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Hello Rangers



Bienvenidos amigos. I could use the same article from last month since we had to cancel our Saturday match because of weather...again. On Sunday, March 10, we had 20 shooters join us and the weather was great. Alamo Andy was our top cowboy and Shooting Iron Miller our top cowgirl. Counting down, the Top Ten were: Colorado Horseshoe, Frank Longshot, Sheriff Robert Love, Newt Ritter, Brazos Bo, Dusty Driver, Fister Bo, Shooting Iron Miller, Skyhawk Hans and Alamo Andy.

We had 7 clean shooters: Alamo Andy, Colorado Horseshoe, Culebra Blaze, Dusty Driver, Fister Bo, Newt Ritter, Prickly Pear Peggy and Skyhawk Hans.

We have 170 cowboys and cowgirls signed up for Comancheria Days 2024. We have added a new feature to Trail Walk to make it more challenging and more fun. We are looking forward to having you join us for a great match, a great banquet meal and lots of great raffle prizes.

Sheriff Robert Love
President Texican Rangers

'Rawhide' Star Paul Brinegar By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Some western stars made a living out of playing older characters. If they looked older than they actually were, then they could continue playing these older characters for a long time, actors like Walter Brennan, Gabby Hayes, and Wilford Brimley. Paul Brinegar was one of these actors. He was only 41 years old when he landed the role of the 65-year-old cook, Wishbone in "Rawhide" in 1959. Paul's craggy face, receding hairline and already gray hair made him perfect for the part.

George Washington "Wishbone" Haggerty was a secondary character featured in the Rawhide series. A cantankerous man, he served as the wagon cook for Gil Favor's cattle drovers, alongside his unfortunate assistant Harkness "Mushy"

Mushgrove III. In a large ensemble cast he carved out his own niche and really became the heart of the show.

Although Paul landed several bit roles since 1946, his first break came in 1955 as Jim Kelley, the mayor of Dodge City in "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp."

While Paul had starred in many shows and movies before and since, Wishbone remained his favorite character. "I love the role. My appearance (always) suited me more for character roles than straight or romantic parts," he said.

After his 226 episodes in "Rawhide," Paul's next most notable appearance came in "Lancer," as Jelly Hoskins in 1968. Fans of the 1980s series "Matt Houston" might also remember Paul as Lamar Pettybone.

Paul's screen career may have started in 1946, but his acting predated to his high school days in Santa Fe, where he starred in school plays. After that, Paul attended Pasadena Junior College, where he studied art, literature, and drama.

A job as radio repairman got Paul through his time as chief radioman when he served the Navy during World War II. Little did Paul know at the time that he would make more than 200 guest appearances in television series, commercials, and music videos during his career that began and ended in westerns.

In 1994 Paul starred in the television movie, "Wyatt Earp: Return to Tombstone" as his character, Jim Kelley from the earlier television series. The same year "Maverick" also got released wherein Paul starred alongside Mel Gibson and James Garner.

But his appearances in those two movies turned into his last, as he passed away from emphysema on March 27, 1995, in Los Angeles, California at the age of 77.

The real-life honorary sheriff and fire chief of Granada Hills received a Golden Boot Award the year before his death, but also won three Western Heritage Awards in 1961, 1962, and 1964.

His wife, Shirley Talbott survived his death, as well as their two sons, Mark and Paul III, and his brother Warren.

"Rawhide" also turned into the series that launched Clint Eastwood's career. As another name synonymous with Westerns, Clint's acting career started in the 1950s.

Since, Clint Eastwood became a household name which made fans all the happier when they saw the trailer for his 2018 movie, "The Mule," after a ten-year acting hiatus.

How Close Did Wyatt And Doc Come to Being Lynched After The O.K. Corral Gunfight? By Bob Boze Bell

Tombstone was a divided town. The Earps and miners were Republicans, northern decent and fought for the Union in the Civil War. The Cowboys and their supports were mostly Democrats, southern decent and fought for the South in the Civil War. Add to that the control of gambling, drinking, and prostitution were being fought over for control.



