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The Oldest *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 & Blue** sign

SPECIAL EDITION

Club communications of various “stuff” about the *Man behind the curtain*

▶ We are exploring getting another order of club T-shirts. These would be similar to the red ones you’ve seen on various members. Cost is still fluid but in the \$15-20 range

If interested please send me you size and number of shirts you wish to purchase—your **alias** is always helpful too.

We won’t hold you to it as we are still in planning stages are want to gauge membership interest

▶ After many discussions with **TJD** we have worked his thoughts into the start lines for next Saturday’s match. It is our hope that they are not too long or difficult for our shooters to remember

▶ Stage flow:

- Rifle shouldn’t be last (I messed that one up on 28th)
- Many shooters like movement to be in one direction not back and forth
- Many of our shooters are right handed so left-to-right is the preferred direction of travel
- Shooting the guns in the same order (rifle, pistol, shotgun) gets to be boring
- Our fast guns like the shotgun last as the time stops when the last two shots are fired, not after you eject the empty hulls
- Nobody likes the *long walk* from one end of the range all the way back to the beginning

- ▲ Counter points for keeping TRR from doing some of these
 - The way many of our stages are set up we either have to move right-to-left or start with shotgun so some compromise is needed
 - We try to group the stages together so we don't have the *long walk*. That being said, we sometimes omit the saloon as the step-down, step-up travel to the loading table. **Safety issue** here which will be addresses soon
 - The Land & Cattle Company sans roof is not being used till we finish the skylights and solar panels on the roof which has to be built first.
 - For variety we like to use as many buildings as possible. We built and paid for them so they do need to be used
 - Back and forth movement was used, again for variety but that is always subject to member wishes. We want you to enjoy shooting
 - Match booklet input is always welcome—you will see some of that input at the next match in the start lines and shooter movement

- ▶ **TJD Construction Co** is building 10 new loading/unloading tables (might be 11, I lost count at this point in the discussions). The old ones were getting shaky (**safety issue**). Should be on-site at next match

- ▶ New projects for our Fall work days
 - Move shelter at Stage 1 to shade the unloading table
 - Do something with the shelter in front of Dixie-Cullen. Options include moving it to end of pavilion for BBQ pits or tearing it down to salvage the usable lumber

- ▶ **Cowboy Bob's** fate: we will be keeping him and doing what is necessary to have him in running condition. If/when we have a major repair needed we will reassess his value and determine if it is cost-effective to fix him . . . repair, repair . . . he hates it when I use the term 'fix,' almost as bad a neuter.

- ▶ Finally an Atta-boy to **Rusty Elder** who flipped the KD targets around. Turns out that was way more work than we thought do to the trapped lead and junk that was down in the pivot points.