

# *Newsletter for the Texican Rangers*

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## **Hello Rangers**



On Saturday, June 10th, we had 29 shooters at the range. The breeze all morning was really nice.

We had 11 clean shooters for the match.

Congratulations to our Overall Winner and Top Cowgirl – Panhandle Cowgirl, and our Top Cowboy Alamo Andy.

On Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, we had 20 shooters and 4 clean shooters - Alamo Andy, Colorado Horseshoe, Fister Bo and Frank Longshot.

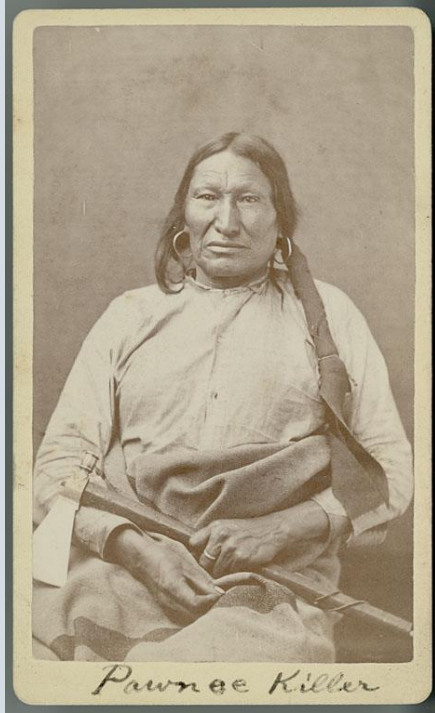
Congratulations to our Overall Winner and Top Cowboy - Alamo Andy (88.78), and our Top Cowgirl - Panhandle Cowgirl. It was a very tight match with Brazos Bo running a very close 2nd (88.97).

Thanks for coming out! We look forward to seeing everyone in July for our monthly Cowboy Match the 2nd weekend, and Wild Bunch Match the 5th weekend.

Alamo Andy  
President Texican Rangers

## Pawnee Killer

### By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Pawnee Killer (born 1826) was a leader of the Oglala Sioux. He also led a band of mixed Sioux-Cheyenne Dog Soldiers during the US war against the Plains Indians.

His name was derived from his exploits against the Pawnee, the traditional enemies of the Oglala and allies of the US government.

He was a valid and strong Oglala Sioux warrior about whom little is known.

What is certain is that he lived his experience as a warrior in the most intense period of the clash between the advancing white civilization, albeit with some difficulty, and the culture of the red man who tried to defend himself.

Pawnee Killer was not a real leader, but rather a war leader, one of those warriors who were entrusted with the warlike exploits of a band or a tribe.

He belonged to the Little Wound gang that was stationed quite frequently in the southern regions of the Platte River. And in those areas the Oglala led by Little Wound and Pawnee Killer were sometimes the protagonists of wars against the whites.

The name of the Pawnee Killer gang "Shkokpaya" – also known by the spelling variant Skokpaya – ("Basin" – in a geographical sense) is given by a list compiled by John Colhoff (White Man Stands in Sight) in 1949.

In some cases, the Southern Cheyenne also sided with the Pauux of the Pawnee Killer, especially those of the Turkey Leg gang, a notorious Cheyenne chief with whom the Oglala was quite a friend.

Pawnee Killer: He and Little Wound were both southern Oglala and Pawnee Killer belonged to a gang known as Shkokpaya, generally associated with the Kiyuksa of Little Wound, although he occasionally made independent decisions (such as joining Red Cloud's camp during the Bozeman War, while Little Wound's group preferred to camp around Fort Laramie).

In the decade 1860-70, during the "removal" from the Kiyuksa of Little Wound, (who did not participate in the Bozeman War), the gang of Pawnee Killer temporarily associated with that of the True Oglala of Bad Wound (of which he represented the "extremist" faction).

After the sad events of the Battle of the Sand Creek River in which the Cheyenne suffered enormous damage in terms of human lives, but also loss of property, the Oglala following Pawnee Killer camped near present-day Cheyenne County, Kansas in the company of bands of Arapaho and Cheyenne.

We know that Pawnee Killer was present at the famous Indian attack on Julesburg, Colorado, on January 7, 1865.

