



South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Howdy all you Pistolaros, it will be November in a day or two and Thanksgiving before you know it. A time to reflect on the good fortunes we've enjoyed over the past year. I've enjoyed an adequate supply of primers, bullets, and powder, enough to get me through the next year. I'm most thankful for knowing a bunch of like-minded folks who enjoy dressing up and shooting cowboy guns. My hope for the coming year is we recruit some new members. You guys and gals are great but we need to grow our club if we intend to keep doing this in the future. Christmas is just around the corner, perhaps you know someone who could use the gift of Cowboy Action Shooting. Bring someone to a match and we'll get them hooked. My weather app says this Saturday the high will be 79 with a 30% chance of rain. No reason to stay home this month. See you there.

Colonel Colt Winchester
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Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250 Pleasanton Rd.

San Antonio Texas

78221

Monthly Match Schedule for November 2 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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OCTOBER 2024 TREASURER' REPORT

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| Beginning Balance | | \$5,238.27 |
| Range fees | (-\$105.12) | \$5,133.15 |
| Deposit | \$200.00 | \$5,333.15 |
| Ending Balance | | \$5,333.15 |

Tabasco Kid

**Tabasco Kid
Treasurer**



To pre-register for the **November 2, 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



A Reminder

November 30, 2024 a Wild Bunch match is scheduled. Polish up your 1911 and get ready.

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

Nov 2nd – 3rd, 2024
San Marcos Gun Show
City Of San Marcos Conference Center
1001 E McCarty Ln
San Marcos, TX 78666
(210) 844-9599

Nov 9th – 10th, 2024
Floresville Gun Show
Floresville Event Center
600 TX-97
Floresville, TX 78114
(774) 486-7469 ext. 774-GUN-SHOW

Nov 9th – 10th, 2024
Kerrville Gun & Knife Show
Happy State Bank
Expo Hall
3785 Highway 27
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 285-0575

Nov 16th – 17th, 2024
New Braunfels Gun Show
New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center
375 S Castell Ave
New Braunfels, TX 78130
(817) 732-1194

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



NOTES FROM THE RANGE MASTER - DOWN RANGE!

We had twelve shooters at the October match; six of which shot sub 200 seconds averaging less than 2 seconds a shot. Beauregard Beard pretty much ran away with the match with a 96.35! Seriously – the rest of us were “supporting cast.” Stripping out his one and only miss, Beau averaged an astonishing 0.88 seconds a shot. Beau was in the groove on this shoot – shame it wasn’t Comancheria Days or maybe the State Championship (shameless plug but more on that later). Picoso Kid won the runner up this match with a 110.92 averaging 0.92 a shot. Seems Picoso and Beau take turns with the honors.

The real interesting story is about the three clean shooters: PJ Mugwump, Frank Longshot, and Newt Ritter. Not only were they clean shooters, but they placed third, fourth and fifth in the match respectively showing you can shoot fast and accurately. PJ averaged 1.32 sec a shot, Frank averaged 1.38 seconds while Newt averaged 1.58 seconds. Yeah, I want Beau and Picoso on my side for a gun fight, but I really want to make sure PJ, Frank, and Newt are along for the ride; especially since I will be the one still trying to get his gun out of its holster when the shooting all stops. I’ll be the one making sure no one sneaks up from behind!

November’s match would have been our annual Veteran’s Day shoot honoring all who raised their right hand and pledged to defend our country, but I am changing it up a little. There are quite a few men and women in our little club who served every day protecting all of us as first responders – some are true heroes. We need to stop and say thank you and if you didn’t know it, 28 October is First Responder Day. Take a minute and say thank you. You might be surprised (or not) to learn we have some who have served as both military members and first responders - that is true commitment...or maybe they just need to be committed! My own personal experience – thank you to all who served in either role.

I cannot be with you for the November match or set up. Tabasco Kid has graciously offered to fill in and I ask that you give him all the support he needs. Shoot fast, safe, and accurate and I want to hear all the funny stories that I miss.

Speaking of Comancheria Days (see first paragraph), registration for Comancheria Days is open. Recommend you sign up quickly as it will also be the State Championship. Don’t feel intimidated about any of this as CD is a great time for any shooter - come shoot. Sure, there will be fast shooter out for belt buckles and acclaim, but there will be plenty of other shooters like me who will round out the skill levels. Remember, you can’t have a top 10% without having people who fill the other 90. I have happily accepted my role because it is a great time and loads of fun.

