



South Texas Pistoleros Newsletter



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250 Pleasanton Rd.

San Antonio Texas

78221

Monthly Match Schedule for December 7, 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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Howdy all you cowboys and cowgirls. Thanks to all of you who showed up to support the HAVA event on the 16 th . We received lots of great comments from the vets, their families, and the HAVA staff. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and all your gun belts still fit after stuffing yourself with Turkey, ham, and all those great side dishes. Did all you Wild Bunch shooters remember we're doing a

Wild Bunch match on November 30, the fifth Saturday of the month. Don't forget to sign up for our regular CAS match on December 7.

I bought a book titled Texas Gunslingers (Bill O'Neal, 2014). It's an interesting read and I highly recommend you add it to your Texas history library. Here is an excerpt from the beginning of Chapter Seven.

"Across the Old West, gunfighting was a lethal exercise largely of the 1800s. But in Texas, with its long tradition of frontier violence, gunfighters continued their deadly activities into the 20 th century. Pink Higgins, who had used his guns against Comanche warriors, stock thieves, and personal adversaries since he was a teenager, clashed with fellow range detective Bill Standifer in 1902. Although in his 50s, Pink rode out to meet Standifer in a mano a mano rifle duel. Killin' Jim Miller, headquartering in Fort Worth, continued to shoot one victim after another until he was lynched in 1909.

In the second decade of the 20 th century, the last old-fashioned blood feud broke out between two ranching families. West Texans continued to embrace the values and attitudes of the frontier, even in a new century. They still bristled with violent impulses of the pioneers who had settled the region only a generation earlier. And the most tragic victim of this feud was the oldest son of frontier feudist Pink Higgins.

Nostalgic remnants of the gunfighter era in Texas include Tascosa's Boot Hill, Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery, and El Paso's Concordia Cemetery. The Orient Saloon in Pecos offers the site of a fatal gunfight, complete with bullet

holes. There are superb gun collections at Waco's Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and at San Antonio's Buckhorn Museum, as well as more modest collections at smaller museums around the state.

The gunfighter culture was exaggerated and transmitted by fiction and motion pictures. The fast draw myth was invented by Hollywood, which filmed as many as 300 Western movies per year. In the 1950s and 1960s, television brought Western gunfighting into homes through weekly television series. The gunfighters of the 1800s all are gone, but Texans remain keenly aware of their state's gun fighting traditions."

Hope you enjoyed that little bit of Texas history. See you on the firing line.

Colonel Colt Winchester

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NOVEMBER 2024 TREASURER' REPORT

Beginning Balance		\$5,333.15
Range fees	(-\$104.31)	\$5,228.84
Deposit	\$155.00	\$5,383.84
Ending Balance		\$5,383.84

Tabasco Kid

**Tabasco Kid
Treasurer**





NOTES FROM THE RANGE MASTER - DOWN RANGE!

I sure hated to miss the November Cowboy Match but had a better offer. I got to watch my grandson as part of a Veteran's Day presentation at his school and then march with him in a veteran's parade. Thank you again to all the veterans and first responders.

There were eleven shooters at the November match with Picoso Kid taking top honors shooting a 116.59 averaging 1.19 seconds a shot. Oh, and I guess I should say that he did this shooting clean and earning the bonus. Geez Picoso, can you rub it in anymore! Beaugard Beard took second with 139.87 averaging 1.22 a shot. While not clean, he too got the bonus. Latigo Lee and Thunder Mountain were the only other shooters to connect with the enemy aircraft and earned a bonus. The only other clean shooter was Beans Ahgin...again.

As this goes out, we should be preparing to run a 5 th Saturday Wild Bunch Match on 30 Nov. Stages were written for Cowboy as well if you want to come shoot 'regular'. I will be working off my Thanksgiving feast by setting up the range Friday morning, 29 Nov, at 10:00 if you would like to assist. The round count for WB is 77 pistol, 31 rifle, and 16 shotgun. Cowboy is 50 revolver, 40 rifle and 16 shotgun.

Thank you so much to everyone who pitched in during the HAVA shoot. It was a long afternoon but worth every minute. I challenged every shooter to try to come off the line without grinning and, needless to say, they couldn't. Of course, we already knew that cowboy guns are fun! Several of the veterans said that the Cowboy Stage was the reason they come back every year. Dutch Van Horn's display was a big hit. He moved his Guns of the Old West down by the static display area. He was up against Sig Sauer and a Marine Corps display of heavy weapons, but I am pretty sure he was the favorite because we had many people say they appreciated having time to learn about the history of the Old West.