In December 1866, he participated in the Battle of Fetterman north of Fort Phil Kearny, Wyoming, the largest defeat of the U.S. Army in the long series of conflicts with the Indians of the American Northwest.

He participated in the attack on Julesburg in Colorado and the Fetterman Fight in Wyoming during Red Cloud's War. He also fought in the so-called Kidder fight in Kansas in 1867 and possibly the Battle of Beecher Island in 1868.

Some rather important friendships with famous leaders of the time are from that period, such as Red Cloud and Blue Horse of the Sioux people, Strong Wolf, Little Wolf and Dull Knife of the Cheyenne, and Black Coal and Eagle Head of the Arapaho.

By mid-April 1867, the people of Pawnee Killer were camping with the Southern Cheyenne in central Kansas when the U.S. Army led by General Hancock raged. It was the classic coup of the blue jackets; the

soldiers arrived suddenly, catching the Indian camp by surprise, to the point that there was almost no reaction. A general fugitive broke out in which only a few warriors remained behind to face the soldiers while the women, the elderly and children, led by the other warriors sought escape fleeing in every direction.

The camp was soon conquered by Hancock who set fire to the tents and everything in them.

In May 1867 Pawnee Killer and Turkey Leg had the opportunity to meet the young Custer for a negotiation, albeit quite short and without an appreciable result, to the point that shortly after breaking up, the Indians of the Pawnee Killer gang and a small group of Cheyenne Dog Soldiers attacked the rear of the column of soldiers. On that occasion there was no loss on either side of the enemy.

The following month, on June 24, 1867, Pawnee Killer and his men clashed with a detachment of the 7th Cavalry under Captain Louis Hamilton near the northern Republican River, Kansas. On that occasion the soldiers soon ended up trapped and risked being completely annihilated by the Sioux, but managed to save themselves from defeat thanks to the scarce armaments available to the Indian warriors. The soldiers, besieged, managed to make a sortie that broke through the Indian line, taking advantage of the firearms that allowed the 45 cavalymen a considerable advantage over the bows and arrows of the Oglala.

Among the known facts there is also the clash that took place between the Sioux of Pawnee Killer and the "Kidder party" on July 12, 1867. There is no certainty about the presence of the warrior during the Battle of Beecher Island in September 1868, although it is known that his camp was quite close to the area of the clashes.

Around 1869 he is stationed around Whetstone's agency, where he went to complain about an attack on them during a hunt on the Republican River, where some of his band had been taken prisoner. Agent Poole (who describes Pawnee Killer in fairly gloomy colors) then seems to attribute to him the massacre of a group of 12 white explorers also in August of the same year.

During 1869 the Sioux camps that were between the Arkansas and Platte rivers were literally wiped out by the raids of some units of the 5th Cavalry and from that date on the traces of Pawnee Killer are lost, although it is known that the Little Wound tribe (to which the war chief belonged) settled in the Red Cloud reservation in the Dakota where they lived in good harmony.

Pawnee Killer then participated, in August 1873, (along with Little Wound and the Brulé Two Strike) in the so-called "Canyon Massacre" in which a group of Pawnee hunting in the Republican area was attacked by Oglala gangs. At least 150 Pawnees, including women and children, were massacred.

Pawnee Killer was also one of the delegates to Washington in 1875 (for the Black Hills issue), along with other important Oglala leaders such as Red Cloud, Little Wound, American Horse and Bad Wound.

We know that Pawnee Killer died after that date, probably around 1880.

Besides his name, what interested me the most was a habit Pawnee Killer had. Warfare by major Native American tribes was common. They fought against one another for control of territory and its resources, as well as for captives and honor. Add to that the Pawnee Warriors would often scout for the American Army which led to some deep hatred with other tribes.



Pawnee Killer's favorite rifle was his 1866 Winchester Yellowboy. His unique habit that drew me to write this was that every time he killed a Pawnee Warrior he would add another decorative brass tack to his rifle. It is said that upon his death they counted over 100 brass tacks in his rifle. The above picture has 52, so imagine about twice that.



