

## Newsletter for the Texican Rangers

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### **Hello Texican Rangers**



The May 9th and 10th 2020 matches are cancelled.

Like everyone, we are watching the directions from our President and Governor. It looks like the road to normal will be in tiers.... Hopefully by June there will be more options available and we will be able to host a match!

So, who has caught up on reloading ammo, or cleaning guns? I can report that I have enough ammo to let Mary and I to shoot through April 2021! Now if I only could get motivated to clean some guns...

NEXT WORKDAY: June 9th. NEXT SHOOT: June 13th & 14th. Be healthy and safe!

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### Have Gun Will Travel Lawsuit By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153





I am sure you remember how Paladin looked in "Have Gun, Will Travel". Did you realize his look changed over the run of the show? The first year his trail cloths were the usual all in black but the first year he wore a white string tie, silver spurs, and his hat blocking was perfect.

Come the second year, he was still in black, but the tie and spurs were gone, and he unbuttoned the first button on his shirt. His hat was still pristine.

By the third year, he unbuttoned the second button on his shirt and his hat was not so pristine. By the end of the show's run the hat looked like his horse had stepped on it.

Why the concern about his outfit? Did you know that Victor De Costa, a former rodeo cowboy of Portuguese descent sued CBS for stealing his idea and look for "Have Gun, Will Travel"?

The first suit was a bust but in April 1974, Victor De Costa won a federal court judgment in his second suit against CBS for trademark infringement, a decision supporting his claim that he had created both the Paladin character and some concepts seen in the series.

His cowboy image notably included the nickname "Paladin", a mustache, all-black outfit including flat-top black hat, chess knight on the business card, and the motto "Have Gun – Will Travel". Though some say the name De Costa used was Paladino.

In their previous appeal the defendants claimed it was "coincidence' run riot", "more bizarre than most television serial installments". During subsequent litigation, the "court found no basis for liability for common law service mark infringement or unfair competition and accordingly reversed."

After that, De Costa applied for registration of his mark, and in 1975 the Patent and Trademark Office granted his application. Meanwhile CBS granted the syndicated broadcasting of the series throughout the United States to Viacom. De Costa sued Viacom for trademark infringement and, after an appeal, in 1991 he was awarded \$3.5 million. The award was eventually denied in 1993, and after the death of Victor De Costa (1993) the litigation was continued by his brother David De Costa.

### Bose Ikard, the Real Joshua Deets By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Most Westerns had it wrong. Not all cowboys were white. At least one in four were cowboys of color.

Bose Ikard was born a slave in July 1843 in Noxubee County, Mississippi, and became one of the most famous black frontiersmen and trail drivers in Texas. He lived in Union Parish, Louisiana, before his master, Dr. Milton Ikard, moved to Texas in 1852. Several months later Bose helped Ikard's wife, Isabella (Tubb), move the family's belongings and five children to their new home in Lamar County and soon afterwards to Parker County. The young slave grew to adulthood with his owner's family, learning to farm, ranch, and fight Indians as the Civil War drew near.

The war left Bose a free man, and in 1866 he went to work for Oliver Loving as a trail driver. After Loving was killed by Comanche Indians in New Mexico, Ikard continued in the service of Loving's partner, Charles Goodnight, for four years. The two men became lifelong friends.

Goodnight said, "Bose surpassed any man I had in endurance and stamina. There was a dignity, a cleanliness and reliability about him that was wonderful. His behavior was very good in a fight and he was probably the most devoted man to me that I ever knew. I have trusted him farther than any man. He was my banker, my detective, and everything else in Colorado, New Mexico and the other wild country. The nearest and only bank was in Denver, and when we carried money, I gave it to Bose, for a thief would never think of robbing him."

When he first went to work for Loving, they had a bronc that they were trying to break, and all the other cowboys had tried, and they had been thrown. They were kind of teasing Bose because he was black and asked him if he could break it. And he said 'sure. Ikard got the horse to stop bucking by biting it on the back of its neck. The act established him as a top cowboy.

In 1869 Ikard wanted to settle in Colorado, but Goodnight persuaded him to buy a farm in Parker County, Texas, because there were so few blacks in Colorado. Ikard settled in Weatherford and began his family at a time when Indian attacks were still common in North Texas. In 1869 he participated in a running battle with Quanah Parker's Comanche band, riding alongside his former master, Milton Ikard. Bose married a woman named Angelina in 1869 or 1870, and they had fifteen children. In his later years he attended several cowboy reunions. Goodnight visited him in Weatherford whenever the opportunity arose and gave him presents of money. Ikard died in Austin on January 4, 1929. After his burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Weatherford, Goodnight bought a granite marker and wrote an epitaph for his old friend: "Bose Ikard served with me four years on the Goodnight-Loving Trail, never shirked a duty or disobeyed an order, rode with me in many stampedes, participated in three engagements with Comanches, splendid behavior."



