



# South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



**Match Info:**

**A Place To Shoot**

**13250 Pleasanton Rd.**

**San Antonio Texas 78221**

**Monthly Match Schedule for March 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.

Match Starts at 9:45 AM

Pre-register with PRACTISCORE

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## The President's Message



As I write this letter our current temperature is 65 degrees heading to 85 feels to me like winter just might be over. Hope everyone is having a great day and enjoying the great outdoors while it's still cool enough to be outside. We had a great shoot in February for those who may have missed it sadly I think we may have lost Cap for a while, hope your surgery went well here's to a speedy recovery. Hope to see you soon.

I was having a conversation with Silver Dollar Sage last month and he was expressing his concerns about the size and growth of our shooting club. He has been giving thought to ways in which to grow the club. I think that it might be time to start spending some time considering options for growth. We have plenty of brilliant minds and if we put those minds together we just might come up with some good ideas. Start giving it some thought and we can talk about it at the March shoot.

That's enough from me for now looking forward to seeing you all in March stay safe and bring your A game.

*PJ Mugwump*  
PJ Mugwump



# Notes from the Range Master.....Down Range!

Standby for news! We have a change in the winner of the February match – Beauregard Beard snuck in under Picoso with a 118.19 run and it was a clean match! That is averaging 1.16 seconds a shot. Picoso actually shot the match faster (115) but one little miss that gave him a final time of 120.18. His average was 1.16 so only .03 seconds difference...just Beau did it clean. Devil is in the details.

We had a race for third and fourth between Newt Ritter and Frank Longshot with Newt taking it by 2 seconds and a time of 191.02...and he shot clean averaging 1.87 seconds a shot. Pretty good seeing as he has a bum wrist. Five through seven was also hotly contested between yours truly, Sauk Valley Sam and Silver Dollar Sage with just 2 seconds total separating all three. I came out on top but only because I shot clean (seems to be a trend here. Had SVS and SDS shot clean they would have been harassing Newt for third!

Special thanks to Tabasco Kid for the fun stages. He volunteered to craft the March stages as well. Thanks to the setup crew too! Many hands make the work easier and faster. I will be out of commission for March and maybe April so ya'll have fun.

'Nough said...brass is up, targets are up, shooter up! When you are ready, say the line...yes, I will give you a tap. **Standby...whack!**

## February 2024 Treasurer's Report

	Beginning Balance		\$4,503.35
02/03/2024	Debit (A Place to Shoot – Range Fees)	\$(122.64)	\$4,380.71
02/03/2024	Deposit (Match Fees)	\$210.00	\$4,590.71
02/03/2024	Check #1070 to NFP (liability Ins-Typo)	\$(630.00)	\$3,960.71
02/20/2024	Debit (Wix.com)	\$(16.18)	\$3,944.53
	Ending Balance		\$3,944.53

**Our Insurance company sent us a bill with a typo that was \$630 too low. So, check #1070 paid the balance. Our balance is below \$5,000.00, so, we will incur a \$16.00/ month service fee until the balance gets above \$5,000 or we spend at least \$250 a month via the debit card**

*Monterey Plainsman*

Treasurer  
South Texas Pistoleros

# Match Start 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 gate by the pistol range or around the right side of the building.

**Matches start at 9:45 AM.** Registration will closed by 9:30 AM. 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.

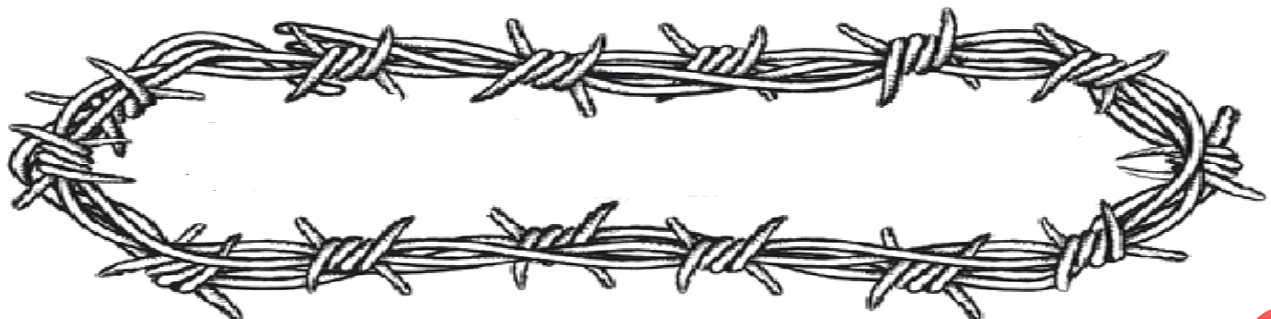
Members having concerns or complaints about range issues shall communicate those issues to the Pistoleros officers.

## South Texas Pistoleros Guest Shooter And Liability Waiver Policy

Visiting shooters unknown to club members but 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 has not completed any type of formal firearms training but wishes 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 student has yet to be determined, but a range fee of \$12.95 per person plus the cost of suitable ammunition is to be expected.