## Texas Ranger Main Guns from 1878 until 1894

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



We have already talked about the major Texas Ranger guns from 1874 until 1876. They were: the 1860 Colt .44-caliber "Army", the 1870 Smith & Wesson Model 3 American, the 1866 Winchester Yellowboy, and the 1859 Percussion Sharps Military Carbine converted to fire the 50-70 centerfire self-contained metallic cartridge.

I told you the story of how a gun salesman tried to talk Captain Leander McNely into buying 1873 Winchesters instead, but at the time the 1873's were going for about \$50.00 each. Rangers could buy any gun they wanted but the State only provided ammunition for certain approved guns.

Then in 1878 something happened that changed the guns of the Texas Rangers. Availability of the 1873 increased which brought down prices. The new price in Texas for an 1873 Winchester was about \$28.00. In mass the Rangers switched their rifles and the State of Texas brought a huge supply of Winchester .44 Winchester Centerfire Cartridges.



Most Rangers could keep five shots from the 1873 Winchester in a pie plate sized target at 100 yards. They liked the new round so much they recommended all Rangers update their rifles and revolvers both to the .44 Winchester Centerfire Cartridge. So after 1878 most rangers were armed with a Winchester 1873 Rifle and usually a Colt Single Action Army in the same caliber.

It stayed like this even though more modern Winchesters came out waiting for another major change in 1894. This year two things happened: smokeless powder came out and Winchester made the 1894 Rifle in .30-30. The reaction was again, the Texas Rangers in mass switched over to the Winchester 1894 Rifle. The Rangers liked their 30-30's so much it stayed their most popular rifle well into the 20 Centaury.

## Guns of the Appaloosa Movie

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



When the movie Appaloosa came out in 2008, I really enjoyed it, so much so that I have gone back and read the 10 books in the series. The first four books were written by Robert B. Parker, one of my favorite writers. After his death the series was continued by Robert Knott.

Cole & Hitch are the main characters. Cole is Virgil Cole, the new marshal of the mining and ranching town of Appaloosa. Hitch is Everett Hitch, his deputy. Cole & Hitch was a departure for Parker, who usually wrote detective novels until his Wyatt Earp novel Gunman's Rhapsody in 2001, another good read.

The Guns of the movie could almost rate star billing. The shooting action was good, however both authors didn't have an understanding of the calibers used in the old west.



Virgil Cole (Ed Harris) carries two Single Action Army revolvers in the film, his main being a 7 1/2" Cavalry model with bone grips and his belt gun/backup a 5 1/2" Artillery. Many other characters use them in the film as well. Both of Vigil's revolvers were supposed to be in .45 Long Colt.



Everett Hitch (Viggo Mortensen) carries a Colt 1871-72 Open Top .44 Caliber Revolver as his sidearm in the film. This is a subtle note in the film but a logical choice, as both his rifle (1866 "Yellow Boy") and his pistol are chambered for the same .44 Henry rimfire cartridge. Everett's back up guns are a 7 1/2 Nickle plated Colt Single Action Army and a Remington 2-shot Derringer both chambered in .45 Long Colt. Yes I know that Remington didn't chamber their Derringer for this round.



As I stated above, Everett carried an 1866 Winchester Yellowboy and Virgil had a Winchester 1873 Rifle in .45 Long Colt. Again, another instance of the authors not knowing the actual calibers used in the old west.



Almost a co-star was Everett Hitch's 8 Gauge Double Barreled Shotgun in the film, referred to only as "The 8 Gauge" in the dialogue. To handle the vicious recoil of the massive weapon, Everett has a leather pad sewn into the shoulder of his coat to help absorb the recoil. Since the only existing 8 Gauges today are antiques and are unsafe or too expensive to fire, an ingenious alternative was made. Armorer and gunsmith Steve Karnes built three "8 Gauges" for Gibbons Ltd. out of reproduction Colt 1878 shotguns, two of which fired 12 Gauge blanks with 8 Gauge sleeves over the barrels to increase the bore diameter and hide its real caliber, while one was built to chamber 8 Gauge inert rounds for scenes in which the gun was loaded, as the size between 8 and 12 Gauge is far too different for no one to notice. It was supposed to be the gun that Wells Fargo Guards used, but they actually carried 10 Gauges.

