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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER with Red Scott

The June shoot was a hot son of a gun and July isn't gonna give us much relief. The stages for July are gonna be simple and fast. Don't worry you will still get the chance to send plenty of lead downrange there just won't be too much movement in July. We will be using those stages that provide us with shade whenever possible. Howdy Neighbor, Kool Hand Kel, and Dirty Dog Dale helped me set the targets up for the next match and with their help it really didn't take us too long. True to form Kel and Dale started painting targets for next month as soon as the range was cleared. Thanks Cowboys.

We got the software in that will allow us to talk to our website and Grouchy Spike and Fatal Star are already putting their heads together to figure out how it works and I have no doubt they will get the job done pretty quickly. Speaking of the website: Agarita Annie has proposed we re-design our website. She suggested we put in more pictures, maybe some back ground cowboy music and lots more information about the Texican Rangers and the Stieler Ranch. My response to her was “looks like you got yourself a job”. Look for some exciting changes to the website once Annie, Grouchy and Fatal get rolling with the new software.

The old Jersey Lilly is looking pretty sad. Plans are being formulated to rebuild her. My vision is to keep it looking the same but with a new face (if that makes any sense). I have also entertained the idea of building some shade over the loading tables that are out in the sun. Standing there loading waiting for the “next shooter” call seems to be the hottest time of any shoot. Maybe we can figure away to make that a little more bearable. We also need to finish the registration office by insulating and decking the ceiling. We put an A/C in there and while it does help when it comes time to entering scores, that building is just plain hot and getting it finished will make it much more pleasant.

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I don't have plans for ANY work days during the summer months. It's just too damn hot. With help of a few shooters we are able to set up the next month's match and do what little things need to be done. Come September MAYBE it will start cooling down some and we can continue with improvements to the Range.

SPEED ON THE RANCH AND ON THE RANGE: Once you enter the ranch gate off of Hwy. 87 **the speed limit is 5 M.P.H.** and especially when you get to the barn area. That barn is very close to the road and I would hate to think what would happen if someone stepped out of that barn and someone was driving too fast. Once you pass through that second gate you can speed up a little but please keep it to about 15 or 20 M.P.H. There are two reasons for the slow speed, first and foremost is safety, not just yours' but everyone's. The other reason is the dust a fast moving vehicle creates when driving down the road. Slow down a little bit, a minute or two longer isn't gonna make much difference. For those of us who use **motorized carts** always remember that we have young shooters who can move quite quickly and can dart out in front of you with no warning. Even these carts can stir up lots and lots of dust. If you drive one, slow down on the range as well.

SHOOTER'S MEETING: During these hot summer months the **shooter meetings will begin at 8:30 for the Saturday shoots.** It is amazing the difference just 30 minutes makes in the temperature. The earlier we get started the cooler it will be. **Sunday shooter meetings** will begin shortly after Cowboy Church, which begins at 8:30, so you can expect the shooter meeting to start **between 8:45 and 9:00.**

COWBOY CHURCH: Have you heard the news? Handlebar Bob is gonna break out his guitar for church on Sunday and Red Scott is gonna sing, well attempt to sing "Amazing Grace". Handlebar and Red tried this at Cowboy Church at the State Shoot year before last, Bob did great, here's to hoping Red has improved some. Blue Thorn does a great job as our Cowboy Preacher. If you haven't had the chance to catch one of his sermons come out a little bit earlier on Sunday and join us. The atmosphere is relaxed and some us even sit in Church "heeled".

PROPER ATTIRE: Some of you may have noticed a shooter last month who was not properly attired for Cowboy Action Shooting; I had not noticed until we were about done with the shoot. I know it's hot, however we are a SASS affiliated club and a CAS club and there is a dress code. While we do make some concessions due to heat, **THAT type of attire will not be permitted by a shooter again on our Range.** Proper dress is part of the game we love to play and it is a rule that all should abide by.

