

Newsletter for the Texican Rangers

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That Treasures & Respects the Cowboy Tradition

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Hello Rangers



Bienvenidos Amigos,

This Saturday will wind up the shooting year for Texican Rangers. As we finish the last stage and the range is cold, we need to bring in all the targets including the shotgun targets. The stands can remain where they are as well as the shotgun bases. If you have suggestions for what we can do to improve our club in the coming year, please email me or one of the other officers. As you have probably heard by now, The Texican Rangers have been selected to host the SASS Texas State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting. We are already making plans, and as usual, rely on our members to help.

Even though the Rangers are shut down for November and December, you can still keep your skills up shooting at one of the other fine clubs in our area. On the first Saturday you have a choice of Plum Creek Shooting Society at Lockhart or South Texas Pistoleros at A Place to Shoot in San Antonio, or the Thunder River Renegades that shoot on the first and fourth Saturday of the month. The second

Saturday you can shoot with the Texas Riviera Pistoleros at George West. The third Saturday Tejas Caballeros shoot at Determination, Texas on the Texas Republic Ranch 7 miles West of Blanco. The fourth Saturday you can go up 281 to Marble Falls then East on FM 1431 towards Bertram to the Green Mountain Regulators match. After the match, you can have a great lunch at many of the fine restaurants in Marble Falls.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you this Saturday, for your BEST SHOOT OF THE YEAR.

Sheriff Robert Love

President Texican Rangers

Colt 1873 Single Action Army Revolver “The Peacemaker” By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



The Colt 1873 Single Action Army Revolver is perhaps the most iconic handgun ever invented. Its rich and detailed history has been woven into the stories of the Western Frontier that have been passed down through the generations. It has helped to facilitate the larger than life legends of some of the most famous historical figures of the time, such as Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday, and Billy the Kid. It is a gun that was first brought into existence for the main purpose of arming the U.S. Cavalry, but

quickly became a favorite of gunslingers on both sides of the law. This American classic revolver has now been in production for part of three centuries.

In 'The Pilgrim's Progress: 1620-1875,' a humorous chronology of U.S. history widely published in 1875 newspapers, historian James Hammond Trumbull declared that in 1835 America "Invents the revolver, and sets about supplying the world with it, as a peace-maker."

From the Paterson onward, the concept of the wheel gun as an equalizer was touted by gun dealers around the globe, with no model representing that idea more prominently than the Colt Single Action Army, the favorite peacemaker of the Wild West.

The Single Action Army became known by several names over the years. The Model P, the Equalizer, the Frontier, but probably most famously the Peacemaker. That phrase became popular early on thanks to a Colt distributor named Benjamin Kittredge of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was not the largest Colt distributor but he certainly was in the top five, and Sam Colt quickly realized that he needed to keep his distributors happy and take their good ideas and incorporate them into his company's marketing.

Kittredge first branded the revolver the Peacemaker to help set the Colt apart from the competition, and build its reputation as an easily recognizable firearm. The promotion of Colt's early commercial revolvers relied heavily on the advertising that was mostly conducted by a small and select group of distributors. This handful of dealers, which included Kittredge, were able to receive generously discounted prices in trade for their promotional efforts. Surely such a respectable revolver didn't need a gimmick or any flashy promotion to succeed, but the name Peacemaker fit perfectly with the many tales of gunfighters circulating from the western territories. It became a symbol of power, and demanded respect.

Some of the other marketing names include: The Six Shooter, The Thumb-Buster, and Judge Colt and his Jury of Six. A plethora of nicknames were inevitable for the Colt Single Action Army revolver. Kittredge's marketing name is the one that stuck. 150 years after the Colt SAA was first marketed as the Peacemaker, the name still resonates in the arms collecting community, popular culture, and beyond.

Single Action Army was originally designated the "New Model Army Metallic Cartridge Revolving Pistol" and the "M1873." One name was a mouthful and the other not descriptive enough.

Once Colt's new revolver passed Ordnance Department trials at Springfield Armory, the government placed an order for 8,000 SAAs to be issued to the U.S. Cavalry in July of 1873.

Thanks to its comparatively simple and reliable design, the Colt Single Action Army became the most prevalent standard Army sidearm in America for the next two decades. Almost all of the first Colt SAA's went

to the Ordnance Department, with commercial distributors having to wait until 1874 to offer the new revolver in meaningful numbers, when the revolver was dubbed "The Peacemaker."

