

# The Ten Horn Gazette

July/August 2017

Texas Ten Horns

Cowboy Action Shooting

## Monthly Recap

Hairtrigger Hayes, President

Having had the great pleasure of being born and raised in the Lone Star State I can assure you that, in my almost 53 years, I've never seen a summer quite like this one. I've been able to enjoy my back porch more evenings this year than any other year I can remember. Usually in July and August that porch – on the west side of the house – turns into an oven. This year it has become a haven.

Of course, to counter balance the pleasure of beautiful, cool evenings is the humidity. Seems like every match I've shot in since EOT I've practically "swam" from stage to stage. And then there's that nasty "Heat Index"! They should come up with a 4 letter moniker for that damned thing. You step outside expecting a tolerable 94 degrees but instead you are hit with a humidity fueled heat index of 103!!! YUCK!!!

Now that the small talk is out of the way let's get down to brass tacks. First, I apologize for no newsletter in July. Seems it was a very busy month for pretty much all of us. This newsletter will be a conglomeration of both July and August.

In July, talking about the strange weather, we were rained out on Saturday for the second month in a row. We did, however, get an opportunity to shoot on Sunday and had a "better than anticipated" turnout of 43 shooters. Later on in the month we had 5 come out and shoot Cody Dixon on the 22nd. Then on the 29th we had another one of our special "5th Saturday" matches where we had 19 cowboys shoot Classic SASS and 2 Wild Bunch shooters. The Classic SASS stages were a BLAST! Targets moved way out with a mix of small and large at different heights and with different scenarios. Mr. Finger and I really enjoyed a few devilish laughs when we were putting that one together! Fast forward just one weekend and we had the August match. Thirty-five folks showed up

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## Announcing!!!! The Annual Texas Ten Horns Christmas Party!!!



Saturday December 2, 2017  
Lea's Restaurant  
701 N Crossroads, Leonard,  
TX 75452

You love shooting with us, come share in the fellowship of the holiday with us.

White Elephant Gift Exchange optional.  
Awarding of the Texas "Ten Cup" Buckles, Clean Match Buckle drawing and Top Hand Award.

### Cody Dixon Match

July had 5 shooters out to play and I am including a message from one of the dudes who showed up to shoot. You might notice a theme to the newsletter.

Slowpoke Rodriguez shared this about his personal experience and that of his sidekick Dutchess of Death. "I wouldn't mind sending a big thanks to everyone that's helped us over the last many months getting started. We've had some ups and downs, but thankfully more ups than downs. But, I really want to give a huge shout out to the Cody guys for last weekend. They took time after the match (July match) to look at my rifle and determine the rear site was off and I needed more powder in my rounds. Super awesome information and assistance that Sedalia Dave, 3X8 and Bluebonnet gave me, I can't express my thanks enough!"

The August match was once again blessed with great weather. Four gentlemen came out to once again take aim at the long targets.

## 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	128
Colorado Jackson	125
Marshall Jack Bridges	113
Monk Parker	103
Nonstop	99

Ladies Category:	Points
Hillside Hannah	60
Tejas Red	56
Darlin' Diamondback	34
Okie Fenokie	25
Calamity DiBar	22

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. July saw 5 more entries in the hat: Peacemaker Mike, Pistol Packin' Pami, Silver Sam, Tex Fiddler and Wild Bird. August saw 7 more entries: Billy Boots, Lethal Larry, Major Forsythe, Ruidoso, Tombstone Tim, Tommy Reb and Silver Sam We now have 4 shooters with 4 entries and 6 with 3 entries. **Please note a change in the Clean Match Buckle drawing, the winner must be present to win.**

### Housekeeping Notice:

Attention Club members and guests just a reminder that you are responsible for all personal items left at the club. The Texas Ten Horns are not be responsible for those items. Thank You

### Texas Ten Horns Club Leadership

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

**Comin' Up!**  
Local Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Weekend Sept. 2 & 3, 2017  
**Texas Ten Horns, Leonard TX,**  
Texas Troublemakers,  
Brownsboro, TX

**Special Monday Shoot**  
Labor Day Sept. 4, 2017  
**Red River Valley Cowpokes Albany, OK**

2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend **Red River Valley**  
**Cowpokes – Albany, OK**  
**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 Sept. 23, 2017  
**Texas Ten Horns, Leonard Cody**  
**Dixon Match**

4<sup>th</sup> Weekend **Comanche Valley**  
**Vigilantes, Ormsby Ranch,**  
Cleburne, TX

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for the Saturday match and another 18 the following day. I think we'd have had more on Sunday but a storm was moving thru and it looked pretty touch and go for a while. But as I've said before, God must love a good CAS match because the storm edged us just to the northeast and we were able to get in all 6 stages. For this match we moved the targets back in to "drag race" distance and that's exactly what we had. It was fast and fun and kept the posses moving quickly to get us off the range and in a cool restaurant behind an ice cold glass of tea (or beer) ASAP!