RANGE OPERATING HOURS: **The Range is open for shooting after the main match on Saturday for "a little while", at least until any side matches are done with.** If you want to pop off some rounds please do so on targets that have not been repainted and make sure the range is safe to do so (check the flag: "**Red**" means no firing what so ever "**Green**" means it is open for business). **On Sunday the Range is CLOSED immediately after the last shooter** of the last posse fires the final bullet out of the last firearm. We have to get the range ready for next match and most of us are ready to get it done so we can go home too.

COMANCHERIA DAYS 2011: The numbers are in Texicans, and you will be pleased with the results. The report of revenue versus expense for our State Match is sent to members by email. You should take much pride in the results. I didn't put the entire breakdown due to space, however it will be printed and available to anyone wishing to view it at our next match. Comancheria Days is our annual fund raiser and y'all done good, again....Thanks for your help and support to make this successful!

ALAMO AREA MODERATORS AND THE SAN ANTONIO ROUGHRIDERS: Tombstone Mary told me last month that these two fine CAS clubs extend to all members of the Texican Rangers, member pricing when our Range is down while the deer hunters are here during the months of November and December. That is a right neighborly gesture on their part and I know the members of the Texican Rangers appreciate it. Thank you guys!

Red Scott



ON THE TRAIL with Handlebar Bob

Six hundred thirty seven shooters made their way to Founders Ranch and End of Trail, the 30th annual World Cowboy Action Shooting Championship. More shooters were registered, but the wind, dust, heat and various other reasons prevented the others from shooting.

Three Texican Rangers braved the sordid elements to compete against the best in their respective categories. If you think you are good in your category at the local and state level, just trying going to a regional, national or world event.....it can be a humbling experience.

Our representatives at EOT were Waterloo, San Gabriel and Dragon Hill Dave. Now, we all know that they are good shooters, and in the grand scheme of things, they fared rather well. And one of them fared real well. The Texican Rangers have another World Champion!

Congratulations to Dragon Hill Dave, the new World Champion Classic Cowboy. Waterloo was also in a tough category and placed 13th in Cowboy. But San Gabriel had the toughest challenge. He placed 31st in 49r which had seventy two shooters, the largest category at the shoot.

I have watched Dragon Hill Dave shoot now for several years. We have shot at numerous matches

throughout the state and Dave has also travelled out of state and placed first in Classic Cowboy. His success is due to hard work, practice and a commitment to perfect his shooting and transitions. He also has a willingness to help other Classic Cowboy shooters, even if they are his competition. And he does it with a smile on his face.

Yes, I am proud of Dave and just as proud of Waterloo and San Gabriel. This father-son team have been to the big show and now know what it takes to improve on their placings next time. They too have the passion and determination to improve and I know they will place significantly higher next time in the respective categories.

Be sure and congratulate these three shooters next time you see them.

I'll see you on the trail at the next monthly shoot. If you know of any shoots you will be attending, or know someone else that will be on the trail, drop me line or let me know at the next monthly.

Remember, don't complain about the lack of rain, just learn to dance in the dust.

Handlebar Bob



RANGE MASTERS CORRAL with Kool Hand Kel

Howdy Folks, I would appreciate all the help I can get to keep the range a clean and safe place to shoot. There will be at least two trash cans out by the stages that are being shot. Sorry to say at our last shoot, I found too many empty water bottles on the unloading tables and in the gray storage containers. It would help the few folks who stay after the shoot to clean up if you would use the trash cans.

When the **RED** flag is flying the range is closed and when the **GREEN** flag is flying the range is opened. The only type guns you can test fire or try out is **COWBOY GUNS**. If you want to try a new gun out or test fire a gun please ask the Kool Hand Kel, Red Scott, or Sheriff Robert Love. If one of us said no, please don't go and ask the others.

Hot, dry, and no rain: it won't take much to start a fire. Smokers, please continue to use the clay pots filled with sand for your butts. You'll find them on the unloading tables. Also watch the flames or sparks coming from the muzzles that they don't start a fire. If you see a fire starting across the firing line **YELL CEASE FIRE**. After all stages has **CEASE FIRE** let's put the fire out. We have fire extinguishers; I need to find a good central location for all stages.

