



South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



Match Info:

**A Place To
Shoot**

13250

**Pleasanton
Rd.**

**San Antonio
Texas
78221**

**Monthly Match
Schedule for
February 3, 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



The President's Message

Happy January,

I hope everyone is off to a great start to the year. We had a very enjoyable shoot to start the New Year out right. Must say it was not the same without Cap. I hope to see you in February and I hope your wife is feeling better. You missed a great day for shooting. The impossible happened and I shot a clean match. Somethings just can't be explained. We had 15 shooters and 7 shot the match clean so maybe Cap was going easy on us.

I have been contacted by an individual about selling some cowboy equipment if any one is interested his contact info is Dale Stinson stinsondale@yahoo.com. He has some guns and leather he would like to sell if anyone is interested just reach out to him.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February shoot, I hope the weather cooperates. Until then please be safe and I will see everyone in February.

PJ Mugwump

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January 2024 Treasurer's Report

	Beginning Balance		\$5,499.50
1/6/2024	Debit (A Place to Shoot – Range Fees)	\$(142.24)	\$5,357.26
1/6/2024	Deposit		
	(Match Fees for Dec Wild Bunch & Jan Shoot	\$255.00	\$5,612.26
	Ending Balance		\$5,612.26

We will pay \$1,700 for liability insurance this month and will thereby incur bank fees of \$16.00 per month until we get our balance above \$5,000 or spend \$500+ per month with our debit card (almost never happens)

Stay Warm!

Monterey Plainsman

Treasurer
South Texas Pistoleros



SASS Territorial Governor Vote 2024 Results and Vote Tally Details

Item #1	Item #2	Item #3
Yes 260	Yes 265	Yes 253
No 35	No 30	No 42

To pre-register for the **February 3, 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

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.

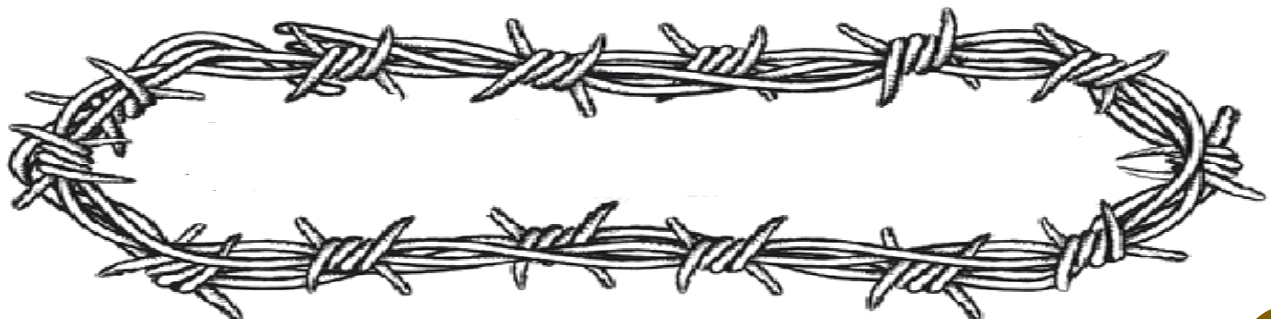
Members having concerns or complaints about range issues shall communicate those issues to the Pistoleros officers.

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,





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

We closed out 2023 with a practice day that a few people took advantage of to put a few rounds down range, but the highlight was the mini-Wild Bunch match. We had only five shooters, but that's more than double the last match that consisted of just Sauk Valley Sam and me. This time, Sauk and I were joined by Beauregard Beard, Newt Ritter, and Frank Longshot. Great news, we all placed in the top five! We had fun breaking out the 1911's and discussed the rule changes that took place this year. Thanks to LJB for printing out the changes. Was a creative WB at that. To leave the rest of the range open for practice and minimize setup, I created four unique scenarios that took place all on Stage 1. All we had to do was move one target around to change it up. Made set up and tear down super easy. Beauregard Beard took top honors (shooting his very first Wild Bunch match I might add). Newt Ritter took second but also earned a clean match. The rest of us just had a lot of fun.

Sure wish I had been there for the January match. Seven clean match pins out of 15 shooters! 3 of them were in the top 5 shooters so they weren't being too cautious... just accurate. Picoso Kid won the match with a 112.52 (1.1 sec/shot) with Beauregard Beard a close second at 128.44 (1.2 sec/shot but with 2 penalties – 1.3 sec/shot). Received a report that the gong was returning fire during the stage so I am retiring the gong. It was fun to shoot and hear the sound, but don't think Silver Dollar Sage wants to take a second hit. Really drives home the importance of safety glasses!

I hope to shoot one last match in February before I hang up my guns for a few months in recovery. Have a guest stage writer for Feb – Tabasco Kid volunteered to craft up some good ones. Range set up will be 2 Feb. (We will set them up and tear them down three times to celebrate Groundhog Day...or not.) Match will be 3 Feb. Long range forecast has a low of 52 and a high that day of 72. Got to love living in South Texas – freezing one week and muggy warm the next. Good chance of rain so come prepared for wet weather.