The Peacemaker is not the only Colt that Kittredge named. Benjamin Kittredge & Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, came up with at least nine Colt revolver monikers over the years. Here are just a few. Kittredge devised four nicknames to help promote Colt's Model 1877 DA revolver series, including "Lightning" for the .38 caliber, "Thunderer," for the .41, and "Rainmaker" for the .32 variant. The .45 caliber Model 1878, Colt's first large frame double action revolver, was dubbed the "Omnipotent."

B. Kittredge & Co.'s nickname for the Colt Single Action Army may have been inspired by a quote from Samuel Colt from May 18, 1852, where the famous inventor noted in a letter to Charles Manby, the Secretary of the Institution of Civil Engineers in London, "The good people of this world are very far from being satisfied with each other, and my arms are the best peacemakers."

The Colt Peacemaker designation played to the sentiment that an armed society was a polite society and the mere presence of a Colt revolver could dissuade any troublemakers from picking a fight they might not survive. The platform was viewed as an equalizer for women, the elderly, and those lacking in physical stature, with one popular expression contending that, "God may have made man, but Samuel Colt made them equal."

The Colt "Peacemaker" branding was used throughout gun advertisements, with testaments to the gun's prowess and superiority. The revolver was advertised at \$17.00 for the "best citizens' finish" and \$13.00 for "rejected government finish, but good serviceable arms," likely referring to U.S. contract guns rejected for flaws.



Nickel plating was available for an additional \$1.50, with ivory grips priced at \$5.00.

The Colt Peacemaker example pictured to the left, shipped to B. Kittredge & Co. in 1877, and includes both of these optional features.

As a major distributor, B. Kittredge & Co. helped deliver Colt's new revolver into the hands of thousands of settlers, ranchers, cowboys, lawmen, and outlaws who headed West with the railroad, and the Kittredge "Peacemaker" branding traveled with them.

"We deliver at our cost and risk within 1,200 miles and without extra charge," B. Kittredge & Co. touted, with only 50 cents extra beyond that distance. Already becoming a favorite sidearm with the U.S. Army, the Colt Peacemaker would find its way to every corner of the continent, carried on cattle drives, frontier streets, in smoky saloons, and anywhere else someone needed a reliable, affordable cartridge revolver.

When B. Kittredge & Co. first branded the Colt Peacemaker, the only standard factory barrel length was 7 1/2 inches. Shorter lengths like the 5 1/2 inch Artillery Model and 4 3/4 inch Sheriff's Model became available after 1880, though the Peacemaker name could be applied to any .45 caliber Colt Single Action Army, as illustrated by 'Issue 4' of 'Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett Co. General Catalog' from 1891.

Colt Single Action Armys were all called Peacemakers until Colt introduced additional chamberings, including the .44-40 WCF in 1877. Intended for use in conjunction with the identically chambered Winchester Model 1873, the new revolver allowed a frontiersman to carry ammo for both sidearm and rifle in the same cartridge belt.

The .44-40 was not called the Peacemaker. It instead was known as the "Frontier Six-Shooter." Again it was so named by a company marketing Colt revolvers. In early 1878, Colt executives embraced the Frontier branding and began acid-etching "Frontier Six Shooter" to the side of the barrel.

It's Time to Vote

By Dutch Van Horn/Regulator 51153



Estimates show that 82,880,000 people in the United States own at least one firearm in 2023. That is 43% of American households have at least one firearm in 2023. Women's firearm ownership has increased by 177.8% since 1993.

Gun owners could be a powerful political demographic, but we have a problem. About 10,000,000 gun owners are not even registered to vote, and of the remaining 72 million only about 16% actually get out and vote.

As responsible gun owners, if you feel that we need to protect our Second Amendment Rights, we need this to change.

Guns are deeply ingrained in American society and the nation's political debates. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms, and about a third of U.S. adults say they personally own a gun. At the same time, in response to concerns such as rising gun death rates and mass shootings, the U.S. surgeon general has taken the unprecedented step of declaring gun violence a public health crisis. If we don't want to see our Second Amendment rights taken away, we need more active voters.

I am not going to talk about political parties or issues of the upcoming election. I am just going to say that I recommend that everyone register and vote.

