



South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250
Pleasanton Rd.

San Antonio
Texas

78221

**Monthly Match
Schedule for
May 4, 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

Well April came in with a bang! Started the month with what I thought was a great shoot. We had some old friends show up to make it very exciting. It's good to see folks you have not seen for a while come around again. We saw a lot of speed thrown around and at the top was once again Pico Kid.

Man he's fast! Seems that age catches up with some faster than others. I'll let Caprock cover the other high lights.

So, let's talk about ducks. We have an election coming up in our May shoot and it seems we have very little interest in running for positions. We have Caprock who does just about everything who somehow says he can't hold every position. Though I tend to disagree with him I can see his point. I have been in my position for two years and would like to take a break, I have a lot of out of town things on my agenda this summer and will not be around much. We all want to see our club continue but that is going to take a small commitment from our group members. We have Monterey Plainsman who will not be running for treasurer this year says he's going to out of the country or something like that. What they don't have numbers where you're going? I am not planning on running again and so we have spots to be filled. So I beg you to consider taking a position so our club can continue running smoothly. Think about it.

I look forward to seeing everyone in May, until then stay safe and may your shoot in May be clean and fast just not as fast as me.

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APRIL 2024 TREASURER' REPORT

Beginning Balance			\$4,020.89
4/1/2024	Debit - Banking Fees	\$ (16.00)	\$4,004.89
4/6/2024	Deposit (Match Fees)	\$ 250.00	\$4,254.89
4/6/2024	Debit (Range Fees)	\$(140.16)	\$4,114.73
Ending Balance			\$4,114.73

Balance should increase dramatically with annual dues received in May and June.

I will not run again for treasurer because I will be in Africa from August through December.

Respectfully,

Monterey Plainsman

Michael W. Simpson
Treasurer, South Texas Pistoleros
(210) 884-0991



To pre-register for the **May 4, 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!

It was fun getting to come watch ya'll shoot in April, but it wasn't real fun! I plan to be returning lead to Mother Earth in May so watch out. No seriously, watch out. Who knows where I may end up shooting!

Was great seeing El Muchado and (not so) Little Mississippi coming through the gate. Been a few years, but they picked it right back up. Hope we get to see them more and more.

As the scores stood, Picoso came in first with 143.65 seconds which is averaging 1.29 seconds a shot (111 total rounds) even having to reset the targets on Stage 5! If you stripped Stage 5, his total time was 99.65 seconds for four stages of 85 shots which averages out to 1.17 seconds a shot! I'm not sure if Picoso has ever shot a stage that took him 44 seconds like Stage 5 did. He could have shot three other stages in that time. I was afraid he was going to get winded!

With all five stages counting, PJ came in second (169.54/avg 1.53) and El Muchado came in third (172.81/avg 1.55). Little Mississippi came in fourth (175.10/avg 1.58). Closing out the sub-200 crowd, Newt came in fifth (189.63/avg 1.70) **HOWEVER**,...if you strip Stage 5, Little Mississippi came in **SECOND** (118.36/avg 1.39) and PJ dropped to third (123.89/avg 1.46) and El Muchado fourth (125.34/avg 1.47.) ...close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades (and thermos nuclear weapons) and Stage 5 counted so, sorry Little Mississippi. Newt still closed out the top five (133.43/avg 1.57). Newt also shot clean along with Latigo Lee and Sauk Valley Sam.

I am still on light duty through mid-May so will still need some strong backs (weak minds optional) for set up on 3 May. Had several requests for a Josey Wales shoot so looking at the June match for that.

'Nough said...brass is up, targets are **NOT** up, somebody reset the shotgun targets....okay, shooter up!



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

Local Shows

May 31st – Jun 2nd, 2024
The San Antonio Gun Show
Alzafar Shriners
901 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78258
(210) 844-9599

Area Shows

May 4th – 5th, 2024
The San Marcos Gun Show
City Of San Marcos Conference Center
1001 E McCarty Ln
San Marcos, TX 7866
(210) 844-9599

Dates and locations of gun shows are subject to change, some may be cancelled due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), so please contact the show before travel

The Bean Pot.....



Comancheria Days 2024
“This is fun!”

Monterey Plainsman, Posse Marshal, Posse #6



The *Texican Rangers* hosted another great Annual Match between April 10-16, 2024 at Stielers Ranch. Some 167 Cowboy Action Shooters from 11 different states and Australia registered for the Match, and 156 competed. The South Texas Pistoleros were well represented, and members shot in a wide variety of SASS Categories.

If you ever thought about giving a large CAS Match a try, Comancheria Days is a great way to “get your feet wet” with a bunch of only slightly crazy new friends.

Whaaaah Hooo!



