

# Thunder River World-Guardian

June, 2018

©Thunder River Renegades, Inc

Vol. VI, No 6

*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:** May 26<sup>th</sup>: full match of six stages; registration cut off **9:00**

**Summer dress is now an optional choice:** due to our (in)famous Texas summer weather we are offering a summer clothing option. You can, if you choose, wear T-shirts, shorts and non-cowfolk footwear. The Board realizes that a goodly number of our members can have major medical complications in high heat/humidity situations and would hate to see the matches stopped while they are life-flighted off of the range.

This is one major rule with summer dress: **NO BASEBALL CAPS!!!** In most categories\* you can shoot minus any headgear but baseball caps are not allowed

(\*both Classic Cowboy and B-Western require cowboy hats and they can't be made of palm or straw)

## **Match Reports:**

**April 28:** what a great bunch of cowboys turned out to shoot! We had 3 posses totaling 45 shooters so I think the spring time attendance has arrived. Some folks of note: **Shotgun Willie Nelson** was making his first appearance while **Wild Card Wayne**, **Macon A. Longshot** and **The Major** are returning after a bit of a vacation—good to have them at the range.

**BPB** was the author of the stages again and big thanks to **Lorelei Longshot** for printing, laminating and posting the voluminous start lines. As usual at TRR folks step up when they see a need.

Did get a bit warm towards the end and **Suzie Q** made sure we had the fans running plus **TJD** and I provided water and Gatorade for everyone. We'll be having liquids available from here on out so watch each other and be sure to keep hydrated.

**May 5** match had **TJD** writing the stages and everyone had a great time in what has to be perfect weather, though by the end we remembered why Phil Sheridan wanted to live in Hell and rent out Texas. While coming in through the rain and muddy roads was a bit of excitement, once we got to the range it was magnificent. Of the 9 clean matches shot 5 of them were from Posse 2—we may not be all that fast but we're accurate (OK a few were both but for the rest of us . . .)

Three posses meant the day was one of our largest this year. At one point it looked like a demolition derby as gun carts crossed paths.

It also was a great day to see couples shooting: **Lorelei Longshot** & **Manassas Jack**, **Lady Doc** & **Nile City Slick**, **Little Britches** & **Dusty Bottoms**, **Bristlecone Jan** & **Fairplay John**, **Red River Raider** with **Petticoat Parker** watching his every move and **Miss Ellie** & **Rawhide**; that's 12 out of the 38 shooters we had or 32%.

**“Clean Matches, No Penalties” April 28:** Black Powder Burn, Cherokee Jones, Dealin' Lead, Doc Bury'em (Shadow Doc), Doc O'Bay, GW Ketchum, Macon A Longshot, Osage Mike, **Red River Larry**, Texas Drifter, Texas Rooster, cheyenne  
**May 5:** Dealin' Lead, Doc Bury'em, Doc Jim Harvey, Ellie Mae, Fast Tracker, Lonesome Lefty, Ramblin Gambler, **Rusty Elder**, cheyenne



**27% clean: both matches combined**

**Red River Mac and his bionic heart:** on May 10, Mac had a pacemaker implanted; here is his report on his own operation:

*I survived the Pacemaker operation and am now bionic. I will soon be able to stop runaway stage coaches, leap over raging rivers and shoot a 10 second stage!*

????

*Ok, would you believe; able to climb stairs, walk around the block and shoot a stage in less than a minute?*

*Thanks, everyone, for your thoughts and prayers*

**Red Rive Mac**

**Aha: Mack DeBose**



**Plaque for the Lazarus Longshot Tree:** At the south end of the pavilion is the **Lazarus Tree** planted in remembrance of one of the charter members of TRR. **Laz** was there at the beginning and was a vital part of who made us what we are today. We fondly remember his knowledge, skill and willingness to help all. He is sorely missed to this day.

**Lorelei Longshot** and **Manassas Jack** were instrumental in donating the tree, having it planted and providing the plaque in **Laz's** memory. Our deepest thanks to them as we celebrate the to-soon loss of a

wonderful, man, husband, friend and cowboy shooter. Happy Trails, **Lazarus**.

