



South Texas Pistoleros Newsletter



Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250 Pleasanton Rd.

San Antonio Texas

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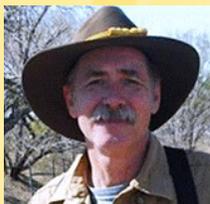
Monthly Match Schedule for August 15, 2020

- Range gate opens at 9:00 AM
- Match Registration from 9:00 to 9:30 AM.
- Mandatory Shooters Safety Meeting at 9:30 AM.
- Match Starts at 9:45 AM

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President's Message



We will be conducting an August shoot but we will have to do some “out of the box” maneuvering. As everyone knows the virus has not slacked off and the numbers are continuing to climb. I was going to tell you that we were going to have to cancel the August match as our range is just too tightly spaced to conduct reasonable distancing. I had talked to A.D. Texaz about our members shooting on the 2nd Saturday with the Texican

Rangers. They have a larger area for distancing and are in an area where breezes are possible. He agreed that it would be fine, so that is an option for folks. We are planning is to have two shoots on August 15, a 9am and about 3:30pm. Since we just came up with this idea (Thanks to A.D. Texaz) it will take a little coordination so August 1, will be a practice day. We are looking at limiting the shoots to 16 shooters max so we can create 2 possees at each shoot. Sign up will probably be by text or email. We are working on the details.

A Place to Shoot is currently constructing a 300yd rifle range on the right where the 200yd was. I don't have details but those targets are going to get pretty small at that distance. There have been a number of posts on their Facebook page regarding steel targets which apparently are very much desired. They would be fun.

There is information in the newsletter about the Sharps rifle that exploded from Sheriff Love. Check it out. It definitely reminds one to check their powder charges. Double the powder does not make double the fun.

Long John Beard had a great idea. We are looking at reducing our shoot fees temporarily to make up for the virus chaos with our shooting schedule.

On a side note I am so sick of the Covid situation that I volunteered to get an experimental Covid vaccine. I should know in a week or so if I am selected for the trial. It would not be the first time I was a test monkey, at least this time no dealing with lightning, villagers, or Igor.

Captain Covid aka

Latigo Lee

JULY 2020 TREASURER' REPORT

A quiet month in which we did not have a shoot due to COVID restrictions. Below are the numbers:

Beginning Balance:			\$7,533.04
7/22/2020	Deposit (Memberships)	\$48.00	\$7,581.04
7/22/2020	Debit (Amazon: Membership Directory)	\$(76.84)	\$7,504.20
7/23/2020	Deposit (Memberships)	\$84.00	\$7,588.20
Ending Balance:			\$7,588.20

Stay safe and shoot straight when necessary!

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Notes from the Range Master.....Down Range!

So much for our 4th of July-themed shoot. I had all my red, white, and blue regalia ready to go. Oh, well – there's always next year.

Playing around with some ideas to speed up registration and getting us shooting quicker like on line registration such as PRACTISCORE. I know the Tejas Caballeros use it. If you have an idea – let me know.

Long Range Update: Not sure if our 29 August BAMB/ Long Range will happen or not with all the construction on the A Place to Shoot long range lanes. Stay flexible and keep the date open as I am working on some possible alternatives.



UPDATE FROM SHERIFF ROBERT LOVE



The shooter that had the 45-70 Sharps reproduction that blew up was loading Accurate 5744 powder.

Accurate 5744 is an extremely fast burning, double-base, extruded powder. This unique powder can be used in a wide range of rifle calibers and magnum handguns. 5744 is characterized by excellent ignition and consistency over a very wide performance range. Low bulky density and superior ignition characteristics make 5744 an excellent choice for reduced loads in many rifle calibers and in large capacity black powder cartridges such as the 45-70 through 45-120 and 50-90 through 50-120.

Accurate 5744 Load Data for 45-70 Government

45-70 GOVERNMENT 19,000 PSI LOADINGS TRAPDOOR SPRINGFIELD AND SIMILAR RIFLES Barrel: 24" | Twist: 1-20" | Primer: WIN WLR | Bullet Diameter: 0.458" Case: REM | Max Case Length: 2.105" | Trim Length: 2.095" ACCURATE 5744
500 (L) MCB RN 23.4 1,070 max 26.0 1,217 16,100 2.635
500 (L) MCB RNFP 20.2 1,068 max 23.8 1,210 18,773 2.700
525 (L) MCB SS 21.6 1,060 max 24.0 1,205 16,300 2.655

45-70 GOVERNMENT STANDARD PRESSURE APPROX. 28,000 PSI Barrel: 24" | Twist: 1-20" | Primer: WIN WLR | Bullet Diameter: 0.458" Case: REM | Max Case Length: 2.105" | Trim Length: 2.095" ACCURATE 5744
500 (L) LC FP 25.2 1,265 max 28.0 1,400 27,900 2.550
500 (L) MCB RNFP 23.9 1,213 max 28.4 1,393 27,434 2.700

The shooter was loading 25 grains of powder with a 525 grain lead round nose bullet. He has pulled several bullets of loaded rounds and found close to 50 grains of powder in them. He was using an auto scale to measure each load and suspects that there may have been a malfunction with the scale.

