

The Ten Horn Gazette

January 2019

Texas Ten Horns

Cowboy Action Shooting

Monthly Recap

Hairtrigger Hayes, President

December 29th. It was a 5th Saturday and it was “the coldest day in history!!!”

OK, so maybe I exaggerated that last part...but only a little. It was the day the Texas Ten Horns got to be the proud sponsors of the Northern Regional Match for the Texas State Rifle Association. We had 28 shooters come out to brave the cold and – more importantly – support the 2nd amendment at the state level. Top Shooters for the day were Pinewood Kid and Sopapilla Su, both of whom will receive a free entry into the TSRA State Championship match.

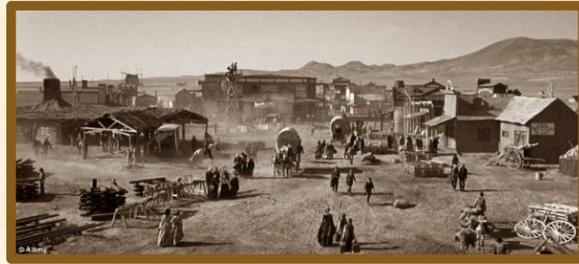
If you’ve never been to one of our regional fundraisers you should really plan to go. It’s a great opportunity to support a very important cause but it’s also lots of fun. Stages were designed to be fast, food was served when it was over, and to wrap it all up there was a balloon shoot for fun and prizes. TSRA Directors Texas Ghost and our very own Colorado Jackson are always on hand to run the event. Thanks guys for the job you are doing for all of us Texans when it comes to the 2nd amendment!

Just one short week later and the weather had gone from abominable to beautiful. 54 shooters came to the match on Saturday and CoJack brought out the “burger beast”! This contraption turns out some of the best burgers you’ve ever eaten. We were able to knock out all the leftovers from the previous weekend’s match. Our top shooter’s that day were Calamity DiBar on the ladies side and Texas Mean Gene “The Shooting Machine” was the overall winner. Congratulations you two.

The next day turned out to be not nearly as inviting as the day prior. Cloudy and breezy and just a little chilly, but still a ton of fun. Right here I’d like to toss in an important safety reminder. Never and I mean NEVER leave the loading area with loaded firearms. This is another of those lessons I have now ‘learned from experience’.

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THE GREAT SPAGHETTI WESTERN



New Date:

May 31 – June 2, 2019

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SLIM'S PICKINS HI-YO SILVER, AWAY!!!!

“Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear...A fiery horse with the speed of light, a cloud of dust and a hearty Hi-Yo Silver, Away!!! The Lone Ranger rides again.” Anyone who watched Saturday morning TV during the 50s, particularly westerns, knows that famous intro to one of the most iconic TV westerns of all time.

Many may not know, however, that the character of the lone ranger was probably patterned after a real life lawman. Biographer Art T. Burton in his 2006 book, *Black Gun, Silver Star: the Life and Legend of Frontier Marshal Bass Reeves*,



asserts that Reeves was the inspiration for the character of the Lone Ranger. His argument

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Texas Ten Horns Club Leadership

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

Texas Ten Horns

“Ten Cup Belt Buckle Series”

The excitement is already ramping up for the fourth season of the “Ten Cup” Buckle series. Remember attendance is the key, as total matches will break a tie in points. Come join the fun and throw your hat in the ring for the beautiful buckles.

Men’s category:	Points
Nonstop	20
Texas Mean Gene	20
Colorado Jackson	19
Lefty Wheeler	18
Marshal Jack Bridges	17

Ladies Category:	Points
Hillside Hannah	10
Smokin’ Limey	10
Lil McGill	9
One Chance Fancy	9
Chica Boom Boom	8

The clean match buckle is a drawing at the annual Christmas Party and you have to present to win. Each time you shoot clean your name is added to the hat.

Top Ten Shooters Saturday January 5, 2019

1. Texas Mean Gene
2. Nonstop
3. Colorado Jackson
4. Hairtrigger Hayes
5. Lefty Wheeler
6. Slowaz Molasses
7. Tomanator
8. Iron Tomahawk Kid
9. Pinewood Kid
10. Tex Fiddler

Top Ten Shooters Sunday January 6, 2019

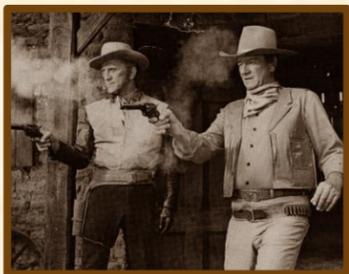
1. Nonstop
2. Colorado Jackson
3. Lefty Wheeler
4. Marshal Jack Bridges
5. Monk Parker
6. Rio Concho Kid
7. Tennessee Star
8. Tombstone Tim
9. Dirt Hill Bill
10. Billy Boots

Monthly Recap Cont.