Don't forget that Comancheria Days registration is open. I didn't get to shoot last year, so I plan to have a great time this year!

'Nough said...brass is up, targets are up, shooter up!beep - good shoot cowboy time is 21.23 and counters say 2, 2, and 12....okay, 2 misses and can I have a new counter!



Thank you HAVA Volunteers!!!

By now, most of us have recovered from a very busy Honored American Veterans Afield (HAVA) Field Day at the San Antonio Police Academy on November 16 th . The weather was perfect, and the disabled veterans and their families enthusiastic.

Jerry Miculek was the “opening act” on Saturday, and many CAS volunteers arrived in the morning to witness some serious speed shooting by a World Champion shooter. After lunch, it was time to send some lead downrange. Seven (7) Squads of some twenty (20) disabled Vets and family members rotated through the eight (8) afternoon activities.

A special “shout out” to Dutch Van Horn who, along with Newt Ritter and Fister Bo, staffed the very popular Guns of the Old West exhibit. Despite feeling very much under the weather, Dutch “Cowboy’d Up” and hauled his display to new “parking lot” location.

Bay 3 on the SAPD Firing Range was once again home to “The Cowboys” and their CAS event. On the preceding Friday afternoon Caprock Kid, Colonel Colt Winchester, Maid Jalaff, and Beans Ahgin set and painted targets, arranged the stage tables, and “walked through” the stages. As usual, Caprock Kid did a lot of the pre-event “heavy lifting.”

Thunder Mountain, Crazy Clyde, Tabasco Kid, Long John Beard, Natalia Sue, Colonel Colt Winchester, Caprock Kid, Latigo Lee, Sauk Valley Sam, Sheriff Robert Love, Shooting Iron Miller, Maid Jalaff, San Saba Slim, Beauregard Beard, and Beans Ahgin kept thing moving for over four hours. Even a broken firing pin on a '73 carbine and the rare new shooter-induced “double feed” were only minor “hiccups” to the experienced crew guiding the guests. Once things got going, many guest got to shoot two or more times!

There were some serious “How do I get started doing this?” questions from several guests. They were shown how to contact area clubs, and the Tejas Caballeros, and Texican Rangers might soon see a few families who live nearer Austin than San Antonio.

- Beans Ahgin

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.

There will be (Hatch Chili) Beans Again!

Ifn the weather cooperates, Beans Ahgin will once again provide a Christmas Bean Feed at the December Pistoleros CAS Match. "Many have eaten. Few Have died" according to the cook. As usual, the beans are free, and the antidote is still just one Yankee Dollar.

- Beans Ahgin

GUN SHOW SCHEDULE

Local Gun Shows

Dec 21st – 22nd, 2024
Live Oak Gun Show
Hilton Garden Inn Live Oak
8101 Pat Booker Rd
Live Oak, TX 78233
(480) 971-7108

Dec 27th – 29th, 2024
San Antonio Gun Show
Alzafar Shriners
901 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78258
(210) 844-9599

Area Gun Shows

Dec 7th – 8th, 2024
The Al Amin Shrine Gun Show
Al Amin Shrine Pavilion
2001 Suntide Road
Corpus Christi, TX 78409
(361) 696-1585

Dec 7th – 8th, 2024
The "Original" Belton Gun Show
Bell County Expo Center
301 W Loop 121
Belton, TX 76513
(713) 724-8881

Dec 7th – 8th, 2024
Hill Country Gun Show
Hill Country Veterans Center
411 Meadow View Lane
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 315-3100

Dec 14th – 15th, 2024
The Sealy Gun & Knife Show
Sealy American Legion 442
1630 Meyer St
Sealy, TX 77474
(713) 474-3900

Dec 14th – 15th, 2024
Saxet Corpus Christi Gun Show
Richard M. Borchard Regional Fairgrounds
1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd
Corpus Christi, TX 78380
(361) 289-2256

Dec 21st – 22nd, 2024
Kerrville Gun & Knife Show
Happy State Bank Expo Hall
3785 Highway 27
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 285-0575

Dec 21st – 22nd, 2024
Kerrville Expo Hall Guns & Gifts Show
Hill Country Youth Event Center The Ag Barn
3785 Highway 27
Kerrville, TX 78028
830) 285-0575

Dec 21st – 22nd, 2024
Seguin Gun Show
Seguin Coliseum
950 S Austin Street
Seguin, TX 78155
(325) 205-2688

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

The Bean Pot.....



