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A Chronicle of the Plum Creek Shooting Society

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Long Juan here!

The Battle of Plum Creek 2011 was fantastic!! Our next match is Saturday, November 5th. We will be shooting six “**Phantom**” stages. Shooters’ meeting at 8:30 a.m. Hammers down as soon thereafter as possible. **Kitchen Kate** is planning a great Thanksgiving lunch for everyone. **Delta Raider** needs to give her a good head count. Please RSVP by emailing him at leshikar@aol.com no later than November 2nd. In December, we will have our annual Christmas Shoot and Party on Saturday, December 3rd. A registration form can be found on page 16 of this issue of the *Gazette* or can be downloaded from the club website, www.pccss.org. Note that December will be an **afternoon shoot**. See *Long Juan here* continued page 5.

Battle of Plum Creek 2011

By Long Juan



Action Report. Where should I start? First let me thank our many sponsors. You saw their signs. You bid on their donations. The winning bidders went home with many great prizes. Many thanks to **McBride’s Guns**, **Sportsman’s Finest**, **Red’s Indoor Range**, **Manny Gammage’s Texas**

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The Match. Rangers, militia and settlers of Texas won the Battle of Plum Creek yet again, more than 170 years after the original battle. Early Friday morning October 14th, Texans armed with those new-fangled semi-automatic pistols, shotguns of the 1897 variety and big-bore rifles tangled with the Comanche in a Wild Bunch match. Later that day, there was lots of movement in the woods along the banks of the West Fork of Plum Creek during a Western Three-Gun match. Those two skirmishes lasted late into the afternoon. Except for some long-range shooting down by the stockade, other side matches were delayed until Saturday afternoon.

Bright and early Saturday morning, more than 60 Texans continued their battle with the Comanche in the Battle of Plum Creek main match. Four posses fought in 10 different skirmishes. The skirmishes (stages) that made up main match began at the Council House in San Antonio, continued on to Victoria and Linnville and concluded at Plum Creek. Later Saturday, there were continuing skirmishes with derringers, pocket pistols and long-range rifles. The afternoon skirmishes concluded with some of the fastest rifle, pistol, shotgun and 3-gun shooting of the weekend. What was initially thought to be the fastest derringer turned out to be a rare Reising M50



machine gun. **Joe Darter**, **Mesquite Creek Mike**, **Jake Paladin**, **Hopalong Herbert**, **True Blue Cachoo** and others took turns shooting .45ACP cartridges a rapid pace. Jake was sure he would win Fastest Derringer until he was advised of his disqualification. The Reising is less expensive than its more famous cousin, the Thompson, but it liked dirt, mud and slime even less than the Thompson and therefore was not favored by troops in combat. Many Reisings ended up in service with police forces after the war. The one being shot Saturday afternoon had marks from the Pittsburg Police Department.

During the entire weekend, the Texans took time from the battle and their respective skirmishes to eat great meals in the Agarita Ranch Pavilion.

Thanks to **Boon Doggle** for writing 10 great stages. He made it challenging and fun to shoot. The short history provided with each stage made it interesting. Stage 1 at Fort Agarita began the Council House Fight in San Antonio. Comanche chiefs had come to San Antonio to discuss peace. When they did not bring all of their white prisoners for release, the fight was on. **Phantom** shot the stage in only 23.61 seconds. That's smokin'. The Cody Dixon and GAF shooters were heard to complain some that the pesky thunderbird at 150 yards was hard to see. Must have been the smoke from **Jake Jones'** black powder. Stage 2 at the Badlands continued the Council House Fight in the streets of San Antonio. **Phantom** finished in 18.42 seconds, the fastest stage-time of the match. That's REALLY smokin'. **Sterling Sage** is still lookin' for those dratty little chickens hangin' on the chains. Seems her bullets couldn't find 'em. The Council House Fight ended at Stage 3, the **Elroy Rogers** Memorial Wheelwright Shop. Again, **Phantom** had the fastest time.

