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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

**Note the new cut-off time for registration ~ Summer is upon us
8:45!!**

Match this Saturday: May 25th: match of six stages; registration cut off **8:45**

And speaking of Summer Dress . . . as our beloved weather forecasters have predicted 90° for Saturday's match we enter into the time of allowing modifications to the SASS Dress Code. The board decided last year the change-over point is when the temperature equals or exceeds 90°.

This is NOT required of any shooter—not a problem to come dressed in a wool suit including vest and oilskin duster—you can be sure we'll say nice things about you when you die of heat stroke.

Now to the fine print of this ruling: **NO BASEBALL CAPS!!!** T-shirts, shorts and tennis shoes are OK, just remember people will be looking at you so not too much skin, please. Ladies, no problem with the Daisy Dukes, though 😊

Cowboy hats would be great—straw or palm leaf ones do well and club T-shirts were developed with just this dress code in mind.

Try to keep the spirit of the Old West in mind when planning your attire; as **TJD** always says, "Without a dress code we would be just another shooting sport."

p.s. did I mention **NO BASEBALL CAPS?**

Liquids are you friend

Remember to keep drinking all during the match—if you're thirsty you are already behind the curve. It's always good to bring something yourself as there maybe a run on the club supplied drinks
If we may quote **Manassas Jack**, "Blink, drink!"



“Clean Matches, No Penalties”

April 27: Black Powder Burn, Judge Pete, Neshannock Leo, Nile City Slick, cheyenne

May 4: Black Powder Burn, Doc Jim Harvey, Fast Tracker, Hopalong Ace, Judge Pete, Lonesome Lefty, Osage Mike, **Rusty Elder**

22% clean/no procedures: both matches combined

Top Shooters

April 27

Texas Scout

Lead Leg Vaquero

Doc O’Bay

Cherokee Jones

Dealin Lead

Osage Mike

Dusty Bottoms

Manassas Jack

Nile City Slick

Ranger Bill

May 4

Texas Scout

Outlaw Dave

GW Ketchum

Lonesome Lefty

Dusty Bottoms

Rawhide

Osage Mike

Manassas Jack

Dealin’ Lead

Nile City Slick

Ladies

April 27

Diamond Rose

May 4

Ellie Mae

Bristlecone Jan

Weezee Anna

Little Britches

Our next mowing day is Thursday, May 23

This Thursday we are calling all worker bees for a few hours of ‘fun and games’ in the hot and humid Texas summer weather—yes it’s weed-whacking time again.

Standard list of jobs:

- Edge around all the structures and boardwalk
- Edge around the targets NOTE: due to my many run-ins with target stands I won’t be do the ‘up close and personal’ **Cowboy Bob** mowing of these anymore. We’ll be counting on the weed-whackers to do the close in work.
- Water tower needs topping off—two barrels should do it
- Looking for anyone wanting to take some trash home for disposal—bag or two per person would be a great help

Remember to bring some liquid refreshment as we’re on the *cusp of summer*.

Finally, be sure to watch each other, besides the heat/humidity there is **Rusty Elder’s** favorite song:

♪ I don’t like spiders or snakes . . . ♪

Firearm up-grade report

Aftermarket Extractor for Marlin 1894: Ranger Point's new extractor costs about 3 times the price of the EOM so why buy it? For some of us just being able to spend large amounts of money on something new is reason enough. For others the advantages, perceived or actual, will be worth the expenditure.

If you ever chambered a round in a Marlin 94 you know the lever will smoothly go forward but when you bring it back there is a definite 'hitch' at about the halfway point. This is caused by the rim and the extractor coming together. Not enough to throw you off but it will be noticed. I always felt I had to hold the rifle very firmly to keep it on target while closing the lever.

Now Ranger Point, which is all of 5 miles from my house—very near 10-Ring Gun Store on Jones Rd, will give you any number of reasons for buying their extractor but eliminating the hitch resulting in a very smooth chambering operation is reason enough for me to have made the purchase (that and they were having a 15% off sale at the time.)



From top: punch, extractor, extra spring

Installation is simple, remove the bolt from the rifle, knock a pin out of the bolt from the bottom, remove the old extractor, replace with new one, pin goes back in (from the top) and reassemble bolt and lever. If it takes more than 10 minutes it's because you can't find the proper screwdriver or your brass hammer has taken a walk somewhere.

