

Texas Ten Horns

January 2016

Newsletter

TSRA Match – Texas Ten Horns

Well let me tell you folks, if you missed the TSRA Regional you missed one helluva good match. Although it looked like the skies might open up at any minute, the rain held off until after the guns were put away and it was time to go home. The wind – while a benefit to the black powder shooters – wreaked havoc on headwear. I bet we had half a dozen down ranges called for hat retrieval. Glad it weren't mine...I'm sure it woulda got shot!!!

We shot 6 stages and we were able to use all 6 bays. The stages were fun and fast yet challenging. Even though we had a rifle reload on the clock on stage 2 and utilized both knock down racks on stage 4, shooters still managed to post some really awesome times!!! Then after the match was over we ate some fantastic dogs, brats and hot links along with some mighty fine deserts. Then on to the balloon shoot side match and the drawing.

I want to make sure we acknowledge Colorado Jackson. He not only donated the food for the meal but he also donated a Yeti cooler to be given away as a Raffle Prize. Thanks to his generous donations the club raised \$1,745 to be split with the TSRA. We also reached the \$200 goal for the TSRA PAC contribution which earns the club an aluminum gun case. This case will be one of the raffle prizes at the Great Spaghetti Western. (BTW...Big Iron won the Yeti. Congrats Big Iron!!!)

Don't forget that Colorado Jackson is running for TSRA Cowboy Director. There is still time to vote so get those ballots cast!

I also want to give a shout out to the shooters who made their way to the Leonard Ten Horn Range for the first time ever: Big Iron Patnode; Bent Barrel Betty; Kow Katcher; Hot Tamale; and Captain Juan Riot. Thank you all so very much for coming out and shooting with us. I hope you can make it back soon.

As we stated in the emails leading up to the match you didn't have to be a TSRA member to compete but you did have to be a TSRA member to be recognized as a category winner. Top Male and Female shooter received a certificate for free entry to the TSRA State match to be held at Ormsby Ranch in April 2016.

Our individual category winners were: Sugarfoot Lomax – Sr. Duelist; Sopapilla Su – Lady GF; Lady Ghost – Grand Dame; Kow Katcher – LFCD; Hot Tamale – Classic CG; Texas Ghost – Classic CB; Dead Eye Bob – Elder Statesman; Diablo Slim – GF; Bent Barrel Betty – LFC and Top TSRA Female; Smokin' Limey – LSS; Huckleberry Pace – CB; Big Iron Patnode – BW; Marshall Jack Bridges – SS; Colorado Jackson – 49r; Blind Bob – Sr.; Hairtrigger Hayes – Duelist and Top TSRA Male. Betty, looks like I'll see you at the State match in April!

Monthly Recap

Well, even though we had to reschedule the Great Spaghetti Western, we were able to get in a match on Saturday the 26th. We had 15 brave shooters show up to compete including 5 new shooters to our club. Thank you Shalako Wray (Colorado), Pancho, Travelin' Travis (Kansas), Gus, and Bluebonnet for coming out and shooting with the Ten Horns. Hope to see you all again...and soon!

Although the weather was threatening rain all day long we did manage to get all 6 stages shot with relatively little of the wet stuff. At the end of the day we had these results: Close Shave won the Cody Dixon Single shot category while 3x8 nailed down the win in the Cody Dixon Lever action category. CAS category winners were: Pancho – Cowboy; Mississippi Slim earned two firsts: 1st place ribbon by coming in top Silver Sr. and 1st finish in the top ten overall – good shooting Slim!; Sopapilla Su was top Lady Gunfighter and overall Woman; Bart Bitter Trigger Finger (aka-Mr. Finger) made his debut in the top 5 – that's right, I said TOP 5 – walking away with the top Classic Cowboy spot; Diablo Slim claimed to be the fastest Gunfighter but Major Foresythe was even FASTER as a Sr. Gunfighter!!!; Ruidoso was top Sr.; and Hairtrigger Hayes won the duelist category and top overall man.

The Texas Ten Horn **Christmas Party** was an absolute blast! We had a GREAT turn out at Love and War in Texas, Plano. They took good care of us and the service was fast and efficient. We had close to 30 participants in the “white elephant” gift exchange which was a real hoot. Based on the predominant and “most stolen” gifts, it's apparent that most CAS shooters appreciate the occasional alcoholic beverage!

We also took this opportunity to recognize two very important members of the Texas Ten Horns. First, up was Sopapilla Su who received the Texas Ten Horns “Top Hand” award – a custom belt buckle from Tres Rios Silver. Su has been an invaluable asset to the club since she first got involved a couple of years ago. Since that time she has absolutely OWNED the scoring system and the secretarial duties. We couldn't operate 1/10th as smooth without her. Next up was Diablo Slim. As outgoing President he was honored with an anniversary edition Case pocket knife engraved with his alias. Diablo's dedication to the club over the past 4 years has been incredible. Under his guidance we moved the club from Greenville to Leonard; have almost completed the entire range; and brought memberships and monthly attendance and bank balances up. Thanks to both of you for your hard work! It is sincerely appreciated!!!

Comin' Up!

