

Texas Ten Horns February 2016 Newsletter

The GREAT SPAGHETTI WESTERN – Texas Ten Horns

The Great Spaghetti Western is in the books. It was a great match with great weather, plenty of shooters and some fantastic vittles (vittles) to chew on once the shootin' was all done.

Altogether we had 70 shooters, 57 of which competed in all 10 stages. Here's a recap of who the category winners were:

Eyelash Larue- LBW; Tommy Reb Cody/Dixon Lever; Sopapilla Su – Lady GF; Mr. Finger – Classic CB; Dallas Yankee – CB; Elle Wood – CG; Ellie Gant – Lady 49r; Cowtown Scout - FCD; Smokin' Limey – Lady SS; Doc Storm – BW; Major Forsyth – Sr. GF; Huckleberry Pace – W; Tennessee Star – Cattle Baron; Rock Rotten – GF; Billy Boots – Sr. Duelist; Silver Sam – FC; Blind Bob – Sr.; Colorado Jackson – 49r; Nonstop – SS; Hairtrigger Hayes – D; and a big hats off to:

Honey B. Graceful – Lady Wrangler and Top Female Shooter
And

Gunslinger – Elder Statesman and Top Male Shooter

We could not have asked for a better set of conditions for the Spaghetti Western. A little windy, but with midday temps climbing into the 70s in January there were no complaints. Proof positive once again that God truly favors the Cowboy Shooter!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Huckleberry Pace for coming out the day before and helping get all the targets set up properly in addition to bringing good food on both days; Mr. Finger for helping paint targets; Diablo for writing some awesome stages and whooping up some great spaghetti; Pistol Packin' Pami, Okie Fenokie and any other ladies that I'm leaving out for helping with the serving and the cleaning; All the folks that brought food and desserts (especially the Apple Dapple!!!) and a HUGE thank you to Sopapilla Su for all her hard work getting the match to come together, preparing food and pulling off some really nice shooters awards!

I hope the fun and success of the Great Spaghetti Western will help push our club to the front of people's minds when they're thinking about a fun place to shoot in North Texas. Be sure to share your experience with other shooters and help us get the word out!

Monthly Recap

We also shot a little Wild Bunch in January. On the 23rd we had 14 competitors show up to compete in 5 different categories. The winner of the Ladies category was none other than Sopapilla Su. In the Wild bunch Modern category Ruidoso was top gun. Tommy Reb earned top honors in the Wild Bunch Traditional category and Deadeye Bob was the top shooter in the Sr. Modern category. Thanks to the "open" category, known only to our little club, those of us who don't have the correct firearms were able to compete as well. Here we saw the return of my son,

Chicken Bill, to the range where he came in second place right behind his old man. What a hoot it was having my son come spend some quality time with his pops. It was GREAT!!!

Holy Cow!!! Will Ya Look at That!

I received an email from Texas Ghost yesterday and the votes have all been tallied. Our very own **Colorado Jackson** (CoJack for short) has been elected to serve TSRA as the new Director of Cowboy Action Shooting!!! Good job CoJack! And good job Ten Horns for doing your part to get those votes cast!

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

The buckle series is off to a wild and wooly start. After the January match here’s how the buckle series is shaping up:

Men’s category:	Points
Gunslinger	20
Hairtrigger	19
Nonstop	18
CoJack	17
Anvil Al	16

Ladies Category:

Honey B. Graceful	10
Smokin’ Limey	9
Ellie Gant	8
Elle Wood	7
Okie Fenokie	6

And in the Clean Match category we’ve added Gunslinger, Denton Dancer and Honey B. Graceful.

I’ll update the current standings every month. Remember, regular attendance is the key!!!

Comin’ Up!

231 days, 8 hours and 33 minutes ‘til Back At Cha!!! WOOHOOO!!!!

Local Calendar:

- 1st Weekend Texas Troublemakers, Brownsboro, TX
Buck Creek – Nemo, TX
- 2nd Weekend No workday this month. Come join us at the Red River Valley Cowpoke’s range in Albany, OK on the 2nd Saturday in February.
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

DON'T FORGET – This year the Ten Horns will be hosting 4 more 5th Sunday shoots. They will be in April, July, October and December. Please check the website for more details www.texas10horns.org.

Parting Shot!

“Come for the shooting, stay for the people.” Ain’t it the truth?! In the time I’ve been involved with SASS I’ve learned that the friendships that have been forged are the most important reason I continue to play the game. No doubt I love the competition but it wouldn’t be much fun without my friends.

I’m not even going to try and list any of them here because I’d leave someone out and run a risk of hurting someone’s feelings. But there have been MANY along the way who helped and shared and for that I am truly grateful.

Now I mention that to get to this. “Shooting Buddy.” If you don’t have a shooting buddy, get one. This is more than someone you ride to matches with. A shooting buddy is someone you can stand to stay in a motel room with for several days while you attend a major. It’s also someone who is matched to your ability well enough that you can discuss stage strategies and the best way to approach a particular scenario. And it’s OK to have more than one...as a matter of fact, I have several. If someone had told me when I was a younger man that I’d be running around in my 50s with other 50 year old men, playing cowboy and having the time of my life I’m sure I would have snickered...on second thought, I reckon more of a guffaw would have been in order! But lo and behold, that’s exactly what has happened. Thanks to SASS I’m still making best friends at 50+ years of age!

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

PS: Quote of the Month: “It’s better to keep your mouth shut and look stupid than to open it up and prove it.” – Unknown