By my count, there have been almost 40 movies on Wyatt Earp and the world famous O.K. Corral gunfight in Tombstone, but I cannot recall a single one of them that has been told from the viewpoint of the cowboys. And, not one of these movies has dealt with just how close Wyatt and Doc probably came to being lynched.

Okay, I trust you know the Wyatt Earp take on the gunfight, so let's start with the cowboy version of the legendary event. Now this is not to say this is the true account but, it's how many of the cattlemen and cowboys of Cochise County view the fight to this day.

Five shots were fired by the Earp party before any of the cowboys attempted to fight back. Only two, Billy Clanton and Frank McLaury, even had a weapon, and both of theirs were holstered. As the marshal—Virgil Earp—ordered them to raise their hands, the Clantons and McLaury's complied completely, only to be shot down like dogs.

Immediately after the 30 second gunfight on Fremont Street, Sheriff John Behan, attempted to arrest Wyatt Earp, saying, "I want to see you." Earp replied, "I won't be arrested now. You threw us Johnny. You told us they were unarmed." This is true. Behan, in trying to stop the fight as the Earps and Holliday came towards the cowboys, ran up the boardwalk and told Wyatt he had disarmed the cowboys and not to go any further. Wyatt put his pistol in his coat pocket and they marched on.

After the fight the Vizina mine whistle blew and the Tombstone Vigilantes, a local voluntary law and order organization showed up some 70 strong. They were friends of the Earps and the group considered them allies so the two wounded Earps, Virgil and Morgan, were carried to a drug store where their wounds were dressed, then a buggy, or hand cart, was procured and the men were ferried to their home.

Ike Clanton paid for a fancy funeral and had a sign painted that said, "Murdered on the Streets of Tombstone." Tensions mounted, and after a possible assassin showed up at the Earp compound, all the Earps moved into the Cosmopolitan Hotel for safety.

On October 29th, 1881, an arrest warrant was issued before Justice of the Peace J.B. Smith: "That Wyatt Earp did willfully, unlawfully, deliberately, premeditatedly, feloniously, and with malice afore thought, kill or murder William Clanton, Thomas McLaury and Frank McLaury."

Ike Clanton also filed murder charges against the Earps and Holliday with Justice Wells Spicer.

On October 31st, 1881, Spicer begins a hearing to determine if the Earps and Holliday should be bound over for a full-scale murder trial. The first witnesses provided damning testimony against the Earps, essentially echoing the cowboy version of the fight, above.

On November 4th, 1881, Will R. McLaury arrived in Tombstone from his home in Fort Worth, Texas. The brother of the two slain McLaury's, Will joined the prosecution team and immediately got Wyatt and Doc remanded to jail without bail (Virgil and Morgan were exempted because of their wounds).

On November 7th, 1881, Wyatt and Doc are arrested by Harry M. Woods and held in the makeshift jail on Sixth Street. For 16 days, heavily armed friends take turns guarding the two-room clapboard hoosegow.

Because Tombstone was still new in 1881, they had no standalone jail and Wyatt and Doc are placed in a two-cell, makeshift jail which was 10 foot by 12 foot and essentially made up of 2X4s stacked on top of the other and each one spiked down. It is all but a chicken coup and to think that Wyatt and Doc were held in this claustrophobic contraption for more than two weeks is nothing short of crazy amazing. Friends of the Earps and Holliday guarded the jail 24/7 but it still seems that this situation would make them vulnerable for a lynch mob and in fact, there is a historic precedent for what could have all too easily happened to the O.K. Fighters.

A little more than two years after the O.K. fight we have a similar set of circumstances just down the road from Tombstone.

On December 8th, 1883, five Clifton area cowboys rode into Bisbee and attempted to rob the Castenada-Goldwater Store. In the botched robbery, five people on the street are shot and killed including a pregnant woman. Eventually the five cowboys are caught and brought to trial along with a sixth person, John Heath, a

saloon owner, who the five arrested outlaws claimed actually planned the robbery. The five outlaws were tried and convicted and sentenced to hang, but Heath was tried separately and convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to prison. His lawyers wanted to appeal the verdict, which incensed many in Bisbee and Tombstone. On the morning of February 22nd, a mob of vigilantes (crowd estimates run from 50 to 150) overpowered the guards in the newly built Tombstone jail—in the basement of the newly built courthouse—and the mob overwhelmed the guards and took Heath from the jail. Sheriff Jerome Ward talked them out of hanging Heath from the balustrade of the courthouse so the mob took Heath down the street and hanged their prisoner from a telegraph pole at the corner of First and Toughnut Street. The lynching photo is one of the most famous photos in the history of the Old West.

