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Howdy Texican Rangers! March came in like a lamb. We had two great days of shooting on the second weekend. We had 61 shooters mount up in four posses on Saturday and 26 shooters filled out two posses on Sunday. I think many showed up to get in some practice for Comancheria Days and the State match at Plum Creek. OK, I know some of the

stages on Saturday turned out to be mental challenges for many and I apologize for that. If they wanted to practice shooting fast on Saturday they were probably disappointed, but maybe they got to practice accuracy. At the Fort I wrote the stage specifically for Gunfighters. Although when writing it I did not recognize the problems it would pose for the traditional shooters, I was reminded by someone that so often the same is true for stages written by non-gunfighters who do not recognize the problem the Gunfighter will face when shooting it. But I will try to not do that again. I went home Saturday evening and wrote up five new stages for Sunday and they seemed to go more smoothly and it seemed the times were a little faster.

I'd like to congratulate all our Rangers who went to Winter Range. **Kit Carson** finished 10th in Gunfighter, **Sheriff Robert Love** was 26th in Silver Senior and **Shooting Iron Miller** came in 4th in Cowgirl. Other past members included **Joe Darter** 23rd in Forty-Niner and **Whiskey Kid** finishing 12th in the Wrangler category. But **Dragon Hill Dave** finished 1st in Classic Cowboy, capturing the National Championship in that category.

I am constantly amazed and impressed with the numbers of Rangers who show up to help on work days. I can't imagine that many other clubs enjoy this level of dedication and support. Again this month almost 20 people showed up to pitch in and complete an extraordinary amount of work on the range to get ready for Comancheria Days. I know Nueces Slim identified them all by name in an email but I want to express a special thanks to the following

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members who participated in the most recent efforts: **Agarita Annie, Aunt "T", Bandera Kid, Bison Jim, Chico, Dangerous Don, Dirty Dog Dale, Dusty Leather, GeePee, Grouchy Spike, Howdy Nabor, Lars Christopherson, Newt Ritter, Nueces Slim, Quintana, Sheriff Robert Love, Skyhawk Hans** and the Match Director, **Shooting Iron Miller**.

We did have a shooter try out the new Bolt Action Military Rifle category this month. **Grouchy Spike** used his bolt action rifle, 1911 and '97 shotgun to engage Cody-Dixon, pistol and shotgun targets during the regular match. Way to go Grouchy. We'll be looking forward to some other bolt action competitors as time goes by.

Our next match is Comancheria Days! It's hard to believe the time has come upon us so soon. Things are sure coming together and I will let our Match Director Shooting Iron Miller give more details later in this issue. But I just wanted to highlight a few things that I am looking forward to. First of all we are bringing in some entertainment that hasn't been present at Comancheria Days matches for a while. On Thursday afternoon, Calvin N. Hobbs and Barbary Coast will be putting on a Mounted Shooting demonstration including Mounted Rifle Shooting. On Friday we will see some fancy gun spinning and whip cracking by Pistol Packing Paula. Paula has even agreed to provide "lessons" to anyone interested. You have to provide your own gun for spinning though. Friday's dinner, under the oaks next to the HQ buildings, will be served up by El Patron from his GENUINE chuck wagon (see the article about the wagon elsewhere in this issue) and we will be entertained by Walt Perryman, Cowboy Poet and "Poet Laureate" of Luckenbach, Texas during the meal. On Saturday we will be entertained with the fancy rope twirling of Kevin Fitzpatrick. At the banquet we will be auctioning off the antique S&W "Baby Russian" revolver that I described in this newsletter last month. And we will be giving out some great First, Second and Third place awards for the various shooter categories. If you haven't registered yet, there is still time.

A couple of months ago I wrote about the firearms exhibit being highlighted at the Alamo. In addition to myself, a number of Rangers, like Newt Ritter, General Burleson, Charlie Reynolds, Jake Jones and Texas Sarge have been helping out with the exhibit. Well apparently it has been such a popular event, the Alamo has decided to extend the date for the exhibit an additional month to May 15. So if you haven't ever seen some of these old firearms, like an original Volcanic, take a run down to the Alamo almost any Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday and have a look.