Christmas in SA

By the mid-1800's, Christmas celebrations in San Antonio were a curious mix of Catholic, German, Hispanic, Native American, and pagan customs.

The Romans invented Christmas in 336 AD. Over the ensuing centuries, Christian celebrations were invented or moved to "Christianize" existing pagan traditions. For example, Winter Solstice marked the start of 12 days of Yule feasting and gift exchanges. Trees were decorated with natural ornaments and candles. (Sound familiar?) The date of the birth of Christ was moved "slightly" from Passover in the Spring to coincide with the Yule celebrations.

The first Federal Census of San Antonio in 1850 showed a population of 3,488. There were 1,167 "Native Texans," and people from Ireland, England and Scotland, Germany and Prussia, and just 572 people from Mexico. Few records remain of any kind of Christmas celebration. The first City Directory for 1877-1878 listed 4,284 names while the 1880 Federal Census showed a population of 20,550. The post-Civil War Yankee Government declared Christmas a federal holiday on June 16 th , 1870. Things kind of took off from there.

Christmas Bailes and Black-Tie Balls filled the late 19 th Century San Antonio holiday calendar. Formal Balls sponsored by various civic associations were where eligible young ladies were introduced to Society (pre-Fiesta), and the wealthy guests were encouraged to support various civic enterprises. Some "contributors" had to be gently reminded in the days following of their promise...after they sobered-up.

The annual Las Posadas (Spanish: "The Inns") on the San Antonio Riverwalk (at least according to some sources) date from the 900's AD customs in Central America. Today, it is a public procession that mixes Catholic custom with sixteenth-century Mexican (pagan) ritual. Today, hundreds of locals and visiting pilgrims gather to re-enact Mary and Joseph's search for shelter on the way to Bethlehem. In Mexico, there are nine nights of Posadas representing either the nine months that Jesus spent in Mary's womb, or the nine days it took Joseph and Mary to travel to Bethlehem from Nazareth.

Wealthy Bavarians trekked into the city beginning in the 1850's. They brought bier, the (Yule) tradition of trimming evergreens at Christmas, and the Maenerchor (singing) tradition with them. The German immigrants also introduced the concept of artificial trees to Texas, attaching dyed turkey feathers to wire branches, These are now considered valuable antiques.

When there were few hotels in San Antonio, private homes were opened to pilgrims, and lonesome Cowboys. Guests would share a meal with a family, head off together to the local church, and then often be invited to put their bedroll near the fire...or the manger in the barn.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

