

# Thunder River World-Guardian



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The Oldest *Cowboy Action Shooting Club* in Grimes County, Texas

<sup>9</sup>/<sub>10</sub> of a mile north of the Texas Renaissance Festival Main Entrance—look for the **Red, White & Blue** sign

**Our final match of the year** is this Friday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

That's this Saturday!

Since Christmas falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of December, we have moved up our second match to Dec 11. Be looking for further info this coming soon.

Presently our plans are to shoot New Year's Day, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the first Saturday of 2022. It will be a great way to overcome any lingering effects of alcohol consumption from the previous night.

**Our first match of 2022** is Saturday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>

Yes, Virginia, we're shooting on New Year's Day.

As **Cherokee** says, "Suck it up, Buttercup and be there!"

**Our first Silhouette Match of 2022** is this Saturday, Jan 8<sup>st</sup>

Rules are attached for your enlightenment

**Last Stand at Thunder River** is in the record books. We'll have a summary coming soon. Thanks to all who helped, shot and ate with us.





## **Work Day Follow-Up:** (since I was an elementary math teacher

in a former life, I like numbers): just under a third of our membership worked at our two work days for stepped up month after month to make TRR the Best Cowboy Club in Grimes Co, Texas<sup>®</sup>. As I have mentioned in the past, it takes more than member dues to keep us in operation. A big THANK YOU to all who were a part of this.

But let's say you want to get in on the fun and games. Here is a list of future projects that will require a few to a bunch of worker bees. We'll be scheduling these in the future and, as always, everyone can help out. We don't have any timelines for these--they are items that will be attended to but when and at what materials cost hasn't even been seriously discussed. They aren't going to keep us from having matches and fun and shooting at stuff.

**Replace roof on Saloon** ~ we did work on the Saloon floor a-ways back and found it to be sound. Worker bees feel a new roof, probably rafters, furring strips and tin would do it. We already have some new tin stored in pavilion and some of what is currently there might be usable again.

▶ **New Item: Fans for the Land & Cattle Company.** Even though it was held in December, LSTR was a bit muggy. With the new roof we can now put some air-movers under it and up the physical enjoyment factor.

**Straighten the splatter fences** ~ thoughts are we can dig down at the 4x4s on "top" side of the leaning fence, push it straight (either people or tractor power) and tamp dirt in the hole where the post isn't. Adding some 45° bracing at the far end will complete this task. May have to replace a couple of 4x4s as they have taken a definite bend from the weight of the fence. Six of these to do if anyone is keeping count

**Target placement** ~ with the new 2x2 sq ft targets coming via **TJD**, we will be needing to move targets. This is a good time to change out the ones < 16 inches. I envision (fancy word there) this to be done when the new ones arrive. I have the list of there locations.

**Replacement target stands** ~ pretty self-explanatory. number needed and replacement type to be determined at a later date. This probably would be an off-site operation.

**Second bathroom building** ~ we "souvenired" this from the old Eagle Lake club back when *Custer was a corporal*. Probably the most outstanding feature is the art work **Rooster** has painted. I think we need to *Poop\* or get off the Pot* with it. (\*not my first word choice)

So never fear, we'll have plenty of projects for any- and everyone. We'll keep you posted on the calendar for these.



**Dillon Precision's No B.S. Warranty:** due to my own efforts, I was able to crack a connecting arm boss on my SDB frame. As mentioned before, this is a \$210 replacement item! I have been a member since 1971 and have used Dillon's warranty many times replacing wear-and-tear items. They always have honored these requests and have been quick in shipping them.

But here we're talking about probably the most expensive part of the machine, well over the original price of the entire machine 50 years ago when I bought it new: \$125.95—times and costs have changed just a mite.

One day after filling out their warranty parts replacement form on line they replied that they had created an RMA # for me to send in the machine for their overhaul service costing \$79.95 which includes return shipping. Any broken parts would be replaced for this service. Let's face it, I messed up and rather than searching for the problem, just *drove on* and ham-fisted the handle causing the frame to crack. Getting a new frame and all other worn-out parts replaced plus return shipping was cheap, no doubt about it.

But all I really wanted was just a new frame and I could take it from there, so I countered with that fact. Two days later their email says they require the broken frame to be returned in order to get a new one—I totally agree that such a large investment would have this requirement in place.

So, \$20 in shipping and insurance later the broken frame is on its way. Ten days later the new frame arrives at my door.

To say I'm tickled pink is an understatement. Proud to be a Dillon customer. Now to get back to carefully checking the cases for debris or in my situation a .22 case, before putting the case under the sizing/depriming die.

## **“Clean Matches, No Procedurals”**

### **Nov 6:**

Shadow Doc  
Doc O' Bay  
Cowboy

Blackpowder Burn  
Col Mackenzie  
Shotgun Steve

### **LSTR 21**

Doc O' Bay  
Cherokee Jones  
Texas Rooster  
Osage Mike  
Fairplay John

Shotgun Steve  
Austin Slim  
Doc Jim Harvey  
Crash  
Angels  
cheyenne

## **Top Ten Shooters**

### **Nov 6:**

Cherokee  
Shadow Doc  
Doc O' Bay  
Wild Card Wayne  
Cowboy

Three Fingered Jack  
Manassas Jack  
Tanner Wright  
Osage Mike  
Willie Cheatem

### **LSTR 21**

Oklahoma Dee  
GW Ketchum  
Shotshell  
Dealin' Lead  
Doc O' Bay

Tell Sackett  
Texas Scout  
Three Fingered Jack  
Thunderhawk  
Cherokee Jones

## **Top Lady Shooters**

### **Nov 6:**

**Bullion Rose**

### **LSTR 21**

Ellie Mae  
Bristlecone Jan  
Miss Hoppy  
Angels


Kuckleburr  
Lady Doc  
**Bullion Rose**  
**Mississippi Red**

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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**,

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Off-Cowboy but still a lot of fun: Did you know that **Crockett** is a Class 3 FFL? This means he can handle **suppressor (silencer)** sales. From the talk round the pavilion this sound like a lot of fun and while not cheap still is within the price range of many of us.

For more details contact him at: [trentffl@gmail.com](mailto:trentffl@gmail.com)





Everyone has been noticing all the wonderful signs appearing around the range.

We have **Suzie Q** and **GW Ketchum** to thank for them.

Their son



commercially makes them up in Willis so if you're in the market for some custom made ones of your own give them a call (936.827.2560) or catch them on FaceBook: [click on their name] [Fallow Fabrications](#)

### **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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