



South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250 Pleasanton Rd.

San Antonio Texas

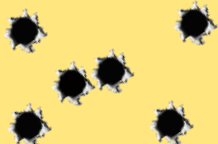
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Monthly Match Schedule for October 5 2024

- Range gate opens at 9:00 AM
- Match Registration from 9:00 to 9:30 AM.
- Mandatory Shooters Safety Meeting at 9:30 AM.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Howdy all you Pistolaros, I hope you survived the warm weather this summer. Now that we are officially in autumn the temperatures should go down. My weather app shows a low of 67 and a high of 81 on our next match day. Might have to break out the cold weather gear. In case you haven't noticed, there is a presidential election this year, a little over a month away. When I entered the Air Force a little over 50 years ago I swore an oath to support and defend the constitution. I know many of you took the same oath. Since the president takes the same oath, I'll be voting for the person I believe will live up to that oath and specifically, the second amendment which guarantees our right to bear arms and shoot cowboy guns every month. See you next weekend.

Colonel Colt Winchester

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SEPTEMBER 2024 TREASURER' REPORT

Beginning Balance		\$5,224.89
Deposit	\$205.00	\$5,429.89
Range Fee	(\$122.67)	\$5,307.22
Ending Balance		\$5,307.22

Tabasco Kid
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Treasurer



To pre-register for the **October 5, 2024** match , you can go to PRACTISCORE and sign up for the match using the instructions attached, or you can email STXPMatch@gmail.com with the following information:
Name, Alias, Category, **SASS** number, and if you are a South Texas Pistoleros member or not.
If you experience difficulties with registration, please contact Caprock Kid at STXPMatch@gmail.com



Check out the club's
revised website
@
www.stxpistolaros.net
Or scan here



Match Starting Time And Range Rules

Access to the Cowboy Action Shooting Range will be available only after A Place To Shoot opens at 9:00 AM.

Please do not attempt to enter the range parking lot via the dirt bypass road.

Please enter the CAS range through the side gates by the pistol range or around the right side of the building,

Matches start at 9:45 AM.

Registration will close by 9:30, With the shooter' Safety Meeting to follow.

Please, present no bills larger than \$20 at registration.

Guest shooters must read and sign a liability waiver before the match.

The gate to the CAS range should be closed during a Match. Be aware that visitors may come on to the CAS range who are not familiar with CAS safety protocols.

Members having concerns or complaints about range issues shall communicate those issues to the Pistoleros club officers.

South Texas Pistoleros Guest Shooter Policy

Visiting shooters unknown to club members but possessing a valid SASS Membership who wish to register as a competitor will be assigned a Pistoleros Officer or member as a "shooting buddy" for at least one stage. New-to-CAS individuals or guest without a valid SASS membership but with a **documented** knowledge of safe firearms hand skills (LTC, NRA certification, etc.) who desire to participate in a club match will be referred to the Range Master, or other designated Officer, for on-site orientation. If time permits, the orientation will be held before the match. If the Range Master and Match Director concur, the individuals will be assigned a mentor and permitted to register as a competitor.

Any person who have not completed any type of formal firearms training but wish to participate in CAS will be referred to a formal CAS orientation session to be provided by the club. The orientation session will use a classroom setting to address basic firearms safety, handling CAS firearms safely, **SASS** match protocols, and range and club safety rules. Upon successful completion of the classroom session, attendees will have the opportunity to shoot in a controlled setting on the CAS range. Cost per students has yet to be determined, but a range fee of \$11.00 per person plus the cost of suitable ammunition is to be expected.

Guest Shooter Liability Waiver Policy

Any contestant at a match who is not currently a member of the South Texas Pistoleros must first read and sign a liability waiver before competing.

GUN SHOW SCHEDULE

No Local Gun Shows

Area Gun Shows

Oct 12th – 13th, 2024
Hill Country Gun Show
Hill Country Veterans Center
411 Meadow View Lane
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 315-3100

Oct 26th – 27th, 2024
The Dripping Springs Gun Show
Dripping Springs Ranch Park
1042 Event Center Drive
Dripping Springs, TX 78620
(325) 205-2688

Oct 12th – 13th, 2024
The Llano Gun Show
JLK Event Center
2200 W Ranch Rd 152
Llano, TX 7864
(325) 205-2688

Oct 26th – 27th, 2024
The Fredericksburg Gun & Knife Show
Gillespie County Fairgrounds
530 Fair Drive
Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830) 285-0575

Dates and locations of gun shows are subject to change,
so please contact the show before travel



NOTES FROM THE RANGE MASTER - DOWN RANGE!

September's shoot was quick and fun. Thank you so much for the help on set up and the way everyone pitched in during the match. I did get talked to by a few people about Stage 5 and on hindsight (and some coaching from

Sheriff Robert Love) I will tweak the design to remove the potential P-trap.

