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Howdy Texican Rangers! First off, I want to extend a special “thank you” to all who participated in the Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) Regional Match. A total of 41 shooters registered and we fielded 2 posses. After shooting the six stages we sat down to a spaghetti and meatball lunch. We held a

drawing for one of the gun cases provided by TSRA to the club for TSRA Political Action Committee (PAC) donations made during Comancheria Days 2014. Ironically the name that came out of the hat was **Shooting Iron Miller** who, you remember, was match director for Comancheria Days. Participation in a balloon busting side match provided an additional \$200 in donations to the PAC which resulted in TSRA providing another gun case to the club.

On September 13th we rounded up the 2014 shooting schedule at our clubs’ annual **Shindig** match. We tried to make sure that everyone who came to **Shindig** this year went home with something. Upon signing in every member was given the opportunity to select a door prize of their choosing from the Texican Rangers souvenir shop such as caps, mugs, T-shirts or cart towels. Awards for annual club ranking were presented three deep wherever

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Texican Rangers’ last shoot for 2014 will be on **Saturday, October 11th**. The ranch/range will be shut down after that shoot and turned over to the hunters until January 2015. Come on out and join in the FUN!



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possible. We gave Alamo key chains to work party volunteers and drew names to give away two guns, two custom knives, a shotgun recoil pad system from Gunstock Smith and Miss Cubbie and the three remaining gun cases provided to the club by TSRA. Congratulations to all of you who won an award and to those who were lucky enough to receive one of the prizes given away.

Unfortunately accidents happen! Two match DQ's occurred during **Shindig** which also resulted in some minor injuries sustained by both **Blue Thorn** and **Dutch Van Horn**. Wet wooden floors and wet leather soles prove to be an unfortunate combination. But corrective actions will be taken in the future. Abrasive grit floor texture will be applied to the wood floors early next year at the Jail, the Train, the Jersey Lily, the Fort and High Noon. We will also try to avoid scheduling the use of those stages when rain is forecasted. If possible we will set up alternate stages at locations without wood floors. **But when it is wet don't run on wood surfaces!**

This was not brought up for discussion at Shindig but since that is the annual club meeting I was remiss in not mentioning it. The Executive Committee is deeply involved in revising the club Bylaws. They were revised most recently in 2011 and that was when the election of officers was scheduled to occur in June of each year. But that has confused the calendar even more than it was before. So what's it gonna cost me, you ask? Well hopefully nothing additional. No financial impacts to present members are anticipated at this time. The major changes being discussed include:

- Rescheduling the annual elections to be held at Shindig in September and the new officer's terms to begin in the following January. This will allow a three month overlap between the outgoing officers and the incoming officers to ensure a smooth transition. During that time the outgoing and incoming officers will all be able to participate in the planning for the next year's shooting calendar and Comancheria Days.
- Revising the terms of office for the Secretary, Treasurer and Range Master so they are staggered in a way that provides continuity of offices. These officers will serve two year terms alternating between even and odd numbered years. The President and VP will both continue to serve in minimum one year terms.
- Simplifying the election process to a "show of hands" vote by the membership present at Shindig.

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- Establishing a Buckaroo Membership Fee and eliminating the Initiation Fee.
- Removing of a lot of unnecessary detail and reorganizing the structure of the document. Any detail that is removed and is felt to be necessary to operate the club will be included in a Range Operating Manual.

My plan is to have the draft revised By-Laws available for distribution in the November – December timeframe so we can call for a vote on their approval at the January shooters' meeting.

There has been discussion of offering a "Bolt Action Military (BAM)" shooting category. One thought is to offer this as a separate side match to a monthly match or perhaps offer it as a regular category during the regular monthly match. My preference is the latter where the BAM shooter is to the 1911 shooters as the Cody-Dixon category is to the Cowboy Action Shooters. **Nueces Slim** and **Grouchy Spike** will be putting something together soon so that we can offer it next year.

