



South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250
Pleasanton Rd.

San Antonio
Texas

78221

**Monthly Match
Schedule for
September 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.
- Match Starts at 9:45 AM
- Pre-register with

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow Pistolaros, it appears we're going to have a break in the hot weather for a while. Hopefully long enough to get us through the September match. On the recruiting front, I'd like to thank Beans Ahgin for arranging and manning a table for us at the gun show earlier this month. I spent Saturday afternoon helping hand out fliers and speaking about cowboy action shooting to anyone who would listen. I'm sure Beans has a detailed report of the weekend's activities.

We decided to cancel the Wild Bunch match scheduled for the 31st due to an apparent lack of interest. Only three people signed up. I realize we don't have many Wild Bunch shooters so I'm not surprised. Setup and tear down is a bit much for just a couple of folks. The next 5th Saturday Wild Bunch match is planned for November. If you plan to shoot, sign-up early.

Colonel Colt Winchester

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AUGUST 2024 TREASURER' REPORT

Beginning Balance		\$5,257.73
Deposit	\$118.00	\$5,378.73
Supplies (Paint)	(\$72.00)	\$5,303.73
Range Fee	(\$78.84)	\$5,224.89
Ending Balance		\$5,224.89

Tabasco Kid

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Treasurer**



Alzafar Gun Show New Shooter Recruitment



Darwin Boedeker and his family operate the Alzafar Shrine Gun Show (Texas Gun Shows), and they graciously provided a FREE six-foot table and four "Vendor" badges we shared with the Alamo Antique Arms Collectors Association at the August show.

Beauregard Beard, Sauk Valley Sam, Caprock Kid, Colonel Colt Winchester, and Beans Ahgin staffed the table over the weekend. Sauk Valley Sam is still recovering from back issues, but worked much of Saturday morning. Col. Colt Winchester,

Beauregard Beard, and (of course) Caprock Kid shot the South Texas Pistoleros CAS Match on Saturday. The heat took a tool on all of them, but they still volunteered. And thanks to Long John Beard for cranking-out tri-folds, and membership forms on short notice.

While we got to talk with folks who wandered by the table, it was Colonel Colt Winchester, Beauregard Beard, and Caprock who garnered the most attention as they walked the aisles in full CAS regalia...including spurs that jingle-jangle-jingled. We wanted to include a photos of the volunteers, but the Arms Collector's fella' recruited to take 'em did so in Video!

Only time will tell if we persuaded people to visit a match and see what Cowboy Action Shooting is all about...when it is cooler out.

- Beans Ahgin

HAVA

Update: August 2024

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.

- Beans Ahgin saltrifle@gmail.com



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.

To pre-register for the **September 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



NOTES FROM THE RANGE MASTER - DOWN RANGE!

Would someone please let Mother Nature know that we are done baking and she can turn the temperature down! Of course, we all know that it's not nice to mess with Mother Nature...it's Chiffon! For the younger people - GOOGLE it...for you older people - you're welcome for the ear worm.

We had nine shooters brave the heat in August and we had a fun, safe and, thankfully, quick shoot. Really appreciate how everyone pitched in and made things run quick and efficiently. Was great to see Shooting Iron Miller and Sheriff Robert Love shooting with us again...unless of course you were hoping to place in the top three! Beauregard Beard won the honors for the match with a score of 106.61. Oh, and I guess I should mention he did it as a clean match. He averaged 0.95 seconds per shot! Shooting Iron Miller came in second with a 139.30. Stripping out her "M and P's," SIM averaged 0.98 a shot. Sheriff Robert Love clinched the third slot with a 141.25 averaging 1.13 seconds a shot. The rest of us had a really good time. Latigo Lee had an even better time shooting than the rest of us earning the only other clean match. Great job, Latigo.

Had to cancel the 5th Saturday Wild Bunch Match as we only had 3 people who said they wanted to shoot. The next 5th Saturday is November 30th so hope we can convince some more people to come shoot. Rifle and shotgun limitations have been removed so any SASS legal rifle and shotgun are allowed. All you need is a 1911...and of course everyone needs a 1911

The long-range forecast has the September shoot at a balmy 95 degrees; we can only hope. Short and sweet. 'Nough said...brass is up, targets are up, shooter up! Hey Cowboy, the hammer's back on your rifle. Please point it down range and pull the trigger...BANG! I don't know who is more surprised...me or you!