By the way, there were 42 legal hangings in Arizona from the 1860s to 1911 and 32 lynchings. So this photo could just as easily have been of Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday and serves as a good example of just how close Wyatt and Doc probably came to being lynched out of that makeshift jail a mere two years prior.

I think it's safe to say, Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday were very lucky boys in the aftermath of the O.K. Corral gunfight.

Of course, the actual O.K. Corral affair ends with two assassination attempts, one of them successful and the Earps and Holliday are ultimately driven from Arizona as fugitives from justice.

So, how do we get from this lurid version of the familiar tale to the glorious finale and the triumph of Law & Order at the O.K. Corral? Well, that took a couple of very creative writers—two of my heroes by the way—Walter Noble Burns and Stuart Lake, who each wrote a bestselling book about "The Lion of Tombstone," and together those two books have spawned 40 some movies and TV shows trumpeting the "flawless" lawmen who were so "brave, courageous and bold." And, pretty damn lucky.

If there is anything to be learned, it's this:
"The past is a foreign country. They do things differently there."

Million Dollar Winchester **By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153**



In 1886, Captain Henry Ware Lawton was in command of B Troop, 4th Cavalry, at Fort Huachuca and was selected by Nelson Miles to lead the expedition that captured Geronimo. Lawton and his men were credited with the September, 1886 capture of Geronimo and his group of Apache fighters after a 1,300-mile chase across Mexico and the Arizona Territory. Geronimo's capture effectively marked the end of a 25-year battle between the United States government and Apache forces.

Stories abound as to who actually captured Geronimo, or to whom he surrendered. For Lawton's part, he was given orders to lead actions south of the U.S.-Mexico boundary where it was thought Geronimo and a small band of his followers would take refuge from U.S. authorities. Lawton was to pursue, subdue, and return Geronimo to the U.S., dead or alive.

Lawton's official report dated September 9, 1886, sums up the actions of his unit and gives credit to a number of his troopers for their efforts. At the same time, in his typical fashion, Lawton takes no credit for himself. Geronimo himself gave credit to Lawton's tenacity for wearing the Apaches down with constant pursuit. Geronimo and his followers had little or no time to rest or stay in one place. Completely worn out, the little band of Apaches returned to the U.S. with Lawton and officially surrendered to General Nelson A. Miles on September 4, 1886. While debate continues as to whom Geronimo surrendered, Native Americans rarely "surrendered" to junior officers. They usually surrendered to general officers.

Captain Henry Lawton and Lt. George E. Albee, a fellow Medal of Honor winner, served together during the Civil War. The latter went on to work for Winchester, while the former stayed in uniform.



The friendship they forged during the War Between the States ran deep, though, so when the legendary firearm maker was rolling out a brand new carbine—the Model 1886—Serial No. 1 went to Lawton. This Winchester Model 1886 Sporting Rifle in .45-70 is outfitted with a 26-inch full octagon barrel and a full-length magazine tube. The engraving isn't fancy. In fact, it's so understated it carries a timeless eloquence. The wood, too, is good, but probably wouldn't turn too many heads.

Albee obviously knew his friend well. Lawton led troops in a rugged time, when troopers relied on their tools and personal possessions to survive and thrive in the scorching sun and pouring rain. Fancy enough to attract longing stares wasn't—and still isn't—an asset in the Chiricahua Mountains of the desert Southwest.

At 130 years old, the carbine is in great shape and finally, perhaps for the first time since it rolled out of the factory, back in the news. The Rifle sold, for \$1.26 Million Dollars, making it the most expensive single firearm sold at Rock Island Auction. Pairs of guns have gone for more, but this one's connection to the surrender of Chiricahua Apache Chief Geronimo, and impeccable condition, added up to a new world-record on April 30, 2016.