There were twenty-one (21) **Clean Shooters** at the end of the Match. Among them were *Newt Ritter* and *Beans Ahgin*. Two other Pistoleros on Posse 6 had a clean match going until Stages 1-5 which were shot on Saturday. Stages 1-5 were a lit-



tle more complicated than Friday’s 6-10, and there was that gusty 25+ mph wind to contend with. contend with.

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'Twas a Mite Breezy...

It was either **Doc O'Bay** or **Fister Bo** who reportedly discovered that his gun cart had been blown from The Oriental (Stage 4) almost all the way to the picnic tables! **Sauk Valley Sam** shot in the **Cody Dixon Single-Shot Category**. It seemed that every time he shouldered his rifle on Saturday the wind would gust over 25 mph.. He tried holding onto his hat while shooting his heavy rifle, but eventually decided his hat could likely be found later after shooting stopped for the day. (It was.)

Latigo Lee did what?



Latigo Lee was “one busy camper.” He shot the **Frontier Cartridge Category**, where he placed **Fourth**. He also dabbled in a few Side Matches, including **Fastest Rifle**, **Blazing Saddles**, and on a whim, shot **Pistol Caliber Lever Gun Long Range** where he placed **13th** shooting Main Match BP ammo. Latigo Lee placed **Third** in **Men's 70+ Fastest Rifle**. He also won **Third Place in Costuming** at the Awards Banquet!

Are You a Real Cowboy?



“If'n it hadn't been for that **one** Procedural...” Cheered on by Miss Lucy, **Beauregard Beard** proved a force to be reckoned with. He and **Mojo Rising's** scores were very close throughout the Match shooting the **Cowboy Category**. “**Beau**” came away with a buckle for earning **Second-Place** in “**Cowboy**”.



“**Beau**” also won the **Men's Cowboy Trail Walk** with a time of 43.28, the **Men's 1911 Blazing Saddles** with a Final Time of 39.38, placed **Fourth** in the **Fastest 1911 Modern Category** with a time of 15.87, placed **Sixth** in **Men's Fastest Revolver Traditional** with a time of 5.23, placed **Ninth** in **Men's Fastest SxS Shotgun** with a time of 9.70 and placed **14th** in **Wild Bunch!**

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Saving the best for last!



The winner of the *Spirit of the Game Award* is customarily announced at the end of the Comancheria Days Awards Banquet.

During the Match, any shooter can nominate another who they feel “fully participates in the competition, dresses the part, uses the appropriate competition tools, and respects the traditions of the Old West and SASS.” *Maid Jalaff* shot on Posse 6 and, with the exception of her clueless husband, every member of the posse signed the nomination. She about fell out of her chair in surprise when Banquet MC *Handlebar Bob* made the announcement.

While still recovering from surgery, *Caprock Kid* helped with Posse chores during the Main Match on Friday. He no doubt got all kinds of ideas for future scenarios for the South Texas Pistoleros from the Comancheria Days scenarios written by *Sheriff Robert Love*.



Cowboys and Cowgirls, other CAS clubs, or businesses can sponsor a Stage at Comancheria Days even if they elect not to shoot the Match. Many wish to honor a friend who has moved on down the trail, while others are a little more whimsical.



Awards Banquet

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The Comancheria Days 2024 Saturday Night Awards Banquet was again held at the Inn of The Hills in Kerrville. This is where folks get to explain to their friends why they missed a target...or three...over dinner and an Adult Beverage.



Stretch Raffle tickets for some truly exceptional items such as a Dillon XL 750 Reloading Press and a Smith & Wesson Shield Pro pistol could be purchased for \$20 per “stretch” from *Texas Jack Daniels* for the Ladies, or from *Shotglass* and *Squawty Bawdy* for the Gentlemen.



I can't speak for *Texas Jack Daniels*, but the distaff side of the sales team always go out of their way to make a feller blush... especially while their wife is taking the photo!



Additional Comancheria Days 2024 photos and the Match and Side Match Final Scores can be found on the Texican Rangers website and on the Texican Ranger's Facebook page.

Somehow, *Dutch Van Horn* manages to not only compete, but take posse group photos and individual photos of almost all the 156 competitors as well as the Match Officials. He also edits and writes for The Texican *Star* newsletter. *Dutch* was formally recognized for his multi-faceted support of SASS, The Texican Rangers, and Comancheria Days.

A special “tip of the hat” goes out to Rangemaster *Dirty Dog Dale* who not only shot the Match, but RO'd, painted targets, picked-up trash, refilled ice chests with bottled water, and retrieved several expensive Cowboy Hats from waaaay down-range on Saturday!