**A Big Welcome Howdy to our new members:** **Blanco** has shot with us before but is now an official member. **Doc Skurlock** and his beautiful bride **Sassy Kat Skurlock** are also card carrying members of TRR (if we had cards . . . which we don't ☺).

Be sure we introduce yourself to our new members and make them feel at home.



**Things that keep me up at night:** did you ever notice that the cowboy on the ACES home page <http://acessoring.com/> has his badge on the wrong side of his coat?

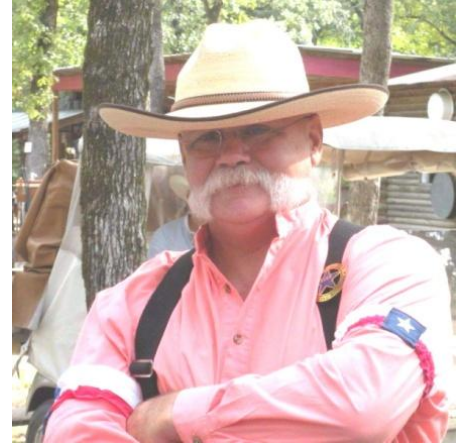
## **Ramblings of the Range Master**

Hi all,

I am very honored to be your Range Master. Thank you for this vote of confidence. I am going to touch on a few subjects here today. Safety, Scenarios, Targets,....

### **Safety:**

Eye surgery sucks. Blindness even more so. Please wear those safety glasses.



**Loading and unloading tables.** There is a reason we have loading and unloading table officers and procedures. Ever have a fist pistol shot go “click”? Let’s do our part for safety and check those firearms when we load and when we unload.

**Muzzle direction, muzzle direction, muzzle direction.** Let’s keep those muzzles in a safe direction. This includes those double barrel shotguns when shucking out the empties.

**RO-I and RO-II course** will be offered after EoT this June so keep your eye peeled for the announcements. Each course takes 3-4 hours.

### **Scenarios:**

Wild Bunch has evolved to 7 shots (not 5). Expect new scenarios now at TRR to support this.

Dust off those Springfields and .30-40 Kraggs. BAM (Bolt Action Military) will shoot the Cody Dixon targets and the Wild Bunch pistol sequence.

### **Targets:**

We have tombstone plate racks, large buffalos and bears, and other bonus shot targets under construction. Sorry this is taking so long. But soon, honest soon, ...

Be safe, not sorry,

**TJD**

## NOTES FROM OLE SMOKEY



### Long Range

Competition continues to be fierce. GW (the OBS) did manage to win this month's gong match outright – but two shooters were nipping on his heels, only one point behind.



The June match should prove very interesting, as Slipshod Construction and FairCone Construction completed the rear firing line at **500 yards**. That should really take everything up a notch. It also now gives us the ability to shoot silhouette matches with the BPCR's. For you heathens, that's **BLACK** Powder Cartridge Rifles – although we do take pity and allow those who have not been to the School of Natural Ballistic Propellants to shoot **other** powders until they are better educated.....

We'll start with a gong match at our inaugural 500 yard match, and then alternate with silhouette starting in July.

### Fallen Shooters

As I'm sure you saw with Cheyenne's recent email, we have elected to work with the Friends of the NRA as the recipient of the donation from our inaugural Happy Trails match. They are helping us spread the information on the match through their network, which will hopefully increase our attendance and maybe even bring us and/or Willow Hole a few new members.

The local NRA rep is Liz Foley, and she seemed extremely excited about the idea and our plans for the match. We hope to bring the Friends of the NRA Wall of Guns to the match and give everyone a chance to win one in the raffle they hold. More details will be forthcoming.

At any rate, we sure hope everyone comes out to the match on June 30<sup>th</sup> to remember our fallen colleagues and raise money for the defense of the Second Amendment.

### Summer is Here

As y'all may have noticed, temperatures are getting a bit warmish now. TRR is beginning summer dress code a bit early this year, starting next weekend. We'll continue it through September, at least. I think Willow Hole has a sensible policy – if the weather forecast is for 90 degrees or above, summer dress is approved. You don't have to wait for one of us to tell you it's OK. We kind of figure you are mature adults (at least we hope so, since we're playing with real guns!) and can decide when temperatures are hot enough that you need to dress cooler.

