

# The Ten Horn Gazette

September 2016

Texas Ten Horns

Cowboy Action Shooting

## Monthly Recap

Hairtrigger Hayes, President

Saturday August 27th turned out 30 shooters to compete in some really fun stages. And thankfully, the weather was cooler than it should have been this time of year so in addition to fun the match was quite enjoyable. The stages were designed to be pretty fast so we could get done and into the cool a little quicker. At the end of the day we had Top Woman – Tejas Red and Top Male – Blind Bob.



**Hombre Peligroso carefully staging his shotgun.**

Jump forward just one day and we reshot the prior days stages with 19 in attendance. Luckily the weather was still tolerable and we had a nice time shooting on one big posse. We did start on the far end and work our way back to Stage 1 in order to get out of the heat as quickly as possible. On this day our Top Female Shooter was Rowdy on the Red and our Top Male Shooter was Hairtrigger Hayes.

At this match we instituted something new at the Ten Horns. Cowboy Church! Huckleberry Pace came up with the idea and delivered our first lesson. He likened the brave men who stood with Travis in the Alamo to what we as brave Christians today should be doing to defend our religious rights and freedoms in what seems to be becoming an ever-more oppressive government. We decided it would be nice to have Cowboy Church each Sunday of our regular monthly matches If we can get a handful of speakers we'd each only be required to take  
**Continued on Pg. 2**

## Tips For the Cowboy Action Shooter

Huckleberry Pace (SASS 66389)

I've developed a long distance friendship, dare I say man-crush, with one of the great cowboy action shooters of all time, Captain George Baylor. You might know of him from the articles he's written for the Chronicle. Over the years, he's given me a lot of advice on reloading and shooting. The Captain is like the Yoda of CAS. I can just hear him saying, "rusty you are, more range time you need" or something Yodaesque. At one point, the Capitan said we was writing a book entitled "101 Ways to Lose a Cowboy Match – And Most of It Has To Do with Ammunition". This is a book I would have paid dearly for, but I found out the Captain was just



**Okie Fenokie pondering the horses.....**

joking. Through relationships like the one I have with the Captain and others, and from all the lessons I've learned on my own, many the hard way, I've accumulated a great deal of learned, I thought it would be cool to add a regular column in our newsletter with easy to use tips that will help the cowboy action shooter.

If you shoot a lot, you've probably found that it's necessary  
**Continued on Pg. 2**

## Texas Ten Horns Club Leadership

Hairtrigger Hayes	President
Huckleberry Pace	Vice President
Ruidoso	SASS
	Territorial
	Governor
Diablo Slim	Range Officer
Sopapilla Su	Secretary

## Texas Ten Horns "Ten Cup Belt Buckle Series" Standings!!!

The buckle series continues. After the June match here are the points leaders:

Men's category:	Points
Hairtrigger	137
Blind Bob	127
Ruidoso	118
Huckleberry Pace	117
Deadeye Bob	109
Ladies Category:	
Sopapilla Su	50
Tejas Red	49
Rowdy on the Red	49
Smokin' Limey	48
Okie Fenokie	40

We are now up to 40 clean shooters competing for the "Clean Shooter" buckle to be awarded at the end of the year. Congratulations to Major Forsythe and Tommy Reb for entering into the race. There are currently 4 shooters with 5 or more tickets in the hat.

Current standings are updated every month. Remember, regular attendance is the key!!!

## Historical Musing by Diablo Slim

### Soiled Doves of Jerome Arizona

Belgian Jenny Bauters was a Madam of great variety during the gold rush in Arizona. She became one of the wealthiest women in Arizona territory. She owned a bar and a twenty-room brothel. Jenny was not attractive. It was said she had the face of a mule and the laugh of a horse but she was well-respected.

Women had little power or choice unless they came from money. She knew men would sell their power in a second for what a woman could give him in 15. She  
**Continued on Pg. 2**

### "New Shooter Clinic"

10.15.16 with a 9:30 am start  
**VOLUNTEERS:** needed for instruction, set up, coaching and dress examples.

**DONATIONS:** firearms to use. Print the [Clinic Flyer](#) here, ready to share.

Find the [New Shooter Clinic Form](#) here, ready to fill out.