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

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



The Bean Pot.....



The Real McCoy

During the Civil War, Texas was cut off from the pre-war northern American markets for cotton and beef. Europe was hungry for cotton to feed their fabric mills, and Cuba became the primary customer for Texas beef. Both cotton and beef had to get by the Union blockade by moving both commodities overland into Mexico and then onto British, French, and other foreign-flagged ships.

Moving cotton and beef to Mexico was costly to the Texans. Cotton was in demand. Beef, not so much. The net result was that beef prices fell to the point that rounding up cattle was not worth the time and effort involved. By war's end, there were some six million wild cattle roaming the brush country around San Antonio.

As early as 1866, Charles Goodnight had realized that the only way to take advantage of the roaming cattle was to take them north to better markets, and to New Mexico where the Army was feeding Indians on the various reservations.

He recruited Oliver Loving, who was twice his age, but had taken cattle as far north as Chicago before the Civil War. Together they blazed a seven-hundred mile trail from Texas to the new Indian reservations near Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Later they would drive cattle to the mining camps in Colorado and as far as Wyoming. (And yes, their exploits would be the inspiration for a Larry McMurtry novel which was produced as a made-for-television movie.)

The real revolution in the Texas cattle business came when a far-sighted businessman by the name of Joseph G. McCoy realized that cattle need only be driven as far as the new railroads being built across the plains.

McCoy made a trip to St. Louis to get contracts to support his idea. The Missouri Pacific refused to hear him out. The Union Pacific was not willing to take a chance on an unproven scheme. Finally, the smaller Hannibal and St. Josephs Railroad decided to take a chance on one Joseph G. McCoy.

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As a result of the new partnership, Kansas City soon would displace St. Louis as the major market for Texas cattle. In 1867, McCoy purchased the townsite of Abilene, Kansas for \$2,400 Yankee Dollars. He built stockyards, loading facilities, and a hotel, and then waited.

McCoy had sent a trusted friend to Texas to persuade drovers to move cattle to Abilene. Forty thousand head of Texas beeves arrived in the first year. In the following years, hundreds of thousands of head of cattle would pass through Abilene on their way to Kansas City and points east.

Abilene was the first “cattle town” or “cowtown,” but others quickly followed. Ellsworth, Newton, Wichita, Caldwell, Hays City, Ogallala, Cheyene and Dodge City became famous, and profitable, due to the cattle trade.

Joseph G. McCoy became a wealthy man. He became known as an honest businessman who stood by his word. Soon, cattle empresarios trying to impress potential customers would take to describing their offers as “The Real McCoy.”

- Beans Ahgin

- Source: The Wild West Frederick Nolan



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www.stxpistolaros.net

Or scan here



Product Review Polish Capper



I've owned a Ruger Old Army (ROA) cap and ball revolver for years and enjoyed sending 200 grain round lead balls downrange in a respectable cloud of smoke generated by 30 grains of APP black powder substitute.

Reloading is not complicated, just tedious, especially when it comes to capping the nipples with a percussion cap. The straight-line cappers sold at places like Bass Pro and Cabelas are pretty much junk. Just holding the brass capper squeezes the sides enough

to jam the free flow of percussion caps to the spring steel "holder" at the end of the trough. Track of the Wolf lists the popular "snail" cappers, but they are almost always sold-out and require "tweaking" to work with ROA's.

I learned about an outfit in Poland which makes, oddly enough, the "Polish Capper." Reviews found for the Polish Capper are quite good. In visiting their website, I found a "best deal" option which included the brass Polish Capper, a plastic version, and six (6) plastic "star cappers."

I ordered the "best deal" for around \$70 USD and almost immediately started receiving notices (in English) about my order, including a tracking number. Shipping was prompt, with the padded envelope arriving some ten days after placing my order.

Opening the shipping envelope revealed the products "as advertised." I found the on-line instruction video and learned how to use the capper. There are a few "best practice" points to consider, such as properly orienting the capper to charge the cap holder, but it is quite simple. The cap "holder" is a tight fit for the Slix Spring ROA cap nipples on the ROA cylinder, but it allows you to properly seat a cap.

