

# The Ten Horn Gazette

June 2017

Texas Ten Horns

Cowboy Action Shooting

## Monthly Recap

Hairtrigger Hayes, President

Well, another year's worth of preparation, practice, loading and gun cleaning all came to a head last week at the Mother of all shooting matches – End of Trail. EOT is the World Championships of Cowboy Action Shooting. It is held every year at Founder's Ranch in lovely (tongue-in-cheek) Edgewood, NM. In this part of New Mexico at an altitude of 7,000ft. you are in what is known as the "high desert". It is dusty and hot and dusty and dry and dusty...and did I mention dusty??? But it's still awesome. As a matter of fact, this is my third year and I think it gets awesomer every year. To go to the World Championships is such a cool thing to do. To compete and compete well makes it even cooler. To be recognized in category is just too cool. And to see all those cowboys and cowgirls that I only get to see this one time a year, well that is just icing on the cake! So I urge you, if you ain't been put it on the bucket list. You'll be glad you did.



The Pres with a new look.

The Ten Horns were well represented at EOT with both members and regulars. Category winners from the club were: 6th Lady GF – Calamity DiBar; 8th GF – Rock Rotten; 1st GF – Rust Remington; 6th FC Duelist – Mr. Finger; 8th Elder Statesman – Tex Fiddler; 6th Elder Statesman – Nonstop; 2nd Duelist – Hairtrigger Hayes; 1st Classic Cowboy – Tbone Dooley; 8th Cattle Baron – Tennessee Star; 6th Cattle Baron – Texas Jack Star; 9th BW – Iron Tomahawk Kid; 5-7th Buckerette – the Diamondback Girls; 3rd Jr. Girl – Darlin' Diamondback; 2nd SSFC Duelist – Billy Boots; and 6th place 49er Colorado Jackson. Top 5 club finishers in the overall were

Nonstop – 91st; Hairtrigger Hayes – 54th; Tbone Dooley – 37th; Colorado Jackson – 31st; and Rusty Remington – 6th.

Not much to add locally. We got rained out on our regular Saturday match but had a good turnout for the Sunday match. Checkout the scores on our website: [www.texas10horns.org](http://www.texas10horns.org).

A big shout out to Texas Mean Gene. With me and Finger at EOT and Ruidoso down with some minor elective surgery, we needed a cleanup at the club and none of the regular crew available to do it. So when the chips were down, Mean Gene came through like a champ. So this weekend when you are not wading through knee deep weeds remember to walk up and shake Gene's hand to show your appreciation.

Also, our pardners up in Oklahoma, Albany to be exact, are having their annual on the 8th. They've still got room so get signed up ASAP!!! This is a great place to shoot. They have a wonderful atmosphere, cool targets, friendly people and (just when you thought I was talking about every club around) FANTASTIC food! I'll be there making my debut in the Gunfighter category. Y'all come. We're gonna have a blast!

## Cody-Dixon Match

The Cody Dixon Monthly was skunked by Mother Nature this month. A wicked storm blew through and which rendered the day non-conducive to gathering to shoot.

However, for those who enjoy the joys of the Cody Dixon style, there will be a Cody Dixon side match at the "Shootin' for the Brand" annual match in Albany. Check out their Facebook page for Red River Cowpokes for more details.

## Texas Ten Horns Club Leadership

Hairtrigger Hayes	President
Huckleberry Pace	Vice President
Ruidoso	SASS
	Territorial
	Governor
Mr. Finger	Range Officer
Sopapilla Su	Secretary

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

The buckle series is underway! Remember: Attendance is the key to winning one of the really cool buckles. Last year's winners are not eligible for the 2017 buckles.

### Men's category: Points

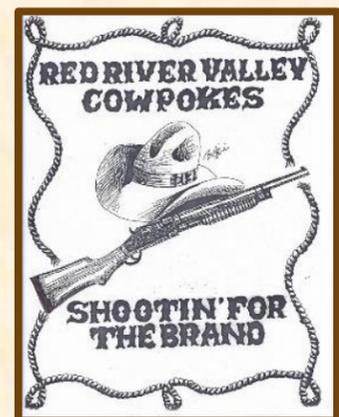
Dirt Hill Bill	91
Colorado Jackson	85
Nonstop	82
Monk Parker	76
Marshall Jack Bridges	67

### Ladies Category:

Hillside Hannah	45
Tejas Red	36
Darlin' Diamondback	27
Okie Fenokie	25
Rowdy on the Red	25

The Clean Match Buckle is a drawing at the end of the year. Every clean match is an entry into the hat. Increase the odds of wearing the handsome Texas Ten Horns Clean Match Buckle by shooting clean often. June saw 3 more entries in the hat. We now have 2 shooters with 4 entries and 4 with 3 entries.