Shooting Iron Miller, Secretary Regulator/Life



Hello! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following folks who have joined us over the last couple of weeks on the range, as we prepare to host Comancheria Days 2024 - Abilene, Beans Ahgin, Deadlast, Doc Holloman, Dirty Dog Dale, Frank Longshot, Newt Ritter, San Saba Slim, Sauk Valley Sam, Sheriff Robert Love, Shooting Iron Miller, Skyhawk Hans and T Bone Paul. Their help has been invaluable. Thanks ever so much for all you do for this club. There have been others who have helped since January, and we thank all of them as well. Rusty Bang Stick and Pistol Packin' Princess joined us for several weeks, but are

heading back north before it gets too warm here. We enjoyed their company and will miss them this summer.

Plans are coming together for next week's match. It's exciting to see so many familiar applications come through from folks who shoot Comancheria Days with us year in and year out. We so appreciate all the support. I'm also really happy to see several shooters who have never visited our range. We are so glad they will be joining us this year. We have two visitors from Australia - Virgil Earp and Alvira Sullivan Earp! Let's be sure and give them a big Texas welcome! We hope that everyone who comes will feel right at home.

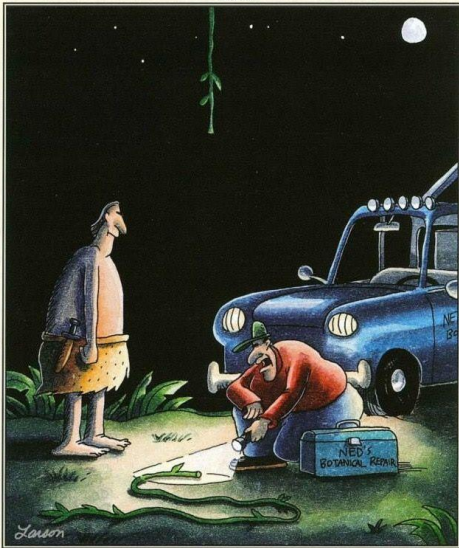
You will experience something a little different this year at the banquet. We are so very fortunate to host Javier Rincones (our very own Blacky Vela) and band partner Jacob Muniz. They are both part of the band "The Hazy Blues." They will play from 5:30 - 6:30 while everyone is mingling, looking over the raffle items, buying raffle tickets, and enjoying themselves. Anyone who wants to participate in the Costume Contest may do so starting around 5:30. There will be a designated area for check-in and to receive your assigned number.

We have a good group slated to be at the Friday Night Margarita Party. I wonder why??!!! We are so grateful for Hawkshaw Fred, Hot Tamale and Annie D. Vine for graciously arranging and providing drinks for everyone. We will also provide snacks to take care of anyone needing to have "a little somethin' somethin'" before dinner, but once we run out, that will be it. We just want to give folks a chance to relax a little under the trees, visit and enjoy each other's company.

Until next time, be safe traveling as you make your way to Stieler Ranch next week.

Shooting Iron Miller
Secretary

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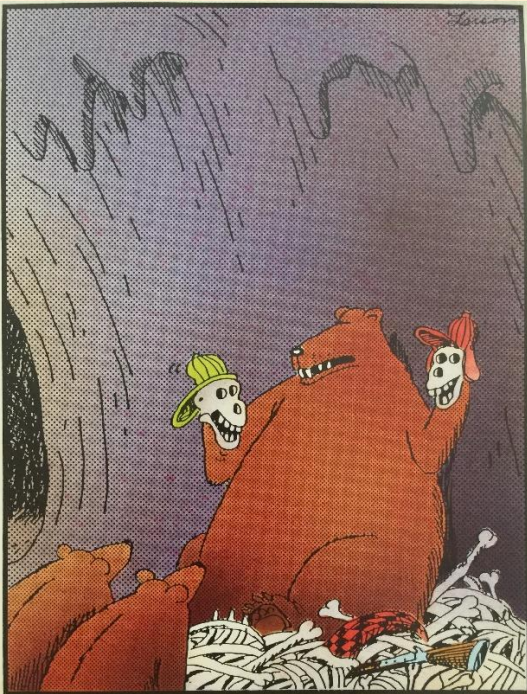


"Whoa! ... Think I found the problem, buddy."