I can forgive the mistakes in the guns because the story and acting was so good. To many Western movies have the stars never reload their guns. This is one thing that the authors got right. Every time Cole and Everett fire their guns they immediately reload. The 11th book in the series comes out in September and it is called Opium Rose. Check out the books, and the movie, I think you will like them.

## Shooting Iron Miller, Secretary Regulator/Life



It's about that time again - getting ready for Nominations, Elections and Voting within the Texican Rangers.

Members in good standing may self-nominate or nominate other members as candidates for office. Nominees must meet the requirements for the intended office. All duties and responsibilities are listed in the By-Laws. Nominations need to be submitted now to the Executive Committee. Candidates will be announced in the July and August newsletters and announced at Shooter's Meetings. Candidates are encouraged to write an article for the July and/or August newsletter stating their qualifications and goals.

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting during Shindig in September.

The following officer positions need to be filled. They each have a 1-year term, except Secretary. It is a 2-year term.

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Range Master**

On a different note, I've compiled how many matches each member has shot since October 2022. In order to qualify for an annual award, you must be a member of the Texican Rangers and have shot at least 5 matches in the same category. Your best 5 scores will be calculated. There are still several opportunities to shoot for this year's awards. I've listed below the category you've shot the most this year. If you've shot the same number of times in two categories, I listed both of them.

A.D.	Silver Senior	4
Abilene	Frontier Cartridge Senior	3
Alamo Andy	Cowboy	10
Asup Sleeve	Elder Statesman	3
Bama Sue	Cattle Baroness	2
Bessie James	Forty-Niner Lady	5
Bisbee Jackson	Cattle Baron	3
Brazos Bo	Forty-Niner	7
Captain George Baylor	Frontier Cartridge	9
Chili Petin	Senior	2
Col Callan	Cody Dixon SS	1
Colorado Horseshoe	Silver Senior	9
Crazy Clyde	Cattle Baron	2
Culebra Blaze	Gunfighter	3
Dirty Dog Dale	Wrangler	5
Doc Holoman	Cody Dixon SS	5
Doc O'Bay	Duelist Senior	1
Dusty Leather	El Patron	6
Dutch Van Horn	Elder Statesman	3
Engin Wrangler	Cattle Baron	3
Fister Bo	Wrangler	9
Frank Longshot	El Patron	8



Hawkeye	Duelist Silver Senior	7
Henly	Senior	2
Holly Pena	Senior Lady	2
Hoolihan	Duelist Silver Senior	3
July Smith	Frontier Cartridge Duelist	2
Kettleman	Gunfighter Senior	4
Kincaid	Silver Senior	2
L.W. Hannabass	Frontiersman	2
Leon Springs Bill	Sharpshooter	1
Little Bit Sassy	Silver Senior Lady	1
Lucky Nickel	Cattle Baron	2
	Sharpshooter	2
Major Samuel Clayton	Cattle Baron	3
Marshal Jamison	Frontier Cartridge Senior	3
Marshall Brooks	Elder Statesman	4
Maverick McCoy	Duelist	1
Minnesota Clay	Cattle Baron	4
Moose McCoy	Duelist Silver Senior	1
Newt Ritter	Duelist Senior	7
Panhandle Cowgirl	Wrangler Lady	6
Plumb Roostered	Frontiersman	2
Rusty Bang Stick	Cody Dixon SS	2
San Saba Slim	Gunfighter	4
Scooter	Cattle Baron	4
Sheriff Robert Love	Cattle Baron	9
Shooting Iron Miller	Senior Lady	9
Skinny	Rim Fire	1
	Silver Senior	1
Skyhawk Hans	Cattle Baron	9
Squaw Man	Gunfighter Silver Senior	6
T Bone Paul	Silver Senior	4
Texas Tony	Cody Dixon Lever	3
Tombstone Mary	Senior Lady	2
Uncle Nick Wilson	Elder Statesman	5
Whiskey Kid	Frontier Cartridge Gunfighter	9
Wild Bill McMasters	B Western	1

Plan to come out to the range in July. We look forward to seeing you.