Register Now!



Make a run across the Red River and join the Red River Cowpokes for their Annual Match

"Shootin' for the Brand"  
July 7&8, 2017

These folks put on a great match and an amazing feed

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**Top Ten Shooters  
Sunday June 4, 2017**

1. Tex Fiddler
2. Nonstop
3. Dirt Hill Bill
4. Hairtrigger Hayes
5. Marshall Jack Bridges
6. Texas Jack Star
7. Texas Jack Diamondback
8. Tennessee Star
9. Cbeaux
10. Tombstone Tim

**Camp Cook Names**

Soggy, Pot Russler, Lean Skillet, Old Pud, Coosie, Old lady, Belly Cheater, Biscuit Roller, Dough Boxer, Dough Puncher, Greasy Belly, Grub Worm, Gut Robber, Sourdough, and more.

Possible Alias for those chef type loved ones.

**Comin' Up!**

**Local Calendar:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend July 1 & 2, 2017**  
**Texas Ten Horns, Leonard TX,**  
**Texas Troublemakers,**  
 Brownsboro, TX
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend "Shootin' for the Brand" annual match**  
**Red River Valley Cowpokes –**  
 Albany, OK  
 July 7 & 8, 2017  
**Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club –** Ormsby Ranch,  
 Cleburne, TX
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend Badlands Bar 3 –**  
 English, TX  
 Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck, TX
- 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday July 22, 2017**  
**Texas Ten Horns, Leonard**  
**Cody Dixon Match**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Comanche Valley**  
**Vigilantes, Ormsby Ranch,**  
 Cleburne, TX
- 5<sup>th</sup> Weekend April 29<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**Texas Ten Horns**  
 Classic SASS  
 Wild Bunch

In 1895 a farmer's wife produced for her family of six: 325 loaves of bread, 83 tins of biscuits, 15 loaves of brown bread, 267 pies, 130 cakes, 35 puddings, 114 dozen cookies, 108 dozen ginger snaps, and 14 chicken pies. Nor does this include the meats and vegetables.

The American Kitchen Magazine

**Grub-pile Poem**

I've laid at night an' listened to the lowin' of the steers;  
 I've heard the coyote's melancholy wail ring in my ears.  
 The croonin' of the night-wind as it swept across the range  
 Was mournful-like an' dreary, an' it sounded grim an' strange.  
 But when the break o'day was near, an' from our tarps we'd crawl,  
 The mornin' song that charmed us was that welcome grub-pile call.



Making a cobbler at the chuckwagon

**Parting Shot**

I think I've mentioned this before, but in the wake of EOT it bears saying again. In any sport or game you play one of the keys to success is consistency. I learned this rule about Cowboy Shooting when I'd only been in the game about a year and was picking my "next person to beat". I had Kow Katcher in my sights. Yes, I'm not too proud to admit that I was doing my dead level best to beat, not just a girl, but a little ole white haired lady. I went to a match at the Troublemakers and she was on my posse. First stage she shot in 25 seconds and I ran in about 23. I thought to myself, this time I'm gonna get her! Next stage, she shot in 25 seconds I shot in 21 with a miss; next stage she shot 25 seconds I had 2 more misses. So, although I was faster than her, at the end of the day she spanked my butt. And thus began my search for consistency on the firing line. This weekend I had the pleasure of watching some very consistent shooters perform. Maybe the best of these was Colorado Jackson. In all the time I've shot with CoJack, I've never seen him shoot more consistently than he did at EOT this weekend. Because of this consistency he was able to finish 31st out of a field of 600 shooters. Very impressive.



Way to go Colorado Jackson

So what does it take to be consistent? Well, just like everything, practice. But it also takes restraint. Practice is paramount. But if you do all the work at practice and then get to the line and run lights out when the buzzer sounds and finish the run with 2 or 3 misses and/or a P then you've just thrown out the benefits of the practice right out the window. I remember mentioning to Blind Bob once how smooth and consistent he had shot and his reply was, "I try to run about 90% of full speed." That's when I really began



Wisdom from Blind Bob

to realize that sometimes you have to slow down just a little in order to go faster. Then I saw that realization in the flesh this weekend when Matt Black competed in the Top Gun Shootoff. The boy was mowing them down one after another and never once seemed to be rushing. Instead, all of his movements were smooth and uniform, and although very fast they were never quick and choppy.

My personal growth towards consistency came with cadence and timing. I know what I can run consistently and I know when I'm pushing too hard. The cool thing about consistency is that as you get more consistent you hit more targets. As you build more confidence you gain more "controlled" speed. And controlled speed wins buckles.

Figure out what your personal key to consistency is and put it to work for you. I think you'll be amazed at just how quickly you begin to reap the benefits.