The Comanche raid at the Livery Stable, where **Joe** fastest time. Then it was on to Blacksmith Shop. **Phantom** 6 at the Marshal's Office was retreat north from Linnville **Phantom** finished with the



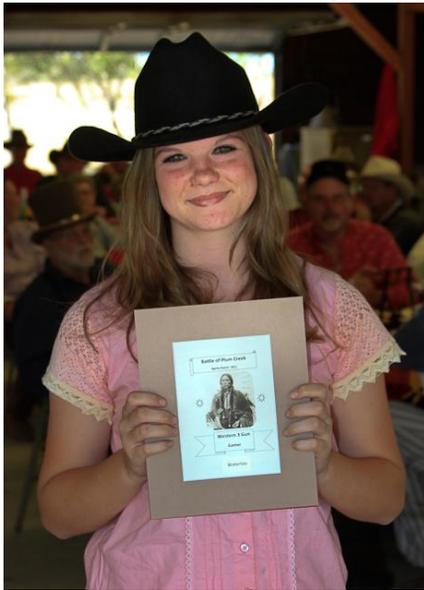
continued on to Victoria and Stage 4 **Darter** edged out Phantom for the Linnville and Stage 5 at the finished first. So, what's new? Stage fought as the Comanche began the back to the Comancheria. Yes, again fastest time.

On Stage 7, at the Bathhouse, the actual Battle of Plum Creek began. We were joined at this point by Chief Placido and 13 Tonkawa Indians who acted as our scouts. **Joe Darter** walloped the competition, finishing first in 26.66 seconds. Stage 8, fought at Hell's Bells, saw a Comanche chief carrying a parasol and wearing a silk hat and waistcoat buttoned backwards. The fightin' Texans had a chance to warm up here on their first swingin' target. **Phantom** got into the swing of things with a time of 20 seconds flat. Stage 9 at the Pasture included our only no-shoot target and a rifle swinger. I heard some ugly things being said by several shooters about that blasted swinger. At least they were focused on the swinger and not those pesky "wabbits" at the jail. Once again **Phantom** finished first. The Battle of Plum Creek was over after the shooting of Stage 10 in the Church Yard. Once again, **Phantom** finished in less than 20 seconds. For those of us who are reasonably happy average less than 50-60 seconds per stage, **Phantom's** scores seem hardly fair, but then I guess that's why we have different shooting categories. In any event, congratulations **Phantom!!**

Meals at the Agarita Ranch pavilion were great. Having biscuits and gravy, breakfast tacos, bacon and sausage for breakfast was a great way to start the day. Lunch Saturday included hamburgers and hot dogs, followed Saturday night by BBQ chicken and ham. Sunday lunch found us eating fried chicken and corn-on-the-cob. Desserts of cake and cobbler always topped off our lunches and dinners. Think I may even have seen some cobbler at breakfast Sunday.



Awards. Dinner Saturday night included a costume contest. Winners were **Nemesis** and **Gloria** - Best Dressed Couple; **The Adobe Kid** - Best Dressed Man; **Gloria** – Best Dressed Woman; **Jake Paladin** - Working Cowboy; **Buckshot Noble** - Working Cowgirl; and **Jarhead Jake** - Best Dressed Military. Sunday lunch concluded with awards to those who were best in the main match and the various side matches. First, second and third place awards were given for each category and an award was given to the winner of each side match. Starting with the ladies, **Boo Boo Shot** took first in Young Gun. **Shooting Iron Miller** was first in Cowgirl, **Tahnimara** in Wrangler and **Dream Chaser** in 49'r. **Weezee Anna** took first in Senior and **Bad Little Mama** took the Silver Senior category. **Patron** was first in Gunfighter, **Krazy Legs Kay** in Duelist, **Sexie Sadie** in Senior Duelist and **Lorelei Longshot** in Frontier Cartridge. Rounding out the lady winners was



Boosey Babe, who finished first in the Grand Dame category. Among the men, first-place finishers were **Phantom** – Wrangler, **Joe Darter** – 49'r, **Lefty Wheeler** – Senior, **Lonesome Lefty** – Silver Senior, and **Texas Rooster** - Men's Elder Statesman. We had a couple of glitches. **Shooting Iron Miller and Lonesome Lefty were not properly recognized on Sunday. We apologize. Awards are in the mail. We promise.** First place in Men' Senior Duelist was taken by **Handlebar Bob**. **Jake Jones** took first in Frontier Cartridge Duelist and **Manassas Jack** took Frontier Cartridge. End-of-Trail National Champion, **Dragon Hill Dave**, not surprisingly took first in Classic Cowboy. In the Cody Dixon categories, **Lars Christopherson** was first in lever-action; **Elroy Rogers** was first in single-shot. Grand Army of the Frontier saw **Jarhead Jake** take first in single-shot and **Scooter** first in repeater. **Dream Chaser**, from

