



South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250
Pleasanton Rd.

San Antonio
Texas

78221

**Monthly Match
Schedule for
June 1, 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

Hope everyone is having a great day. We had a great shoot to get the month started off right. I don't know about everyone but stage two kicked my butt. As always Caprock made it very interesting and he kept me off the clean

shoot board. If you happened to miss it we had a little thing called an election. I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all the folks who took it upon themselves to volunteer for positions. Congratulations to Colonel Colt Winchester our new Supreme leader and president, Beauregard Beard vice president, replacing Caprock and leaving him the job of range master, Tabasco will be taking the treasurer spot, and Long John and Natalia Sue will remain in their positions. Congratulations to all of you and I hope you enjoy your time in the leadership roles you have chosen.

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For me I now take this opportunity to ride off into the sunset following a year as vice president and two as president. I can't tell you what an honor its been having the chance to be at the service of such a great club and all of you fine shooters. I want to take a moment to thank Caprock for covering the vice presidency, and range master duties, he really does it all. Monterey Plainsman has kept us out of debt all these years thanks for your service. And I can't thank Long John Beard and Natalia Sue for everything they do to keep the club going. Thank you all so much its your work and dedication that allows us all to enjoy the shooting and the camaraderie each month

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Just a couple of more thank you's before I close this letter out. To the wooden nickel crew you guys always seem to be there when needed and your always needed, thank you. Last but not least to Mr Beans Again. Your work with HAVA really is a great way to put a spot light on what we do. You seem to be tireless with your commitment and again it shines a light on SASS. I know you don't do it alone and to the rest of you who help with that program thank you all. Again its been an honor to serve and I look forward to one day returning to a roll in the leadership of the club. Until than may you all shoot fast and accurate just not as fast as me.

PJ Mugwump

PJ Mugwump



THE NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy all you Pistoleros; as your new president I'd like to start by thanking my campaign manager, Caprock Kid, for running such a great campaign. He somehow managed to eliminate all the competition. You've probably noticed it's getting to feel a lot like summer in South Texas. While we'll be enjoying 100+ degrees this weekend, my 10 day forecast says we'll have a high of just 88 on match day. Wear your coolest cowboy clothes and remember to hydrate. I believe Caprock is developing some stages that will speed things up so we can beat the heat.

We've been having informal conversations on how to develop a recruiting program to bring in new members, especially younger members. Here are some of the ideas I recall hearing over the last couple of months.

1. Advertise:
 - a. Set up an information table at the monthly gun show(s).
 - b. Develop a video presentation showing a variety of age groups participating in matches.
 - i. Laptop presentation to be used at gun shows and other appropriate venues.
 - ii. Update our website with videos and photos'
 - c. Post flyers at shooting ranges, gun stores, etc., announcing upcoming matches and links to our website.
 - d. Repaint the Cowboy at the front gate and place him in a more conspicuous location.
 - e. Hang "the banner" in a conspicuous location on match days.
2. Introduction to CAS:
 - a. Develop a program to introduce prospective members to CAS by allowing them to shoot a stage.
3. Lower the cost of entry:
 - a. Work with gun stores to come up with a cost effective package for new members to get started.
 - b. Put a classified section on our website so members can buy and sell

There are quite a few things on the list and I'm sure there are more good ideas out there. You can email, text, call, or talk to me about your ideas at the next match. Email me at colonelcoltwinchester@gmail.com; call or text me at (210) 788-4422. Be safe and have fun.

Colonel Colt Winchester

MAY 2024 TREASURER' REPORT

Out-going Treasure's Report for May 2024

	Beginning Balance		\$4,114.73
5/1/2024	Debit (Banking Fees)	\$(16.00)	\$4,098.73
5/4/2024	Deposit (Match & Membership Fees)	\$834.00	\$4,932.73
5/4/2024	Debit (Range Fees)	\$(140.16)	\$4,792.57
5/8/2024	Deposit (Membership Fees)	\$48.00	\$4,840.57
5/15/2024	Deposit (Membership Fees)	\$84.00	\$4,924.57
5/21/2024	Deposit (Membership Fees)	\$72.00	\$4,996.57
	Ending Balance (As of 5/24/2024)		\$4,996.57

Membership fees are making us "well" again, but, come Feb, 2025 we will owe a little less than \$2,000 for liability insurance.

