

# 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:** Oct 27<sup>th</sup>: match of five stages; registration cut off **9:00**

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** it was a washout so we moved the match back one week

**September 29<sup>th</sup>:** with some cloudy weather and Comin at Cha sucking off the cream of the crop we ended with 18 shooters in posses of 11 and 7??? For some reason this sounded like a good idea at the time. I will say when you're on a posse of 7 everyone works and things go smoothly once a routine is established—that took one stage to develop.

Posse 1 pretty ruled the roost taking 11 of the top 15 spots. **Shadow Doc** and **Cap 'N Ball** differed by just over 4 seconds for the entire match while **Caledonia Red**, **Rusty Elder** and **Solomon River Kid** were within 4½ seconds; seems everyone brought their *A Game* for this shoot.

**Slashwood's** new rifle worked and he was a happy camper at the end. Nothing like throwing the better part of \$1,000 at the problem to fix (or in this case replace it). The old lever action is now being used to knock apples out of his tree in the back yard.

Some notable finishes include **Lorelei Longshot**—Lady Overall, **Emery Goodner**—Classic Cowboy, **Osage Mike**—Senior Duelist,

**Baba Looye**—Silver Senior and **Judge Pete**—Rifleman.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>:** today we learned that summer still had a steel grip on the weather. Heat index worked out to be 108° and everyone was feeling it. **BPB** kept the shooter's meeting to the main points of the match and we got right to it; even so it was still around 12:30—1:00 when we finished (the six stages and all.)

Top 5 were GW **Ketchum**, **Red River Raider**, **Manassas Jack**, **Outlaw Dave** and **Tricky T Ketchum**. **Tricky T** was accompanied by a friend who is a girl and went to great pains not to introduce her to me. Seems I have been known to give the club a bad rep at time.

Some of the category winners of note: **Rawhide** topped a field of 1 to take the C-D group; **Good Troy** took Duelist while his better half **Mississippi Red** lead in Lady Senior.

A face from the past **San Juan Steve** lead Senior Duelist and **Crash** topped FCGF.

And **Judge Pete** shot both match Clean!

**“Clean Matches, No Penalties”** **Sept 29:** **Cherokee Jones**, **Doc Jim Harvey**, **Judge Pete**, **Manassas Jack** (yes **Manassas** can easily shoot a clean match when he wants to), **Nile City Slick**, **cheyenne** **Oct 6:** **Cherokee Jones**, **Jalapeno**, **Judge Pete**, **Lorelei Longshot**, **cheyenne**

23% clean/no procedures: both matches combined

## Long Range Gong Match October 7, 2018

We had nine entries today, three lever guns and six single shot rifles. Setup began early as soon as the rain stopped. Targets were set and painted for practice. Several shooters were qualified for the match before practice began. The range dried out and the treat of rain became a pleasant day if a bit cloudy.

At 10:15, the Long Range Master assembled the shooters, reviewed the rules and procedures, determined the shooters for two relays, and asked **Susie Q** to call the match. The first target was engaged about 10:30AM. It was a fun match with a few funny surprises, like shooting and hitting the wrong target [counted as miss]. **Black Powder Burn** had a string of 21 bullseyes before a miss with his single shot. **Dusty Bottoms'** lever gun hit the last eight in a bullseye string. **Outlaw Dave, Doc Jim Harvey, GW Ketchum**, and **Dusty Bottoms** with both rifles all had a clean match. [They hit every target].

After closing the range and storing the equipment, awards were given based on two relays:

Grand Champion:	46	<b>Black Powder Burn</b>
Champion Men's lever action	43	<b>Dusty Bottoms</b>
Champion Men's single shot smokeless	42	<b>Dusty Bottoms</b>
Champion Men's single shot BP	46	<b>Black Powder Burn</b>

### Shooters

**Doc Jim Harvey**

**Outlaw Dave**

**Crash**

**GW Ketchum**

**Dusty Bottoms** [lever and single shot]

**Black Powder Burn** [BP]

**Cartwright**

**Nile City Slick** [BP]

Long Range Master and reporter: **Nile City Slick**

**Layering when dressing for our upcoming weather:** with the wonderful change in our temperatures we now face very cool start times followed by warm days by match's end.

Layering or having several light garments vs. on heavy one is what is recommended by the experts and especially those who sell light-weight garments.



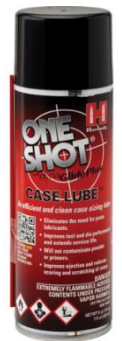
This method allows you to remove 'just enough' clothing to stay comfortable rather than die of heat stroke at the end of the match or freeze to death if you take that one heavy garment off too soon.

The secret is never get hot in the gear—as you get warmer, be it from outside temp or exertion, take something off. If you sweat and then stop and get cold you will be in a world of hurt not to mention COLD.

Not naming names but **Rawhide** usually will have a T-shirt, thermal shirt, cowboy shirt, vest, sweater, light weight jacket and Carhartt heavy-weight jacket on. Yes, he does leave a trail of clothing as the day progresses but he never is too hot or cold.

**Revisiting Case Lube:** about a year ago I dabbled in mixing my own case lube using Heet® and liquid lanolin. Was cheap, worked fine but did have to add a step to remove it once the cases were reloaded—not a biggie but still another step.

Forward to this past week when I was loading 300 or so .45 ACP rounds. All had been wet tumbled and since this process does a great job of removing everything I was having some of the cases getting 'sorta' stuck on the powder funnel. Dillon warns this is a problem if the brass is new or 'too clean' as the residue helps cut the friction between the funnel and the inside of the case.



I had 25 to go when I hit the inside of the cases with a quick shot of spray case lube—was aiming for the inside rather than the outside walls. Worked like a champ, and I found there was enough overspray to help out on the sizing die as well.

So all the times I would spray this bullet trays from each side turned out not to be needed. Tilting the trays and spraying directly into the cases for just a second does the same thing—*strike that*—it does a better job.

*Even a blind hog will find an acorn or two now and then.*



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**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**



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

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