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,



# The Bean Pot....



## The Battle of Plum Creek August 12, 1840

Following the slaughter at the Council House (Courthouse) Fight in San Antonio on March 19, 1840, the remaining Comanche withdrew into the Llano Estacado to mourn their dead and to plot their revenge. Between 400 and 1,000 Comanche, Penetecas, Tenewas, and other Southern Comanche were assembled, joined by Kiowas. They awaited the next Comanche Moon in August. It was easier to travel and raid over vast distances by the light of the full moon.



Led by the last surviving War Chief of the Penetecas, Buffalo Hump, they struck deep into Anglo Texas above the Nueces River. Settlers fled in all directions. By August 6th, Buffalo Hump and his warriors had surrounded Victoria, Texas. In an unprecedented fight, the Comanche swarmed through the town, killing fifteen people, but remaining to loot stores and warehouses. More importantly to the Comanche, they left driving some 2,000 head of horses before them. For a culture

who valued horses more than other good, this posed an auspicious start to their revenge upon the Anglos and Mexicans.

By August 8<sup>th</sup>, Buffalo Hump's war party had arrived at Linnville on "the land side" of what we now call the Intercoastal Waterway. Linnville served as the Customs House and distribution point for goods arriving in the nearby, larger port of Indianola on the Gulf of Mexico. Most "necessities" came via New Orleans, arriving in Indianola to be carried across the water in boats and on barges before starting the trek to San Antonio.

When the Comanche arrived, many townsfolk took to the boats and headed across the water to Indianola. But not all. Judge John Hays became so angry at the devastation he was witnessing that he waded back to shore clutching an empty shotgun. It was reported that the Comanche simply rode around him, perhaps believing him to be either courageous or out of his mind.

Just as they had with Victoria, the Comanche spent all day looting and burning what was estimated to be a two-years' supply of merchandise, some of which had been consigned to luminaries such as Samuel Maverick.

By now, the Comanche had taken more than they could carry and had amassed a huge horse herd. Linnville had lost just five people killed, including the Customs Inspector, John Linn. His wife was taken prisoner. Through the smoke of the burning town, the survivors could only watch from Indianola as the victorious Buffalo Hump led his people away.

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## The Bean Pot.....Continued

Raiding parties had long ago learned to not retrace their steps lest they encounter the slowly assembling militias and Ranger companies who followed in their wake. Burdened by so much loot in a hot, dry August, Buffalo Hump made the fateful decision to return along the Colorado River the way he had come. At first, the Anglo and Tonkawa scouts following the Comanche lacked the numbers to do more than shadow them, firing into the Comanche ranks as the opportunity arose before moving away.

At first, the Comanche simply rode away from pursuit. They had, after all, taken most of the horses to be found between Victoria and the coast. But the riders and Tonkawa scouts shadowing the Comanche were able to discern their apparent intent, and the word went out for the Texican to assemble near Plum Creek (near present-day Lockhart) to bring the Comanche to battle.

By August 12<sup>th</sup>, Ranging Companies, the Bastrop Militia, and even the regular army under General Felix Huston had arrived at Plum Creek. Despite the usual arguments about who would be in command, the trap was set. When the Comanche moved onto the flat ground near Plum Creek, the Texicans mounted, formed a great line of horsemen, and left the brush that had concealed them.

The Comanche were spread out while managing the herd of some 3,000 stolen horses. There were also mules laden with loot and prisoners to manage. The Comanche sought to delay an attack by screening their main group with warriors riding out to display their horsemanship and challenge individuals to battle. Many were splendidly adorned with Comanche attire and Anglo hats and clothing taken at Victoria and Linnville.



The spectacle gave pause to those new to battle with the Comanche. The more experienced Ranger Captains McCullough, Burleson, and Caldwell saw an opportunity, and bade the “regulars” to join in a charge. Huston hesitated. Then a Comanche adorned in a magnificent, feathered headdress rode out to challenge a Ranger to individual combat. A Texican promptly shot him from his horse, and the fight was on.

General Huston gave the order to charge. The Texicans attacked the extended Comanche flank. They stampeded the horse herd. Many Comanche, horses, and laden mules became bogged-down in a marsh. There ensued a methodical slaughter of Comanche people. A running fight developed that went for fifteen miles. By the end of the day, some eighty Comanche bodies lay strewn across the landscape. One Texican was killed.

The white captives did not fare well. As the fight developed, many captives were killed. The wife of Customs Inspector John Linn was tied to a tree and a Comanche fired arrows at her torso. She was saved by her whalebone corset.

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## The Bean Pot.....Continued

The Texican recovered a great amount of silver, cloth, whiskey, and tobacco along with some 2,000 horses. The liberated goods were divided among the Texican and the Tonkawa scouts. The "Tonks" had followed the Comanche on foot for over thirty miles, and now they had their pick of the horse herd. General Huston awarded fourteen Tonkawa citations for bravery. That night, the Tonkawa celebrated by ceremonially roasting several of the Comanche.