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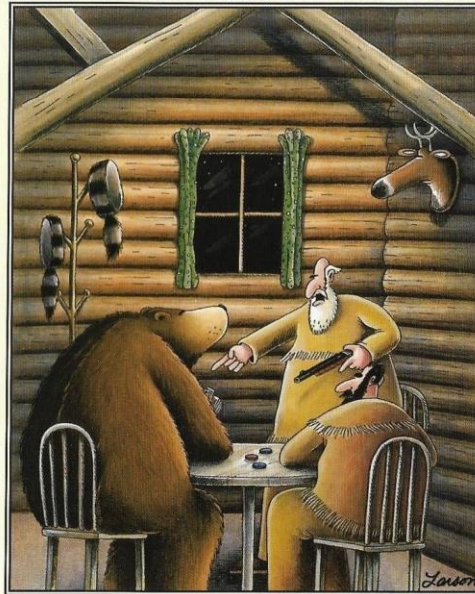


"You want me to stop the car, Larry, or do you want to take your brother off the rack this instant?"



"OK, one more time and it's off to bed for the both of you. . . 'Hey, Bob. Think there are any bears in this old cave?' . . . 'I dunno, Jim. Let's take a look.'"

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"Wait just a gol dang minute here! He's been dealin' from the bottom of the deck, Jake! My pappy always said, 'Never trust a grizzly.'"