Come on out and join us on September 2nd and 3rd. At this match we are going to add a 7th stage. This stage is not mandatory and will not be included in the final score. It will be a "super stage" encompassing two stages and the round count will be 20 rifle, 20 pistol and 8 shotgun. So bring your backups or arrange to borrow and shoot the super stage. I think it's going to be a real BLAST!!! And there will be prizes! So don't miss out!!!

Check [texas10horns.org](http://texas10horns.org)  
for the upcoming stages!

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**Top Ten Shooters**  
Sunday July 2, 2017

1. Colorado Jackson
2. Tex Fiddler
3. Hairtrigger Hayes
4. Dirt Hill Bill
5. Nonstop
6. Blind Bob
7. Tennessee Star
8. Ruidoso
9. Monk Parker
10. Tejas Red

**Top Ten Shooters**  
Saturday August 5, 2017

1. Colorado Jackson
2. Dirt Hill Bill
3. Hairtrigger Hayes
4. Tex Fiddler
5. Marshall Jack Bridges
6. Texas Jack Star
7. Blind Bob
8. Iron Tomahawk Kid
9. Silver Sam
10. Ruidoso

**Top Ten Shooters**  
Sunday August 6, 2017

1. Rusty Remington
2. Hairtrigger Hayes
3. Colorado Jackson
4. Blind Bob
5. Dirt Hill Bill
6. Marshall Jack Bridges
7. Monk Parker
8. Tejas Red
9. Deadeye Bob
10. Complicated Lady

**Parting Shot**

As I'm sure you know, One Chance Fancy (or Fancy as I refer to her) aka, my lovely bride Susan, has started shooting. Her first match was June 4th where she ran her first stage in 111 seconds. I've seen Rusty Remington shoot a whole 6 stage match in fewer seconds! But, this past weekend at the Red River Valley Cowpokes Miss Fancy put one in the record books in 29 seconds. She's burst thru the 30 second barrier in an incredibly short amount of time. People keep saying, "That's because she's got such a good teacher." While I'm flattered by this statement, it's only partially correct. She's had a multitude of good teachers. From Nonstop to Colorado Jackson to Smokin' Limey (who was able to offer some of the best help since she related so well to another female shooter).

Another thing that I've noticed since she started is that she got A LOT of advice. And that can

be overwhelming at times. Not necessarily a bad thing but overwhelming nonetheless. I reckon that's one of the reasons I hold Nuttin' Graceful in such high regard. First time I ever shot at the Bar 3 we had worked our way down to the last stage and Nuttin' asked, "Hey if you're agreeable, I'd like to show you a few things after the match?" I thought, "WOW!!! I'm about to get a lesson from a World Champion!" He didn't just jump in and start telling me what I was doing right or wrong, or what I really needed to work on, or how to do anything better. He asked, "If you're agreeable?" What a guy. And what a unique way to start a lasting friendship. One of the many lessons I learned there that day was to never assume - especially with a new shooter that's, first of all nervous as hell and, secondly already overwhelmed - that they want or even need your help. When offering help I always try to start the conversation out just like Nuttin', "If you're agreeable?"

Now, I'm not criticizing anyone who's offered help. I know that over the years I've learned to keep what works and throw out what doesn't. Probably the coolest thing about CAS is shooters giving other shooters hints and ideas that will help them shoot faster...even if it might help them jump ahead in the overall. Anvil Al taught me all about how to read a stage and get it set up for as little movement as possible. And TBone taught "Distance = Time". The shorter the distance, the faster the time.

I believe CAS is the greatest game ever invented. It has provided a hobby to take the place of other cherished hobbies that have played themselves out. It has provided an opportunity to make brand new best friends on the top side of 50. And it has provided my wife and me an opportunity to share something we love with people we love and to travel and to see new places and to meet new friends on a regular basis. As we approach the simpler, post children years I can't imagine a better way to spend time with my very best friend.