I now turn this over to Tabasco Kid.

Regards,

Monterey Plainsman

Michael W. Simpson
Out-going Treasurer
(210) 884-0991



Check out the club's
revised website

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www.stxpistoleros.net

Or scan here



OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025



President
Colonel Colt Winchester



Vice-President
Beauregard Beard



Secretary
Natalia Sue



Treasurer
Tabasco Kid



Range Master
Caprock Kid



Webmaster
Director of Publications
Long John Beard

To pre-register for the **June 1, 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!

Hope you enjoyed the "May the Fourth Be With You" themed match for May. Wish I had recorded the Yoda voices. Thanks to Newt Ritter for suggesting and assisting in the stage writing.

Speaking of the fourth, I mean force; believe Beauregard Beard was channeling it. Beau shot the match in 97.39 seconds; averaging 0.93 seconds a shot! ...and that includes a can tosser and the swinger! Then just to make it even better - he shot it CLEAN! (The force is strong in this one.) Picoso Kid was only 0.93 seconds behind him averaging 0.94 seconds a shot. Strip out bonuses and Beau shot a 102.39/0.98 and Picoso shot 113.3/1.08. The rest of us were waaaaay back there. Nine shooters got the bonuses on Stage 1 (can tosser) and nine got at least one flag wiggle on Stage 4. Picoso and Latigo Lee were the only shooters to get all three bonuses (bonii?).

Reminder that for June's match you can shoot Josey Wales (JW) category, but it is not required. (If you don't know who Josey Wales is...google it...and watch the movie!) Bottom line - JW shooters shoot pistols in lieu of a rifle. These pistols will be shot at the rifle targets. Yes, I said "at" - for some of us it will be "in the general direction" of the rifle targets. Guess we will be using that thingy on the end of the barrel! Please let Long John Beard and Natalia Sue know you are shooting JW when you sign in. Yes, you can shoot .22LR for JW and yes, you can swap cylinders in pistols for JW just watch the 170 rule.

DO NOT wear all four pistols in holsters on your leather. Your JW pistols MUST be staged so bring a gun bag to carry your JW pistols to the loading table. A 'facilitator' will make sure your gun bag gets from the loading table to the unloading table. While moving with JW pistols, please keep the barrels pointed up to prevent sweeping others.

JW shooters may shoot their shotguns or can shoot a pistol in lieu of shotgun. The pistol must be loaded on the clock like you would a shotgun. "Stoking on the clock" is allowed so pistol may be loaded with up to five rounds! Like the shotgun, you shoot until you get a hit. Knockdowns do not have to go down. You may use a fifth pistol (staged empty and open if design allows)) or reload one of your other pistols. Which pistols (holstered or staged) that is reloaded will depend on where they are staged and fired and will be described in the stage instructions. Derringers and pocket pistols are allowed for shotgun substitution, but you must hit the target! Derringer shooters be careful not to sweep yourselves or others when loading.

I cannot be there for setup on Friday, 31 May so will need assistance in getting the stages set up.

'Nough said...if you have shot, swap out, brass is up, targets are up, shooter up!

The Bean Pot.....



The Fight at Espantosa Lake

By 1876, famed Ranger Captain Leander McNelly was in San Antonio, enduring the last stages of tuberculosis while in the care of Dr. Cupples. (If you ever wondered about how Cupples Road got its name...)

McNelly had a second-in-command in the form of Ranger Sergeant John Armstrong, who came to be known as “McNelly’s Bulldog.” King Fisher had long been a thorn in McNelly’s side. He had evaded several attempts by McNelly to charge him with cattle and horse thefts. In September of 1876, McNelly learned of Fisher’s involvement in some recent episodes of “stock relocation” near Uvalde. From his sickbed, he ordered Sergeant Armstrong to take twenty-five Rangers and deal with the thieves. (In today’s parlance, “alleged thieves.”)

