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2006 shooting has come to an end. The Texican Rangers are doing well, keeping up with upgrades and needs on the range. This year the club has spent over \$10,000 on targets, paint and hardware, Train upgrade, storage sheds and the new Privy. Plus our hard expenses like monthly Privy cleaning with extra rental for Comancheria Days (\$800 this year total), insurance (\$1300 a year). We made some income on Comancheria Days 06 and lost some on Shindig 06 as planned. We had a gain on our two big matches overall. I haven't run the exact numbers, but would guess just over \$2,000.00. The chuck wagon did okay, coming in about even, maybe a couple of hundred over for the year. The extra's wipe away any profit, cups, plates, napkins, ice tea, dinner ware, etc.

We had carried over some funds left from 2005. We are still paying bills this week. Looks like we will clear the dust with around \$4,000.00 for 2006. The club will use some of this money over the winter to launch Comancheria Days April 12-15 2007.

Next year we need several repairs and upgrades on building and stages. The office floor is weak and the maintenance room floor is almost falling through. The stage is in bad shape and the town has fallen to the ground. Other stages could use some touch up. We have been kicking around ideas for a new stage type and a Train Depot. We have plans for a 3rd storage shed next year. I don't see a need for any major spending on targets for a while.

Overall things look real good on the business end. We will need help on workdays in 07. The club needs a cook for 07. I will continue through March, we'll need someone the rest of the year.

I want to thank everyone for a good year. Best wishes to all during our time off.

Dusty Chambers

Shindig 2006

Overall Winners:

1) *Picosa Kid* 2) *Travelin' Jones* 3) *Reverend Trinity* 4) *Kettleman*
5) *Alley* 6) *Jonah Stark* 7) *Lonestar Hoss* 8) *Kickshot*
9) *Handlebar Bob* 10) *Blacky Vela*

Class Winners:

"B" Western – Reverend Trinity
Classic Cowboy – Wild Bill Munch
Elder Statesman – Double Dare Kid
Junior Boys – Bubba Shot
Ladies 49er – Ima Gutshooter
Ladies Modern – Brownie Belle
Ladies Traditional – Lil Bingo
Ladies Senior – Pepper Jacq
Men's 49er – Travelin' Jones
Men's Duelist – Handlebar Bob
Men's Frontiersman – L.W. Hannabas
Men's Frontier Cartridge – Durango Kid
Men's Modern – Picosa Kid
Men's Senior – Alley
Men's Traditional – Kettleman
Men's Senior Duelist – Newt Ritter
Men's Gunfighter – Sweettooth

Clean Match:

Travelin' Jones, Dutch Van Horn, Bodie Bob, General Burleson, Bad Hand,

Only 1 Miss:

Hawk Eye, Handsome Tom, Marshal Jamison, Sheriff Robert Love, Jonah Stark, Dangerous Don,

Billy Dixon Long Range:

Men's Single Shot Supported – Jonah Stark
Ladies Single Shot Supported – Ima Gutshooter
Men's Single Shot Unsupported – Chisam Cheeks
Men's Lever Action Supported – Jonah Stark
Men's Lever Action Unsupported – Jonah Stark

Fastest Rifle:

Blacky Vela

Fastest Pistol:

Picosa Kid

Fastest Shotgun Pump Action:

Picosa Kid

Fastest Shotgun SxS:

Blacky Vela

Fastest Rimfire:

Men's – Blacky Vela
Ladies - Abiquiu Sue

Trail Walk:

Men's - Reverend Trinity
Ladies – Laramie Lorraine

REVOLVER SIGHTS

by
Jonah Stark

Do you always take the time to properly align your revolver sights before you squeeze the trigger? That's what we are supposed to do for the most accurate shooting. But, how many of us really do that when we are trying to shoot fast? Squeeze the trigger? It's more like a controlled jerk for me and I suspect that it is for many other shooters as well.

What does your rear sight look like? Is it square or is it a narrow vee? If you shoot a Ruger or a Rodeo, it's square, but if it's one of the other Colt clones, the rear sight may very well be a narrow vee.

Proper sight alignment centers the front sight in the rear sight with equal strips of light on each side of the front sight and with the front sight even with the top of the rear sight. Sounds good! Not too hard to do when shooting slow like a paper target shooter does. But what about when you are shooting fast like we do in Cowboy Action. Some of the top shooters can still align their sights fast, but most of us have a tendency to just place the front sight on the target, try to get the front sight pulled down into the rear sight and touch off the shot. Of course, the front and rear sight and the target cannot all be in focus at the same time due to the nature of our eye sight. Therefore, the most important object of focus must be the front sight with the target and the rear sight being fuzzy.

The front sight still needs to be aligned side to side for best accuracy and with the narrow rear sight or the vee type rear sight it is difficult to get side to side alignment of the sights when shooting at speed. Reviewing the few books written on the "How To" of Cowboy Action shooting reveals that opening up the rear sight will help in aligning the front and rear sight. Doc Sharipo, in his book "Breaking The Shot" lists widening the rear sight as one of the modifications of the revolver that many of the top shooters have had done. Longhunter modifies the Rodeos he sells with rear sight opened up to .140". I have seen one reference that Evil Roy advocates the rear sight opened up to .150".

The vee rear sight will benefit greatly from being modified to a square shape for most shooters even if the front sight is slightly tapered from bottom to top as most are. Opening the rear sight to .140", allows the shooter to acquire the front sight a little faster in the effort to center the front sight in the rear sight.

There are two ways to widen the rear sight. One you may be able to do yourself. With a small square needle file, you can carefully file the rear sight to a wide square shape. If you are careful enough and have measuring instruments such as a vernier caliper, you can keep the notch centered and won't scratch up the top of your revolver, maybe. The best method to open up the rear sight is to use a milling machine to accurately maintain the rear sight alignment. This is the method that I use when I widen the rear sight notch. Most shooters do not own or have access to a milling machine and must turn the work over to someone else to do.

Will opening up the rear sight actually make you a faster and better shooter? Probably not! Practice will do more for you. But, the wider rear sight will allow you to more quickly align the sights side to side AND with practice will allow you become a faster shooter.

If you would like to look at revolvers that have the rear sights opened up to .140", Sheriff Robert Love, Blue Thorn, Two Shot Tex and I all have revolvers with wide rear sights. Ask to take a look at one of our revolvers and see if you think that having your sight opened up will help you.

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

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