup> MD
- Squawty Bawdy-----155<sup>th</sup> Overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> LCC
- Jake Jones -----115<sup>th</sup> Overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> FCD

Miss Cubbie also participated in the Wild Bunch match, and for the first time used a Winchester 97 instead of her SxS. So she's a little slow with the 97 but watch out for her rifle and 1911. And single-handed 1911 too!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHma9a89SJc>

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- Several Texicans participated in the first Annual Match at Green Mountain Regulators. Good shoot'n and socializ'n! Sing'n Zeke and members hosted a fun match. Would you believe that we ate TWO meals during this match? We had to waddle off the range!
- Phantom-----1<sup>st</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> MW
  - Handlebar Bob-----12<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> MSD
  - Big Iron Patnode-----5<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> MB Western
  - Lars Christopherson-----9<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> MS
  - Blue Thorn-----15<sup>th</sup> Overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> MS
  - John Selman-----25<sup>th</sup> Overall, 4<sup>th</sup> MS
  - Bad Hand-----46<sup>th</sup> Overall, 6<sup>th</sup> MS
  - Tombstone Mary-----20<sup>th</sup> Overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> L49
  - Shoot'n Iron Miller-----36<sup>th</sup> Overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> L49
  - Miss Cubbie-----50<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> LFCD
  - Jonah Stark-----11<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> MSS
  - Listo Kid-----23<sup>rd</sup> Overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> MSS
  - Dragon Hill Dave-----3<sup>rd</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> MCC
  - Grouchy Spike-----31<sup>st</sup> Overall, 4<sup>th</sup> MCC
  - Black Irish Charley-----33<sup>rd</sup> Overall, 5<sup>th</sup> MCC
  - Complicated Lady-----47<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> LW
  - Tillie Baldwin-----43<sup>rd</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> LS
  - Kickshot-----4<sup>th</sup> Overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> M49
  - A.D. Texaz-----8<sup>th</sup> Overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> M49
  - Dutch Van Horn-----19<sup>th</sup> Overall, 5<sup>th</sup> M49
  - Petticoat Chaser-----24<sup>th</sup> Overall, 6<sup>th</sup> M49
  - Sheriff Robert Love-----18<sup>th</sup> Overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> MD
  - Kettleman-----7<sup>th</sup> Overall, 1<sup>st</sup> MD
  - Nichols Creek-----26<sup>th</sup> Overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> MD
  - Quickdraw Jay-----30<sup>th</sup> Overall, 4<sup>th</sup> MD

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Tin Star Ranch hosts their annual Christmas match **Tin Star Christmas** December 11-13.

Registration deadline is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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The easiest way to eat crow is while it is still warm.  
The colder it gets, the harder it is to swallow.

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### **The Saddlebag** by Grouchy Spike

Was that not a great **Shindig**? Shoot'n and more shoot'n! What a great turnout by members and visitors! My hat is off to the Texican Rangers who support other Cowboy Action Shooting clubs in their annual club matches. Those annual matches are budget makers for clubs, and we enjoy helping them while having a lot of shoot'n fun too!

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### **Generous Cowboys and Cowgirls**

Hello Dusty,

Please pass on a huge THANK YOU on behalf of the students at Beacon Hill Elementary School to The Rangers for the very generous donations for the Book Fair. We collected \$147.00 and Derral matched it. So we have \$300 for books for kids!!!

It was really good to know that those students who don't have money for a book at the Book Fair will be able to get one. Just this week, one student said that he didn't have any money to spend so I was glad to be able to add him onto the list of students who will get a gift certificate from The Rangers.

Again, thanks for making a student's day a little brighter!

Luci Cheatwood, Beacon Hill Elementary School

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### **Texicans and Visitors**

I want to thank everyone who was at the last Texican Rangers shoot in October and put some money in the box I passed around so kids could buy books at my wife's school. I also want to tell you guys you cost me a healthy chunk of money! I had planned on just putting the box down by the registration line; I figured folks would drop some change in. I hadn't told my wife, but I had already decided to match whatever amount the club gave since all the money was going to kids who couldn't afford to buy books at a book fair at her grade school library. I figured there would be about \$20 to \$40, I'd match that and Luci would have maybe \$80 for kids who couldn't afford anything.

Then Fatal Star got an idea, talked to Dusty, and he asked me to come up and give my pitch. Within five minutes, as folks were breaking up to shoot, you guys gave up \$147. There were more than a couple of twenties and tens, fives were common, and a lot of folks just dumped out everything they had in their pockets. I figured I was pretty well morally committed to keep the promise I hadn't even told Luci about, so I'm out \$147, and she winds up speechless, with right at \$300 for books.

The book fair just finished up, and if you want to know where your money went I'll tell you any one of half a dozen stories, and if they don't bring a lump to your throat you need to have your heart checked. Those kids love reading, and they are poor beyond what most of us can imagine or remember.

You done good.! I'm proud to be associated with you. And thanks from every one of those kids.

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## Long Range vs. Cody Dixon Equipment by Dusty Chambers

We can also talk about guns and loads for Cody-Dixon. For example, long-range tang sights on a Cody-Dixon rifle will slow you down. You are better off with a buckhorn rear sight on the barrel. You don't have to fiddle with the sight being straight up and detented in place. It also could take longer to line up front and rear sights if the aperture is a small diameter, depending on shooter skills.