From their camp at Oakville, Armstrong’s men made the one-hundred-mile ride to Carizzo Springs at lightning speed. They were determined to catch not only King Fisher, but some bank robbers from Goliad who were reportedly hiding in the area. Armstrong’s instructions were simple.

“Boys, we are going to capture those thieves or kill them. The reason I did not bring more men along was because I was afraid these fellows wouldn’t resist if we were so many.”

Arriving in the area, they almost immediately captured five suspected thieves, among them one Noley Key. Armstrong had him roped around the neck and suspended a few feet in the air while they questioned him. Key agreed to guide them to a camp on the west side of Espantosa Lake where a horse herd was being held pending their sale to another group of entrepreneurs camping on the Devils River. Key also informed them that King Fisher had left a few days earlier with a herd of cattle to be sold in far west Texas.

Armstrong elected to deal with the horse thieves at Espantosa Lake first.

“Key tells me that the gang stood off the sheriff and his posse a few nights ago, and so they will be looking for officers and be prepared to fight. That is just what we want. If they only fire at us, we can rush in on them and kill them all.”

Under the light of a half-moon, a party of just five Rangers got within fifty yards of the camp when they were confronted by a sentry. The sentry fired at Armstrong

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and missed his chance by mere inches. The night then erupted in gunfire in what was later referred to in the Ranger lore as the *Fight at Espantosa Lake*. By the time the Rangers made it to the campfire, all the horse thieves were either wounded or dead.

Ranger Jennings reported that as he approached the camp he had a shoot-out with one of the bandits named John McAlister. McAlister was blazing away with his pistol while cursing, something that only ended when Jennings shot-away McAlister's jaw with a rifle shot.

At the same time, Ranger Boyd fought it out with one John Martin, known in the Ranger "Crime Book" as One-Eyed John. He had a gouged-out left eye and was known to ride with another notorious bad man by the name of Burd Oberchain. Martin was a large man and had already taken a wound to his hip. After emptying his pistol at Boyd with no effect, he tossed the empty pistol at Boyd and drew a large knife from his boot. When Boyd's Winchester jammed, Martin hurled himself at Boyd. Boyd dodged Martin's knife and drew his own blade. By the time the fight ended, both men had suffered multiple stab wounds. The knife fight ended when Boyd rode Martin's back into the lake. After several desperate minutes, Boyd emerged alone from the lake.

Sergeant Armstrong was able to identify four of the dead bandits listed in the Crime Book. Somehow, bandit Jim McAlister was discovered still alive. Armstrong ordered both Ranger Boyd and McAlister to be taken to the nearest doctor.

Another party of Rangers had been assigned to the far side of the lake to cut off any escapees from the attack on the main camp. Those Rangers rounded up seven prisoners. By the time the night was over, the Rangers had taken captive some twenty-two thieves. All of the prisoners were tied together in pairs before mounting bare-back horses for the grueling thirty-five-mile ride to Eagle Pass.

Sergeant Armstrong's report on the action pleased Captain McNelly. In January of 1877, Captain McNelly was deemed unfit for service and summarily discharged from the Rangers. It was learned that the medical bills submitted by Dr. Cupples amounted to almost one-third of the total needed to pay the entire company.

McNelly had served Texas well but was now simply "kicked to the curb." McNelly had no choice but to return to the family farm at Burton. Defeated, defamed, and gravely ill, Leander McNelly died of tuberculosis on September 1, 1877. He was quietly buried in Washington County, where the cattle baron Richard King erected a tall gravestone to commemorate his service to Texas.

