

# 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:** October 26: match of **six** stages; registration cut off **8:30**

## “Clean Matches, No Penalties”

### Sept 28:

Cherokee Jones  
Doc Jim Harvey  
Cowboy  
Shotgun Steve  
Preacherman Robert

### Judge Pete

### October 5:

Doc O'Bay  
Dealin' Lead  
Doc Jim Harvey

### Dusty Bottoms

Ranger Bill  
Cowboy  
Blackpowder Burn  
cheyenne

## Top Ten Shooters

### September 28:

Shotshell  
Rawhide  
Cherokee Jones  
Shadow Doc  
Manassas Jack  
Dealin Lead  
Nile City Slick  
Doc Jim Harvey  
Dusty Bottoms  
Ellie Mae

### October 5

Wild Card Wayne  
Lead Leg Vaquero  
GW Ketchum  
TJD  
Rooster  
Dealin Lead  
Doc O'Bay  
Rawhide  
**Rusty Reb**  
Thunderhawk

### Ladies September 28:

Ellie Mae  
**Ruby Red Rider**

### Ladies October 5

Ellie Mae  
Bristlecone Jan  
**Ruby Red Rider**  
Little Britches

**How to squeeze even more Fun out of Cowboy Action Shooting!** **RO Classes** are filling up fast. Don't miss out on learning more than you ever wanted to know about what happens at the stages.



The **TRR Board** and the **President's Posse** (*the movers and shakers of the club*) unanously recommend members at least attend the RO I course

Prices: RO I and RO II: \$15 each (this for first time attendees (you get a RO Pin and year rocker)



Renewal for either: \$5 (you just get the current year rocker)

**Class dates: Sat, Dec 14 for RO I, Sat Jan 11 for RO II**



**Something Else to spend your Money on:** So you have your Rugged Gear Gun Cart all tricked out and you're as proud as a peacock . . . but you have no place to place your butt. You might do as some of us and attach a folding stool "somehow" to the cart or drag it along behind you but it is helping the image you want to present to the other cowfolk. What to do?

Turns out Rugged Gear has a spring loaded cart seat that attaches to the right side of the cart and hold up to 300 lbs. Now you can wheel your gun cart to the perfect location and 'take a load off.' Granted you'll be out on Main Street in the Sun while the rest of your posse will be in the shade but hey, nothing is perfect

This little addition is a mere \$129.99 but can you really put a price on your comfort? When I asked **Violet** this she informed me that yes, she could certainly put a price on it and that price was way lower than what RG is asking for it. <https://ruggedgear.com/spring-loaded-cart-seat/>



**TRR's 114<sup>th</sup> Shooters Clinic scheduled for Nov 9 has to be rescheduled: TJD** will be unavailable on this date. Additional info will be forthcoming.

**Mini Shotgun Shells (Part 2):** Had a chance to try them at the 9-28 Match; good news is they all fired, bad: only knocked down two of 8 targets shot at—time to up powder and shot. Also will be sure I'm applying sufficient pressure to powder wad.

Think I'll go back to press and use my normal amount of powder and then all I'll have to do is play with amount of shot I can get in the shells.

From here on out I'll be using roll crimping as it allows the most shot in the shell and is easier to do than the folded crimps.

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## Our next mowing day is Friday, October 25

As of mid-October the grass was making great headway so we know it will need mowing this Friday. Probably some weed eating, too.

**BPB** filled the tower on the 12<sup>th</sup> so that may or may not need addressing. **Ellie** was everywhere on practice day tending to all those little chores and bathrooms that never seem to get addressed.

Targets are in position so we can skip that job.

## Our next workday is Friday, October 25

Notice a pattern here? **Nile City Slick** has called another workday for Stage 1 while our landscaping crew gets the range ready for the second match of October.

We have been sending out info and pictures on the goings-on and invite anyone who would rather work on the 'high ladder' than weed eat grass to come out. **Slick, Willie** and **Smoky, TCK** will have all the right tools so gloves and guts is all you need to bring along.

More info as the week progresses.



**Casting bullets in the heat**—back when we had those two days of cool weather I cranked up the lead pot and cast over 100 lbs of bullets (granted they were .45 caliber of 200 and 255 grs). It was great. I enjoyed it in every way, shape and manner.

But I didn't quite guess the amounts I needed so back the pot came on on the 15<sup>th</sup> with temperatures in the 90°s. After casting 15 lbs I was refilling the pot and just then realized I had cast the wrong ones! Heat does strange things to my brain and none of them good.

They will be used as there really isn't a shelf life for lead bullets but I still have the original ones to do down the trail.

# The Thunder River Mercantile

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Unfortunately, the source for Thunder River Renegades badges has gone out of business. We were getting a substantial discount from retail for both TRR and Willow Hole badges which was being passed on to our members. None of the other vendors for Smith & Warren badges has agreed to anything less than retail.

I am still actively searching for lower pricing but it does not look promising. We can still purchase badges but at retail prices plus shipping.

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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 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 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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Double Dog Darrenger  
&  
Gappy Jack Daniels  
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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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. . . and I'm back. Got a cute shell trimer from [Ballistic Products](#) that makes short work of making the shell shorter. As an aside I find BP stuff good but a bit high in price, course if they're the only one in town to carry something you 'pays your money and takes your chance.'

I did find I can use the powder and shot loads from the MEC progressive in these mini shells, once the shot is loaded I push down on the overshot wad to tighten everything up. Quick roll crimp and they come out looking great. I hope to try them

out before the 10-5 match—if they work I'll load some for the match itself

OK, still working on them, about half took down a KD but rest just tickled them. Created another batch to try on practice day. About the same as first batch but with more compression—we'll see.

. . . another entry: Went on and cut the shot and base cups off my plastic wads. Turns using the two without the middle compression part is perfect for the mini shells. Really put the pressure to them before roll crimping so there will be two different batches to try on practice day.

No yet: The one with the nitro wad was great—recoil wise but 'just' too light. The ones with the cup had way too much recoil.

Coming up are ones just using the cup but with lower powder amounts. We'll see . . .

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