Kent Alan Palma...Jake Jones

April 28, 1949 — September 22, 2024



Kent Palma, our beloved gentle giant, has left this world, but not without leaving behind an unforgettable mark on all who knew him. He was as big in heart as he was in stature. Known for his quick wit and deep sincerity, he had a way of making everyone around him feel seen, even when he was grumbling about something minor.

His love for people was boundless. He had a knack for being hilariously blunt, but somehow always exactly what you needed to hear. Whether it was a dry one-liner or a bit of wisdom he'd collected over the years, his words had weight—sometimes because they made you laugh and sometimes because they made you pause and reflect.

With a passion for knowledge and a curiosity about the world, he was always learning, always questioning, and always willing to share what he knew. And yet, for all his wisdom, he never took himself too seriously. He found joy in the simple things: a good conversation, a hearty laugh, and perhaps a well-earned complaint about something trivial just to keep us on our toes.

Above all, Kent cared deeply. Though he wore his gruff exterior with pride, his heart was wide open. He gave without asking for anything in return, loved without condition, and left behind a legacy of kindness, humor, and deep, enduring wisdom.

Rest well, Kent. Your big heart, quick wit, and endearing curmudgeon-ness will be with us always.

Saturday, 16 November Update for the HAVA Family Day

South Texas Pistoleros (STXP) with the assistance of the Texican Rangers, will host a Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) stage for the Honoring American Veterans Afield (HAVA) event at SAPD Police Academy on 16 Nov 2024.

You can volunteer for the whole day, or parts of the day. Give Beans a call at (210) 639-8450 if you would like to volunteer. Beans Ahgin, Communications Cowboy, SASS Regulator #65626

Stage will consist of one pistol and one rifle firing point. CAS serves as Range Master, coaches/safeties for shooters and loaders (HAVA participants do not load or unload guns.) HAVA provides a Safety Officer for the Bay. Shooters receive familiarization with an unloaded gun or replica at the firing line and then are given the opportunity to fire 5 rounds from a pistol and a rifle. Shooters can go back through as long as time (approx. 25* minutes per group) and ammunition (approx. 420* rounds per group) allow. (* based on 2022 numbers) CAS provides the guns, targets, and manpower. HAVA provides the eyes and ears for participants, ammunition – 3000* rounds which works out to 420* rounds per group / 7* groups and a 100* round reserve. HAVA staff and volunteers are allowed to shoot. Guests can shoot but must sign waiver and be cleared by HAVA RO. Brass is collected and turned back to HAVA for reloading. (We need to save bad rounds to turn in.)

Cowboys are to dress in full cowboy gear and can wear their leather and pistols after they have been cleared on the range. No ammunition – live or dummy – may be worn on the gun belt. Bring your pistols in a bag. Range Master will clear pistols before holstering. Cowboys are not allowed to handle or let others handle their firearms - NO EXCEPTIONS. Concealed carry or open carry of a loaded firearm is prohibited unless a certified peace officer whose credentials must be verified by the HAVA Range Officer.

Parking will be at a premium so recommend coming early. HAVA has golf carts running to give lifts to the entry point. Everyone must sign a waiver on arrival. Bring a chair if you want to sit down. Lunch is provided by HAVA.

Water is provided, but recommend you bring your own drinks and snacks just in case.

Dutch Van Horn's display of Old West Guns and photo booth (a real crowd pleaser) will be set up next to the shooting bay. This is the only location HAVA participants can handle firearms other than the firing line.

Caprock Kid will load targets after the October STXP Match and store until HAVA. If the range is open/available, we will set up the day prior. (We won't know until a few days prior so please stay flexible.)

Plan on worst case to set up Saturday morning at 8:00. Depending on rain, we should be able to pull vehicles up to the range to off load. We will need as many hands as we can get for set up. Tear down will be immediately after the last shooter. The load out will be after the awards ceremony. Again, your help is appreciated.



Shooting Iron Miller, Secretary Regulator/Life



We were delighted to celebrate Shindig with so many of you. Thanks for coming out and spending time with your fellow shooters. We had several folks who volunteered their time throughout the year to ready the range before each match. We can't begin to express our appreciation and gratitude to them. We drew two names from those volunteers who came out 7 or more times. The winners were Skyhawk Hans and Shooting Iron Miller.

This year the board decided to include the Shindig match results towards your 5 best shoots for 2025.