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At Comancheria Days a special 52 card raffle will be offered for a chance to win a brand new special Cimarron SA Frontier™ revolver. Let me tell you that this is a really special gun. It features Pietta's new deep laser engraving process that has been written about in "Guns of the Old West" magazine. This process produces a finish almost as deep as hand engraving. The gun wears a special "two-tone" finish where the case colored frame has been polished out to an antique-looking silver finish and that is topped off with "fleur-de-lis" checkered wood grips. This model is so new, it hasn't even appeared on the Cimarron website yet. Here is your chance to be the first on your block to own one.

Oh, and while you're at it, think about nominating someone for the "Thrown Rider Award." This is an opportunity to recognize those compadres who have been knocked down and then got back up and continued to ride for the brand.

I look forward to seeing y'all at Comancheria Days 2015 to celebrate 20 years of great match tradition! Texican Rangers, let's ride!



Yuma Jack

THROWN RIDER AWARD-COMANCHERIA DAYS 2015

There's an old adage that "You have to get back on the horse that threw you." This refers to getting up and trying again after failing at some activity. Often in real life the failure has been the result of some health setback or other serious mishap that knocks one down and takes them out of action for some time. But for some, despite the almost overwhelming nature of the obstacle, there is that need to meet the challenge and fight their way back into the saddle to resume doing those things they truly love to do – such as Cowboy Action Shooting.

Starry Knight has lived through that kind of experience and fought her way back to shooting at Comancheria Days the last few years. Last year she and her husband, Dutch Dave, graciously offered to present a brand new Cimarron single action revolver to some other "thrown rider" as their way of giving

back to so many who helped them while Starry Knight was ill. This has become known as the "Thrown Rider Award". Dutch Dave has offered to provide it again this year.

We need the names and the stories of nominees for this benevolent award. If you know someone who you feel qualifies let us know. We would also like you to provide us with the story of their personal struggle and recovery. Please contact me directly or at jthomas1247@satx.rr.com or Shooting Iron Miller at a_fite@sbcglobal.net with any nominations by April 4, 2015. All nominations will be reviewed and the winner selected by the Comancheria Days 2015 Committee. The award will be presented in person at the Saturday Night Banquet. So in considering your nominee, it is important that they be able to attend the Banquet, given that the award is a firearm.

MESSAGE FROM THE CD MATCH DIRECTOR

Plans for Comancheria Days 2015 are in full swing! The Old West is alive and well in Kerr County, as Grouchy Spike would say. You will not want to miss this year's annual shoot. This year marks the 20th year we've hosted this event at Stieler Ranch. This marks a milestone in our history. We are very proud to say that Stieler Ranch has been the only home for The Texican Rangers! We certainly have reason to make this year's event the best ever and as I've said before, we want you to be a part of it.

Our vendor line-up is quite impressive this year. We've had a really good response from a wide-range of folks that will be joining us. We'll have Lonestar Leatherworks, Old Scyene Dry Goods & Dress Shop, Klassic Laser Works, Michael Elledge Handmade Ammunition Chests, Chili Petin Hats, White Wolf Trading Co., Earthwalkers, Larry Hopewell, Engraver, Sgt. StroDog Western Art Gallery, Rusty Pawl, Charlie Saringo & Tascosa Kid and San Antonio Geneological and Historical Society. We will likely be adding to this list before the event, so be sure to visit us to shoot and shop! Encourage your family and friends to come on out as well. There will be something for everyone!

We will also be heading up our very own Wild West Show during Comancheria Days, one that will include a mounted shooting demonstration by none other than Calvin N. Hobbes and Barbary Coast, fancy pistol handling by Pistol Packing Paula, unbelievable trick roping by Kevin Fitzpatrick and poetry from Walt Perryman, cowboy poet of Luckenbach, TX! So get ready for a rip-roarin' time!

When it comes to shooter prizes, raffle prizes, and more, we are set to impress! We will have a Dillon 650, 1911 pistol, 1873 short rifle, Pietta pistols, handmade knives, gift certificates, Colt action jobs, firearms (of course), pistol and rifle cases, spurs, ladies fancy hat and necklace, and much, much more. In case you haven't heard, we will have a 1 in

52 chance of winning a Pietta, laser engraved pistol, with wood grips. You'll be able to purchase a card(s) from a deck of 52 as a chance to win when you get to Stieler Ranch for the shoot.