McAllen, Texas, was fastest lady. **Phantom**, from Storied Firearms, was fastest man and fastest overall. **Lincoln Drifter** and **Lazarus Longshot** shot the only clean matches – no misses and no dreaded "P's." In the Wild Bunch match, **Dragon Hill Dave** won traditional, **Joe Darter** won modern and **Scooter** won the open category. In Western 3 Gun, **Waterloo** was the winning "gamer"; **Cherokee Jones** was the winning "non-gamer." **Buck Bradley** shot the fastest derringer; **Jake Jones** the fastest pocket pistol. **Dream Chaser** was fastest pistol, **Lefty Wheeler** the fastest rifle, **Hopalong Herbert** the fastest shotgun and fastest 3-gun. In the Long-Range matches, **Bootstrap Richard** won Single Big Bore; **Buckshot Noble** won Ladies Single Big Bore; **Joe Darter** won Big Bore Lever; **Wild Hog** won Pistol Caliber Rifle and **Jarhead Jake** won Pistol. The competition was tough. Congratulations to all who won awards.

Complete scores are or will be available on the Plum Creek Shooting website, www.pccss.org. A summary of winners appears on page 12 of this issue of the *Gazette*.

The Battle of Plum Creek 2011 was a GREAT match and a GREAT weekend at Agarita Ranch. Many members of the Plum Creek Shooting Society worked hard to make the event possible. I am sure I will leave



someone out and I apologize now if did. That said, many thanks to **Delta Raider, Boon Doggle, Buck Bradley, Elroy Rogers, Wild Hog, Jake Paladin, True Blue Cachoo, Belle Fire, Old Bill Dick, Scooter, Kitchen Kate, Loreilei and Lazarus Longshot, Joe Darter, Phantom, Dragon Hill Dave and Klickitat Bob** for all their hard work. Without all the work done for weeks before the match, it could not have been the success it was!

More photos from the Battle of Plum Creek 2011 appear elsewhere in this issue of the *Gazette*. **Artie Fly** took photos of each winner receiving his/her award. I did not have room to use them all. **If you want a copy of your award photo, contact Artie at www.majorphoto.com.** Thanks again to **Artie, Sexie Sadie, Kit Carson, Lincoln Drifter and Bad Little Mama** for sharing their photos that appear in this issue.

| PLUM CREEK SHOOTING SOCIETY CALENDAR | |
|---|---|
| November 5, 2011 | Monthly Match – Thanksgiving Lunch (RSVP) |
| December 3, 2011 | Christmas Party – Afternoon Shoot, Dinner & Silent Auction |
| December 31, 2011 | New Membership/Waiver Forms & Annual Dues |

Long Juan here (continued from page 1). **Boon Doggle** has retired as our Stage Marshal. The stages we shot at the Battle of Plum Creek 2011 were his “swan song.” Be sure to thank **Boon Doggle** for writing many interesting and challenging stage scenarios during his tenure. **Phantom** is our new Stage Marshal. We can start criticizing his scenarios at the November shoot.

Membership Forms and Dues. It’s time to fill out new membership/waiver forms and pay dues for 2012. We have almost 500 shooters on our Master List for the Plum Creek Carriage & Shooting Society. We have 28 life members. In 2011 only 33 people and families paid annual dues. **That’s only 61 people and families out of 500 that paid dues this year.** We need to do better. It costs money to fix those blasted “wabbits” and otherwise to keep the range in great and safe shooting shape! All annual memberships expire December 31st. **It’s time to “re-up.”** If you shoot with PCCSS regularly and are not a life member, please pay your dues for 2012 before the end of the year. You will save \$5 on each monthly match fee you pay. You will also be contributing to maintenance of the best cowboy action shooting venue in Texas. Our current dues structure is as follows:

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| Annual Individual | \$35 |
| Half-Year Individual (after 6/30) | \$20 |
| Annual Family | \$55 |
| Half-Year Family (after 6/30) | \$30 |
| Life (individuals only) | \$200 |

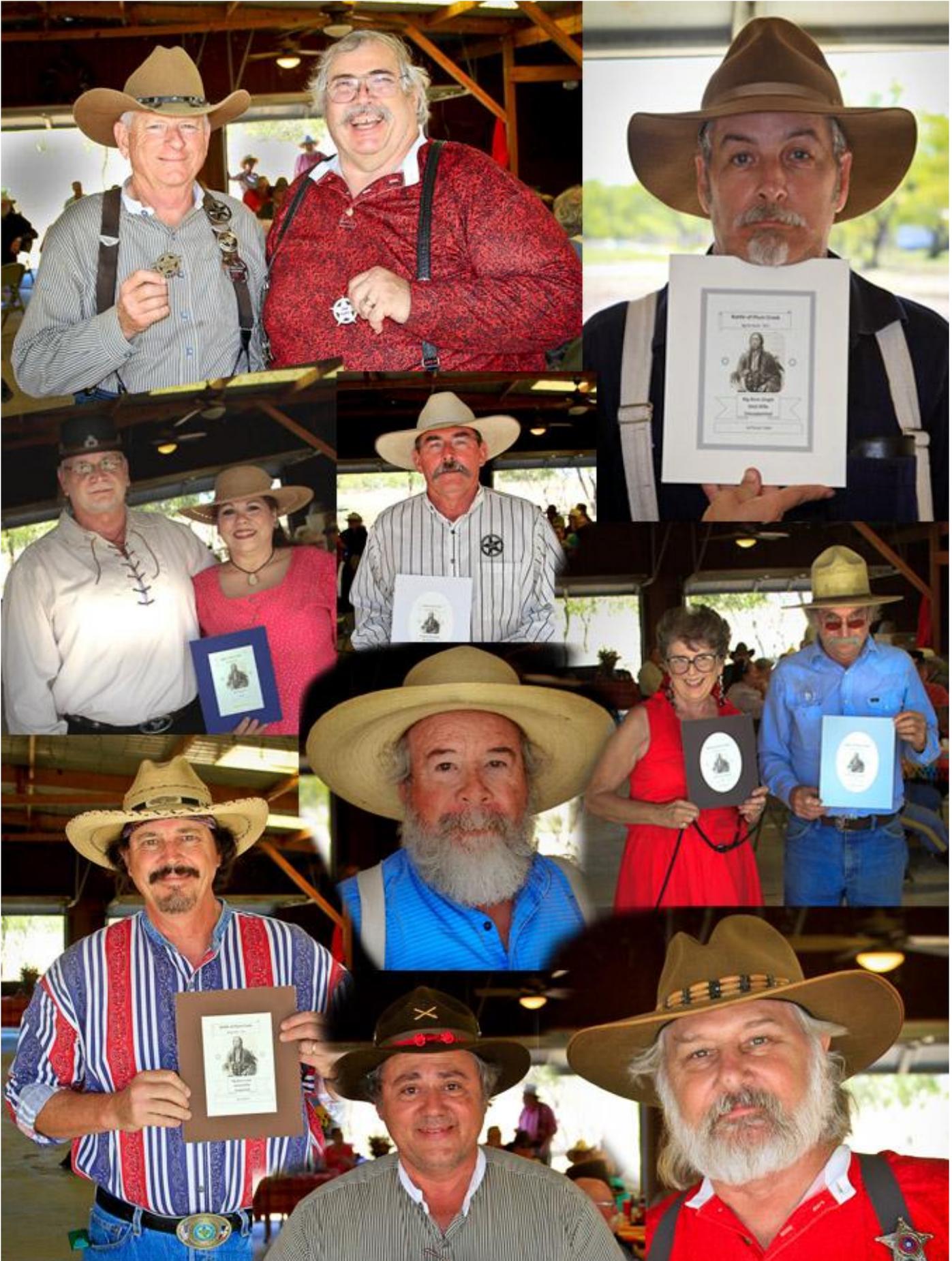
Everyone (including life members) needs to execute a new waiver and provide updated contact information (waiver/membership application). Please complete the form found on page 15 of this issue of the *Gazette*. It is or will soon also be available for download on the website at www.pccss.org. Please return a completed form to **Delta Raider** with your dues when you register for the November or December match or mail a completed form and your dues to him at **PCCSS, 1794 Old Lytton Springs RD, Lockhart, TX 78644**. Life members, we need a form from each of you also, but no money, unless you are just feeling generous. Thanks to all!