Shooting Iron Miller

Secretary

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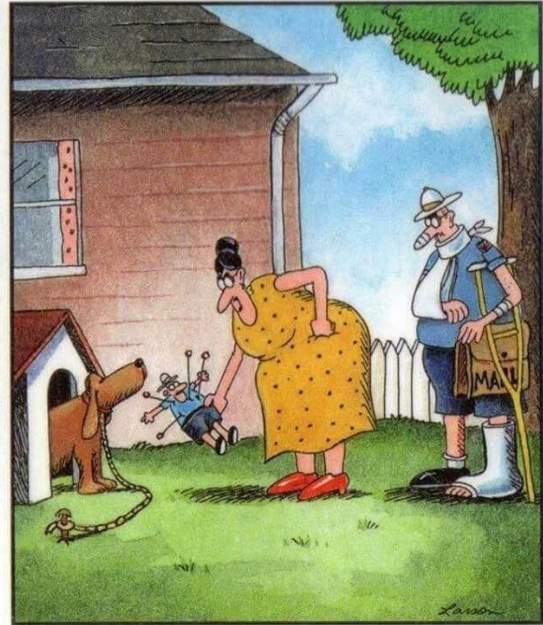
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	158	RNFP	54	106
	158	FP	54	106
	158	SWC	54	106
.380	100	RNFP	42	83
.38-55	245	RNFP	82	162
.41	215	SWC	70	139
.44	180	RNFP	58	115
	240	SWC	75	149
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.45 COLT	160	RNFP	61	121
	180	RNFP	58	115
	200	RNFP	64	127
	250	RNFP	76	152
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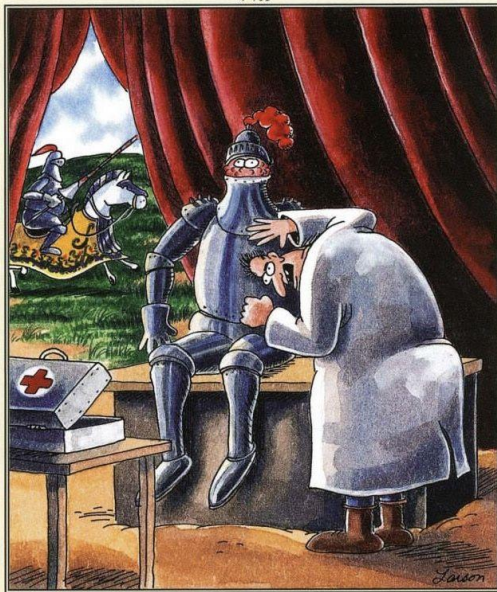
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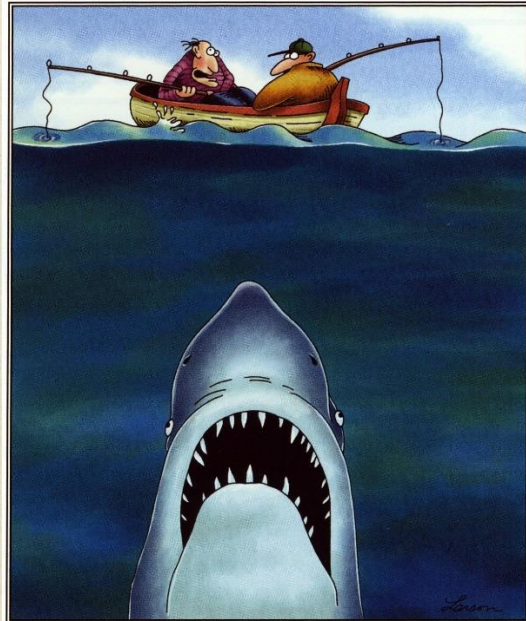
"Hold up, Niles. It says here, 'These little fish have been known to skeletonize a cow in less than two minutes.'... Now *there's* a vivid thought!"



"So! Mr. Carlisle was right! ... I put you on a short leash so you can't harass him anymore, and look what you resort to!"



"Ooo! You're right, Sir Dwayne! If I knock right here, I can make him start buzzing. ... Ooo, and he's *angry*!"



"There it goes again...that eerie music."