We had fourteen shooters at the match; seven of which shot sub 200 seconds. #7 made sub 200 by just 0.19 seconds. This means they all averaged less than 1.85 seconds a shot. Picoso Kid took top spot with a 129.17. Stripping out "M and P's," PK averaged 0.96 seconds a shot. Shooting Iron Miller came in second with a 134.07, averaging 1.10 seconds per shot. Beauregard Beard was only 0.70 seconds behind her, but unfortunately had a malfunction so cannot get a true shot average. We had three clean shooters: Canyon Jim (was great to have him back shooting), Latigo Lee, and Sheriff Robert Love who shot his clean match averaging 1.35 seconds a shot - fast and accurate.

October is the match I set up for Josey Wales so you want to find your inner Josey bring your extra pistols. For those new to JW - you shoot a second set of pistols in lieu of rifle and can shoot a 5th pistol or reload one pistol in lieu of shotgun, but you will still be shooting at rifle distances. Bring your second set of pistols in a bag, please do not wear all your pistols on your leather. .22's are perfectly fine for JW pistols. BTW - brass pickers love JW shooters!

To second Beans - we really need your **COMMITTED** help for the HAVA shoot. As of right now, we do not have enough people to run the full set up so I will have to drastically reduce the plan. I cannot write a plan for "well' I think I can...or we will see." You do not have to be there all day; afternoon is fine - just let Beans know when you can, and I will work around that.

The long-range forecast has a projected high of 91, but the better news is the low of 68 degrees the night before!

!Nough said...brass is up, targets are up, shooter up! **BEEP**...click, click click...ummmm Cowboy, did you forget to load your guns?



The Bean Pot.....



John Bet-a-Million Gates

If you find yourself near San Antonio's City Hall, you might just see a small Historical Marker commemorating one of the more important events in Texas history that few recall.

In the years after the Civil War, several noteworthy individuals, such as Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving, developed a profitable way to supply Kansas City slaughterhouses with Texas beef. At the time, there were some six million cattle wandering freely across several hundred million acres of Texas. There were also ranches hoping to profit from the beef trade. With West Texas being almost devoid of trees, fence-building was simply not an option. Keeping one's own herd separate from the "Maverick" cattle occupying the open land was a huge problem.

Enter one twenty-two-year-old recent college graduate by the name of John Gates. He came to San Antonio to convince local ranchers that he had a solution to the problem of free-running stock. The product he showcased was stranded wire with pointed "spurs" spaced along the length of it. Gates said it was "stronger than whiskey and cheaper than dirt." Many of the cattlemen, accustomed to the ways of wild cattle, openly scoffed at him.

Gates convinced city officials to allow a demonstration on Military Plaza. Gates constructed a "wire corral" and invited cattlemen to bring some Longhorns into the enclosure. Reports indicated that more than a few bets were made on how long it would take for the cattle to simply plow their way through the "barbed wire." To their chagrin, the cattle approached the wire...and stopped. There were no escapees from the enclosure.

Gates sold a railroad boxcar full of the "wire fence" the evening following the Military Plaza demonstration. He took orders for more...a lot more. In one year, over three million pounds of wire was sold in Texas alone. The cattle business, and the history of Texas, changed forever. Open Rangelands simply ceased to exist. Landowners were able to fence-in their herds and their water supplies. Long cattle drives to Kansas City were soon replaced by railroad cars full of cattle. Soon, the Longhorns were replaced by fine beef cattle kept behind the wire.

Not everyone thought barbed wire was a good idea. Cattle drovers accustomed to driving their herds to water or grazing might find their way blocked by a rancher using wire fencing. History records more than one nasty fight when ranchers found their wire cut and their resources plundered. Expensive imported fine beef cattle could have their genetics altered by encounters with rangy Longhorns. Cowboys found to have wire cutters in their saddlebags were treated like cattle thieves, sometimes with fatal consequences.

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All the while, John Gates became a millionaire. Years later, he would repeat his success when oil was discovered in Texas in 1901. He rode the oil boom to yet another fortune.

Source: SanAntonio Uncovered, Mark L. Rybczyk.

- Beans Ahgin.

HAVA

Beans Ahgin has been in touch with HAVA Event Coordinator, and can provide a little bit of information regarding the Saturday, November 16 th HAVA Field Day.

First: Dutch Van Horn’s “Guns of the West” display and the Photo Booth has been mentioned as a “gotta’ have” for this year’s event. Way to go, Dutch!

Next: HAVA is actively recruiting a “big name” pro shooter for the morning opening session. It is still a bit early yet to pin one down. That means we will need most of our volunteers for the afternoon. HAVA is once again providing .38 SPL “Cowboy” ammo for the event. Caprock has been refining the target setup for the Cowboy Action Shooting Stage. “KISMIF,” and probably eliminating the paddle targets. The “Fastest Rifle” challenge proved to be the slowest shooting part last year, and we may have to re-think that idea.

Meanwhile: HAVA has another event in Tacoma coming up pretty quickly, and San Antonio will start learning more details about our Field Day starting in mid-September.

Volunteer Recruitment will begin in earnest at (Texican Rangers) Shindig. If you are a new volunteer, there is a simple “contact information” form to fill out. If you are a returning volunteer, you only need to let Beans know and update any contact information if that has changed since last year.



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THE FUN GALLERY