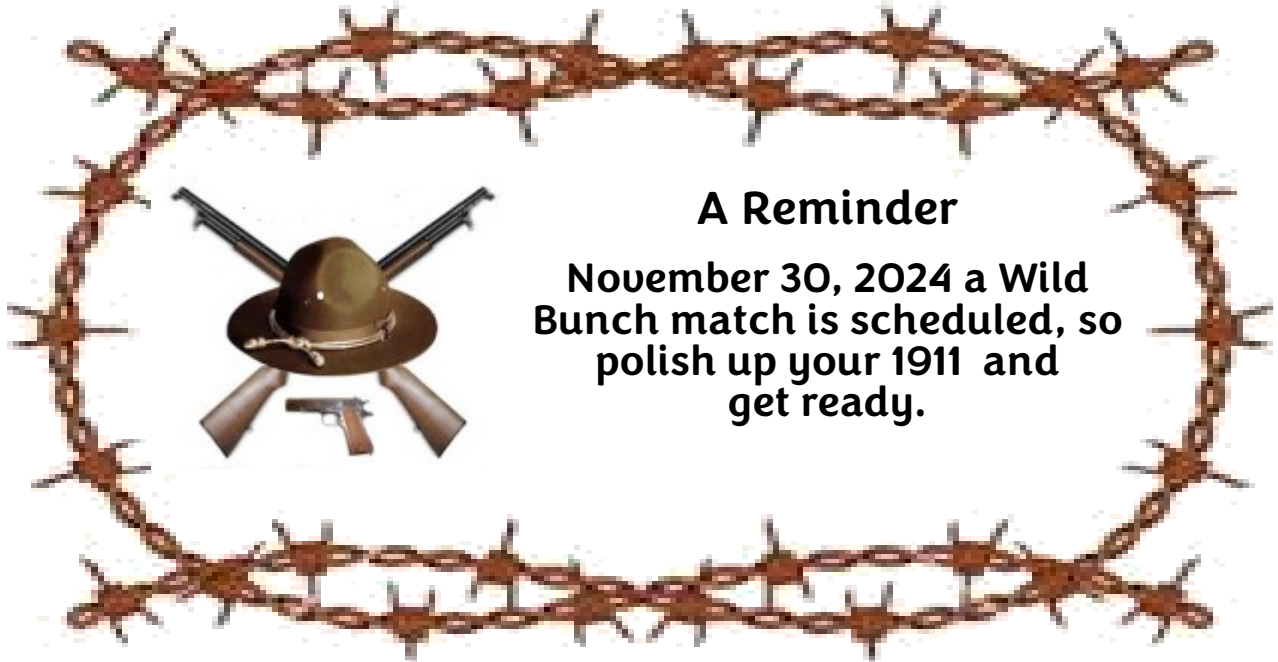
Beans Ahgin

To pre-register for the **December 7, 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, so polish up your 1911 and get ready.



Check out the club's revised website

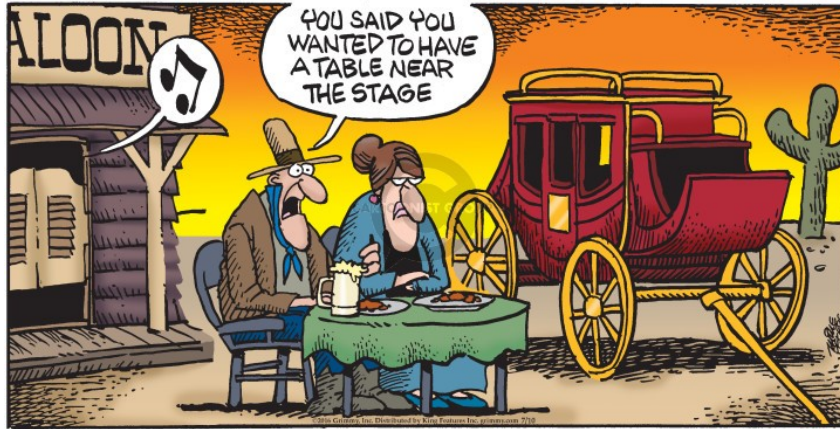
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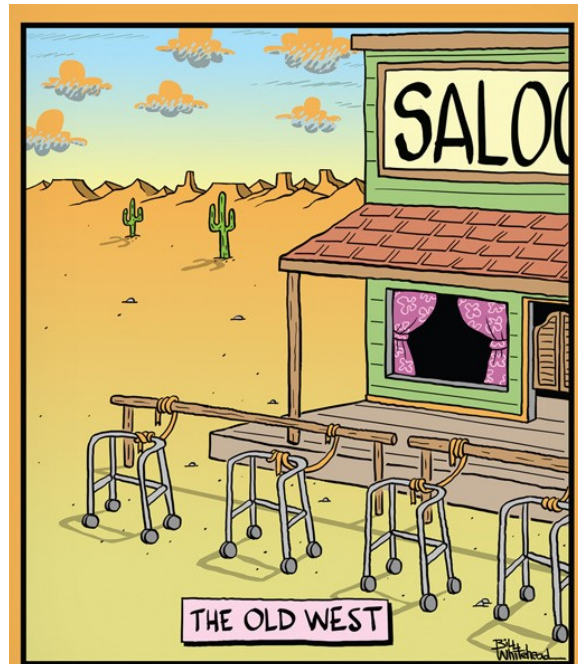
THE FUN GALLERY



Texas, 1882: Judge Roy Bean holds court in his saloon the "Jersey Lilly"...



"Take him out and hang him boys, but hurry back...it's almost happy hour!"



Requirement for getting a clean match pin.....

It's simple, have no misses and or procedures!