Congratulations to the following award winners for 2024:

1st	Sheriff Robert Love	Cattle Baron
2nd	Bisbee Jackson	Cattle Baron
1st	Colonel Callan	Cody Dixon Single Shot
2nd	Doc Holloman	Cody Dixon Single Shot
1st	Alamo Andy	Cowboy
1st	Skyhawk Hans	Duelist
2nd	Yakima Jim Tombaugh	Duelist
1st	Newt Ritter	Duelist Silver Senior
2nd	Hoolihan	Duelist Silver Senior
1st	Frank Longshot	El Patron
1st	Dutch Van Horn	Elder Statesman
2nd	Abilene	Elder Statesman
3rd	Marshall Brooks	Elder Statesman
4th	Uncle Nick Wilson	Elder Statesman
1st	LW Hannabass	Frontiersman
2nd	Captain George Baylor	Frontiersman
1st	Henly	Gunfighter
2nd	San Saba Slim	Gunfighter
1st	Fister Bo	Senior
1st	Shooting Iron Miller	Senior Lady
1st	Squaw Man	Sharpshooter
1st	T Bone Paul	Silver Senior

2nd	Colorado Horseshoe	Silver Senior
1st	Tombstone Mary	Silver Senior Lady
2nd	Little Bit Sassy	Silver Senior Lady
1st	Dirty Dog Dale	Wrangler
2nd	Hawkeye	Wrangler

Overall Cowboy - Alamo Andy

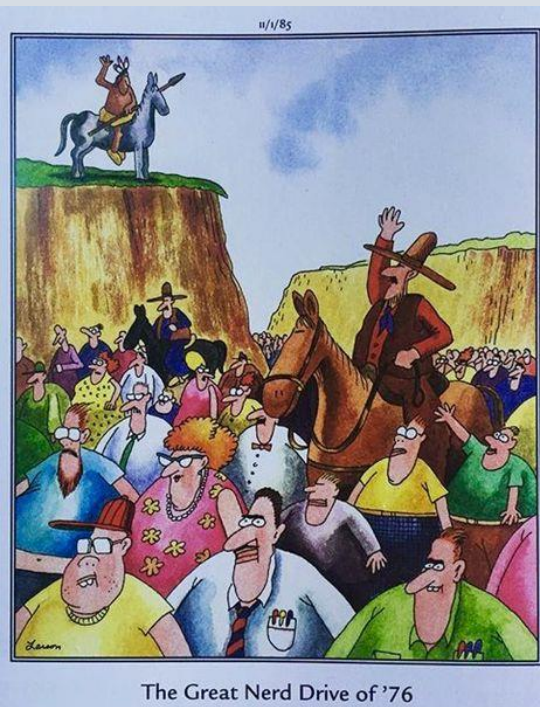
Overall Cowgirl - Shooting Iron Miller

Clean Match Cowboy/Cowgirl - Skyhawk Hans and Shooting Iron Miller

We recently changed our mailing address to: Texican Rangers, Inc., P.O. Box 780301, San Antonio, TX 78278. Please make note of this recent update for future mailings.

We look forward to a great year of shooting in 2025 and are really excited about hosting the 2025 Texas State Championship, in conjunction with Comancheria Days 30th Anniversary. We will have a lot to celebrate. We hope you choose to be a part of it. You can look forward to more details coming your way real soon!