-Texas Pistoleers, G.R. Williamson, History Press
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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

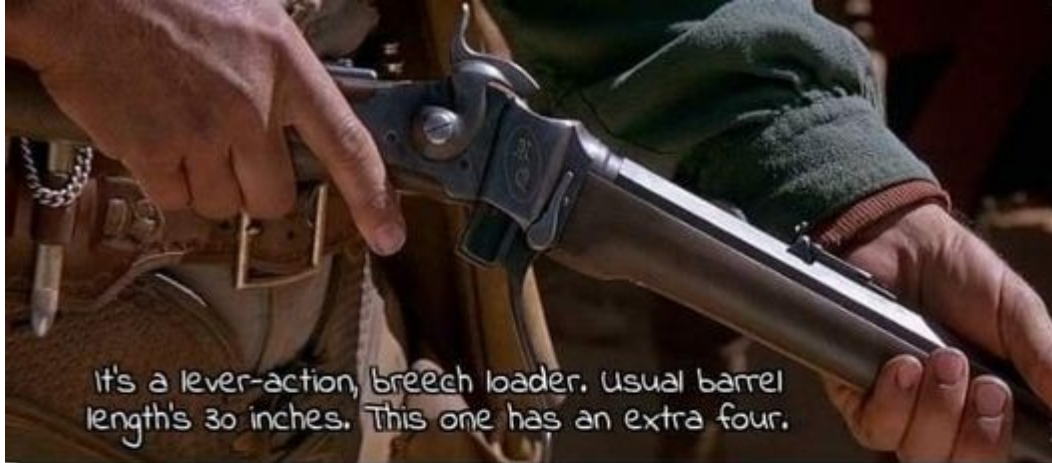
May 31st – Jun 2nd, 2024
The San Antonio Gun Show
Alzafar Shriners
901 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78258
(210) 844-9599

Area Shows

Jun 22nd – 23rd, 2024
The 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 travel**

Courtesy of SaukValley Sam, for more information on Long Range Shooting contact him.



It's a lever-action, breech loader. Usual barrel length's 30 inches. This one has an extra four.



THE SOCIETY OF
CINEMATIC QUOTATIONS

It's converted to use a special .45 caliber, 110-grain metal cartridge, with a 540-grain, paper-patched bullet.



It's fitted with double set triggers, and a vernier sight. It's marked up to 1200 yards. This one shoots a mite further.



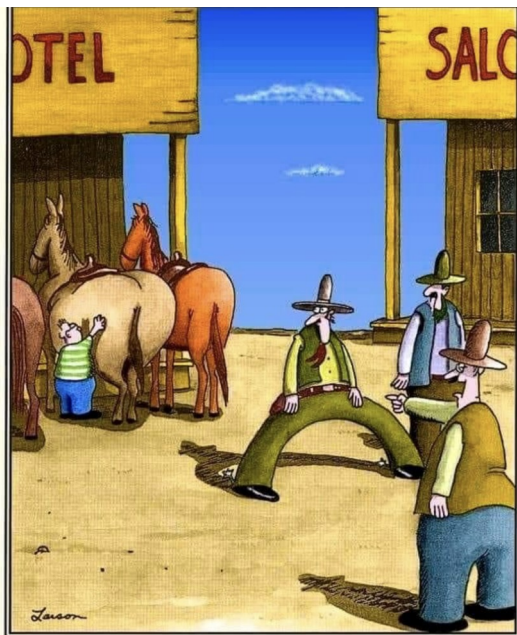
THE FUN GALLERY



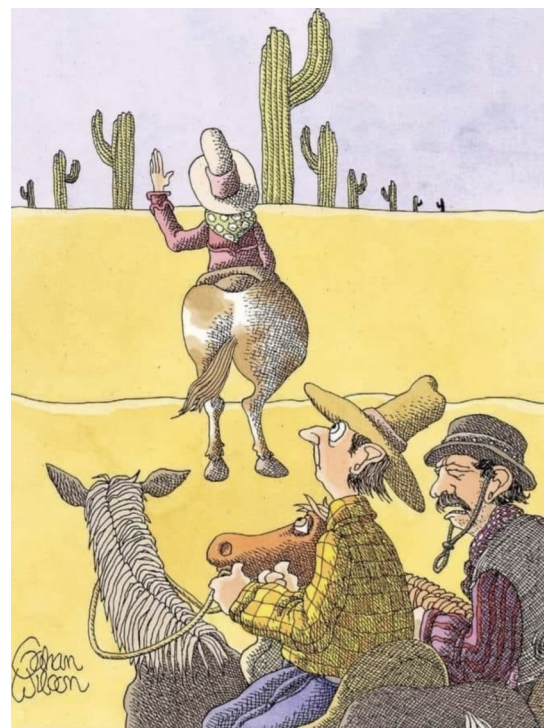
"Well, there it goes again. ... Every night when we bed down, that confounded harmonica starts in."