One other item we will have as an auction item is an antique Smith & Wesson, Top Break .38 Single Action, First Model (Baby Russian) with a spur trigger. It is something to see! It will be encased in a wooden box, alongside a "matching" knife, sheath, cleaning tools, a bronze S&W buckle and a genuine S&W Inspector fob. This is definitely something you won't want to miss! Be sure to be at the banquet in order to win any of the firearms that will be offered.

Just when we thought things couldn't get any better for this year's Comancheria Days preparation...they did! Remember the days when we had a chuck wagon at Stieler Ranch? Well, this year we will have it again! You heard me right. We will have an authentic chuck wagon (fully restored from the 1800's) on site during our event this year! We will have coffee and cobbler or biscuits available each day, as well as a delicious fajita dinner with all the fixins' on Friday night when we present the Side Match awards. Plan on joining us for live entertainment, great food, and of course, the opportunity to visit with your favorite cowboys and cowgirls. You can't beat that! I hope to see you at Comancheria Days 2015! Register soon if you haven't already! Times 'a wastin'!

Shooting Iron Miller

Every once in a while things just fall into place. Recently just such an event occurred. On Sunday at the Monthly Match, a visitor, Rick Fairchild (El Patron), came out to the ranch. Several of us have been communicating with El Patron via email and phone as he gets started with CAS. Once he arrived at the ranch we hooked him up with a posse so he could observe and ask questions. Grouchy Spike was on that posse and he and El Patron got to talking and Grouchy discovered that El Patron had a chuck wagon and he said: "You might want to talk to Agarita Annie". And.....the rest is history! WELCOME El Patron and thanks for offering to help us with Comancheria Days your chuck wagon is just what we were looking for! Agarita Annie

EL PATRON'S CHUCK WAGON

Attached is a photo of me and my wagon. It was taken last fall at the American Chuck Wagon Association gathering in Fredericksburg.

I have been a wagon cook for about 12 years. I got my start on the Brite Ranch (est. 1885) in Jeff Davis Co. I have since cooked on the Rocker B Ranch in Barnhart, the 4-M Ranch in Langtry and others. I am currently at the 605 section Longfellow Ranch in Pecos Co. I also use my wagon for catering special events.

The exact date and manufacturer of my wagon is unclear. However, I do know that it was built in the 1880's and has Springfield running gear. It was very common to combine boxes and running gear from different brands of wagons. Serial numbers and parts were not standardized back in those days. It was originally sold by a wagon shop in Fredericksburg, as it is stenciled on the original seat back.

Chuck wagons are simply farm wagons that are equipped to feed men on the trail and range. I have restored my wagon to be historically accurate. The chuck box, barrel rack, oven boot and forged iron accessories were all built by me. There are no arc welds, Phillips head screws or plated fasteners anywhere on the wagon. The remaining paint is original. I preserve the finish of the wood and iron with food grade mineral oil. It is designed and equipped to feed several men three hot meals per day during the cattle work in spring and fall or up the trail on drives. As a practical matter, it is sparsely equipped, as camp is broken and moved frequently.



COLT 1847 WALKER by Dutch Van Horn



The success of the Paterson Colt after the company went bankrupt was what prompted Texas Ranger Captain Samuel Walker to approach Samuel Colt in 1846 to make guns again. Their collaboration resulted in the largest and most powerful black powder-repeating handgun ever made.

To give you some idea of its power, the 44-40 metallic cartridge that was developed 26 years later was a .44 caliber propelled by 40 grains of black powder. The Walker Colt was a .44 caliber propelled by up to 60 grains of black powder. Talk about muzzle blast and recoil! The gun was massive at 4 ½ pounds unloaded with a 9-inch barrel. The Walker with a load like that was more powerful than the .54 caliber Mississippi Rifle used by the American Army at this time.

Colt didn't have a factory at this time so he commissioned Eli Whitney Jr. to manufacture 1000 of the revolvers and accoutrements for the Texas Rangers and an additional 100 for himself for private sales and promotional gifts. What a smart businessman!

Colt recommended the gun not be loaded with more than 50 grains of black powder. Try telling that to a Texan. So 300 of the original 1000 that went to fight in the second Mexican American war were sent back to repair ruptured cylinders.