A long range shooter friend also uses 5744 in his 45/70. He purposely weighed 50 grains of 5744 in a case, and then measured it. There was 5/8 of an inch to the top of the neck. This illustrates the importance of at least looking, but better yet, physically checking the height of the powder column. Tom Peterson has a simple but foolproof method of doing this. This is also why I love using Trail Boss in pistol calibers. If you double charge, you see the powder running all over the press and the floor.



Match Starting Time And Range Rules

Access to the Cowboy Action Shooting Range will be available only after A Place To Shoot opens at 9:00 AM.

Please do not attempt to enter the range parking lot via the dirt bypass road.

Please enter the CAS range through the side gates by the pistol range or around the right side of the building,

Matches start at 9:45 AM.

Registration will close by 9:30, With the shooter' Safety Meeting to follow.

Please, present no bills larger than \$20 at registration.

Guest shooters must read and sign a liability waiver before the match.

The gate to the CAS range should be closed during a Match. Be aware that visitors may come on to the CAS range who are not familiar with CAS safety protocols.

Members having concerns or complaints about range issues shall communicate those issues to the Pistoleros club officers.

South Texas Pistoleros Guest Shooter Policy

Visiting shooters unknown to club members but possessing a valid SASS Membership who wish to register as a competitor will be assigned a Pistoleros Officer or member as a "shooting buddy" for at least one stage. New-to-CAS individuals or guest without a valid SASS membership but with a **documented** knowledge of safe firearms hand skills (LTC, NRA certification, etc.) who desire to participate in a club match will be referred to the Range Master, or other designated Officer, for on-site orientation. If time permits, the orientation will be held before the match. If the Range Master and Match Director concur, the individuals will be assigned a mentor and permitted to register as a competitor.

Any person who have not completed any type of formal firearms training but wish to participate in CAS will be referred to a formal CAS orientation session to be provided by the club. The orientation session will use a classroom setting to address basic firearms safety, handling CAS firearms safely, **SASS** match protocols, and range and club safety rules. Upon successful completion of the classroom session, attendees will have the opportunity to shoot in a controlled setting on the CAS range. Cost per students has yet to be determined, but a range fee of \$11.00 per person plus the cost of suitable ammunition is to be expected.

Guest Shooter Liability Waiver Policy

Any contestant at a match who is not currently a member of the South Texas Pistoleros must first read and sign a liability waiver before competing.

Gun Show Schedule

Local Shows

August 1-2, 2020
SA Events Ctr.
8111 Meadow Leaf
SAXET Trade Shows
San Antonio, Texas
(361) 289-2256

Area Shows

August 8-9, 2020
The Hill Country Gun Show
Hill Country Veterans Center
411 Meadowview Lane
Kerrville, TX 78028

August 15-16, 2020
New Braunfels Gun Show
New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center
375 S Castell Ave
New Braunfels, TX 78130
(817) 732-1194

Most area Gun Shows are cancelled due to COVID-19 guidelines.

Dates and locations of gun shows are subject to change, some may be cancelled due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), so please contact the show before travel

The Bean Pot.....



Damn. Six Months Later, COVID Jokes Are Still Relevant.

It has gotten to the point that wiping down the bleach container with a Lysol wipe seems completely normal.

After six months of quarantine, I was having trouble breathing. That scared me. Then I unbuttoned my pants and it was all OK.

The definition of “Prepper” has changed. Now it means placing Zip-Loc bags full of snacks and little “airline” liquor bottles on the floor all over the house in case I fall.

Everyone who answered the question “Where do you see yourself in five years?” during a job interview in 2015 got it wrong.

Questions: “Alexa, what is the weather going to be like today?”

Answer: “Why? Where do you think you are going?”

Everything has been cancelled. Let’s just put up the Christmas tree and start baking cookies now.

Because of COVID, for the first time since 1945 the National Spelling Bee has been cancel... cancel...cansel... It has been called-off.

Remember when you were a kid and longed for the day you would be old enough to do everything you wanted. This COVID crap is not at all what I expected.

I remember being able to get up from my recliner without making noise. Good times.

Coca-Cola was founded by Lt. Col. John Pemberton of the 12th Cavalry of the Confederate Army. Rum was made by slave holders in the Caribbean. If the “cancel culture” learns to read history instead of re-making it...it is going to get ugly.

For seventy-five DAYS in 1964 on the floor of the United States Senate, Democrats held the longest filibuster in our nation’s history. All to prevent the passing of the Civil Rights Act.

Oh, the irony! Cars are cheap. Gas is cheap. I have money, and time on my hands. I can tour the country in luxury, going from one mandatory 14-day hotel quarantine to the next.

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