"You meathead! Now watch! ... The rabbit goes through the hole, around the tree five or six times ..."

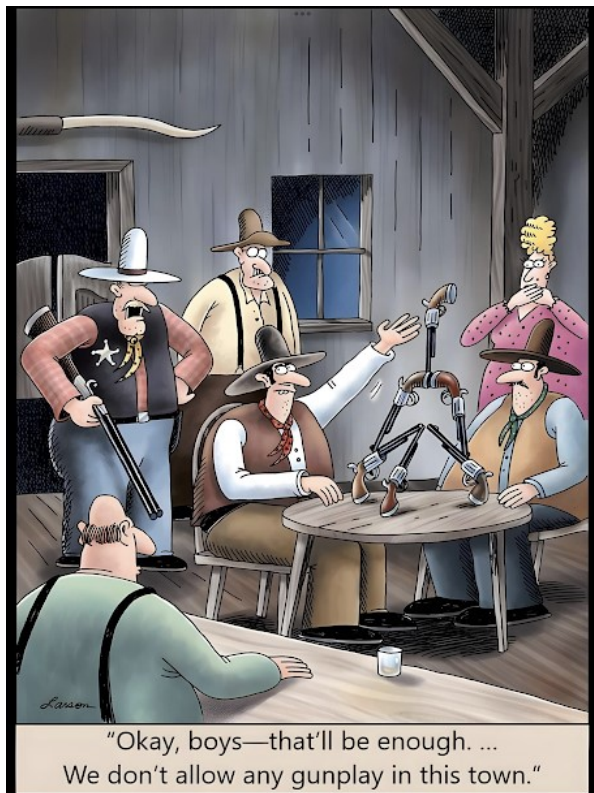
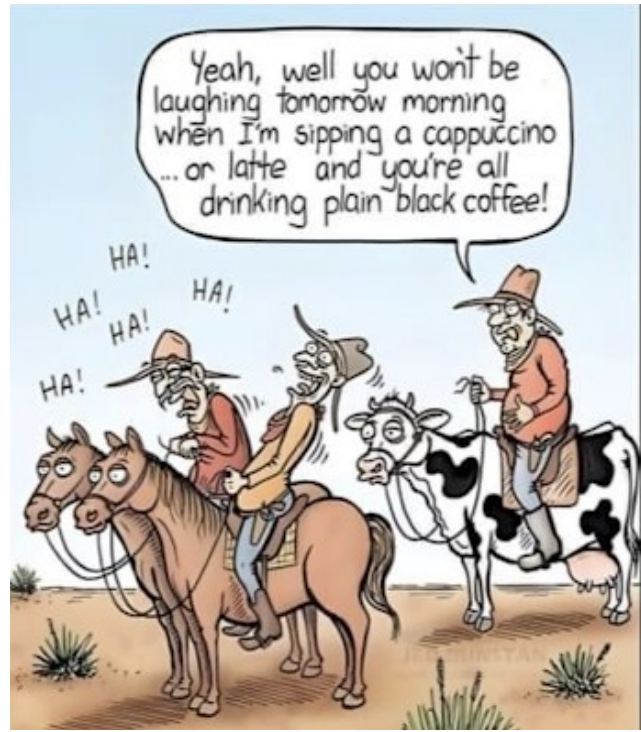


"Dave! Ain't that your horse that kid is messin' with?"



"It's not a good sign when cowboys start waving back to the cacti!"

THE FUN GALLERY





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 at the top of the application with your check payable to South Texas Pistoleros.

As you probably know, there is a scheduled shoot on June 1, 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"

119 PR 6706 Natalia, Texas 78059

Phone: 210-414-7786 Email: lngjhnbeard@gmail.com

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).