

# Thunder River World-Guardian

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The **Premiere** Cowboy Action Shooting Club in Grimes County, Texas

9/10 of a mile north of the Texas Renaissance Festival Main Entrance—look for the Red, White and Blue sign

**!! Match this Saturday:** March 24<sup>th</sup>: full match of six stages; registration cut off **9:30**

**Feb 24:** twenty-eight shooters beat back the threat of rain and had a right-good time. Details are scarce as some of us were sick in bed and no report was submitted by any of our world-famous reporters.

We do know that anytime cowboys get to shoot is a good day and those that missed out on the fun and games were missed.

**March 3:** forty-six shooters showed up on what has to be one of the best days for cowboy shooting—EVER! Good cloud cover to keep the Sun off of those who burn and don't tan (taking about you, **Senior Deacon**.)

Nice wind from the east to push all the black powder smoke away from the stage buildings and great temperatures in the lows 70's. **Mississippi Red** almost made this exact comment, too. **Baba Looney** and **Shadow Doc** traveled down from Willow Hole to be part of

the festivities while **Rusty Elder** was back at it again. New shooter **Crockett** shot his first match ever and did so as a duelist! When questioned didn't even realized he was shooting that way.

On a less than happy note, after working on the previous day's work party **Neshannock Leo** came down with the flu and missed all the fun—get better soon **Leo**.

Workday on March 16 got shade built over Stage 9 unloading table. **GW, Dusty Bottoms, Fairplay John** and **Osage Mike** were the worker bees. **BPB** rebuilt the Buzzards Roost's water pump. When you see them be sure to thank them.



**“Clean Matches, No Penalties” Feb 24, March 3 & TSRA Match: Angels, Tell Sackett, Baba Looney, BLB, Bristlecone Jan, Cherokee Jones, GW Ketchum, Good Troy, Red River Larry, Shadow Doc, Texas Crazy Clay, Rooster, cheyenne**



**11% clean: both matches combined**

**Winner, Winner, Possum Dinner:** **BPB** and **Osage Mike** easily coasted to victory in their respective elections. With 100% of the ballot boxes turned in and all votes counted **The TRR Election and Yard Sale Committee** declares them winners.



We thank everyone that participated and hope those who did not win will fully support these two wonderful gentlemen (-person, -living organism?) in the future.

As **BPB** was heard to say at his victory party, "History is written by the winners!" **Osage** was paying off his election bribes.



**TRR club category definitions:** we have had some questions in the recent past and wanted to 'get down to brass tacks' on what they mean:

**Renegade:** this shooter can pick a different category at any and all stages. One stage they can shoot gunfighter, the next duelist, another C-D and so on. Only requirement is they follow the guidelines for the category picked during that stage, no combining of various categories components; **Violet** calls this the 'Sampler Plate' of categories.

**BAM (Bolt Action Military):** this is an extension of Wild Bunch (WB) and we're glad to welcome any of these shooters to TRR. (See following article for details.) And being a cutting-edge club we have two (2) options for this:

**BAM-CD:** this is the current C-D category with the BAM rifle used in place of the lever action. Single action revolvers and choice of shotgun are up to the shooter.

**BAM-WB:** this is the current WB category with the BAM rifle used in place of the lever action. Again, the shooter will engage the C-D targets.

**The BAM Category in detail:** This category will be available to shooters at any TRR monthly match.

The rules for this category are as follows:

1. Bolt Action Military (BAM) category shooters will be integrated into a regular posse similar to Cody-Dixon shooters during a Cowboy Action Shooting match.
2. Shooters should wear period-correct (1890-1946) and preferably military style clothing, boots, and a hat.
3. BAM shooters will engage the Cody-Dixon targets in the sequence described in the scenario. Rifle target distance will be from 50 to 150 yards. Targets may be of varying sizes, with smaller targets being used for the closer ranges.

4. Rifle must be an original caliber bolt action rifle issued by any country to its Military Forces through the end of WWII.
  - a. Rifle must be “as issued” with original iron battle sights and no external modifications.
  - b. Internal modifications and faithful reproductions are allowed.
  - c. Shooter starts with no more than 5 rounds in the magazine, chamber empty and the bolt open. If the rifle will not hold five rounds in the magazine, any over-capacity rounds may be staged, or loaded from the body, while on the clock.
  - d. Shooter **must use solid lead bullets only** but gas checks are allowed.
  - e. All rifle shots must be fired “off-hand.” No leaning, supporting, or resting is allowed.