**Monthly Recap, Cont. from Pg. 1**

one or two Sundays a year. If you're interested in speaking at a Cowboy Church Service please let me or Huckleberry know. We'll get you worked into the rotation.

On September the 4th we had our second round of "First



**Marshall Jack Bridges and Huckleberry Pace at the Corral**

Sunday" matches. We had 21 in attendance which is 2 more than we had at last week's match and more than twice as many as we had on Sunday a year ago. At this rate I think it will be inevitable that we will switch our regular match dates from the last weekend of the month to the first weekend.

For this match I was looking back over some old videos and came across one we shot at the Fort a couple of years ago where the shooter started on the middle target with the pistol and rifle both. This got me to thinking about how many stage ideas could start on the middle target without creating a "P" trap. So when the ink dried 4 of the 6 stages had instructions starting the shooter on the center target...and this worked extraordinarily well. A few "P"s and some minor grumbling, but all-in-all a whole bunch of fun! At the end of the day our Top Female Shooter was Tejas Red and the Top Male Shooter was Nonstop!

**Musings, Cont. from Pg.1**

endured three fires; finally building a brick building facing Hull Road since brothels were not allowed on Main Street. The town would later abolish prostitution and she would die of multiple gunshots after leaving your Jerome AZ two years later

**Comin' Up!**

**Local Calendar:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend **Texas Troublemakers, Brownsboro, TX**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday October 2, 2016**Texas Ten Horns**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend **Red River Valley Cowpokes – Albany, OK**
- Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club – Ormsby Ranch, Cleburne, TX**
- Oakwood Outlaws Texas Ten Horns Workday**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend **Badlands Bar 3 – English, TX**
- Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck, TX**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend **September 24-25, Texas Ten Horns, Leonard TX, Comanche Valley Vigilantes, Ormsby Ranch, Cleburne, TX**
- Back At Cha September 29 – October 1, 2016**

**Tips, Cont. from Pg. 1**

to reload. Not only is it substantially less expensive, but you can easily tune the ammo to your specifications, namely lighter loads. Most of us load our own rifle and pistol ammo. Some of us even load our own shotgun ammo. While I don't load shotgun shells, I did learn a hard lesson recently that resulted in me starting to check my factory shotgun ammo before use. I shoot an SKB s/s. While at a recent match, I was loading the shotgun on the clock and I had a shell that I had to force into the chamber. Took a few extra seconds. The problem started from a manufacture defect in the Winchester AA Low Recoil / Low Noise ammo I was using. The real problem was that I didn't check the ammo before I used it. One good way to check shotgun ammo prior to use is with a case gauge specific to the gauge ammo being used. The case gauge is just a cylinder designed to have the ammo slip in and out easily. If it does that, it should work well in your gun. I've included a pic of some defective factory ammo that would not go all the way into the case gauge. I've found that about 1-2% of factory ammo can be defective. This will definitely give you problems in a match. I suspect that this tool would be

good for the reloader as well. The case gauges are not easy to find. I got mine from Slick McClade's website for \$20.



Another tip I picked up from the school of hard knocks was the result of my reloader putting a barely perceptible bulge in the rifle / pistol cartridges. This bulge would cause the ammo not to feed in the rifle. It would go in the rifle magazine tube because I believe those tubes will hold .45 caliber ammo. This problem cost me 8 misses on one stage at Red River Valley. To address this issue I first fixed the problem on the reloader. Then to check all my current ammo and future loads, I use a pistol cylinder. I take the cylinder off the pistol and quickly load it up with six rounds. If they go in easily, they should work fine in the rifle.

The last tip for this edition I picked up from Omaha John Van Pelt. While reloading rifle / pistol ammo, I may occasionally get out of sync and see that I may have actually run a cartridge through the loader that didn't have any powder in it. A good way to double check to make sure a shell has powder in it is to find a funnel, maybe from the kitchen. Place the shell into the small opening of the funnel and while in a quiet room,



hold the shell in place with the large opening to your ear. Then move or shake the funnel away from and back towards your ear

**Continued Pg 3**



**Tips, Cont. from Pg. 2**

will amplify the sound of the powder and you can easily hear whether or not the cartridge has powder in it. A cartridge without powder can cause you serious problems during a match.