A globe front sight will work well with most inserts for both a buckhorn and a tang sight on the rifle. The front sight insert type the shooter chooses will determine a center or 6 o'clock hold for best results. Target shape should impact this decision also. Most of our targets are a mix but close to the same height so a 6-o'clock hold works best with a post front. With a 6-o'clock hold the shooter lines up the front and rear sight, then stacks the target on the front sight, and then touch off the shot.

Good long range shooting requires accurate loads, a steady hold, a good trigger, and proper trigger squeeze with follow through on your hold after touching off the trigger. A slow moving bullet in a long barrel has enough lock time to allow a shooter to change the point of hold after squeezing the trigger and change the point of impact. Lock time is the time from trigger breaking to the bullet exiting from the barrel. Small bore rifle and air gun competitions see this. Luckily we have much bigger targets and have some fudge factor!

Rifle maintenance is important too. Keep the bore smooth and clean and protect the muzzle. A damaged muzzle will cause problems.

Back to work!

Dusty.

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**Comments about Dusty's article** by Jonah Stark

What's this about 'clean' in the next to last sentence? You mean we are supposed to **CLEAN** the bore?

Heck, my guns would think they'd died and gone to heaven if I were to clean the bore! Well, not really. I do clean the bore, or at least run a bore snake through it once or twice a year! Maybe after every 300 to 400 rounds of big bore. Maybe every 2000 or so on main match guns, I think, maybe. Heck, I didn't know you had to clean the bore. Learn something new every day if you live long enough.

The 6 o'clock hold is good on paper targets. For the steel, I prefer to hold center of mass. I hold center of mass even when the front sight covers up the whole target. I just come up from the bottom and when the target is covered, I touch her off. Works best for me. I seem to do all right, I guess!

Each shooter has to do what works BEST for him/her.

Jonah

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## Long Range Rifle Choices by Jonah Stark

Several cowboys and cowgirls have inquired recently concerning what long-range rifle they should buy to shoot Cowboy Long Range. This is a difficult question to answer. It depends on what the individual really wants to do. Is the shooter only concerned with shooting a Cody Dixon Match or do they want to shoot at the longer ranges? How about Plainsman matches? How much distance is available at the ranges where the shooter might compete? Do you want a lever action or a single shot?

At the Texican Rangers, we only shoot out to 200 yards. At the Green Mountain Regulators, we shoot out to 400 yards. Target sizes vary greatly. The Texican Rangers only have two sizes; 16" diameter and 23" square. Green Mountain has 12" round, 6" round 24" square up to 18" round and 36" square depending on the range to the target.

I recently answered this question on the Green Mountain site, so I'll review it here.

For the caliber, I suggest either a .45-70 or a .40-65 with 400-grain bullets. (I know, a 400-grain is not standard in the .40-65.) The larger calibers are easier to see and hear hits on the steel targets or put larger holes in paper. Load with either black powder or smokeless. Use plain based bullets, although gas checks are allowed. No jacketed bullets of any type may be used. For reduced recoil, the .30 calibers or the .38-55 are ok, but the .30 is really hard to see and hear at longer ranges. The .38-55 does very well for me along with my .45-70's. I'd put my .38-55 against any other long-range caliber out to 400 yards. Past that, I'd use the larger calibers. You do not need heavy loads. Velocities in the neighborhood of 1200 to 1500 fps are all that's needed. An important consideration concerning caliber is availability of components. The .45-70 or the .30-30 are easy to find load data and bullets are readily available. The .38-55 and the .40-65 are more restricted in bullets available and loading data. That's the same consideration with brass availability. However, the .38-55 can be formed from .30-30 brass and the .40-65 can be formed from .45-70 brass.

If you want a lever action, my choice is a Marlin with the Lyman or the Marble tang sight. These sights will both go out to 400 yards. The Winchesters are not as smooth in handling as the Marlins, in my opinion. However, if you already have a Winchester or get offered a really good deal on one, the Winchester will do fine.

If you want a single shot, get set triggers if they are available for the gun you choose. 1885 High Walls or the Sharps are the most popular. If you get the 1885 High Wall, make sure it's one of the models with a rear tang so that you can easily mount a tang sight. The H&R will work, but you will have to modify the ejector to extractor only (easy to do) for any match other than the Plainsman. The Trapdoor Springfield works well also. Any of the single shots should have a vernier style tang sight. Get either the mid-range or the long-range version. The Soule style, in my opinion is the best, but the others with windage and elevation adjustments will work very well. Do NOT get a vernier sight without windage adjustment. You will regret it if you do. The Hadley adjustable eyepiece is also a good idea. Use a hooded front sight with inserts. The Lyman 17A is a good sight as is the Shaver, but the Lyman is less expensive. Receiver sights are not allowed.

'Til next time, shoot straight and keep your head down.

Jonah

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# Texican Rangers

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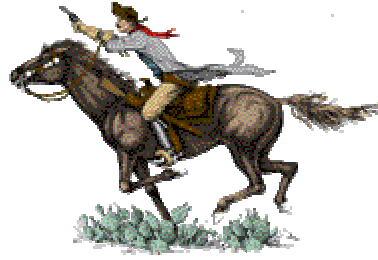
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