After Plum Creek, the Comanche were never again able to mount a raid on a town, or range down to the Texas coast. President Lamar was determined that the Comanche be eliminated. In September 1840, Colonel John Moore raised a large force including 12 Lipans, and began a campaign along the Concho and Red rivers. He ventured almost halfway to Santa Fe. It was a punitive raid, and the decision to not take any captives had been made. Moore's campaign ended the Comanche as a threat to Texas

Source: *Lone Star* – T.R. Feherenbach  
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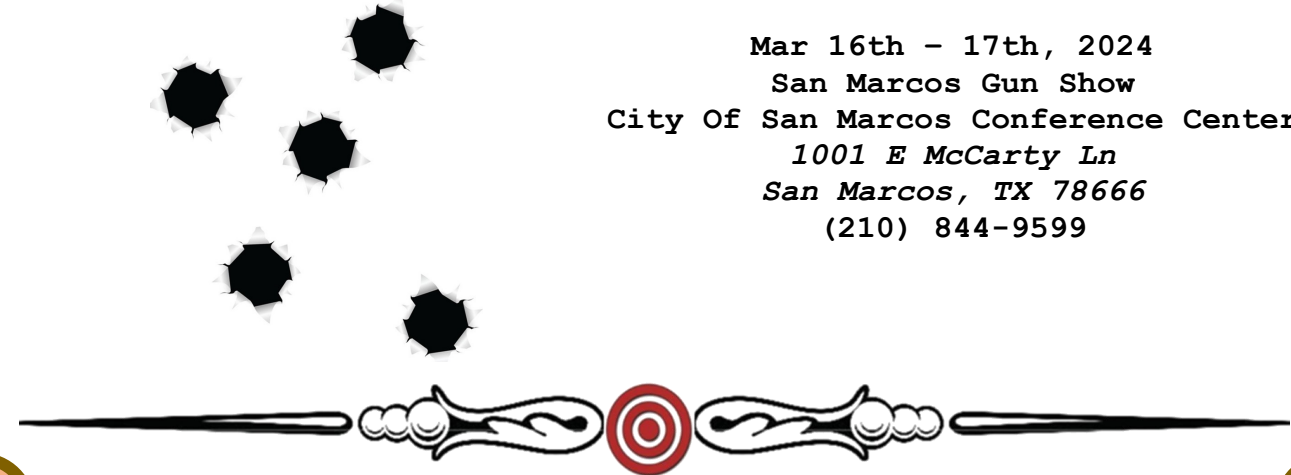
# GUN SHOW SCHEDULE

## Local Shows

Mar 1st - 3rd, 2024  
San Antonio Gun Show  
Alzafar Shriners  
901 N Loop 1604 W  
San Antonio, TX 78258  
(210) 844-9599

## Area Shows

Mar 9th - 10th, 2024  
Seguin Gun Show  
Seguin Coliseum  
950 S Austin Street  
Seguin, TX 78155  
(512) 293-6663

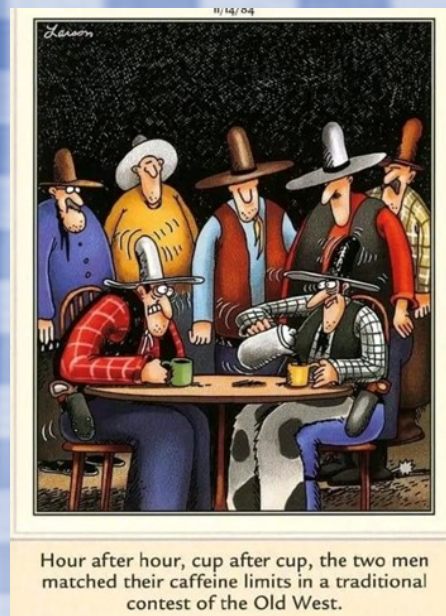
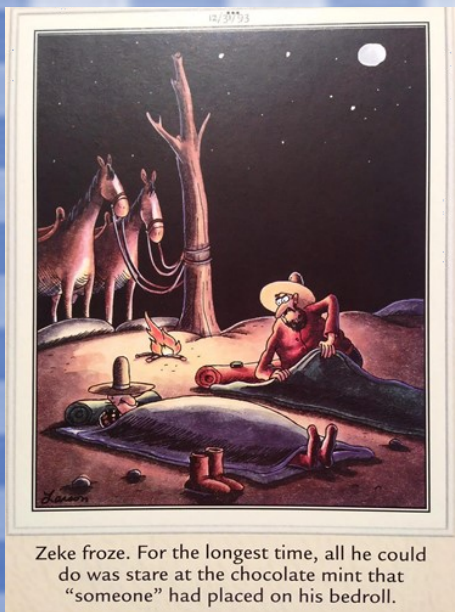


Mar 16th - 17th, 2024  
San Marcos Gun Show  
City Of San Marcos Conference Center  
1001 E McCarty Ln  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
(210) 844-9599

To pre-register for the **March 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**



Check out the club's revised website

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[www.stxpistolaros.net](http://www.stxpistolaros.net)

Or scan here