BOOYAH BULLETS

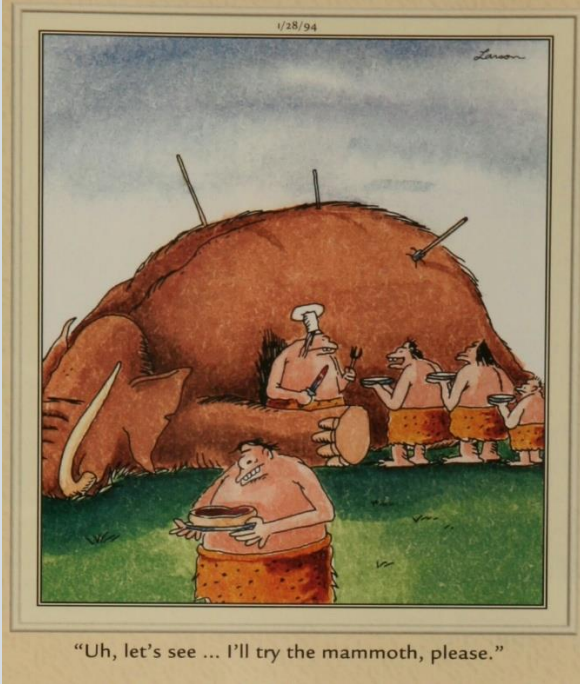
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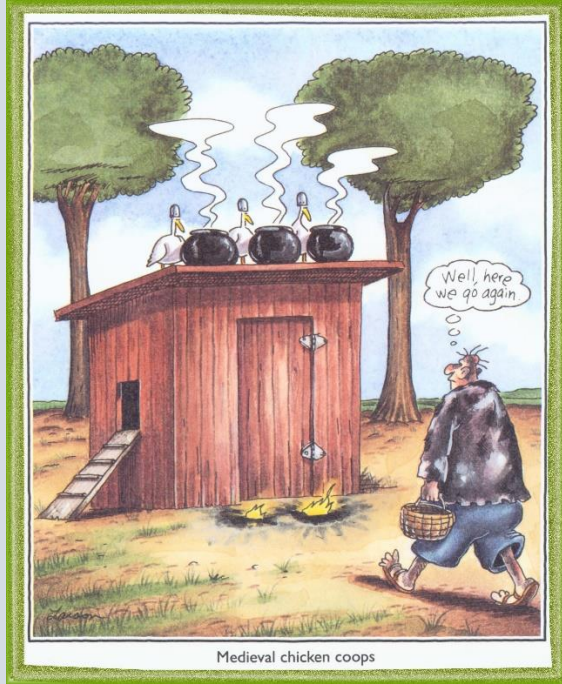
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	158	RNFP	54	106
	158	FP	54	106
	158	SWC	54	106
.380	100	RNFP	42	83
.38-55	245	RNFP	82	162
.41	215	SWC	70	139
.44	180	RNFP	58	115
	240	SWC	75	149
.44-40	200	RNFP	64	127
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	180	RNFP	58	115
	200	RNFP	64	127
	250	RNFP	76	152
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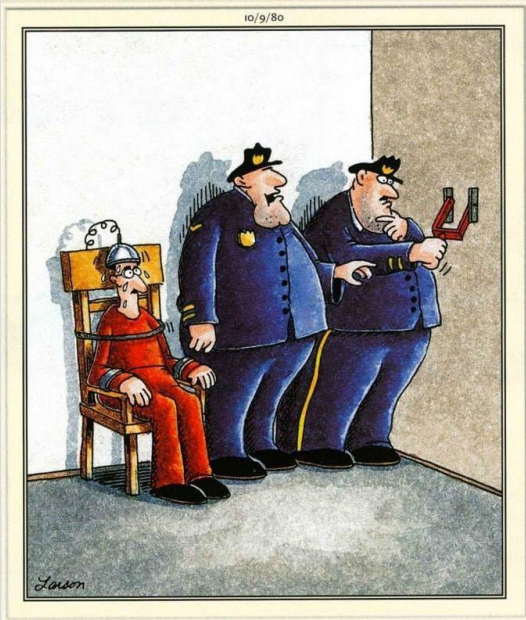
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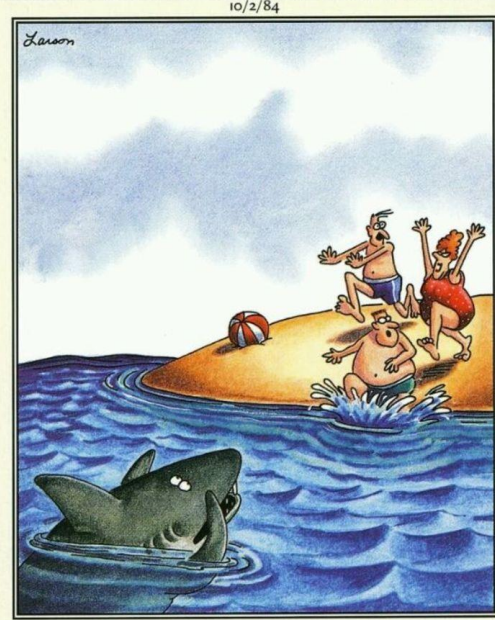
"Uh, let's see ... I'll try the mammoth, please."



Medieval chicken coops



"The contact points must be dirty. ... Just click it up and down a few times."



"BEAR! BEAR!"