We are going to again set up a "Speed Stage" at the Jersey Lily. The targets will be placed and not moved for the entire year. The stage may be used as part of a match and the shooting order may be revised but the target positions will be preserved. I have been asked by several shooters about leaving the stages "open" after a match. So shooters could request the Speed Stage to remain "hot" for a period of time to allow use for individual practice. Timers will also be made available upon request.

Thanks again to **Quintana** for continuing to run the Long Range activities and work on the Long Range stage. The Long Range stage continues to improve and it should be completed sometime early next year. I think you all will be pleased with and proud of the final product when it is done.

And once more I would like to invite you to look on our website for the historical archive **Quintana** has put together on the Texican Rangers club. This has obviously been the result of a personal desire on his part. Thank you, **Quintana**, for your effort to capture and preserve the spirit of the Texican Rangers.

I will not be able to attend the match in October since I will be traveling to Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. But that match will be in the capable hands of **GeePee** backed up by **Nueces Slim** and the rest of the team. I hope you all enjoy it and pitch in to move in all the remaining targets to close the range for the rest of 2014. The hunters are already there when we are not.

Finally, thanks for paying attention to the gates. Occasionally, the ranch owner will ask us to keep one or both gates open during a match. In that case we do not post the signs on the gates and try to post someone at the gates to communicate that. If in doubt, the best practice is to close and secure the gate.

So for now amigos, stay thirsty and I hope to see y'all again in January, 2015.

Texican Rangers, let's ride!

Yuma Jack

TEXICAN RANGERS - CHAMPIONS-2014

Congratulations to the 2014 Category winners:



| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Cattle Baron | El Paso Lee |
| Classic Cowboy | Bandera Kid |
| Cowgirl | Shooting Iron Miller |
| Duelist | Charlie Reynolds |
| Duelist (2 nd) | Culebra Blaze |
| Duelist (3 rd) | Hawkeye |
| Duelist Senior | Newt Ritter |
| Duelist Senior (2 nd) | Big John Mesquite |
| Duelist Senior (3 rd) | Firefly Judd |
| Duelist Silver Senior | Marshall Willy |
| Elder Statesman | Bison Jim |
| Elder Statesman (2 nd) | Dusty Leather |
| Elder Statesman (3 rd) | Frank Longshot |
| Frontiersman | L.W. Hannabass |
| Frontiersman (2 nd) | Texas Sarge |
| Frontiersman (3 rd) | Jake Jones |
| Frontier Cartridge | Hopalong Herbert |
| Frontier Cartridge (2 nd) | Blue Thorn |
| Frontier Cartridge Duelist | Lars Christopherson |
| Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter | Yuma Jack |
| Forty-Niner | Joe Darter |
| Forty-Niner (2 nd) | Eaton Crowe |
| Forty-Niner Lady | Shootin Star |
| Gran Patron | Shotgun Hammond |
| Gunfighter Senior | General Burlison |
| Senior | Dutch Van Horn |
| Senior(2 nd) | Nueces Slim |
| Senior (3 rd) | Marshall Brooks |
| Silver Senior | Skyhawk Hans |
| Silver Senior (2 nd) | Sheriff Robert Love |
| Silver Senior (3 rd) | Gee Pee |
| Silver Senior Lady | Haddy Heard |
| Wrangler | Whiskey Kid |
| Cleanest | Shotgun Hammond |
| Fastest Female Shooter | Shooting Iron Miller |
| Fastest Male Shooter | Skyhawk Hans |

THE WOMAN BEHIND LIBERTY VALANCE



(James Stewart, John Ford and John Wayne)

Dorothy Marie Johnson was born in 1905 in McGregor, Iowa. An only child, she moved with her parents to Montana in hopes of finding a better climate for her father's ill health. It was to no avail and by the time Dorothy was ten her father had died.

Dorothy had always loved to read and as she grew up, she became interested in writing. To help her mother and to help support the family, Dorothy began writing, while in high school, for *The Daily Inter Lake* in Kalispell, Montana.

Dorothy was by today's standards a trailblazer....she finished high school, she attended Montana State College in Bozeman and Montana State University in Missoula majoring in English.