Once the summer temperatures abate to where the APP probably won't self-detonate in my gun cart, I plan to give the Polish Capper a thorough workout. I'll let you know how that turns out in a future post.

- Beans Ahgin

GUN SHOW SCHEDULE

Local Gun Shows

Sep 6th – 8th, 2024
The San Antonio Gun Show
Alzafar Shriners
901 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 7825
(210) 844-9599

Sep 21st – 22nd, 2024
The San Antonio Gun Show
Scottish Rite Auditorium
308 Ave E,
San Antonio, TX 78205
(480) 971-7108

Area Gun Shows

Sep 7th – 8th, 2024
The Al Amin Shrine Gun Show
Al Amin Shrine Pavilion
2001 Suntide Road
Corpus Christi, TX 78409
(361) 215-8500

Sep 14th – 15th, 2024
The New Braunfels Gun Show
New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center
375 S Castell Ave
New Braunfels, TX 78130
(817) 732-1194

Sep 14th – 15th, 2024
The Kerrville Gun & Knife Show
Happy State Bank
Expo Hall
3785 Highway 27
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 285-0575

Sep 14th – 15th, 2024
The Seguin Gun Show
Seguin Coliseum
950 S Austin Street
Seguin, TX 7815
(325) 205-2688

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



THE FUN GALLERY

SASS RECRUITMENT



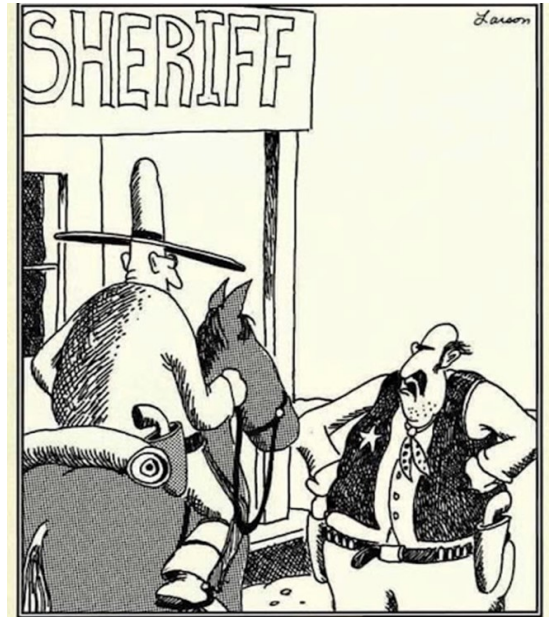
**THERE WAS NO TURNING
BACK AFTER THIS**



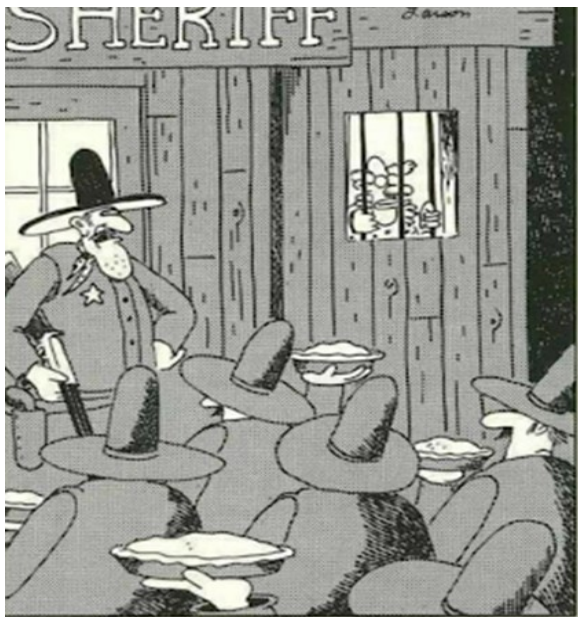
"Hey, everyone! Simmons here just uttered a discouraging word!"



THE FUN GALLERY



"Hold it right there, stranger. We got us a hat-check law in this town ... so just take it off niiiice and slow."



"Look, I know you folks are lookin' for revenge—but there'll be no 'pie-for-a-pie' justice in *my* town!"



"They've cured my arthritis!"