If the words on the grave marker sound familiar, it is because it almost verbatim with what Captain McCall says about the death of Joshua Deets. It is clear that the character of Joshua Deets, played so well by Danny Glover in "Lonesome Dove", was based on the real Bose Ikard.

### **Colt's Price War with Remington By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**



Colt continued to improve its design and its metallurgy and in 1860 came out with .44 caliber revolver on the same frame as the 1851 Navy. The frame is relieved to allow the use of a rebated cylinder that enables the Army to be chambered for the more powerful .44 caliber. Meaning that the rear of the cylinder was turned to a smaller diameter than the front. Also, the forcing cone was visibly shorter which allowed the revolver to have a longer cylinder. The barrel was rounded and increased to 8-inches over the Navy's 7 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-inches.

It was known as the 1860 Colt Army. It had a longer grip than the 1851 Navy and was chambered for the .44 caliber bullet. It was the most widely used revolver of the Civil War. It was produced from 1860 to 1873 and during that time period approximately 200,000 of manufactured. The .44 caliber bullet was propelled by 30-grains of black powder for a muzzle velocity of about 900 feet per second.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Colt was selling the 1860 Army to both sides. The Union thought that was a bad idea and discouraged Colt from selling to both sides. Colt agreed to sell to just the Union Army but at a higher price. Some would say that Colt price gouged the government when he sold them the 1860 Army for \$28.00 apiece.



Colt's patent on being the sole producer of cap and ball pistols ended in 1857. They had a complete lock on the market up until then. Colt tried to get their patent extended but Congress with growing unrest between the North and South decided that would be a bad idea. Competitors were quick to come out with their own guns. One of the best was the Remington 1858.

The Remington Army revolver was large-framed, in .44 caliber, with an 8-inch barrel. The Remington Navy revolver was slightly smaller framed than the Army, and in .36 caliber with a 7.375-inch barrel.

What gave the Remington its distinctive look was the sail. The sail was the piece of metal on the bottom of the barrel that tapers from the cylinder to the end of the loading lever. Remington kept the look even after they converted to metallic cartridges. The Remington revolver owes its durability to the "topstrap", solid-frame design and their screw in barrel. The design is stronger and less prone to frame stretching than the Colt revolvers of the same era. It had the added effect of enabling a Remington shooter to be able to remove the cylinder without removing the barrel. In fact, a Remington shooter could have several loaded cylinders and could quickly remove an empty one and replace it with a loaded cylinder much like today's speed loaders.

Remington marketed their new revolver to the military and made several variations to meet U. S. Ordnance Department recommended improvements. The 1858 Remington was Colt's biggest competitor. Many felt the Remington was a superior weapon.

Remington sales to the military were small initially. Remington's big break was the Colt factory fire of 1864. Due to the fire the Colt 1860 Army was not available for some time, so subsequently the U.S. government ordered large numbers of the Remington revolver and they did so at \$12.50 apiece.

Once Colt factory was back in operation, they had to get back the military contract. Their solution was to lower the price on the 1860 Army. Colt dropped the price on the 1860 Army to \$12.00 apiece, 50 cents cheaper than the Remington.

Colt regained the valuable military market, but Remington Arms never forgot. When later Remington came out with their 1875 Outlaw revolver to compete with the Colt Peacemaker, they strategically priced their gun 50 cents less than the comparable Colt.

### Tombstone Mary, Secretary Regulator/Life #19524



Stay safe. Be well, and hopefully we can shoot again soon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: <u>Texicanrangers@yahoo.com</u> Secretary Tombstone Mary



Chuck Norris has been exposed to the COVID-19 virus. The virus is now in quarantine for 14 days.



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Caliber	Weight	Config.	Price/500	Price/1000
.38	100	RNFP	34	68
	105	FP	35	70
	125	RNFP	38	76
	125	FP	38	76
	130	RNFP	39	78
	158	RNFP	42	83
	158	FP	42	83
	158	SWC	42	83
.380	100	RNFP	35	69
.38-55	245	RNFP	64	127
.41	215	SWC	54	108
.44	180	RNFP	45	89
	240	SWC	57	114
.44-40	200	RNFP	49	98
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	49	98
	180	RNFP	45	89
	200	RNFP	49	98
	250	RNFP	58	116
9MM	124	RN	38	76
	125	CN	38	76
40 S&W	180	FP	45	89
.45ACP	200	SWC	49	98
	200	RN	49	98
	230	RN	56	111
45-70	405	FPT	120	240

### Parting Shots COVID 19 Wisdom

1. You think you have it bad during the pandemic? Just think about how bad a time the hypochondriacs are having. Just saying.

2. Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.

3. The doctor tells the patient he has COVID 19. The patient says he wants a second opinion. The doctor says," OK, you're ugly too".

4. "A doctor is the only man without a guaranteed cure for the cold".

5. If a doctor treats your cold, it will go away in fourteen days. If you leave it alone, it will go away in two weeks.

6. A man walks into the pharmacy and asks the pharmacist," Do you have any acetylsalicylic acid?" "Do you mean aspirin?" says the pharmacist. "That's it, I can never remember that word."

7. "My dear doctor, I'm surprised to hear you say that I am coughing very badly, because I have been practicing all night."

8. You know who buys up all the toilet paper? Assholes.

9. Why do they call it the COVID 19 novel? Because it is a long story...

10. I'll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it. 11. Nail salons, hair salons, waxing center and tanning places are closed. It's about to get ugly out there.

12. Finland just closed its borders. You know what that means. No one will be crossing the finish line.

13. Did you hear the joke about the virus? Never mind, I don't want to spread it around.

14. Where do sick boats go to get healthy? The dock!

15. I ran out of toilet paper and had to start using old newspapers. Times are rough.

16. They had a panic in Germany where people were buying all the sausage and cheese they could. It was a wurst-kase scenario.

17. If there's a baby boom nine months from now, what will happen in 2033? There will be a whole bunch of quaranteens.

18. You know what they say: feed a cold, starve a fever, drink a corona.

19. Still no toilet paper in the stores. They are wiped out and you're shit out of luck.

20. What types of jokes are allowed during a quarantine? Inside jokes!

# We are all in this together!

### **Texican Rangers Regulators**

Tombstone Mary	2003
A.D. Texaz	2004
Dusty Lone Star	2008
Handlebar Bob	2010
Dusty Chambers	2010
Sheriff Robert Love	2012
Grouchy Spike	2013
Agarita Annie	2016
Joe Darter	2016
Nueces Slim	2016
Skinny	2016
Dirty Dog Dale	2017
Dutch Van Horn	2017
Shooting Iron Miller	2017

### **April Birthdays**

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Bama Sue	4/2
Handlebar Bob	4/6
Engin Wrangler	4/17
Frank Longshot	4/17
Madam Ella Moon	4/18
Pepper Jacq	4/23
Wild Bill McMasters	4/28
Eaton Crowe	4/30
May Birthdays	
Bluebonnet Nell	5/01
Marshall Willy	5/04
Pullin Triggers	5/04
Texas Sarge	5/05
Texas Tony	5/08
Shootin Steel	5/08
Bessie James	5/10
Whiskey Kid	5/16
Frontier Faith	5/17
Faye Starr	5/18
Sierra Cheyenne	05/29
Lucky Nickel	5/30
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### **Key Links**

<u>www.sassnet.com</u> <u>www.texicanrangers.org</u> <u>www.greenmountainregulators.org</u> <u>www.pccss.org</u> <u>www.stxpistolaros.com</u> <u>www.tejascaballeros.org</u> <u>www.darbyroughregulators.com</u> <u>www.trpistoleros.com</u> <u>www.texasjacks.com</u> <u>www.cimarron-firearms.com</u> <u>www.tsra.com</u>

	www.wildwestmercantile.com			
TEXICAN RANGERS				
	2020			
January 11	Monthly Match			
January 12	Monthly Match			
February 8	Monthly Match			
February 9	Monthly Match			
March 14	Monthly Match			
March 15	Monthly Match			
June 13	Monthly Match			
June 14	Monthly Match			
July 11	Monthly Match			
July 12	Monthly Match			
August 8	Monthly Match			
August 9	Monthly Match			
August 29-31	TSRA TX State Championship			
September 3 – 5	Comancheria Days			
September 12	Shindig			
September 13	Monthly Match			
October 10	Monthly Match & Final Tear Down			
November/December	Range Closed			

### CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistaleros (San Antonio)
2nd Saturday	Texas Riviera Pistoleros (George West)
2nd Sunday	Rio Grande Valley Vaqueros (Pharr)
2nd Weekend	Texican Rangers (Comfort)
3rd Saturday	Tejas Caballeros (TX Republic Ranch)
4th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4th Sunday (Long Range)	Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)

Feb 24-Mar 1 Mar 14-15 May 30

June 18-28 Sep 3-5 Sep 23-26 Oct 24-25

**April 28-31** 

2020 Winter Range Round Up SASS Texas State Wild Bunch Championship End of Trail Comancheria Days Comin' At Cha SASS Texas State Black Powder Championship SASS Southwest Regional Land Run



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