## Parting Shots

### Funny Signs

1. I'm not superstitious, but I am a little stitious.
2. I'm sick of following my dreams, man. I'm just going to ask where they're going and hook up them later.
3. Gentlemen, you can't fight here in the Pentagon. This is the war room.
4. My mother always used to say: The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana.
5. Halloween is the beginning of the holiday shopping season. That's for women. The beginning of the holiday shopping season for men is Christmas Eve.
6. Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society.
7. Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are.
8. I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.
9. When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it is a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway.
10. I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.
11. Never follow anyone else's path. Unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path. Then by all means follow that path.
12. Insomnia sharpens your math skills because you spend all night calculating how much sleep you'll get if you're able to 'fall asleep right now.
13. Breaking up is like knocking over a Coke machine. You can't do it in one push; you got to rock it back and forth a few times, and then it goes over.
14. I walk around like everything's fine, but deep down, inside my shoe, my sock is sliding off.
15. I used to sell furniture for a living. The trouble was, it was my own.
16. There's nothing wrong with you that an expensive operation can't prolong.
17. Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island what book would I bring: 'How to Build a Boat.
18. You know you've reached middle age when you're cautioned to slow down by your doctor, instead of by the police.
19. Truth hurts. Maybe not as much as jumping on a bicycle with a seat missing, but it hurts.
20. My Mama says that alligators are ornery because they got all them teeth and no toothbrush.
21. I never feel more alone than when I'm trying to put sunscreen on my back.
22. Being a mom means never buying the right amount of produce. Either everyone suddenly loves grapes and a week's worth are eaten in one afternoon, or fruit flies are congregating around my rotting bananas.
23. I saw a study that said speaking in front of a crowd is considered the number one fear of the average person. Number two was death. This means to the average person, if you have to be at a funeral, you would rather be in the casket than doing the eulogy.
24. Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.
25. The only thing that separates us from the animals is our ability to accessorize.
26. I'm at a place in my life when errands are starting to count as going out."
27. A good rule to remember for life is that when it comes to plastic surgery and sushi, never be attracted by a bargain.



## Texican Rangers Regulators

Tombstone Mary	2003
A.D.	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
Beans Ahgin	2022



### June Birthdays

Leon Springs Bill	6/2
Rusty Bang Stick	6/4
La Sombra	6/6
T.H. Boland	6/8
Circuit Judge	6/13
Skinny	6/21
Doc Holloman	6/25
Colorado Horseshoe	6/27

### July Birthdays

Squaw Man	7/9
Sheriff Robert Love	7/10
July Smith	7/10
Dirty Dog Dale	7/11
Pedernales Drifter	7/19
Pistol Packin Princess	7/20
Bisbee Jackson	7/25
Bandera Kid	7/26
Little Bit Sassy	7/31

### August Birthdays

Moose McCoy	8/9
Scooter	8/27



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## TEXICAN RANGERS

**2023**

January 14	Monthly Match
January 15	Monthly Match
February 11	Monthly Match
February 12	Monthly Match
March 11	Monthly Match
March 12	Monthly Match
March 17-19	Tejas Caballeros Whoopin', Blanco TX
March 24-26	Texas Wild Bunch State Championship, Bowie TX
April 27-29	Comancheria Days
May 13	Monthly Match
May 14	Monthly Match
May 26-28	SASS Texas State Championship, Lockhart TX
June 10	Monthly Match
June 11	Monthly Match
July 8	Monthly Match
July 9	Monthly Match
July 29	Wild Bunch/BAMM Match
August 12	Monthly Match
August 13	Monthly Match
September 9	Shindig
September 10	Monthly Match
September 30	Wild Bunch/BAMM Match
October 14	Monthly Match/Tear Down
November/December	Range Closed

## CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (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)

**2023**

**Feb 27 – Mar 5, 2023**

**EOT (SASS World Championship)**

**March 24 – 26, 2023**

**SASS Texas State Wild Bunch**

**April 19-22, 2023**

**Hell on the Border**

**April 27 - 29, 2023**

**Championship SASS Southwest Regional**

**Comancheria Days**

**May 26 - 28, 2023**

**SASS Texas State Championship Battle of Plum Creek**

**October 7 – 15, 2023**

**SASS National Championship – Land Run**



## Photo Album