Dorothy briefly and unhappily married and then divorced. While in college she met a "smooth-talking" soldier at Fort Missoula. The marriage ended in 1929 leaving Dorothy with "gambling debts, regret and a determination to remain single for the rest of her life!"

To help her pay off her college and ex-husband's debts she wrote and sold her first professional story to *The Saturday Evening Post*. Her writing was sidetracked by WWII as she went to work for the Air Warden Service.

Dorothy moved to New York and lived there for almost fifteen years. She took whatever writing jobs she could find, eventually becoming the editor of *The Woman* magazine. All the while spending her free time at the library or movies reading about the West or watching Westerns.

Dorothy missed Montana. Up until this time, Westerns, tales of cowboys and rustlers, had been written by men. Men like Zane Grey, Louis L'Amour, Luke Short and others.

Dorothy changed her byline from Dorothy Marie Johnson to Dorothy M. Johnson and she began to write.

Dorothy M. Johnson was the "woman behind Liberty Valance". She wrote the short story that was turned into one of the greatest Western movies ever made.

She wrote about shootouts, villains and heroes. Dorothy did extensive research on her subjects and did not just write off the cuff. In addition to *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, she also wrote 17 books and over 50 short stories including: *Some Went West*, *The Hanging Tree*, *A Man Called Horse*, *Buffalo Woman* and *All The Buffalo Returning*.

The Western genre may have once been a "man's club" but it soon welcomed Dorothy M. Johnson. She was welcomed by the likes of John Ford, John Wayne, and James Stewart from the movie *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, Gary Cooper from the 1959 movie *The Hanging Tree* and Richard Harris from the 1970 movie *A Man Called Horse*.

Dorothy M. Johnson died in 1984 at the age of 78. "She prided herself on her self-sufficiency after her failed marriage. She stated that her epitaph should read "Paid in Full", her grave in Whitefish, Montana simply reads "PAID".

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Did you know.....

The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance was released in 1962 and was a black and white film. The movie was shot entirely on Paramount's sound stages. Many believe this change from the vibrant outdoor vistas of other Ford movies like *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon* and *The Searchers* was due to the age of the two stars John Wayne (54) and James Stewart (53). In the movie they played gentlemen of much lesser years and the black and white photography "helped ease the suspension of disbelief necessary to accept the disparity". Cinematographer William Clothier said it was really only about cost!

Stewart was given top billing over Wayne in the promotional posters but on theater marquees it is Wayne's name that appears before Stewart's-Ford's request.

The song "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" became a Top 10 hit for Gene Pitney. Though based on the movie's plotline, it was not used in the movie. Pitney was in the recording studio getting ready to record the song when he was informed that the film had been released. For years he tried to explain to folks who questioned him but finally he just let them believe what they wanted to believe, just like the line from the movie:

When the legend becomes a fact, print the legend.

When Liberty Valance rode to town, the womenfolk
would hide, they'd hide
When Liberty Valance walked around, the men
would step aside
'Cause the point of a gun was the only law that
Liberty understood
When it came to shootin' straight and fast, he was
mighty good

From out of the east a stranger came, a law book in
his hand, a man
The kind of a man the West would need to tame a
troubled land
'Cause the point of a gun was the only law that
Liberty understood
When it came to shootin' straight and fast, he was
mighty good

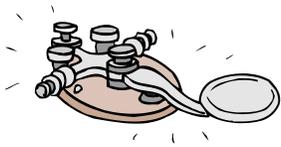
Many a man would face his gun, and many a man
would fall
The man who shot Liberty Valance
He shot Liberty Valance
He was the bravest of them all

The love of a girl can make a man stay on when he
should go, stay on
Just tryin' to build a peaceful life where love is free
to grow
But the point of a gun was the only law that Liberty
understood
When the final showdown came at last, a law book
was no good

Alone and afraid, she prayed that he'd return that
fateful night, aw, that night
when nothin' she said could keep her man from
goin' out to fight
From the moment a girl gets to be full-grown, the
very first thing she learns
When two men go out to face each other, only one
returns