Seems I got involved helping another shooter at the loading table with a broken gun. I quickly ran out to my cart to grab something and it was not until I returned to the loading table I realized I had my loaded pistols in my holsters. We all know the call and as a proud wearer of an RO1 and RO2 badge I had no other choice but to call a stage DQ on myself. So remember the rules and remember to abide by the rules. We sometimes tend to get a little lax at our monthlies and when complacency sets in problems start to happen. Winners for the day were top Lady – Sopapilla Su and top man – Nonstop. And ol’ Hairtrigger (SDQ) Hayes 22nd!!!

Hope to see you all at the monthly on February 2nd and 3rd. We’ll be billing this match as the Winter Range Warmup Match. That means the targets and scenarios will be a little more challenging but still plenty of fun. Additionally, we’ll be shooting a brand new scenario that I’ve never seen before anywhere down at Boot Hill. Don’t worry. It’s not hard...just different!

Where and when to shoot:



1st Weekend – Feb 2 & 3, 2019

Texas Ten Horns,
Leonard TX,

Texas Troublemakers, Brownsboro, TX

2nd Weekend **Red River Valley**

Cowpokes – Albany, OK
Lone Star Frontier Shooting Club – Ormsby Ranch, Cleburne, TX
OK Territorial Marshalls, Arcadia Ok

3rd Weekend **Badlands Bar 3** – English, TX

Old Fort Parker, Groesbeck, TX

4th Weekend **Feb. 23, 2019**

Texas Ten Horns Cody-Dixon Match

Leonard TX
Comanche Valley Vigilantes, Ormsby Ranch, Cleburne, TX

Hi-Yo Silver, Away!!!! Cont.

includes that he always rode a white stallion, arrested more than 3000 thieves, murderers, and criminals, and killed 14 outlaws all without sustaining a single gunshot wound. His exploits in accomplishing these arrests were legendary. Also, many of the fugitives he arrested were sent to the Detroit House of Corrections, the same city where the Lone Ranger would be introduced to the world via radio program on station WXYZ on January 30, 1933. Coincidence?

Bass Reeves was born in Crawford County, Arkansas in 1838 to the household of William Reeves who relocated to Paris, TX in 1846. Reeves fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War where he honed his marksmanship skills with a



Bass Reeves at his swearing in.

pistol. He then made his way to Indian Territory known as Oklahoma today which was ruled by the Cherokee, Seminole, Creek, Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes. Tribal courts ruled the Indian affairs so anyone who was not part of that system could run rampant and usually did. Reeves lived with and learned the Indian ways of living and tracking and even learned to speak many of the languages. Enter federal judge Isaac C. Parker, aka “the hanging judge” (a future story for Slim’s Pickins) who was appointed to the Federal Western District Court in Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 10, 1875. He charged U.S. Marshall James Fagan with reining in the lawless territory covering 75,000 square miles and ordered him to hire 200 deputy marshals. Fagan had heard of the reputation of Reeves and his tracking skills and ability to speak the Indian languages and deputized him quickly.

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NEW FEATURE

PULL UP A STOOL AND GET TO KNOW...

What is your alias? Monk Parker
How long have you been cowboy shooting? 5 years

Where are you from? Born in Denver CO, live in Plano TX.

What were your first cowboy guns and are you still shooting them? Shared pair of Ruger Vaquero Bisleys, 1873 rifle and a Stoegar SxS. Still shooting the Bisleys, a different 1973 24” (nicknamed “the javelin”) and a SKB SxS.

What is your favorite sweep? Nevada
Where did you shoot your personal best stage? Texas Ten Horns, 19 and change on a 10,10,4

How many styles/categories have you shot in? One, but I tried gunfighter one match.

What’s the best piece of advice you’ve been given? Shoot slow and do everything else quick

What matches are on your bucket list? Winter Range and EOT

Do you have a favorite article of clothing and what is it? Chinks, belt doesn’t fit right without them

What’s your favorite Western movie/actor? Tombstone

Summer or Winter? Summer

What is your default stage line? Let’s Go!

In your opinion, what gun is your best? Not shotgun

How many states/countries have you shot in? two, Oklahoma and Texas

Do you prefer big and close or smaller and far? A combination thereof.

What do you “coulda woulda shoulda” after matches? Shotgun make ups and shell fumbles

What is your favorite match that you have shot? SW Regional

What is your pre-beep ritual? Walk each gun to be staged and visualize the shot string.



Monk Parker and the javelin

Special thanks to Monk for helping a sister out.

If there are other questions you’d like to know about the next cowboy/cowgirl, let me know? If you’d like to be the next cowboy/cowgirl fire off your answers to: sopapillasu@texas10horns.org

HI-YO SILVER, AWAY!!!! Cont.