'Nough said...brass is up, targets are up, shooter up! When you're ready, say the line...no, I don't remember the line either. Just say something. **SOMETHING!**



WILD BUNCH GROUP





GUN SHOW SCHEDULE

Local Shows

Feb 2nd - 4th, 2024
San Antonio Gun Show
Alzafar Shriners
901 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78258
210) 844-9599

Area Shows

Feb 3rd - 4th, 2024
Secure Tactical Gun Show
Silverado Event Center
16490 Interstate 35 Access Rd
Atascosa, TX 78002
(210) 570-7621

Feb 3rd - 4th, 2024
Floresville Gun Show
Floresville Event Center
600 TX-97
Floresville, TX 78114
(817) 732-1194

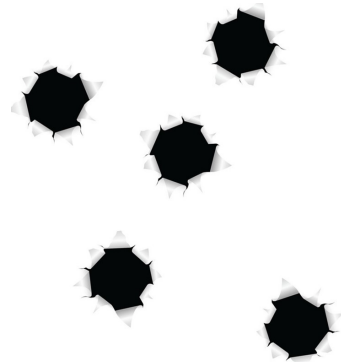
Feb 3rd - 4th, 2024
Hill Country Gun Show
Hill Country Veterans Center
411 Meadowview Lane
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 315-3100

Area Shows

Feb 24th - 25th, 2024
New Braunfels Gun Show
New Braunfels Civic/
Convention Center
375 S Castell Ave
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Feb 24th - 25th, 2024
Saxet Corpus Christi Gun Show
Richard M. Borchard
Regional Fairgrounds
1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd
Corpus Christi, TX 78380
(361) 289-2256

Feb 24th - 25th, 2024
Kerrville Gun & Knife Show
Happy State Bank
Expo Hall
3785 Highway 27
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 285-0575



The Bean Pot....



The Council House Fight March 19, 1840

Following the formation of the Republic of Texas, a concerted effort began to “remove” Native Americans from Texas. In the east, the Cherokee people had assumed a “civilized,” agrarian lifestyle. Their lands were rich, and coveted by the Whites. General Kelsey Douglas of the militia, and General Edward Burleson of the army defeated the Cherokee in battle and drove them out of Texas.

Not content with “removing” the Cherokee, a campaign was begun to remove or exterminate the Delaware, Shawnee, Caddoan, Kickapoo, Creek, Muscogee, Biloxi, and Seminole people. Only the small bands of Coshatta and Alabamas were allowed to remain on what was to become Texas’ single permanent Indian reservation.

Attention now turned to the Penetaka Comanche. They had proven to be a formidable foe, but now seemed to desire peace with the Texans. On January 9, 1840, three Penetaka Chieftains rode into San Antonio and sought parley. Colonel Henry Karnes, a Ranger Captain, agreed to meet with them. Karnes agreed to meet with the Comanche for peace talks on the condition that some 200 known white captives be returned.

Karnes wrote to General Albert Sidney Johnson that he did not trust the Comanche, but had not taken the three Comanche Chiefs hostage as “their numbers were too small to guarantee the future.” He recommended that a “Peace Commission,” and a large contingent of troops, be sent to San Antonio. Three companies of the 1st Texas Regiment under Lieutenant Colonel Fisher marched to San Antonio with instructions to seize the Indians if they did not fulfill their promise to return all the white captives.

On March 19, 1840, sixty-five Comanche including men women and children rode into San Antonio. They brought only two captives, Matilda Lockhart, and a young Mexican boy “who did not count” as he was not white. Matilda had been held captive for two years, during which time she had been badly abused. Her appearance, and her testimony, aroused considerable anger among those present.

Magura, known as Spirit Talker, led the delegation of some twelve Comanche Chiefs gathered with the Peace Commission in the Courthouse in San Antonio. They began demanding a high price for the remaining captives. Ammunition, blankets, vermilion, and “presents” would be required. When the Commissioners asked why the remaining captives were not present, Magura replied that they were with

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other tribes, “but could be bought.” Magura reportedly said: “How do you like that answer.” The answer was that the Texans did not like it at all.