‘Nough said...brass is up, targets are up, shooter up! Where do you put your hands? Hey, hey, hey, keep them to yourself there cowboy! Hands on your hat...



The Bean Pot.....



Walking Whiskey Keg

Both of future Ranger Captain Leander Harvey McNelly's parents were born in Ireland. Eoin McNelly and wife Katherine had by 1833 a family with two young children before emigrating to the United States. Their third child, born on March 12, 1844 in Virginia was named Leander.

Older brother Peter McNelly had travelled to Texas and eventually bought land near Brenham. Leander was about twelve years old when Peter sent for him. Peter may have thought the Texas climate would be better for Leander as he was already showing symptoms of tuberculosis.

When the Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumpter, Leander McNelly had just turned seventeen years old. In August of that year, Leander, claiming that he was eighteen, enlisted the Fifth Texas Cavalry led by Captain George Washington Campbell. Leander also enlisted his horse, along with his own guns and ammunition. Before long, McNelly would be marching under the command of Henry Hopkins Sibley.

Sibley was a graduate of West Point. He saw action against the Seminoles in Florida, along the Texas frontier, and then during the Mexican-American War. Sibley was also an inventor. He designed the Sibley Tent which was widely used during the Civil War, as well as the Sibley Tent Stove. The tent was adopted by the Union Army and Great Britain. The stove would still be in use at the start of World War Two.

Although Sibley was an accomplished soldier, he had one major weakness...alcohol. People began to call him the Walking Whiskey Keg. Despite that tragic flaw, Sibley arranged a sitdown with CSA President Jefferson Davis where he outlined his plans for "The Confederacy of the West." This was not without precedent. An expedition led by John Robert Baylor in 1861 had forced the Union out of many frontier forts along the Rio Grande. (Baylor's uncle was R.E.B. Baylor a judge on the Texas Supreme Court after whom Baylor University was named.)

After chasing the Union Army out of Texas and parts of New Mexico, Baylor declared the establishment of the Confederate Arizona Territory...with himself as Governor. Jefferson Davis was not amused, and promptly revoked his commission as Colonel and his position as Governor.

Sibley took note of Baylor's success and met with Jefferson Davis. Sibley proposed a military campaign to take New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and eventually California into the Confederacy. He also proposed taking the Mexican States of Sonora and Chihuahua as well. Sadly, being a Confederate officer did not sober him up any more than being a Union officer had done. This sad fact would not become evident to troops such as Leander McNelly until the campaign was well under way. Many sad days for that command were to come after the pivotal Battle for Glorieta Pass. But that is another story.

**Source: Follow me to Hell – Tom Clavin
Beans Ahgin**

SHIUX HANGING



EXECUTION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT
SHIUX INDIANS

For almost 50 years the Santee Sioux, located in Minnesota, were mistreated by almost everyone with whom they came into contact. First, white settlers invaded the Minnesota Valley where they traditionally lived. With pressure both from settlers and the army, they relocated to a reservation.

On the reservation they came under the authority of corrupt Indian Agents. The agents demanded a kickback on all the rations they distributed. When the Sioux realized they couldn't live on what was left of the rations and refused to give them the normal kickback, the agents withheld all food distribution. On the verge of starvation, the Indians sought help. But no one came to their aid.

Reaching the limits of endurance, the Santee Sioux left the reservation, and started killing settlers and taking women and children as hostages. It was called the "Minnesota Uprising," and was part of the battles that affected the area for much of the last half of the 1800's. The army took off after the Sioux, and underestimating their fighting ability, 13 soldiers were killed, with another 45 wounded. Finally, General Sibley, with a large force of soldiers defeated the Sioux, forcing most of the Indians to surrender, and recovering the hostages.

The captured Sioux were tried. The abuse piled upon the Indians was not a factor in the trial. And on November 5, 1862, 300 Santee Sioux were found guilty of raping and murdering white settlers. They were all sentenced to be hanged.

But the mass hanging didn't take place... because President Abraham Lincoln heard about the trial and the conditions that caused their crimes, and commuted the sentences of 262 of the Sioux. But in December 38 of the leaders were hanged in mass.

Courtesy Chronicle of the Old West and Long John Beard

THE FUN GALLERY



Vacationing from their jobs of terrorizing young teenagers, zombies will often relax at a Western dead ranch.