273 days, 11 hours and 28 minutes 'til Back At Cha!!! WOOHOOO!!!!

Texas Ten Horns “Ten Cup Belt Buckle Series”!!!

Starting at the January match we will begin to accumulate scores for entry into the “Ten Cup Belt Buckle Series”. It is designed to award not only fast shooters but shooters with good and faithful attendance to the club.

There will also be a “Clean Shooter” buckle awarded every year.

I will send out another email later with the rules.

Be sure to attend regularly to have a shot at one of the buckles.

Local Calendar:

- 1st Weekend Texas Troublemakers, Brownsboro, TX
Buck Creek – Nemo, TX
- 2nd Weekend **Texas Ten Horns Monthly Work Day (weather permitting)**
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club – Ormsby Ranch, Cleburne, TX
Oakwood Outlaws – Oakwood, TX
- 3rd Weekend Badlands Bar 3 – English, TX
Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck, TX
Buck Creek – Nemo, TX
- 4th Weekend Commanche Valley Vigilantes, Ormsby Ranch, Cleburne, TX
- 5th Weeknd Texas Ten Horns Great Spaghetti Western- January 30th & 31st!**

You don't want to miss this annual match hosted by the Texas Ten Horns. **Re-Scheduled** for the 5th weekend January. We'll shoot ten stages over 2 days. If you can't shoot both days we'll allow shoot thrus on either day.
Hope to see you there!

New Club Officers:

Club officers were announced at the Christmas Parties. All officers ran unopposed so the 2016 officers are:

- President – Hairtrigger Hayes
- Vice President – Huckleberry Pace
- Secretary – Sopapilla Su (the Gunslinger formerly known as Crazy Aunt Aggie)
- Treasurer – Hairtrigger Hayes
- Territorial Governor – Ruiodoso
- Range Officer (and Wild Bunch Coordinator)– Diablo Slim

Memberships:

Time to get those membership dues in ASAP! Not only is insurance due but we also want to get busy wrapping up range improvements. We still need to get the loading area covered on bay 1; and finish up the saloon down at bay 4. We also want to put down an all-weather surface on bays 5 and 6 so we can use them in inclement weather. Plus we need a few more targets...primarily shotgun! Once these few things are done I believe we will have one of the Premier CAS Ranges in North Texas!!! Your membership fees help accomplish these goals.

Along those lines, any contributions to the building fund are not only accepted but are greatly appreciated!

Membership cards are available once dues are received. The cards show you are an active member through the end of 2016.

We also have **magnetic** calendars of our shooting schedule available. I wish I could take the credit for this one, but Sopapilla Su had magnets made with our TTH shooting calendar. They stick right to the front of your fridge so you'll be constantly reminded of when the next TTH match will be. (We'll also be updating the calendar on the website)

Remember, this year we will be shooting last weekend rather than last “FULL” weekend. That gives us **5** – that’s right **F-I-V-E** – opportunities to shoot a 5th weekend in 2016.

While we’re talking membership: No members (to the best of my knowledge) were damaged in the tornadoes that went through on the 16th. I checked on a couple that I knew were located near the damage areas and it seems everyone came through unscathed.

Likewise, I went out Sunday morning to check on the range. I am glad to report no damage sustained to any of the improvements or props!

Input Needed:

As any of you who have shot with us recently have noticed, the porta pot is not there anymore. We now have to make the trek up to the red building to use the bathroom.

Questions:

1. How many are interested in getting porta pot back?
2. Would you be willing to pay a higher shooter’s fee or increased membership due to get it back?

We really need your input on this so I look forward to hearing from you.

Parting Shot!

Despair, Disgust, Angst...whatever word you use to define that blue funk we all find ourselves in every so often when we shoot a poor match, can’t shoot because of weather, have a malfunction or bad ammo problem, etc... should be removed from your dictionary. It is only because of the bad that we can fully appreciate the good.

This reminds me of a good friend of mine named Noble Hatch. In the roughly 15 years I’ve known Noble I’ve never once seen him “out of sorts”. When I asked him about this uncanny personality trait he shared this nugget of wisdom with me. He said, “I’ve always looked for something to celebrate even in the bad events in my life. There is always a ray of sunshine even in the bleakest storm.”

Case in point is best described in this conversation I once had with Noble:

Noble: OOOHHH Doggies! I just got me a speeding ticket!!!

Me: Aren’t you upset?

Noble: Nope. As a matter of fact after getting the ticket I went straight to Dairy Queen and got a vanilla dip cone to celebrate.

Me: But that’s gonna cost you a couple hundred dollars. What’s to celebrate?

Noble: I remember when I didn’t have a pickup that’d go fast enough to get a ticket!

My prayer for all of us is that in 2016 we find a way to be a little more like Noble Hatch when faced with bad news. We’ve got a GREAT network of friends right here in this wonderful sport that can help get us through almost any situation. May you all have a glorious, prosperous, fast and accurate, and very, Very, VERY Happy New Year!!!

Here’s to pullin’ corks and pullin’ triggers,
Hairtrigger

PS: Quote of the Month: “We can’t all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.” – Will Rogers