**BAM-CD:** BAM rifle takes place of lever action rifle; all other guns follow SASS cowboy rules

**BAM-WB:** Normal WB pistol and Model 97 shotgun are to be used. Shotgun may be any Model 97 or Model 12 shotgun meeting SASS Wild Bunch criteria and will be fired in the same sequence and order as in the Wild Bunch categories.



**We DO need some Stinkin’ Badges:** with new members flooding the club we want to revisit how to buy a club badge. **Red River Mac** is handling this for TRR; see his message below:

*Make your check out to me, **L. M. DeBose**, for \$69. You can send it to me at **11535 Clover Lane Ct., Houston, 77066** or wait until you see me at the Range.*

*I will also need the correct spelling of your cowboy alias, and your mailing address.*

**Red River Mac**

**Reloading Room:** Once upon a time I had a friend that had more money than brains and owed me a favor. Cutting to the chase, he gave me **his Dillon RF-100** auto primer filler machine. Since I love toys I went about getting it back in shape—fun is where you find it.

Anyway, the machine has a small flat plastic plate #17294 that keeps primers from flipping before they go down the tube. After a number of Houston summers this plate warped and I had to hold it slightly up to make it work—so much for the automatic feature.

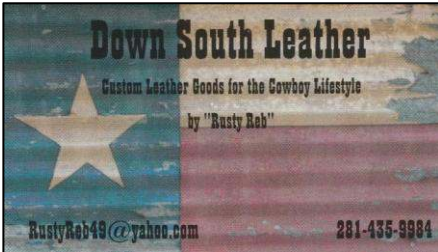
Emailed **Dillon** and they sent me a free part BUT this part has been upgraded. It’s twice as thick, made out a different plastic and has an “S” on it instead of the “A” or “B” like the original ones.

Of course it works better but much like there at least 3 redesigns of the SDB handle you don’t know about it till you email them for replacement parts.

So now you know . . .



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**Osage Mike's:** I'm a one man shop building custom leather goods for cowboy action shooters. I build holsters, cartridge belts, shotgun belts and cowboy shooter accessories one at a time. TRR member **Osage Mike**, [jayemgee@msn.com](mailto:jayemgee@msn.com) Phone: 281.785.2397



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If anyone is interested in owning one of these bench top shooting sticks built by one of your fellow TRR members please contact Cartwright at [gauth1965@gmail.com](mailto:gauth1965@gmail.com) Currently have 5 ready for delivery shortly after 08 December, also currently orders would take about 2-3 weeks to deliver.

Cost - \$120 Thanks, **Cartwright**



**J M Leather:** is a small leather shop where leather items are crafted one at a time to provide long service to the cowboy shooter. **Johnny** and his wife **Montana Hannah** are cowboy shooters as well and understand getting what you paid for and being treated fair. The promise is a simple one, if you are not happy with your gear, let us make it right. We want you to be proud of the gear you wear, and proud that you got it from us. We are not a big name maker, but we will put our reputation and gear up against anyone. **JohnnyMorris**, [jmorris69007@msn.com](mailto:jmorris69007@msn.com) website: <http://www.jm-leather.com>

After months of anxious anticipation, **Volume Two of the Adventures of Double Dog Darrenger and Gappy Jack Daniels: Deadwood or Bust** was published on December 16, 2017 and is now available. A little late for Christmas, but just in time for that special Epiphany gift or your personal celebration of Elvis Presley's birthday (we don't judge).

Copies will be available at the December 30<sup>th</sup> shoot for the less than kingly sum of \$10. Cheaper than the Amazon price (also available there) and with better delivery!

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The Misadventures continue in  
Volume 2 - **"Deadwood or Bust"**  
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For those that were expecting a June 2017 publishing, as announced in the *Cowboy Chronicle*, the author would like to apologize for the delay, but she has been battling some long term cardiac issues and that has been the priority.

[https://www.amazon.com/Deadwood-Bust-Madeleyn-Questman/dp/0999736620/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1514293695&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Deadwood-Bust-Madeleyn-Questman/dp/0999736620/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1514293695&sr=1-1)

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## Shooting once a month not enough?

### Oakwood Outlaws

2nd Sat. & Sun. every month and the Monday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend. [www.oakwoodoutlaws.org/](http://www.oakwoodoutlaws.org/)

**Willow Hole Cowboys** 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend of the month <http://www.willowholecowboys.com/>

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