Shooting Iron Miller
Secretary



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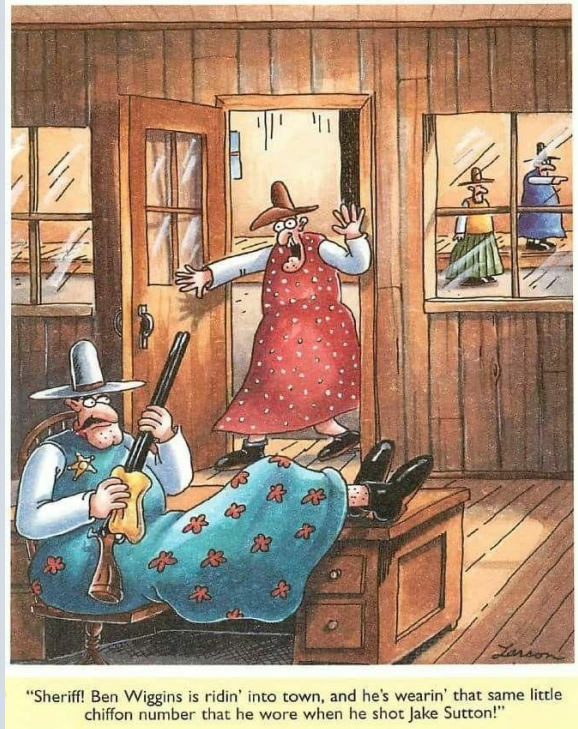
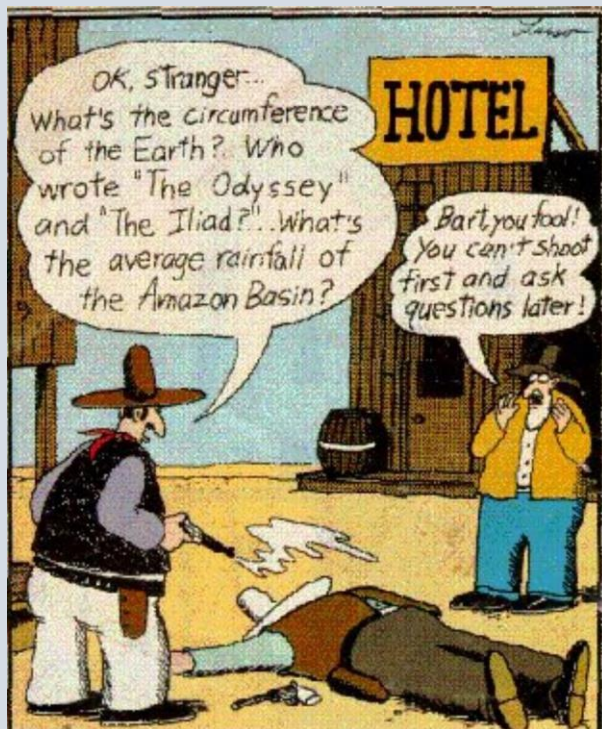
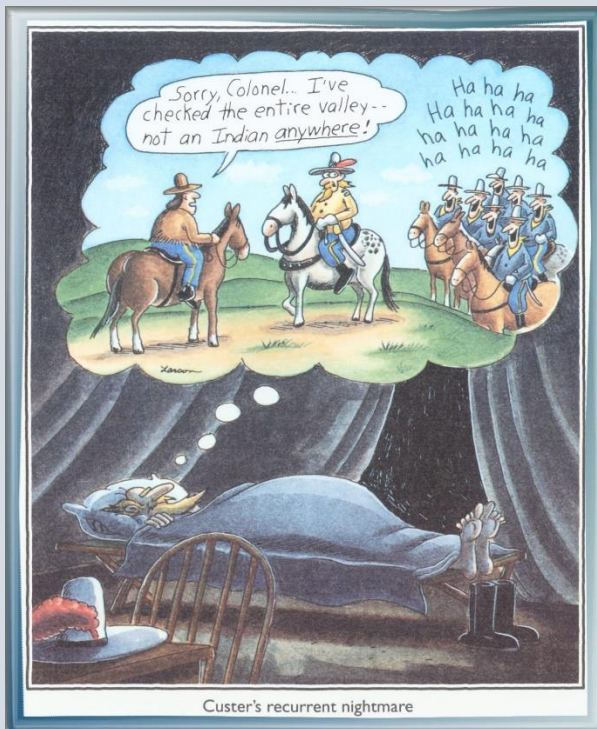
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Price List effective 03.01.21

Caliber	Weight	Config.	Price/500	Price/1000
.38	100	RNFP	42	83
	105	FP	43	85
	125	RNFP	47	94
	125	FP	47	94
	130	RNFP	49	97
	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
.45 COLT	160	RNFP	61	121
	180	RNFP	58	115
	200	RNFP	64	127
	250	RNFP	76	152
9MM	124	RN	47	94
	125	CN	47	94
40 S&W	180	FP	58	115
.45ACP	200	SWC	64	127
	200	RN	64	127