Battle of Plum Creek 2011 Results

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Boo Boo Shot | LYG |
| Shooting Iron Miller | LC |
| Tahnimara | LW |
| Dream Chaser | L49 |
| Weezee Anna | LS |
| Bad Little Mama | LSS |
| Boosey Babe | LGD |
| Patron | LGF |
| Krazy Legs Kay | LD |
| Sexie Sadie | LSD |
| Lorelei Longshot | LFC |
| | |
| Phantom | W |
| Joe Darter | 49 |
| Lefty Wheeler | S |
| Lonesome Lefty | SS |
| Texas Rooster | ES |
| Handlebar Bob | SD |
| Jake Jones | FCD |
| Manassas Jack | FC |
| Dragon Hill Dave | CC |
| Lars Christopherson | CDL |
| Elroy Rogers | CDS |
| Scooter | GAFR |
| Jarhead Jake | GAFS |
| | |
| Lincoln Drifter | Clean |
| Lazarus Longshot | Clean |
| | |
| Dragon Hill Dave | WBT |
| Joe Darter | WBM |
| Scooter | WBO |
| Waterloo | 3GG |
| Cherokee Jones | 3GNG |
| Buck Bradley | Derringer |
| Jake Jones | Pocket Pistol |
| Dream Chaser | Fastest Pistol |
| Lefty Wheeler | Fastest Rifle |
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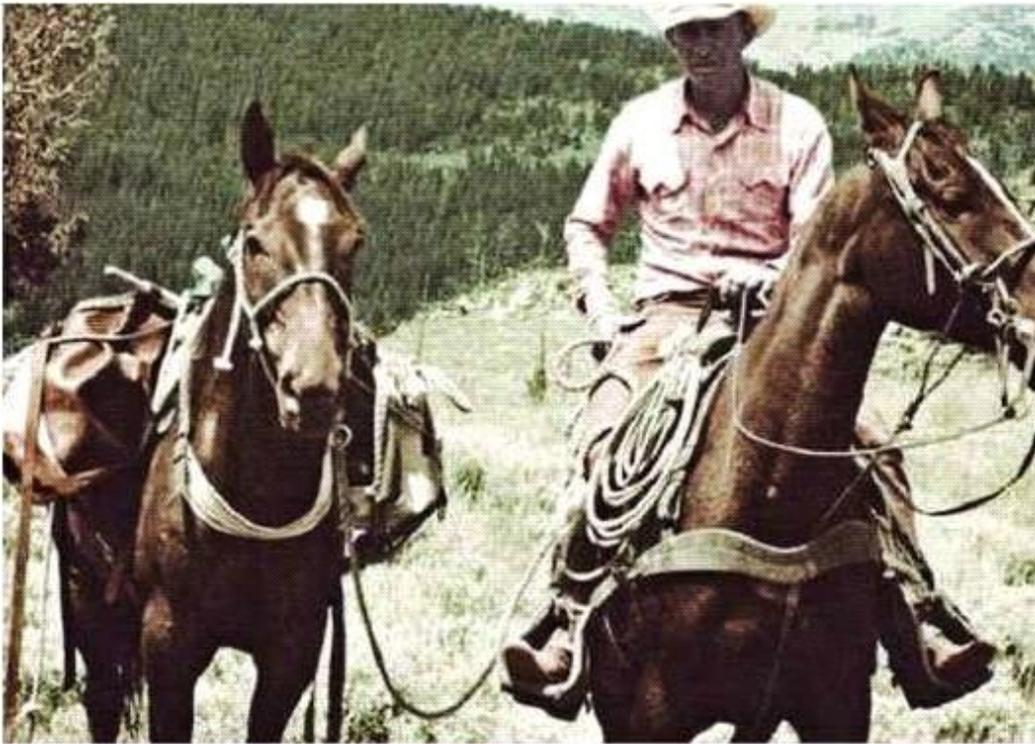
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