Now for the surprise. A handgun was not what Captain Samuel Walker asked Samuel Colt to design. He was Captain of the Mounted Rifles, later called the Texas Rangers, and he asked Colt to make a revolving rifle. Colt told him he made handguns but he could make one as powerful as a rifle, and he did. The success of the Walker Colt and later the Colt Dragoon evolved to the creation of the first successful Revolving Carbine in 1855.



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COLT 1847 WALKER (con't from age 6)

The Colt Walker was considered the most powerful commercially produced handgun from its creation in 1847 until the .357 Magnum was introduced in 1935.

With the success of the Walker Colt and by his smart marketing, Colt was able in 1848 to start again with a new corporation on his own. He founded the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company in Hartford, Connecticut. This company was successful and led to the development of some major firearms such as the 1851 Colt Navy and the 1860 Colt Army Models, but that is a story for next month.



LONG RANGE AT TEXICAN RANGERS reported by Quintana

March 14, the Long Range boomed again. The electronic scoring system worked well and a big thanks to those helping. The target sequence was the same as will be engaged for Comancheria Days. This year, in addition to Big Bore Single Shot & Lever Action, shooters may compete for Pistol Caliber Rifle. **Buffalo Gals WANTED.**

Big Bore shooters fire eight rounds each engaging 24" x 24" square targets from 100 to 200 yards and those elusive 16" x 16" round spheres at 100, 150 and 200 yards.

Pistol Caliber Rifle shooters each fire eleven rounds at 24" targets 50 to 200 yards.

From The Long Range Firing Line

ALL participants shot smokeless loads this match with rifles supported from a rest.

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BIG BORE LEVER ACTION REPEATER 8 Rounds 30 points is a perfect score

PLACE	SCORE	SHOOTER	CALIBER	RIFLE
1	26	Lars Christopherson	.30-30	1894 Winchester
2	25	L.W. Hannabass	.45-70	1886 Winchester
3	6	Texas Tony	.45-70	1886 Winchester

PISTOL CALIBER RIFLE 10 +1 Rounds 30 points is a perfect score

PLACE	SCORE	SHOOTER	CALIBER	RIFLE
1	19	Lars Christopherson	.44 MAG	1894 Marlin
2	15	John Wren	.45	1873 Winchester
3	12	John Wren	.45	Spencer
4	2	Texas Tony	.45	Henry

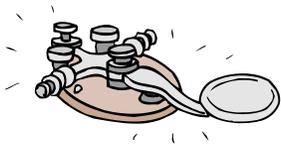
Thanks to volunteers, the **Wm. F. Cody Buffalo Hide Trading Company** is progressing. Help is needed on upcoming "work days" to add signage and complete the building's roof expansion.

Long Range Side Match competition and practice is planned for each 2nd Saturday monthly match scheduled for this year. Some clubs have a dedicated monthly "Sunday match" for their Long Range. We want to hear from you regarding your interest.

Long Shooters at Texican Rangers can challenge each other in a test of skill and competition. We can *hurrah* and honor the winners and also provide an opportunity for those new to Long Range to practice and improve abilities. Our top goal is to create a place and activity for our Rangers, both Ladies and Gents, to interact to build skills through sharing knowledge and helping each other become better shooters.

See you on the firing line. *Quintana*

Comancheria Days 2015
April 9-12



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**Happy Birthday
Texicans!**

MARCH

Choctaw Chase
 El Paso Lee
 El Sabre
 Hopalong Herbert
 Marshall Brooks
 Tombstone Mary
 Will Tinker

APRIL

EatonCrowe
 Engin Wrangler
 Frank Longshot
 Handlebar Bob
 Jake Jones
 Madam Ella Moon
 Miz Ella
 Pepper Jacq
 Tillie Baldwin

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR TEXICAN RANGERS' OFFICERS

- I. *Nomination Process:*
 - a. *Members in good standing may self-nominate or nominate other members as candidates for offices.*
 - b. *Nominees must meet the requirements for the intended office.*
 - c. *Nominations must be submitted to the Executive Committee by the last day of June.*
 - d. *Candidates shall be announced in the July and August newsletters and announced at Shooter's Meetings.*
 - e. *A candidate withdrawal must be submitted to the Executive Committee within two (2) weeks of first announcement.*
 - f. *Candidates are encouraged to write an article for the July and/or August newsletter stating their qualifications and goals.*