NOTE: their extractor is under tension and if you don't hold the spring in with your fingers you can launch it across the room (they do include a second spring *just in case*. You also get a cute little punch with which to remove the pin; it may or may not be long enough after reading a number of reviews.

Ranger Point has a video showing how it's done [CLICK HERE](#) to see it. Watching it a couple of times will show you how easy it is

Come by any time I'm on the range and see for yourself the difference it makes.

[As always, I have no association with this company other than a happy customer and should I be caught or killed, the Secretary will disavow any knowledge of me.]



I decided to do something about the recoil of my shotgun--cowboy action shooting is doing a number on my twice repaired rotator cuff.

I did some research on the internet and most folks were using a mechanical recoil reducer in the stock of the shotgun.

Did another search and seems only Midway was carrying the Dead Mule which is was the one most recommended.

Price was a bit higher than I hoped but was in line with what manufacturer charges and I could get free shipping.

Turns out my shotgun, Coyote Cap's Model 99 SxS doesn't have a hole in the back of the stock--cheap Chinese product

Now here's the fun part, decided to drill the hole first to be sure I could do it. Took a bit of time but got it drilled without coming out of the side of the stock.

Went back in to order and did a final check on the product and discovered it needed a 7/8" hole!! Shucks!!

Went back out and was able to enlarge the hole--getting it started was not pretty but as my wife say, "Only you will know it's there." And that's the problem: I'll know it.

I saw only one problem: the recoil pad is very soft and the Dead Mule might want to back out and push against it creating a bulge in the center of the pad. I looked at Midway and they really didn't have any butt plate spacers. If worse comes to worst I'll fabricate one out of some thin metal or space age polymer (plastic)

Now to wait a week or so--free shipping does have one catch--it takes longer to get here than the shipping that costs \$\$ but being retired I have more time than \$\$.

I'll keep you posted on how it goes

UP-DATE: turns out it arrived in 3 days which was a welcome surprise. (Did also learn the stock was made of mahogany of which I am allergic. Eyes were almost swollen shut the day after drilling the hole.) Did some fine tuning of the depth of the hole and the Dead Mule dropped right in. Did have to make a metal plate to cover the hole; inlet around the plate and was able to fit that under the recoil pad

Now to the 64 Thousand Question: does it work? I would say yes, I shot it multiple times and recoil seems to be much less though I don't know if it's because of me 'wanting' it to work. *The idea that the brain can convince the person the new product does make a difference whether true or not—the so-called **placebo effect***

In any event stop by anytime and test it out yourself.

Stage Adoptions at TRR—One to Go

Suzie Q and **GW Ketchum** have rounded up the **Foreclosed Cattle Co.**

Nile City Slick has jumped on board the **Wagon**

Caledonia Red is tooling around the **Leather Shop**

Frio Kid bellied up at the **Saloon**

Diamond Rose and **Crash** are sleeping it off at the Hooker's **Hotel**

Hopalong Ace is shipping out to **Utter's Freight and Powder**

Cowboy has taken on **Tombstone Jail**, bar none

Ellie and **Rawhide** are selling rock candy at **Miss Ellie's General Store**

That leaves the **Gallows**—anyone want to hang out there?



Return to Western Cooking. With the approach of Texas Independence Day awhile back **Violet** wanted to get back into cooking like the early Texians did—cooking meat over open fires, Dutch oven baking and sourdough breads. While the first two were met with success the last one has been a challenge.

Making sourdough starter is more black magic than following a recipe. We sent off for 3 batches of sourdough starter and followed the instructions to the letter, guess that “letter” isn’t in our alphabet. All three store-bought starters ended up in the sink and we made our own which is thriving.

As **Violet** will tell you I love all the specialized gadgets and tools that you can buy to make the task at hand easier, we now have a sourdough whisk with a Danish wood handle, a couple of bannetons and all sorts of different flour.

After working on the starter for over two weeks we made our first batch of bread and three tries later **Violet** deemed the bread satisfactory (her highest rating. She uses a three tier rating scale of: On Hell No!, Might not kill the hogs and Satisfactory.)

The Thunder River Mercantile

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Reloader for Sale!!! I have a **Dillon Square Deal-B** progressive for sale. It's set up with dies for 38/357. It works well. I just prefer my 550B and I'm running out of bench space.

Asking \$225.

I'll bring to the match if anyone is interested.

Osage Mike



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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. Currently have 7 shooting sticks ready for delivery.

Cost - \$100 Thanks, **Cartwright**

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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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

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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