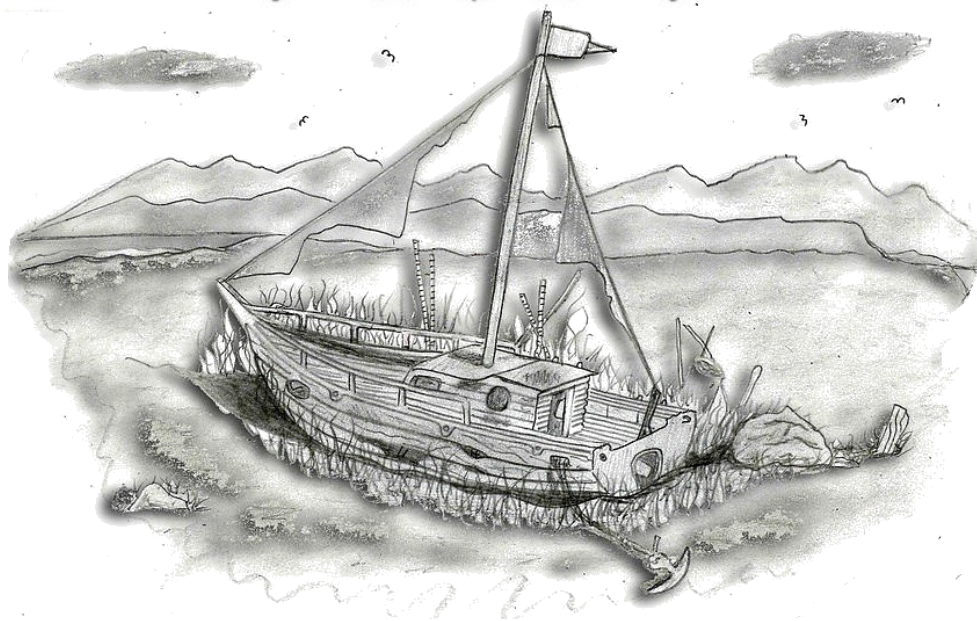
When the Comanche were informed that they would be held until the rest of the white captives arrived, “the Comanche replied with war screams.” The Comanche sought to escape the courthouse, but a general melee ensued between the Indians, soldiers, onlookers, and government officials. Many were killed. No Indian escaped.

Some thirty Comanche women and children were captured, with one being given a horse and told she had twelve days to affect the return of the absent captives. She never returned. One white captive, who had been adopted by the Comanche, later reported that the Comanche in their camps flew into a rage. After ritually mourning their dead, they then proceeded to kill thirteen white captives.

After “The Council House Fight,” the Penetaka Comanche would observe no peace with Texas. The Penetaka, Tanimas, Tenewas and other Southern Comanche retired deep into the Llano Estacado and plotted their revenge along with the Kiowa. Under the “Comanche Moon” in August of 1840, a huge band of between 400 and 1,000 warriors moved south. The war party was led by Buffalo Hump, the last remaining war chief of the Penetaka.




The account of that epic raid will be left to a forthcoming article in the South Texas Pistoleros Newsletter. The working title for that article is: “The Comanche are coming! Take to the boats!”

Beans Ahgin





JUST MY \$.02



Brass picking is an important and sometimes unappreciated part of our sport. A couple of hints, though. First, take time to watch until the shooter has finished the stage before moving in to pick brass. If a picker gets too close to the active shooter and TO then unintentional interference may occur, especially on stages with firing position movement involved. Picking brass while the stage is being shot also means the field of view of a spotter may be disrupted if one moves in too soon. Finally, by watching where the shooter's rifle flings empty cases, you can locate them more efficiently afterwards. As an added benefit, paying attention to the shooting sequence before picking lets one get a feel for the stage flow. One last comment is regarding resetting shotgun targets. They should not be reset until the shooter completes the stage. Resetting too quickly may cause a shooter to be distracted by unexpected downrange movement in their peripheral vision. Just my \$.02 and yes, I have been guilty of these things in the past. My bad!

SaukValley Sam



**Check out the club's
revised website**

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www.stxpistolaros.net

Or scan here





Zane Grey

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Pearl Grey was born on January 31, 1872. He was a talented baseball player, and played for the University of Pennsylvania while getting a degree in dentistry. Pearl was scheduled to follow in his father's footsteps as a dentist. Looking for some excitement, he played some semi-pro baseball. But that didn't satisfy his need.

Incidentally, Pearl never liked his first name, which was thought by everyone to be a woman's name. So he decided to change it to his mother's maiden name, Zane.

Pearl, or as we know him now, Zane Grey also never liked the idea of being a dentist. He wanted to be a writer. His life was changed when in 1908 he met Colonel C. J. "Buffalo" Jones. Buffalo Jones convinced Zane to write his biography. In order for Zane to get a feel of the atmosphere of Buffalo Jones' life, Jones took the 36-year-old writer out west.

While out west, Zane Grey experienced the excitement of the west, like roping mountain lions. Grey was fascinated with the people and landscape. The biography of Jones, "The Last of the Plainsmen" was completed that same year.

Although it got little attention, Zane Grey had found his calling.

About four years later Zane Grey published a novel that gained him lasting fame... Riders of the Purple Sage. This novel was about a weak easterner who became a man because of his exposure to the culture of the West. It was a theme that Zane would repeat in the almost 80 books he published during a life that lasted 64 years.

Courtesy Chronicle of the Old West and Long John Beard