It's going to be hot this month out on the firing range. Please drink plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated. If you feel weak, light headed or faint; find some shade, sit down, loosen your clothes and drink plenty of water. Don't be afraid to ask for help or assistance.

You can have fun while being safe.

- Treat every firearm as if it was loaded.
- Point the muzzle in a safe direction/ down range.
- Point muzzle up, action open on long guns and revolvers empty when transporting from gun cart to loading table, and from unloading table to gun cart.
- Make sure someone is at the unloading table to ensure all firearms are unloaded before leaving the unloading table. Take a turn as unloading table officer to clear the shooter that follows you.

Remember folks, **KEEP RANGE CLEAN AND SAFE** and **ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT A FOREST FIRE**.

God Bless You Folks,

Kool Hand Kel



FROM THE SADDLEBAG by Grouchy Spike

What's the Call?

Shooter finishes shooting a stage, and moves to the unloading table. An unfired round is discovered in a revolver, but is NOT under the hammer. What is the call?

Shooter finishes shooting a stage, and moves to the unloading table. An unfired round is discovered on the carrier of the rifle, which is open. What is the call?

Shooter finishes shooting a stage, and moves to the unloading table. A fired and empty case is discovered on the carrier of the rifle, which is open. What is the call?

Shooter finishes shooting a stage, and at the loading table cycles the rifle and spent round is ejected. The rifle had been grounded after firing with the lever open. Inspection reveals that the extractor is faulty. What is the call?

Singing Bird Pistols from the 1820s:

<http://www.christies.com/features/singing-bird-pistols-en-1422-3.aspx>

Saddle up and ride on, Texicans!



Grouchy Spike

CODY-DIXON CHALLENGE led by Dusty Chambers

The Willow Hole Cowboys of North Zulch, led by Def Willie and Walter Durbin, have issued a challenge to area cowboy clubs for a Cody-Dixon match to be conducted at the WHC on July 30th. At least one team of four is needed from the Texican Rangers; two members shooting lever action and two shooting single shots.

The Willow Hold Cowboys are located on Texas 71, 17 miles east of Texas 6 in Bryan. Contact me: Dustychambers@stx.rr.com or 830-377-6331 if interested.



ON THE TEXICAN RANGERS CALENDAR

Monthly Club Match – July 9th & 10th
Monthly Club Match – August 13th & 14th

Monthly Club Match – September 10th & 11th
Shindig – October 8th – the Member’s annual
shootout, club awards



ANNUAL OR SPECIAL CLUB MATCHES

Cody-Dixon Challenge – Willow Hole – July 30th

Battle of Plum Creek - Plum Creek – Oct 1st-2nd

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|----------|--------|---------|------------|
| .38 | 100 | RNFP | 52 |
| | 105 | FP | 53 |
| | 105 | WC | 53 |
| | 125 | RNFP | 56 |
| | 125 | FP | 56 |
| | 130 | RNFP | 57 |
| | 158 | RNFP | 61 |
| | 158 | FP | 61 |
| | 158 | SWC | 61 |
| .380 | 100 | RNFP | 52 |
| .38-55 | 245 | RNFP | 88* |
| .41 | 215 | SWC | 74 |
| .44 | 180 | RNFP | 64 |
| | 240 | SWC | 78 |
| .44-40 | 200 | RNFP | 67 |
| .45 COLT | 160 | RNFP | 70* |
| | 180 | RNFP | 64 |
| | 200 | RNFP | 67 |
| | 250 | RNFP | 79 |
| 9MM | 124 | RN | 56 |
| | 125 | CN | 56 |
| 40 S&W | 180 | FP | 64 |
| .45 ACP | 200 | SWC | 67 |
| | 230 | RN | 75 |
| 45-70 | 405 | FPT | 180* |

* Pricing reflects the requirement for these bullets to be hand loaded to size and lube.

Cowboy Tradin' Post

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