	230	RN	73	144
45-70	405	FPT	75 (250)	300 (1K)
			150 (500)	



Parting Shots

1. "Do you know what I love most about baseball? The pine tar, the resin, the grass, the dirt. And that's just in the hot dogs."
2. "I have a lot of growing up to do. I realized that the other day inside my fort."
3. "I like a woman with a head on her shoulders. I hate necks."
4. "I like an escalator because an escalator can never break. It can only become stairs. There would never be an 'Escalator Temporarily Out of Order' sign, only 'Escalator Temporarily Stairs'."
5. "If I was an Olympic athlete, I'd rather come in last than win the silver medal. You win the gold, you feel good. You win the bronze, you think, 'at least I got something.' But you win that silver, that's like, 'Congratulations, you almost won! Of all the losers, you came in first! You're the number one loser! No one lost ahead of you!'"
6. "My girlfriend is absolutely beautiful. Body like a Greek statue – completely pale, no arms."
7. "You know you're working class when your TV is bigger than your book case."
8. "Most of my life is spent avoiding conflict. I hardly ever visit Syria."
9. "A spa hotel? It's like a normal hotel, only in reception there's a picture of a pebble."
10. "My Dad said, always leave them wanting more. Ironically, that's how he lost his job in disaster relief."
11. "Apparently smoking cannabis can affect your short term memory. Well if that's true, what do you think smoking cannabis does?"
12. "As a kid I was made to walk the plank. We couldn't afford a dog."
13. "I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting!"
14. "Here's a picture of me with REM. That's me in the corner."
15. "Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm a schizophrenic, and so am I."
16. "My mother told me, you don't have to put anything in your mouth you don't want to. Then she made me eat broccoli, which felt like double standards."
17. "My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that."
18. "The easiest time to add insult to injury is when you're signing somebody's cast."
19. "If we were truly created by God, then why do we still occasionally bite the insides of our own mouths?"
20. "Do Transformers get car, or life insurance?"
21. "Alright lads, a giant fly is attacking the police station. /don't worry, I've called the SWAT team!"
22. "A good rule to remember for life is that when it comes to plastic surgery and sushi, never be attracted by a bargain."
23. "I backed a horse last week at 10 to one. It came in at quarter past four."
24. "I was having dinner with a world chess champion and there was a check tablecloth. It took them two hours to pass the salt."
25. "I saw this man and woman wrapped in a barcode. I said: 'Are you two an item?'"
26. "I went to buy camouflage trousers but I couldn't find any."
27. "A skeleton walks into a bar. The bartender says, 'What'll you have?' The skeleton says, 'Gimme a beer and a mop.'"
28. "A grasshopper walks into a bar and the bartender says, 'Hey, we have a drink named after you.' The grasshopper says, 'Really? In that case, give me a Kyle!'"
29. "About a month before he died, my uncle had his back covered in lard. After that, he went downhill fast."
30. "I'm reading a horror story in Braille. Something bad is about to happen... I can feel it."
31. "Did you hear about the two silk worms in a race? It ended in a tie!"
32. "My cross-eyed wife and I just got a divorce. I found out she was seeing someone on the side."
33. "Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? It's okay. He woke up."
34. "Why did the man run around his bed? Because he was trying to catch up on his sleep!"

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
- Colorado Horseshoe 2024



September

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| Abilene | 9/4 |
| Uncle Nick Wilson | 9/7 |
| A.D. | 9/15 |
| T Bone Paul | 9/16 |
| Kit Carson | 9/21 |
| L.W. Hannabass | 9/21 |
| Holly Pena | 9/24 |

October

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| Kettleman | 10/4 |
| Captain George Baylor | 10/5 |
| San Saba Slim | 10/5 |
| Culebra Blaze | 10/6 |
| Crazy Clyde | 10/8 |
| Maid Jalaff | 10/17 |

November

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| Chili Petin | 11/4 |
| Beans Ahgin | 11/6 |
| Hoolihan | 11/21 |
| Alamo Andy | 11/23 |
| Dusty Chambers | 11/28 |



Key Links

www.sassnet.com
www.texicanrangers.org
www.greenmountainregulators.org
www.pccss.org
www.stxpistoleros.com
www.tejascaballeros.org

www.trpistoleros.com
www.texasjacks.com
www.cimarron-firearms.com
www.tsra.com
www.wildwestmercantile.com

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)
08 – Workday
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)
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	Tejas Caballeros Wild Bunch (TX Republic Ranch)
4th Saturday (Cowboy) and 4th Sunday (Long Range)	Green Mountain Regulators (Marble Falls)

Photo Album