*Blackpowder Burn*

**Picture with a Story:** When **Weezee Anna** was talking to **Manassas** about the saloon's condition (creaking flooring, hard to see over bar and such), **Manassas** remarked that is one of the oldest building we have and will probably be rebuilt someday.

**Weezee** replied: "When you rebuild this stage, I want these bar top lower!"

Picture by **Solomon River Kid**



**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**

## **Maintenance Matters by Rawhide**



I've switched to synthetic oil and grease for my guns. Won't gum up in cold weather. I bought one quart of oil which should last a lifetime and can use it other places to also. Also have been using a product called **Rusteprufe** on my guns . It does a great job at keeping surface rust off my guns in our humid environment even if ya don't clean them after each match. Seems to last longer than silicone.



### **Maintenance: gun cart**

Grease the wheels occasionally and other moving parts that fold up or down. Good place to use that synthetic oil and grease to justify costs. The folks that have the small chrome bicycle wheels need to clean them occasionally to prevent rust. I came up with that idea as I just spent time cleaning mine which had started getting rust on them.

# The Thunder River Mercantile

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).



*The Misadventures of Double Dog Darrenger & Gappy Jack Daniels in*  
**DEADWOOD or bust**  
*Volume Two*

**Questman Tales Publishing**  
The Misadventures continue in Volume 2 - **"Deadwood or Bust"**  
Available Online Now!  
**Questman Tales Publishing**  
[www.questman-publishing.com](http://www.questman-publishing.com)

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!

[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)

## John Powers, Gunsmith



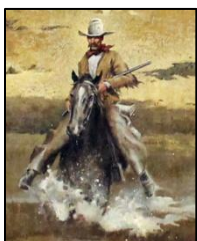
Powders Metal Works  
228 Colorado Rd.  
Duson, LA 70529

Phone number for Texas  
281.513.3438 Cell  
281.254.7881 Fax  
NEW LA number: 337.940.9400



**Down South Leather**  
Custom Leather Goods for the Cowboy Lifestyle  
by "Rusty Reb"  
[RustyReb49@yahoo.com](mailto:RustyReb49@yahoo.com) 346-261-9620

**Down South Leather**, Custom Leather Goods for the Cowboy Life Style by **Rusty Reb** is proud to announce the opening of its Houston branch. Contact **Rusty** and discuss your needs and wants; he's only an email or phone call away: [RustyReb49@yahoo.com](mailto:RustyReb49@yahoo.com) or 281-435-9984



**Oklahoma Dee Vendor/Services/Products Company** is on line and open for business. **Dee** has been working on this for some time and is proud to announce the start of this business as well as his operational website.

Take a few moments to check out this new and exciting venture.

<http://oklahomadee.com/>

<p><b>Osage Mike</b>          Custom Leather for Cowboy Shooters</p> <p>MIKE GREEN          SASS 49,044</p> <p>JAYEMGEE@MSN.COM</p> <p>281 785 2397</p>
---

**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



**Wooden Fully Adjustable Bench Top Shooting Sticks**

Made in the U.S.A.

Solid Oak, wood sealed for long life, heavy duty construction, leather strips on uprights to protect rifle, pinned-easy height adjustment, fully adjustable to match

shooting bench height and shooter, collapses for easy transportation.

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 - \$100 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>

## 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/>

#### TRR Officers 2018

El Jefe: **Blackpowder Burn (BPB)**  
[president@thunderriverrenegades.com](mailto:president@thunderriverrenegades.com)

Vice-Pres: **GW Ketchum**  
[vicepresident@thunderriverrenegades.com](mailto:vicepresident@thunderriverrenegades.com)

Secretary: **cheyenne**  
[secretary@thunderriverrenegades.com](mailto:secretary@thunderriverrenegades.com)

Treasurer: **Osage Mike (Osage)**  
[treasurer@thunderriverrenegades.com](mailto:treasurer@thunderriverrenegades.com)

Range Master: **Texas Jack Daniels**  
[RangeMaster@thunderriverrenegades.com](mailto:RangeMaster@thunderriverrenegades.com)

TG: **Texas Jack Daniels (TJD)**  
[TXTJD@sbcglobal.net](mailto:TXTJD@sbcglobal.net)