According to the recently revised By-Laws we will have four (4) Officer position up for election this year:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary (2 year term)
- Range Master

If you are interested in serving as an Officer of the Texican Rangers, please let a member of the Executive Committee know. All interested candidates must notify a member of the Executive Committee no later than June 30th.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

★ TEXICAN RANGERS ★	Head'Um Up - Move'um Out		
<u>2015</u>			
April 8-12..... COMANCHERIA DAYS 2015	Apr 10-12	Jail Break	Oakwood Outlaws
May 9.....Monthly Match	Apr 23-25	Oklahoma State Championship	Oklahoma City
May 10.....Monthly Match	Apr 24-26	SW Black Powder Championship	Magnolia
Jun 13.....Monthly Match	Apr 25	Regulators Revenge	Green Mountain
June 14.....Monthly Match	Apr 30-May 3	SASS TX State Championship	Plum Creek
July 11.....Monthly Match	May 15-17	TX Senior Games	Ft. Parker
July 12.....Monthly Match	May 30-31	TSRA State Cowboy Shoot	Oakwood Outlaws
August 8.....Monthly Match	Jun 18-28	End of Trail (EOT)	Founders Ranch
August 9.....Monthly Match	Oct 15-17	SW Regional	Oklahoma City
September 12..... SHINDIG			
September 13.....Monthly Match			
October 10.....Final Shoot of 2015			
November/December.....range closed			



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)

SASS AFFILIATED CLUBS IN TEXAS

WESTERN AREA

- Bounty Hunters (Levelland) (2nd)
- Butterfield Trail Regulators (Anson) (3th)
- Canadian River Regulators (Clarendon) (2nd/3rd/5th)
- Comanche Trail Shootists (Midland) (1st)
- Concho Valley Shooters (San Angelo) (2nd)
- El Vaqueros (Breckenridge) (1st)
- Gruesome Gulch Gang (Plainview/Kress) (3rd)
- Lajitas Rangers and Rogues (Lajitas) (2nd)
- Purgatory Ridge Rough Riders (Slaton) (4th)
- Texas Tumbleweeds (Amarillo) (1st)



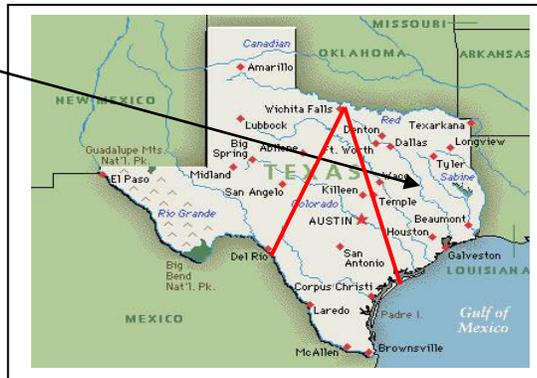
CENTRAL AREA

- 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)



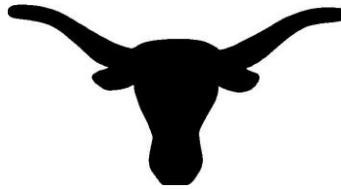
EASTERN AREA

- Badlands Bar 3 (Clarksville) (3rd)
- Berger Sharpshooters (Greenville) (3rd)
- Big Thicket Outlaws (Beaumont) (3rd)
- Buck Creek Bandoleros (Nemo) (1st/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) (3rd)
- Orange County Regulators (Orange) (1st/3rd)
- Red River Regulators (Texarkana) (3rd)
- Tejas Pistoleros (Eagle Lake) (4th)
- Texas Historical Shootist Society (Columbus) (3rd)
- Texas Peacemakers (Tyler) (1st)
- Texas Tenhorns Shooting Club (Leonard) (Last Full Weekend)
- Texas Troublemakers (Brownsboro) (1st)
- Thunder River Renegades (Magnolia) (1st)
- Trinity Valley Regulators (Mansfield) (3rd)
- Willow Hole Cowboys (North Zulch) (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
.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