Everyone heard two shots ring out, one shot made
Liberty fall
The man who shot Liberty Valance
He shot Liberty Valance
He was the bravest of them all

The man who shot Liberty Valance
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**Happy Birthday
Texicans!**

SEPTEMBER

Miss Annie Bellum (9/1)
 Wildcat Bob (9/3)
 Uncle Nick Wilson (9/7)
 A.D. Texaz (9/15)
 T Bone Paul (9/16)
 Piñata Kid (9/19)
 L.W. Hannabass (9/21)
 John Selman (9/28)

OCTOBER

Dragon Hill Dave (10/1)
 Culebra Blaze (10/6)
 Dusty Leather (10/10)
 Gunslinger Callie (10/19)

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM AGARITA ANNIE

As I look at the scoring program each month as I am entering the scores, I see more and more Silver Seniors, Elder Statesmen and even Gran Patrons! We are an aging population and with that comes certain age associated risks.

This year several of our shooters have had to experience the pain of SHINGLES, also known as zoster or herpes zoster.

Shingles is a viral infection that causes an extremely painful rash. The rash can occur anywhere but often appears as a band of blisters that wraps around the side of the body. While shingles is not life-threatening, it can be very painful.

Shingles is caused by the *varicella-zoster* virus – the same virus that causes chickenpox. Once you have had chickenpox, the virus lies dormant in the nerve tissue. For some reasons that are not fully known, the virus can reactivate years later, causing shingles.

Almost 1 out of every 3 people in the United States will develop shingles in their lifetime. About half of all cases occur in those over 60 years of age.

There is a vaccine that is available to those over the age of 60. The shingles vaccine protects your body from reactivation of the virus.

If you are over the age of 60 and had chickenpox as a kid, please talk to your doctor.

HEAD'UM UP



MOVE'UM OUT

| ★ TEXICAN RANGERS ★ | | AROUND | THE | AREA |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| October 11 | Monthly Match and Range Shut Down | Oct 3-5 Oct 4-5 Oct 11-12 Oct 18-19 Oct 22-26 Oct 30-Nov 1 | Defend Old Ft. Parker Comanche Moon Shootout SASS LA State Championship Whoopin' SASS AZ State Championship Comin' at Cha' | Ft. Parker Patriots Comanche Trail Tejas Caballeros Badlands Bar 3 |
| <u>2015</u> | | | | |
| April 8-12..... COMANCHERIA DAYS 2015 | | | <u>2015</u> | |
| | | Mar 19-22 | Trailhead | THSS |
| | | Apr 10-12 Apr 25 Apr 30-May 3 | Jail Break '15 Regulators Revenge SASS TX State Championship | Oakwood Outlaws Green Mountain Plum Creek |



CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 st Saturday | Plum Creek (Lockhart) |
| 1 st Saturday | South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio) |
| 1 st Weekend | Fort Parker Patriots (Groesbeck) |
| 2 nd Saturday | Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West) |
| 2 nd Saturday | Travis County Regulators (Smithville) |
| 2 nd Sunday | Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr) |
| 2 nd Weekend | Texican Rangers (Comfort) |
| 3 rd Saturday | Tejas Caballeros (Dripping Springs) |
| 4 th Saturday | Tin Star Texans (Fredericksburg) |
| 4 th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4 th Sunday (Long Range) | Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls) |

ALAMO AREA MODERATORS-THANKS FOR THE RIDE!

It is with deep regret and much gratitude that we pass on the message from the Board of Officers of the Alamo Area Moderators that despite their exhaustive efforts they have been unable to find a location for their club to shoot. The club has voted to close effective 9/30/14. To all the past and present Officers and members.....THANKS FOR THE RIDE!

SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS IN TEXAS

WESTERN AREA

- Butterfield Trail Regulators (Anson) (4th)
- Canadian River Regulators (Clarendon) (2nd/3rd/5th)
- Comanche Trail Shootists (Midland) (1st)
- Concho Valley Shooters (San Angelo) (2nd)
- Cottonwood Creek Cowboys (Snyder) (3rd)
- Gruesome Gulch Gang (Kress) (3rd)
- Lajitas Rangers and Rogues (Lajitas) (2nd)
- Texas Tumbleweeds (Amarillo) (1st)



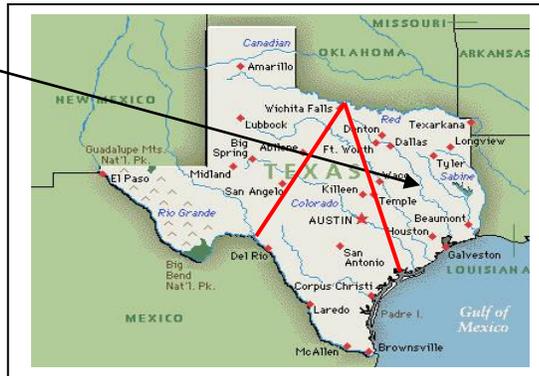
CENTRAL AREA

- Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls) (4th)
- Plum Creek Shooting Society (Lockhart) (1st)
- Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr) (2nd)
- South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio) (1st)
- Tejas Caballeros (Dripping Springs) (3rd)
- Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West) (2nd)
- Texican Rangers (Fredericksburg) (2nd)
- Tin Star Texicans (Fredericksburg) (4th)
- Travis County Regulators (Smithville) (2nd)



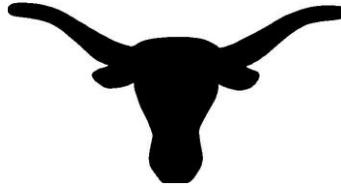
EASTERN AREA

- Badlands Bar 3 (Clarksville) (3rd)
- Berger Sharpshooters (Greenville) (3rd)
- Big Thicket Outlaws (Beaumont) (3rd)
- Comanche Valley Vigilantes (Cleburne) (4th)
- Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club (Cleburne) (2nd)
- Magnolia Misfits (Houston) (4th)
- Oakwood Outlaws (Oakwood) (2nd)
- Old Fort Parker Patriots (Groesbeck) (1st)
- Orange County Regulators (Orange) (1st/3rd)
- Tejas Pistoleros (Eagle Lake) (4th)
- Texas Historical Shootist Society (Columbus) (3rd)
- Texas Peacemakers (Tyler) (1st)
- Texas Tenhorns Shooting Club (Leonard) (2nd/Last Weekend)
- Texas Troublemakers (Brownsboro) (1st)
- Thunder River Renegades (Magnolia) (1st)
- Trinity Valley Regulators (Mansfield) (3rd)



[information obtained from *Cowboy Chronicle*]

Longhorn Bullets



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| Caliber | Weight | Config | PRICE/500 | PRICE/1000 | |
|----------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|-----|
| .38 | 100 | RNFP | 32 | 64 | |
| | 105 | FP | 33 | 66 | |
| | 125 | RNFP | 35 | 70 | |
| | 125 | FP | 35 | 70 | |
| | 130 | RNFP | 36 | 72 | |
| | 158 | RNFP | 39 | 77 | |
| | 158 | FP | 39 | 77 | |
| | 158 | SWC | 39 | 77 | |
| | .380 | 100 | RNFP | 33 | 65 |
| | .38-55 | 245 | RNFP | 59 | 117 |
| .41 | 215 | SWC | 49 | 98 | |
| .44 | 180 | RNFP | 41 | 81 | |
| | 240 | SWC | 52 | 104 | |
| .44-40 | 200 | RNFP | 45 | 90 | |
| .45 COLT | 160 | RNFP | 46 | 92 | |
| | 180 | RNFP | 41 | 81 | |
| | 200 | RNFP | 45 | 90 | |
| | 250 | RNFP | 53 | 106 | |
| 9MM | 124 | RN | 35 | 70 | |
| | 125 | CN | 35 | 70 | |
| 40 S&W | 180 | FP | 41 | 81 | |
| .45ACP | 200 | SWC | 45 | 90 | |
| | 200 | RN | 45 | 90 | |
| | 230 | RN | 51 | 101 | |
| 45-70 | 405 | FPT | 111 | 222 | |