◆ **Beans Ahgin**

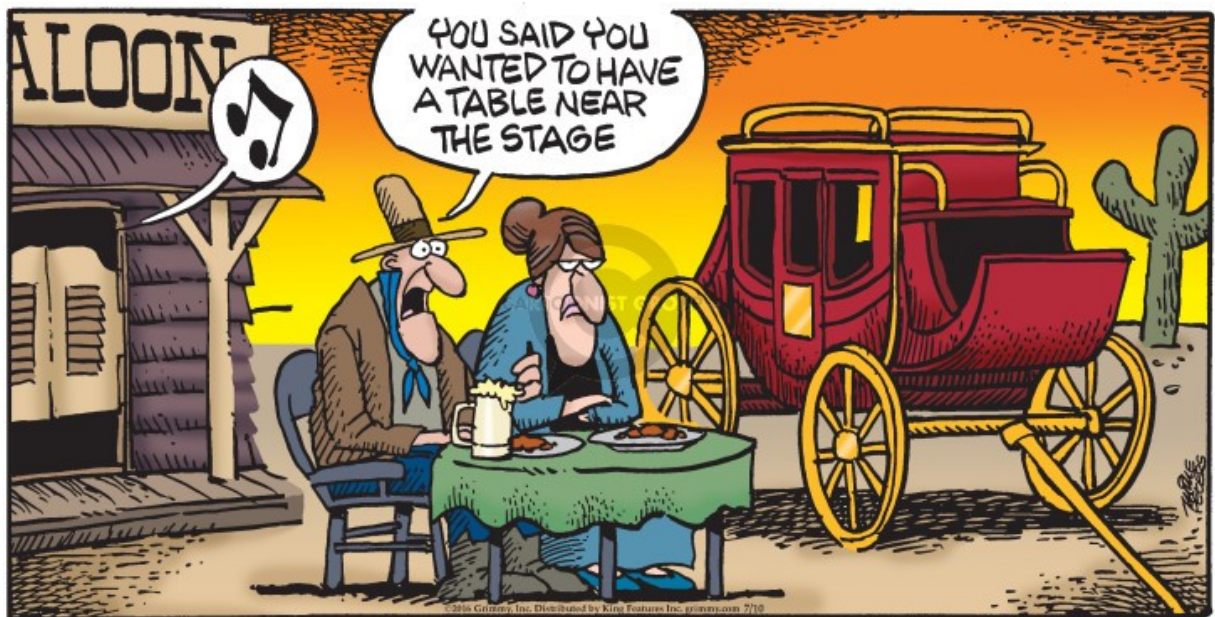


"Well, the sloth nailed him. ... Y'know, ol' Hank never was exactly a 'quick draw.'"



Don't forget at the May shoot we will be electing officers....

Thow your hat in and get elected for a position....





Howdy ya'll,

This is just a quick reminder that it is time to renew your membership with South Texas Pistoleros. Membership forms can be mailed to the address on the top of the application with your check payable to South Texas Pistoleros.

As you probably know, there is a scheduled shoot on May 4, 2024. If you bring your application on that day, please use correct change or a check.

For making life easier, an application is available at the end of the this newsletter,

- Thanks,
Natalia Sue

A reminder

Membership applications are now being accepted for the new year which runs from June to May. You can print a copy of the application from this newsletter or pick up a copy at the June shoot.

The yearly dues for individual are \$36.00 and for family \$48.00

Natalia Sue
Secretary



South Texas Pistoleros



"A Cowboy Action Shooting Club"

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New/Renewal - Membership Application

(Circle One)

Please fill in the following information, and return with membership dues to the above address.

Name: _____ Alias: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Phone: _____

SASS Member: Yes No SASS # _____

NRA Member: Yes No NRA # _____

TSRA Member: Yes No TSRA # _____

Can we include you in our directory Yes ____ No ____

Check if applicable	
Range Officer Certification	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SASS RO I
<input type="checkbox"/>	SASS RO II
<input type="checkbox"/>	SASS WB RO
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

South Texas Pistoleros

Membership Release

I, the undersigned, do hereby release and discharge the **South Texas Pistoleros** and their representatives, agents, servants, directors, employees and or any land owner or operating facility associated with the **South Texas Pistoleros**, from any and all liability of every kind and character, howsoever arising, including bodily injuries and loss or damage of property, sustained by me, my guest, and any other person or entity, having or asserting claims or rights, by, through, or under me; and I do covenant and agree to **HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY** the said entities and persons from any claims of the nature released or discharged, arising by, through, or under me.

I AM SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT FOR THE PURPOSE AND CONSIDERATION EXPRESSED AS MY FREE ACT AND DEED.

This is a legal and binding obligation from date of signature to May 31, 20 25 inclusive!

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____ - _____

Yearly dues are: Individual - \$36.00. Family - \$48.00. \$3.00 per month for individual \$4.00 per month for family for any part of year remaining. (June to May).