We have a lot of good shooters in our club and a lot of folks that know all about this game. If you like the idea of sharing helpful CAS tips (reloading, shooting or anything else) and would like to contribute, please forward your ideas to club leadership and we'll get them into a future newsletter.



**Cbeaux in action**

**Top Ten Shooters  
Saturday August 27, 2016**

1. Blind Bob
2. Huckleberry Pace
3. Cbeaux
4. Hairtrigger Hayes
5. Billy Boots
6. Marshall Jack Bridges
7. Ruidoso
8. Deadeye Bob
9. Major Forsythe
10. Monk Parker

**Top Ten Shooters  
Sunday August 28, 2016**

1. Hairtrigger Hayes
2. .Blind Bob
3. Colorado Jackson
4. Dirt Hill Bill
5. Cbeaux
6. Huckleberry Pace
7. Deacon
8. Tombstone Tim
9. Deadeye Bob
10. Marshall Jack Bridges

**Top Ten Shooters  
Sunday September 7, 2016**

1. Nonstop
2. Hairtrigger Hayes
3. Dirt Hill Bill
4. Marshall Jack Bridges
5. Monk Parker
6. Tennessee Star
7. Blind Bob
8. Tejas Red
9. Silver Sam
10. Bart Bittertrigger Finger



**Colorado Jackson taking down  
the tombstones at Boot Hill**

**Parting Shot!**

As I'm sure you all know, we lost a great competitor last month. With the passing Texas Slim a true legend in cowboy action shooting is gone. Greater yet than even his competitive spirit was his ability to welcome, engage and encourage. My friendship with Slim began at a TSRA Regional the Ten Horns hosted way back when we still shot at Greenville. Slim showed up and was "Large and in Charge"! Even though the weather was being un-cooperative we managed to put on a very good match for the TSRA.

But what really impressed me about Slim took place several months later at my first trip to the Texas State Championship. This Champion that I'd just met one time saw me, yelled "Hayes" and came over and gave me a big ol' three pat hug. I learned at the memorial service the three pats stood for, "I'm not gay." And so began the lasting friendship



**Hairtrigger Hayes and Texas Slim**

between me and Texas Slim, a bigger than life cowboy shooter in a seemingly small package that brought BIG fun (and a few Coors Lights) everywhere he went.

The broad reaching impact of Slim was well noted at the memorial service held in his honor at a little Baptist Church in Hawley, TX on the 20th of August. I didn't get an actual head count

but, based on the size of the Church and the standing room only crowd, I'd guess that over 200 folks were in attendance. Texita Draw opened it up with a prayer and scripture reading and then delivered his own favorite Texas Slim story thereby opening the floor for any and all who wanted to share their own Slim experience. I don't know that I've ever gone from laughing to teary eyed and back to laughing again so many times in such a short period. I believe my favorite one was his grandson who said he always liked coming to his granddad's house because inevitably Slim would look at him and say, "Hey, you wanna go shoot some guns?!?"

There are two kinds of champions in this world. The ones that hone their skill with hard work and dedication to become the best. And then there are those that are true champions among men. The ones who seem to have a deeper understanding of human nature and know exactly which button will make you thrive. These are the ones you look forward to encountering time and again. The ones who encourage you to do better, be better, but always have fun and show respect. My buddy Texas Slim was a Champion in both regards.

OH – and what about the GREEN?!?! That was the question on several folks mind. Well it turns out that Slim's affinity for the color green began by a set of happenstance circumstances. Slim decided his gang needed a "Gang Color". So he decided armbands were needed and Chula Kat offered her services sewing them together. When she asked what color, he replied, "I don't care just so long as it's LOUD!" Well, according to Chula, the loudest color at the fabric store that day was "Apple Green" and so it began. And Slim – who didn't do anything on a small scale – bought in whole-heartedly. Heck, he even had a Green golf cart, Green chaps and a Green SKB!

RIP Slim until we meet again.

**Video Montage from  
September Shoot**

[Click here to be redirected and see a YouTube video montage from the September shoot!](#)