



South Texas Pistolaros Newsletter



Match Info:

A Place To Shoot

13250
Pleasanton Rd.

San Antonio
Texas

78221

**Monthly Match
Schedule for
November 5, 2022**

- 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
- Pre-register with PRACTISCORE

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope all is well with everyone. We are finally enjoying some cool weather and even a little rain. The weather forecast for the November shoot has a chance of rain in it, so we'll keep our fingers crossed. Not sure how many shooters will be there, we have several taking part in the HAVA shoot. Really looking forward to participating in HAVA it was a lot of fun last year.

I hope everyone has a chance to get out there and vote. I hope the importance of voting has not been lost with all the negative stories of voter fraud and complaints of stolen elections. If we start believing that the only honest election is one where the person we vote for wins we just might be in trouble. We still live in the greatest country in the world and it's the greatest because it's a Democracy.

If I don't see you I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and get the chance to spend the holiday with your family and friends. God bless.

P.J. Mugwump
President

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.

October 2022 Treasurer' Report

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Not Available



NOTES FROM THE RANGE MASTER (AND VP!)DOWN RANGE!



Wasn't it great to finally have enough shooters for two full poses with enough time to catch your breath? As always, I couldn't have gotten the match ready without the help of the Wooden Nickel setup crew and thanks to everyone for pitching in and working the match.

Picosa Kid won the standard match with a time just over 134 seconds and Tabasco Kid took top Josey Wales shooter. Clean match honors go to Sauk Valley Sam, Newt Ritter, and some guy named Caprock Kid. The entertainment (?) award goes to Canyon St. Clair and I for taking on the Josey Wales category with derringers in lieu of shotgun. There were a few times when we (and I really mean me) weren't sure we (I) had enough ammunition to complete the stage. I am sure glad that the derringer side match targets at Comancheria Day are a lot closer!

Hope you enjoyed the stagecoach run on Stage 4. I know there were some issues getting the shotgun targets to stay up, but it was something different and fun - we will make it better in the future. Thanks again to Sauk Valley Sam for finding it on the internet. As you can see, I am more than willing to incorporate new ideas into the shooting plan. I'll even take an idea for a new sweep or prop and help develop it into a full stage.

November's match will be a little more traditional with regards to stages and sweeps especially since we have the Honoring American Veteran's Afield (HAVA) shoot going at the same time. Still planning to do normal range set up on Friday, 4 Nov for the match but will also load out the materials needed for the HAVA shoot. We normally recognize our own Veterans at the November match in honor of Veteran's Day but the HAVA shoot has us split up so I would like to take a few words to simply say thank you for your service.

Brass is up, targets are up (or down in some cases), shooter up!



Wooden Nickel Crew

The Bean Pot.....



The Cavalry of the West

By the Fall of 1863, the Federal Army and Navy were working to seal the southern border of Texas. There were no plans to invade Texas, but rather to stop the essential cotton trade with Mexico, Britain, and France. With most able-bodied Texas men already serving east of the Mississippi, there were concerns that the Federals would soon march into Texas.

On December 22, 1863, the Texas Department Commander (Gen Bankhead Magruder) wrote a confidential letter to one John Salmon Ford. Ford had served with Ranger Jack Hays as Adjutant in 1846. There he earned the moniker “RIP Ford” for his custom of writing “RIP” at the end of the Ranger casualty lists. The letter requested that Ford raise a regiment of cavalry to undertake operations along the Rio Grande.

By 1863, John Ford was almost 50. He was known as a doctor, lawyer, journalist, and State Senator for two terms, Mayor of Austin, Texas, and Captain of Rangers. While the confidential letter addressed “Colonel Ford,” he held no such commission with the State of Texas or the Confederate States. The politics of the time ensured he was never a Colonel.

In early 1864, Ford raised the Lone Star Flag and the Stars and Bars in San Antonio. He wore a battered black cavalry fedora and called himself “Colonel.” Couriers were sent to all points of the compass. Ford stated that he would take any man he could without violating “law and propriety.” In some thirty days, some 1,300 boys and men had been recruited into the Cavalry of the West. While many were quite young, the recruits were from the frontier.

Ford requested field pieces, arms, and ammunition. The CSA said it had none to spare. Even such things as tether ropes were in short supply. Ford simply traded cotton for cash with his Mexican contacts. Due to those constraints, Ford was stuck in San Antonio until March 17th, 1864. While some derided the group, they “were much more dangerous than they appeared.”

Arriving in deep South Texas during a “particularly dry spell,” Ford had no choice but to disperse his command to wherever small groups could find water and forage. Small actions were fought along the border as Mexico was in turmoil and armed groups began raiding into Texas from Laredo to Brownsville. At one point, Ford consolidated his command and rode into Mexico seizing and selling cotton as he found it. After pushing the Federals back some 200 miles, a sizeable body of Ford’s command unexpectedly found themselves in the Battle at Las Rucias Ranch where they reinforced regular CSA units in a downpour. Ford claimed captured horses, saddles, wagons, guns, and food.

Afterwards, an uneasy truce prevailed along the border, right up until the arrival of one Colonel Theodore H. Barrett USA. He was a politically appointed officer with greater aspirations. Not having fought in any significant battles, he sought to create one. The ensuing Battle of Palmito Hill was the last battle fought between Federal and Texas forces. A telling of the ensuing disaster (for the Federals) is something left to another time.

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Gun Show Schedule

Local Shows

Nov 12th – 13th, 2022
The Live Oak Gun Show
Hilton Garden Inn Ballroom
8101 Pat Booker Rd
San Antonio, TX 78233
(210) 844-9599

Area Shows

Nov 5th – 6th, 2022
Al Amin Shrine Gun Show
Al Amin Shrine Pavilion
2001 Suntide Road
Corpus Christi, TX 78409
(361) 696-1585

Nov 12th – 13th, 2022
New Braunfels Gun Show
New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center
375 S Castell Ave
New Braunfels, TX 78130
(817) 732-1194

Nov 12th – 13th, 2022
Belton Gun Show
Bell County Expo Center
301 W Loop 121
Belton, TX 76513
(713) 724-8881

Nov 12th – 13th, 2022
The Kerrville Gun & Knife Show
Hill Country Youth Event Center
The Ag Barn
3785 Highway 27
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 285-0575

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

To pre-register for the **November 5, 2022** match, you can go to **PRACTISCORE** and sign up for the match using the instructions attached, or you can email STXPMatch@gmail.com with the following information:

Name, Alias, Category, **SASS** number, and if you are a South Texas Pistoleros member or not.

If you experience difficulties with registration, please contact Caprock Kid or Canyon St. Clair at

STXPMatch@gmail.com