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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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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:** Dec 22nd: match of six stages; registration cut off **9:00**

I think I probably just about drove everyone crazy with the more than one a day communications for the past month or so.

Both the Nov 24 and LSTR-18 matches were well attended and everyone enjoyed the cooler weather.

LSTR was the best annual match we had in a long time as far as the planning and the “ignore the man behind the curtain” operations went. We did have a few hiccups but these were minor and didn’t detract from the *fun factor* of the event. I’ll take any heat on the number of awards per category issue but the shooters took this in stride.

I was impressed with the number of folks that showed up for the side matches and the professionalism that our Side Match Marshals showed during that period.

Words fail me when you see how **Ellie, Suzie, Jan** and others took ownership of getting the lunch set up and ready to go; remember **Ellie** and **Jan** were also shooting, too.

Cherokee, Jan, Suzie and **Ellie** made the awards ceremony the best I can ever remember. It got all the winners recognized and there was no lost time during the event. Rooster waiting till the end to take the mass winners photo was a new way to accomplish this event with style and class.

Ten Gallon Hats off to all who donated items for our raffle and especially to XXX for the donation of the semi-auto 9mm and our anonymous member who donated the Marlin Limited Edition 1894.

There are many others to thank: **BPB** and **Crash** for finally allowing the menfolk to be able to take care of business without water leaking everywhere; from the guys that ran the parking areas, to the group with pointed sticks and trash bags that cleaned up after the dust settled plus probably 50-60 more. I thank them all and am humbled to be associated with people of this outstanding caliber of personal values.

“Clean Matches, No Penalties” Nov 24: Black Powder Burn, Crash, Doc O’Bay, Judge Pete, Lorelei Longshot, Ramblin Gambler, Siler Dollar Sage, Solomon River Kid, cheyenne LSTR 18: Angels, Cherokee Jones, Hopalong Ace, Shadow Doc, Shotshell, Tell Sackett, Texas Drifter, cheyenne

20% clean/no procedures: both matches combined



2019 Dues: yes, it's that time again, a new year and as luck would have it the old rates! Seems the board never got around discussing the dollar amount so I just decided if the current dues were good enough for 2018 they were good enough for 2019 Year of the Earth Pig (so are there such things as a Moon Pig or Mars Pig?)

Rates are as follows:

Lone Adult: \$35 and no, we don't take chickens or kids in trade

Lone Junior (under 18): \$20

Family: \$70 max (there is a loophole if the family consists of an Adult and Non-adult (under 18)

A TRR Membership Renewal form is attached for your convenience.

Time and Past Time to have our Clean Shooter Drawing: every time a cow-person has a clean match (no misses and no procedurals) their name goes onto a list. At the beginning of the



Slow Loris

following year we pick a name out of the hat and that person gets a really nifty prize (which we haven't decided on yet—think of us as a cowboy version of a Three-Toed Sloth or Slow Loris.*

The short version: the more you shot clean the more times your name is on the list.

And yes, Nancy, if you got a clean match because you used your miss ticket it still counts as a clean match.



Three-Toed Sloth

Now it turns out that we never had the 2017 drawing! For some reason someone, probably me, let this slide past us without so much as a blink of the eye. So this time we'll be having two of these drawings—we may be slow but we do follow through, even if it a year late.

We have both lists on the same attachment (to save electrons?) If a shooter only shot one clean match I didn't bother to list a "1" after their name. If they shot more than one I showed the total number at the bottom of their list of names. The colors are only used to separate one shooter from the next.

We still have one more match in 2018 so we could end up with a couple more after this Saturday.

**The Slow Loris is the only venomous primate known to man so don't get bit by one.*

LSTR 18—Shooter Critiques: we had a number of responses to our questionnaire about how our annual match and dart-throwing contest ran. *We can only get better if we know where we dropped the ball.*

Quite a number of responders were very pleased with the match and enjoyed pretty much everything, except not winning the Marlin rifle, but that's another story. We are glad our efforts met their expectations.

But . . . and you knew there would be a “but,” several areas did fall short of what we would have liked to have delivered to the shooters. I think it is worthwhile to look at these items and again in random order:

Bathrooms: Had some problems with them and we need to either bring in some porta-potty backups or get the other building operational

Food: labeling would be a good idea, keeping food at correct temp was mentioned, sign-up for different dishes to keep from having too much of something and not enough of another.

Awards: Everyone loved the medals—big thanks to **Cherokee Jones**. We had thoughts from both sides: award categories no matter how many/few are in them and don't use them as participation awards. Plus I caused us to change horses in mid-stream which didn't help. My suggestion would be to get a committee to address this for next year, with a long lead time.

Public Address: it was mentioned, probably from those in the back of the pack that they had trouble hearing all the announcements—we might wish to revisit a PA system or at least borrow one for this event.

All in all, I was pleased with the match and festivities this year. My hope is we can use what we learned both good and bad to make LSTR-19 even better than this one was.

New Toy for the Gun Cart: SliX Shotshell Sizer is a tool you use to make sure your reloaded crimps are round. Many times when you reload shotgun shells you find that the crimps will stick out a bit at the ends of folds along the sides of the shells. This can cause your shells to hang up when loading and hamper the empties when unloading. Something many of the “Top Guns” are using so I'm sure it will shave about a ½ second off each of my 50-60 second stages times.



Simply push a shell in the sizer and give it a turn or two, simple. But there are a couple of facts you probably need to know before plopping down \$25 for this little gem.

1. You can't do this more than a day or two ahead of the match and doing it just before you place the shells in your shotgun slide is the best method. After a bit of time the shells will return to their previous shape so this isn't something you can do at the time of reloading and forget about it.
2. It takes some real effort to turn the shell in the sizer. Several reviews mention this and I totally concur. I'm exploring making a wooden 'wrench' to hold the shell as I turn it, something along the lines of two boards side by side with a hole the side of the shell drilled down. Hinge at one end and cuts handle shapes at the other—like the old time lead sinker molds in looks.

In any event, it does what it says it will do and with a bit of woodworking on my part I think it is worthwhile—plus it is, after all, a new toy!

The Thunder River Mercantile

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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 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. Currently have 7 shooting sticks ready for delivery.

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. **Johnny Morris**, jmorris69007@msn.com website: <http://www.jm-leather.com>

<https://www.amazon.com/Deadwood-Bust->

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 30th 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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Double Dog Darrenger
&
Gappy Jack Daniels
in
DEADWOOD
or bust
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Shooting once a month not enough?

Oakwood Outlaws

2nd Sat. & Sun. every month and the Monday following the 2nd weekend. www.oakwoodoutlaws.org/

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

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