



TEXAS TEN HORNS

"The Closest You'll Get to The Old West"

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Well here it is October already and time for another issue of your club newsletter, so here 'tis.

We had our Hickok-Tutt competition this past match and when the smoke cleared the winner was Monk Parker. He hit the target within 1/2" of the bullseye of the small paper target! Great shootin' there Monk. Several folks hit the metal plate but there was not any doubt about the winner. Hopefully we will offer this again next year is there is interest expressed by our shooters. We will be having a few side matches now that the weather is good so stay in touch to find out. I will post quick breaking information on Yahoo groups as soon as I find out about club news so check it out often to keep up with what's going on. Diablo usually puts news on the SASS wire too but there's a lot more to go through to find it than on Yahoo groups. Of course you are welcome to call or email me any time with any questions. I'm rarely busy since I'm retired now.

In case you have not been to the range lately there are a lot of good changes. Several of us have added more roof to the east side of the shootist, put a floor in, cut a door on the east end of the shootist so we have a walk through now. My sweet wife purchased a building that she will let the club use as our new club office. with no cost to the club. I'll be building a deck with a roof over it so shooter's can sign up at the building window and stay out of the hot sun or out of the weather if it's misting or the such. This too will be without cost to the club. This will also allow whoever is signing shooter's up to stay inside and keep the computer, printer, and Ipad out of the weather so they won't be ruined. We hope to have this in operation by the November match if not before.

At our next range work day (this Saturday, October 11th if weather permits) we hope to put a front wall on stage 1 with windows and perhaps a door to shoot out of. If any of you can come out to help we appreciate it. We usually start about 9:00 a.m. Of course after the work is done for the day some folks hang around and practice some too. When folks come out to work on range day they get to practice for free that day.

The club elections are about here so it is time again for me to list the positions you can run for and the requirements for each position. Some are SASS requirements so there is no "wobble room" on those requirements. As someone who has served as most officer positions I will also give you my thoughts as to what you need to do and/or know to each position. Here they are:

President: No SASS requirements. Club needs someone who is there the vast majority of the time on both days of our matches. He/she should understand SASS shooters and have a true love of the sport. Being a RO II would be a very good idea indeed if they intend to write stages to know how to write stages that are safe, shooter friendly stages for left handed shooter, right handed shooter, the one shooting Gunfighter, etc. The president needs to work well with not only the other officers but club members in

general and interested visitors to our range.

Vice President:* same requirements as president. The VP is responsible for filling in for the president should the president not be at the range.

Secretary: No SASS requirements. For our club the secretary is usually the one who registers shooters, fills out the posse assignment, and traditionally writes the newsletter. (I am continuing the writing of the newsletter since Hairtrigger is filling in for two positions much of the time)

Treasurer: No SASS requirements. The treasurer is responsible for taking the money and putting in to a club account. The treasurer, by the very nature of the position must be honest to a fault and they should not mind the paperwork associated with this job.

Range Officer: The RO must have a good working knowledge of the SASS rules. He /she is the person who reads the safety meeting speech before each match. The RO must be able to deal with shooters who, either through their ignorance of the rules or through lack of respect for the rules and choose to disregard them. A firm hand that is professional and business like but not come across as a hard-a\$\$ is needed.

Territorial Governor: SASS requires that a TG must be a life member of SASS AND hold the position of Range Officer 2. The TG is the club 's representative for the club to the governing body of SASS and poll members for proposed rule changes and vote on behalf of the club members.

ALL members of the club have the ability to vote for officers for the club and to run for club office if they so choose. Please consider running for office to serve this great club in some capacity if you are able. ALL officers vote on issues that affect the club. Matters that require a cost of \$1,000 or more requires that the members be polled to vote on such large ticket items. ALL members are encouraged to stay involved with the club and voice your opinion on any matters that are club related. Ideas about stages, props, shooting-related suggestions, etc. are all topics that all members should feel they have a say in. If you have been shooting very long I can suggest you take the RO I class . This will teach you more about SASS and should add to your enjoyment of this great hobby. If you would like to write stages, be a timer operator, etc., then the RO II class is HIGHLY suggested. I also urge anyone who wants to become more enlightened about SASS to go to the SASS website and read the Shooter's handbook, and then the ROI handbook. This will also educate you about clothing requirements, gun requirements, shooting styles required for some categories, and the like. If you would like to run for office just let our club secretary know you want to "throw your hat in the ring" for a particular office. The votes for office need to be received no later than the match date in November so the votes can be tabulated and the results announced at our club Christmas party in December (no date set yet).

* I will not be running for VP this time. I have been an officer for many years and it is time I step down and let someone else do this job.

With the cooler weather (but not COLD yet) upon us several of you have expressed an interest in shooting some sort of side match after the main matches while the weather is good. With this in mind, please review the following options of possible side matches and let any of us officers know which of these you'd like the club to offer, or, i ff you have an idea for a side match that is not listed here please let us know what you have in mind.

Examples might be any of the following:

- fastest pistol
- fastest rifle
- fastest shotgun (SxS, '87/'97)
- long range rifle
- long range pistol
- man on man (our buddy's Saddle Rash's invention)
- derringer

pocket pistol

- other ideas???? (anybody interested in shooting the Texas Star?)

We want our club to be a great CAS™ experience for y'all and to do that we need to know what you'd like to see us offer. For those of you who have already contributed to our building fund we thank you. If you have not yet , but can afford even a very modest donation, please know it will be used to build more stages for the convenience and safety of our shooters.

Happy Trails,

Lethal Larry