Standing 6 feet 2 inches, a spiffy dresser with boots shined to a gleaming luster, Reeves cut a dashing figure...most of the time. He was a cunning lawman and used disguises when necessary. Once he tracked two outlaws in the Red River Valley area near Texas and set up camp 28 miles from their home. He disguised himself as a tramp with dirty clothes to hide his gun, handcuffs, badge and wore a floppy hat complete with 3 bullet holes. He made his way to the house and convinced the outlaw's mother to take him in for the night. When her sons returned, she suggested they join forces, which they agreed to and turned in for the night. As they slept, Reeves handcuffed them to each other and the next morning returned them to the authorities and collected his reward of \$5,000. Mom followed for 3 miles cursing Reeves the whole time.

Much like the fictional Lone Ranger, Reeves was fiercely dedicated to his position. He was considered impossible to bribe or pay off, a gentleman, courteous and a deadly shot with his pistol. His integrity would be challenged, however, in 1902 when he returned with a band of bootleggers, rustlers and murderers he had captured to find a writ for the arrest of his own son, Bennie Reeves for killing his wife in a jealous rage. None of the other deputies would take the case but Bass Reeves took the writ, found his son and turned him in where he stood trial and was sentenced to prison in Leavenworth Penitentiary Kansas. Among the notorious outlaws Reeves pursued were Bob Dozier whom he shot in a gunfight when he refused to surrender, the Tom Story gang (which ended in a



Ned Christie

gunfight as well with Reeves killing the leader), Seminole outlaw Greenleaf and Cherokee outlaw Ned Christie.

Bass Reeves lost his position as a Deputy US Marshal when

Oklahoma gained statehood and became a patrolman with the Muskogee Police Department and died in 1910 of Bright's disease. The obituary described him as "absolutely fearless and knowing no master but duty". An Oklahoma City newspaper article in 1907 –

“Eighty miles west of Fort Smith was known as “the deadline,” and whenever a deputy marshal from Fort Smith or Paris, Texas, crossed the Missouri, Kansas & Texas track he took his own life in his hands and he knew it. On nearly every trail would be found posted by outlaws a small card warning certain deputies that if they ever crossed the deadline they would be killed. Reeves has a dozen of these cards which were posted for his special benefit. And in those days such a notice was no idle boast, and many an outlaw has bitten the dust trying to ambush a deputy on these trails.”

Oklahoma City Weekly Times-Journal: “Reeves was never known to show the slightest excitement, under any circumstances. He does not know what fear is.”



Bass Reeves had a storied and exciting life as a fearless, courageous, moral, principled man dedicated to his career as a lawman. He went to the frontier badlands and was monumental in taming the “wild west” and could not have been a more fitting model for The Lone Ranger. He is quoted as saying, “Maybe the law ain't perfect, but it's the only one we got, and without it we got nuthin”. I mentioned at the beginning of this article that Bass Reeves was born to the Reeves' household. I did not mention that Bass Reeves was the son of slaves owned by William Reeves. The possible blue print for the fictional Lone Ranger character was real life legendary lawman, African-American, Bass Reeves.

Respectfully submitted,
Mississippi Slim

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Range Officer 1

February 23, 2019

At the Ten Horns Range
Contact Colorado Jackson for
more information.
berettateam@aol.com

Want a head start: [Check out the Shooter's Handbook](#)

Parting Shot:

New Year's resolutions. How many of you have them? How many have already been broken? How many gave up on them years ago?

Personally, I never have had any trouble keeping my resolutions as year after year I resolve not to take up smoking and not to add anything to my bourbon other than ice. So far I'm batting 1,000!

But this year I do have a resolution of sorts. Not anything specific but more of a body/soul/mind kind of a resolution. You see, I had a dream just a couple of days before the beginning of this new year. It was about a bible verse which talked about a man of great faith. Great faith takes discipline, lots of discipline.

I was already planning to make an effort to be more disciplined in 2019 by paying stricter attention to my diet and exercise as well as my shooting and practice. Seems the good Lord decided to slap me upside the noggin and say, “don't forget me boy!” (In my mind God sounds kinda like Sam Elliott)

So therein begins my desire to be more disciplined in 2019. I'd like to tell you all that it is going splendidly, but it is not. Seems like there are hurdles at every turn. But so far I have managed to stay focused enough to be much more disciplined than I have been in year's past albeit far from the level I strive to achieve. I figure it's kind of like running a marathon. Nobody goes out there and runs 26 miles on the first day of practice. But they run a couple. So goes the struggle towards better discipline for Hairtrigger. As far as distance ran so far, let's just same I finally graduated from crawling to walking!

Here's to pulling corks and pulling triggers,
Hairtrigger

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