Parting Shots One-Liners

1. "Adam and Eve were the first ones to ignore the Apple terms and conditions."
2. Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.
3. The man who invented knock-knock jokes should get a no bell prize.
4. The problem isn't that obesity runs in your family. It's that no one runs in your family.
5. 250 lbs here on Earth is 94.5 lbs on Mercury. No, I'm not fat. I'm just not on the right planet.
6. If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$6.30 now.
7. I went to buy some camo pants but couldn't find any.
8. When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.
9. You want to know the difference between a sadist and a masochist? I could tell you, but you'll have to beat the answer out of me.
10. I hate Russian dolls, they're so full of themselves.
11. Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.
12. Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.
13. I spent a lot of time, money, and effort childproofing my house... But the kids still get in.
14. Geology rocks, but geography's where it's at.
15. The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they always take things literally.
16. The man who survived both mustard gas and pepper spray is a seasoned veteran now.
17. Maybe if we start telling people their brain is an app, they'll want to use it.
18. The rotation of Earth really makes my day.
19. What's the difference between an outlaw and an in-law? Outlaws are wanted.
20. My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.
21. A blind man walked into a bar... And a table... And a chair...
22. The last thing I want to do is hurt you; but it's still on the list.
23. I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.
24. People who take care of chickens are literally chicken tenders.
25. Just got fired from my job as a set designer. I left without making a scene.
26. Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular.
27. I always take life with a grain of salt. And a slice of lemon. And a shot of tequila.
28. Two fish are in a tank. One says, 'How do you drive this thing?'
29. Communist jokes aren't funny unless everyone gets them.
30. A perfectionist walked into a bar... Apparently, the bar wasn't set high enough.
31. "The four most beautiful words in our common language: I told you so."
32. 6:30 is the best time on a clock, hands down.
33. The man who invented Velcro has died. RIP.
34. I can tell when people are being judgmental just by looking at them.
35. It takes a lot of balls to golf the way I do.
36. The first time I got a universal remote control, I thought to myself, 'This changes everything.'
37. I heard there were a bunch of break-ins over at the car park. That is wrong on so many levels.

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



March

Texas Pearl	3/10
Tombstone Mary	3/17
Marshall Brooks	3/22
Maverick McCoy	3/29
Hopalong Herbert	3/31

April

Bama Sue	4/2
Handlebar Bob	4/6
Henly	4/8
Engin Wrangler	4/17
Frank Longshot	4/17
Madam Ella Moon	4/18
Wild Bill McMasters	4/28
Brass Case	4/28

May

Bluebonnet Nell	5/01
Marshall Willy	5/04
Shootin' Steel	5/08
Texas Tony	5/08
Bessie James	5/10
Snake Shot	5/13
Whiskey Kid	5/16
Frontier Faith	5/17
Bronco Birnbaum	5/25
Sierra Cheyenne	5/29
Lucky Nickel	5/30



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TEXICAN RANGERS

2024

January

- 09 – Workday: Range set up
- 13 – Monthly Saturday match
- 14 – Monthly Sunday match

February

- 06 – Workday: Range set up
- 10 – Monthly Saturday match
- 11 – Monthly Sunday match
- 20 – Workday
- 27 – Workday

March

- 05 – Workday: Range set up
- 09 – Monthly Saturday match
- 10 – Monthly Sunday match
- 12 – Workday
- 19 – Workday
- 26 – Workday: Range set-up
- 30 – Comancheria Days Posse 0 Shoot

April

- 02 – Workday
- 06 – Comancheria Days Posse 0 Shoot
(Bad Weather Make-up Day)
- 09 - Workday
- 10 – Workday: Side match set up/ROI & WBRO
- 11 – Comancheria Days Side Matches
- 12 – Comancheria Days Main Match Day 1
& Side Matches
- 13 – Comancheria Days Main Match Day 2
- 14 – No Events Campers Leave
- 16– Outhouse pump-out and trash pickup

May

- 07 – Workday: Range set up
- 11 – Monthly Saturday match
- 12 – Monthly Sunday match

June

- 4 – Workday: Range set up
- 08 – Monthly Saturday match
- 09 – Monthly Sunday match
- 25 – Workday: Range set-up
- 29 – WILD BUNCH/BAMM

July

- 09 – Workday: Range set up
- 13 – Monthly Saturday match
- 14 – Monthly Sunday match

August

- 06– Workday: Range set up
- 10 – Monthly Saturday match
- 11 – Monthly Sunday match
- 27 – Workday: Range set-up
- 31– WILD BUNCH/BAMM

September

- 10 – Workday: Range set up
- 14 – Shindig
- 15 – Monthly Sunday match

October

- 08 – Workday: Partial Range tear-down
- 12 – Monthly Saturday match & final
tear down
- 15 – Outhouse pump-out and closure

November/December -Range Closed

CENTRAL TEXAS MONTHLY CLUB SHOOTING SCHEDULES

1st Saturday	Plum Creek (Lockhart)
1st Saturday	South Texas Pistoleros (San Antonio)
1st Saturday	Tejas Caballeros Wild Bunch (TX Republic Ranch)
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)

Photo Album





